

THE LOOP



Andy Kitson, Editor



Wednesday, Jan. 18 at The Sixth Floor of the Ramada, Downtown South Bend.

SJRVFF WELCOMES TOMMY LYNCH “The Fish Whisperer”

The Pere Marquette River's Premier FLY FISHING Guide Service with over 20 years of guiding experience and almost 30 years of Fly Fishing Northern Michigan is The Fish Whisperer Guide Service. Tommy Lynch, owner, has taken most Midwestern Fly Fishing Applications to the next level and continues to excel and set the pace when it comes to teaching techniques and learning new ones.

Tommy is Endorsed by many different companies, and is a field tester and product developer for several of those companies. The Fish Whisperer's Guide Service areas of expertise include Vertical, Horizontal, & 45 Degree Angle Nymphing for Steelhead & Trout, Streamer Stripping & Swinging Applications for Brown Trout & Steelhead, Hopper/Hatch Dry Fly Fishing for Brown Trout, and his Favorite... Night Time Hatch & Mouse Fishing for the Largest Trout in the Midwest where he rarely misses a night all summer long!



Tommy Lynch



Happy New Year to all,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season, I know that I did. With 2011 in the record

books and 2012 just beginning, I find myself looking forward to the possibilities. The possibilities of meeting new

people, learning new things, or trying something that I have not yet tried. The possibilities of sharing with others what

I have learned and the things that I have tried. The possibilities of making life long friendships. The possibilities of being

there for someone else to offer assistance without question. These possibilities, I believe, are at the very core of

what it is to be a member of the SJRVFF. Thank you for allowing me to be the president of the SJRVFF in 2012, and

I am excited about the possibilities

Thanks,
Todd



MEETING INFO:

Wednesday January 18, 2012

Doors open at 6:30 PM meal at 7:00,
Meeting starts about 7:30.

Location: Sixth floor of the Ramada in the Chase Building Downtown South Bend, 213 W. Washington Ave.

BYOB: Due to a temporary technicality with its liquor license, The Cellar Door can no longer serve alcoholic beverages until further notice. Members of SJRVFF may bring in their own alcohol to consume. The Cellar Door regrets this and will inform us when the license is reinstated. As always, please drink responsibly.

MENU:

BBQ Ribs
Red potatoes
Green beans
Salad

2012 GUEST TYERS



Mike Schmidt

When: Saturday February 18th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Mike is the owner of Angler Choice Flies; a decade old commercial fly tying company based out of Dublin Ohio. With a variety of established patterns. Mike strives to push the limits of materials on the market to create "the next generation of flies". Every pattern that is designed at his vise is thoroughly water tested. Mike will be instructing us on streamer patterns that he has created.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

Dennis Potter

When: Saturday January 14th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00 pm
Where: The Elkhart Conservation Club (main building)
Cost \$50.00

Dennis is the owner of Riverhouse Fly Company and has been a fanatic fly tier for 30+ years. Dennis has developed a variety of must have flies which work in well in almost any situation. This class will help to expand your repertoire and refine your tying techniques.

What to bring and what is included: Please bring your own tying tools (vise, lamp, tools, thread, etc). Lunch will be provided as will all of the materials for the flies that we will be tying.

All of the guest fly tying seminars are open to anyone that would like to participate, however, these seminars are not intended to be a "first time" learning to tie flies class.

Some basic fly tying techniques are required. What these seminars will do is help take your fly tying to the next level with instruction from some of the best in the industry.

Please contact me at [\(574\) 202-0255](tel:5742020255) or m3plus2@hotmail.com if you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot.

Thanks,
Todd Ezzell

DUNELAND FF WELCOMES CAPT. PAT EHLERS

Duneland FF is hosting Pat Ehlers for a tying seminar on Saturday, January 28th at 11:00AM CST at Valparaiso University, Neils Science Center. Fee for this course is \$50. Lunch and materials will be provided (bring your own vise and tools). Anyone interested can contact:

Eric Graham

(H) 219-926-7848
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Capt. Pat Ehlers lives in Franklin, WI. Pat opened his fly shop, The Fly Fishers Inc. in 1988. He has been fishing for over forty years and fly-fishing for over thirty of those. Pat has guided throughout Wisconsin and the Great Lakes as well as in Montana and Alaska.

Pat is a licensed United States Coast Guard Captain. He has taught fly-fishing schools, fly-casting and fly tying classes around the country. He has also appeared as a speaker and instructor at shows and seminars throughout the U.S.

Pat has designed a line of fly rods developed for warm-water fly-fishing for Tim Rajeff owner of the Echo Fly Rod Co. of Vancouver, WA, the Pat Ehlers' Echo Edge 84 fly rod series. He also has designed a series of fly lines, The Bass/Muskie line for the Airflo Fly Line Co. of England. Pat is a contract /royalty fly tier and consultant for Rainy's Flies of Logan, UT. Pat is a Technical Consultant and Advisor to Simms Fishing Products of Bozeman, MT.

Pat is a pro team or pro staff member for the following companies: Evinrude Outboards, Stratos Boats, Renzetti, Inc. Pro Staff Titusville, FL, Boulder Boat Works Boulder, CO, and Lowrance Electronics. On the conventional gear side he is on the pro-staff of Shimano. Pat belongs to the National Professional Anglers Association (NPAA). He has done promotional appearances for Skoal Outdoors and has been a co-owner and an instructor for The Chequamegon Bay Smallmouth School in Wisconsin for 16 years. Pat has served as a retail advisory board member of AFFTA (American Fly Fishing Trade Association).

Pat has appeared in newspaper and magazine articles, makes regular appearances on radio programs and has also appeared on numerous TV shows throughout the country; both regionally and nationally including Fox, ESPN and The Outdoor Channel networks.

Pat participates in local and regional bass tournaments as well as "fly only" bass tourneys in the western United States. He also fishes extensively for saltwater species. In chasing both fresh and saltwater fish his fishing has taken him across the US from Alaska to Florida, as well as Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, Central America, South America and the South Pacific.

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