

THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday,
September 18 at
The Cove Upper Deck,
Downtown South
Bend

SJRVFF WELCOMES JAY WESLEY

Jay has been with the DNR for 17 years. He was a fisheries biologist for six of those years and the Southwest Michigan Regional manager for the last eleven years.

Jay will discuss the Westrate Property on the Dowagiac Creek to see if there is interest in a partnership if the State of Michigan purchases the property. This is a property and creek the SJRVFF

knows well and has done extensive habitat work throughout.

Jay will also give an update on the St. Joseph River Fish Ladders, trout stocking, and then open the floor for questions and discussion.





I hope that you all had a great summer and that you have some great fishing stories to share with your fellow club members at our first club meeting on September 18th. While we did not have the long hot summer we had last year, the heat and lack of rain the past few weeks have really turned the smallmouth bass fishing on, at the St Joseph River. With that in mind, our annual smallie outing will be held this Saturday, September 14th, at Mottville, MI. With the heat hanging around this week, the fishing should still be very good. I hope you had a chance to head over and sample some of the fine smallmouth fishing that can be had below the dam at Mottville.

Along with the new club meeting season comes some changes for the SJRVFF. Jim Lothary has decided to retire as club Ghille and Auction Chairman. Needless to say Jim went out with a bang, as this years club auction total was just short of \$10,000. He also kept money coming into the club

treasury with his great monthly raffles, and if I had to guess he has raised close to \$50,000 for the club during his tenure. I would like to thank Jim for all his hard work over the years and when you see him at the next meeting I hope you will thank him also. Luckily, I was able to find someone to take Jim's place doing the monthly raffles. Craig Myers, who did a fine job getting you to depart with your cash for the Opening Day rod raffle, will take Jim's place as club Ghille. I'm sure that he will do a fine job for the club and keep the money coming in.

The club will need a replacement for the Auction Chairman position. If you are interested in undertaking this big responsibility please contact myself or another board member. Jim has written up a set of procedures for the position and is willing to help the new chairman get started working on the 2014 auction.

At the last board meeting it was discussed and decided to try to find a new venue for our monthly meetings. The venue that was chosen by the board of directors is the Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center. It has a large room that can easily handle the monthly meetings, as well as the club auction. It also has full bar as well as ample parking. Plus for those members coming from the east or west on the Indiana Toll road it is only 1.5 miles from the Mishawaka exit. The meal price will increase \$2.00 so it will be \$15.00 per person. In order to be fair to the Upper Deck at Coveleski Stadium, we have given them a 90 day notice of our intention to re-locate. Therefore, our first meeting at Juday Creek will be in December.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting, and listening to what Jay Wesley has to say about the fishing in southwest Michigan.

Eric



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Membership renewal dues can be paid at the club meetings or by mail to:

SJRVFF
P.O. Box 933
South Bend, IN 46624

- You can pay your dues by credit card through the web site. Click on the "Join SJRVFF" tab and down toward the bottom you will see where you can pay via PayPal.
- The dues are still just \$20.00 for individuals and \$35.00 for a family membership.



MEETING DETAILS:

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Meal at 7:00
Meeting starts about 7:30

Location:

The Upper Deck,
Coveleski Stadium,
501 West South Street,
South Bend

Parking is free.

Meal cost \$13.00/person

MENU

Crisp & Crunchy Garden
Salad with assorted
dressings & toppings

Chef's Special Fried
Appetizer Tour
With assorted dipping
sauces

Monstrous Meatballs
With Flame Roasted
Marinara & Salsa Verde

Rustic Parmesan Mashed
Potatoes
With Garlic Butter & Herbs
Glazed Autumn Vegetables
Featuring Squash, Zucchini,
Carrots & Bell Peppers

Cointreau Bread Pudding
With Fresh Whipped Cream

Complimentary Beverage
Station

**A CALL TO ARMS -
OCTOBER 5TH, 2013 —
BUCHANAN MI.**

I was just contacted by Scott King of Buchanan Mi. and he is asking for the club's assistance. On Saturday from 9am until around noon, the town is organizing a stream clean up for the newly re-constructed McCoy Creek. The town will supply gloves, food and drink so all you have to do is arrive ready to help.

If you recall the SJRVFF helped sponsor and administer a Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) grant to help Buchanan reconstruct a neglected portion of McCoy Creek and the old "duck pond" back into a viable and very beautiful trout stream in the heart of the city.

It is important to continue to show our support with this project by helping with the clean up. So Please, if you can help it would show great follow-through and commitment of the SJRVFF to the City.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend due to a prior commitment but I would really like to see a nice turnout since this project was part of a FFF grant – a good club turnout will look really good.

Yes – the stream is now very fishable with a limited salmon and steelhead run.

Contact Scott King at (269) 695-3374 or John Law at (574) 261-7534 if you have any questions.

John T. Law
Conservation Chair

LITTLE ELKHART RIVER — RIVERBEND PARK - JUNE 2013

In early June the Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited (LECTU), Partnered with the Middlebury Parks Department to stabilize 350 foot of severely eroded bank by installing 100 feet of lunger structures, added several large 15 foot tree trunks and placed 100 ton of large stones. The project took all afternoon to complete but when it was done the transformation was amazing and trout love it. The SJRVFF was invited to assist and several members did work on the project – so thank you to everyone.



WITH SALMON SEASON JUST AROUND THE CORNER —

PLEASE REMEMBER:

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WHAT DID THE STEELHEAD SAY WHEN HE SWAM INTO A WALL? DAM.

UPCOMING EVENTS	OCT 16	NOV 20	NOV 28	DEC 15
	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - The Upper Deck, Coveleski Stadium</p> <p>Jay Wesley</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - The Upper Deck, Coveleski Stadium</p>	<p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Club Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Juday Creek Golf Course Event Center</p>

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

We are still looking for people to get involved with Events and Education Committees.

The Events Committee would make the arrangements for and coordinate the logistics and food associated with the events outside of the regular club meetings. We would like to get several people involved to spread the load.

If you have any suggestions for these committees or are interested in being involved, get in contact with one of the board members.



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