

THE

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**Wednesday,
Sept. 19, at The
Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
Bend**

George Daniel

SJRVFF Welcomes George Daniel

George Daniel began fly fishing at age 6 while growing up in Potter County, PA and credits Joe Humphreys for the bulk of his knowledge along with many national and international fly fishing professionals. George has been seen on ESPN and OLN while competing in the Great Outdoor Games and the Fly Fishing Masters.

George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion and a former member of Fly Fishing Team USA. Currently, he is the head coach for

the NC Fly Fishing Team and is employed by the TCO State College Fly Shop.

George's passion is in fly fishing education, where he conducts lectures/seminars throughout the country. He logs over 200 days a year on trout waters near and far. George is the author of the best selling book, "Dynamic Nymphing" along with being published in Fly Fisherman and Fly Tyer magazine. George currently resides in Lamar,

PA with his wife, Amidea and their two children along with their two golden retrievers that answer to the names Helios and Madison.

He's pro staffer for a number of fly fishing companies including Simms, Orvis Fly Rods, Scientific Anglers, Smith Optics, Lamson Reels, Loon, Regal Vises. Also, George is an Umpqua Flies contract fly designer.





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MENU

Farmer's Salad

Marinated & Grilled
Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes

Silver Hawk Duo of
Sauce

Vegetable Batons
(Zucc, Squash)

Fried Waffle Potato
Garnish

Turtle Cheesecake

Hey All,

WELCOME BACK! I hope everyone had a great summer. Mine has been very busy to say the least. From having two of my three children at home for the summer to moving them both out again, several trips to northern michigan to fish, vacationing on the ocean in Rhode Island and Delaware, fishing with club members on most of the wednesday nights, one SJRVFF Smallmouth Outing, one century (Tour De Cure) in Indy...thanks Dustin, to more recently one very long and exhausting three day trip to Savannah GA. and yes Jeff it is sixteen hours one way and no I do not drive like an old lady. I am now just starting to unwind as I am sure most of you are after enduring you own busy summers. Why do we chomp at the bit for summer to arrive only to drive ourselves to the point that we feel completely spent and longing for the relief that only late September and early October can bring? A question that may never be answered. Anyhow, its now time to get back into our familiar routines, one of which, is our monthly meetings. I am excited about this year because SJRVFF is changing

our meeting location to the Upper Deck at the Stanley Coveleski Stadium. Everything from the facility to the menu and cash bar looks very promising in meeting our needs. I am also excited about our upcoming speakers for the year starting with George Daniel in September. I am sure that these guys, and dare I say gal, will bring some great programs that you will not want to miss. I would also like to mention that Wednesday Night Fishing will continue, just not on the third Wednesday of the month when the club meets. Check out the website for locations.

Thanks,
Todd

NEW VENUE FOR SJRVFF MEETINGS!!

SJRVFF is moving our monthly meeting location. The new location is the Upper Deck inside of the Stanley Coveleski Stadium in downtown South Bend.

Parking is in Parking Lot "A" on the NW corner of Taylor St. and South St. Please use main office entrance and not the gates to the stadium. Meeting times will remain the same- open at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm with the meeting and speaker to follow dinner. The cost for dinner is now \$10.00 per person and a cash bar will be available. Please, no "BYOB". I look forward to the new location better meeting our needs.



Salmon Stocking Reductions Announced for Lake Michigan

Indiana DNR is participating in a multi-state plan to scale back Chinook salmon stocking in Lake Michigan to better balance the lake's ecosystem.

Under the lake-wide plan, the 3.3 million Chinook salmon annually stocked into Lake Michigan by Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois would be reduced to 1.7 million.

Indiana is pleased to have been part of this process," said Brian Breidert, fisheries biologist for the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "We hope that this reduction will have benefits to not only the ecosystem but also our hatcheries."

The proposed reduction is in response to two circumstances: recent increases in natural reproduction of Chinook salmon, and declines in the forage base.

The reduction has support from all the state and tribal fisheries management agencies that partner to manage Lake Michigan. Indiana's decision to support the reduction came after more than a year of consultation between sport anglers, other stakeholders and DNR's Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Recent studies have shown that approximately 55 percent of Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan result from natural reproduction and that prey fish populations, including alewives, are at or near historic lows. Balancing predator and prey populations is necessary to stabilize the ecosystem and to preserve the quality and diversity of the multi-billion dollar Lake Michigan sport fishery.

Indiana is cutting its annual Chinook salmon production by 25,000 fish, or 11 percent.

Michigan will shoulder the largest portion of the reduction, cutting its production by 1.1 million fish, because Michigan streams currently contribute the majority of the natural reproduction. Wisconsin will be reducing by 440,000, while Illinois will be reducing 20,000.

Along with the reductions, an adopted monitoring plan should allow management agencies to react more quickly if conditions change.

This proposed stocking reduction should still provide for fall spawning runs for the stream and near shore anglers.

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