

# THE LOOP



Dustin New, Editor



Wednesday, May  
18 at The Elkhart  
Conservation Club,  
Little Cabin

## SJRVFF WELCOMES ... YOU!

It's the beginning to yet another fabulous Fly Fishing summer. For the SJRVFF club, it means we get to take a little break and take our time to breathe and participate in more fly fishing activities. Please keep an eye on your email and the SJRVFF web site for news on the upcoming events.

A special thank you to the SJRVFF club members for making our annual fundraising auction such a tremendous success! Because of your kindness and charity, we were able to raise a little over \$9,000.00. As you know, this goes a long way in providing our members with informative programs

and fun get-togethers, as well as help with the cost of our conservation efforts. Also, because of your efforts the board approved charitable contributions to The Elkhart Conservation Club, Casting for Recovery of Indiana and Reeling and Healing. Thanks to Terry, Todd, Lee, Jim and all involved for a great job organizing the event!

The Opening Day Outing was a great success and the rain held off long enough for us to enjoy some of the excellent lunch prepared by Terry Wittorp and Todd Ezell. Thanks to both of you for the outstanding lunch and a great outing; both were excellent. Congrats to Thomas Rondo

for winning the Scott Rod raffle. Many thanks to Craig Meyer and Lee Troyer for an outstanding job selling raffle tickets. I would also like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Bobbie LaBar for being such a great hostess and allowing us once again.

Lastly, I would like to get your ideas on guest speakers or any programs you'd like for the upcoming fall and winter. Please email any ideas to [donreber@gmail.com](mailto:donreber@gmail.com) or [terryflyfish@hotmail.com](mailto:terryflyfish@hotmail.com)

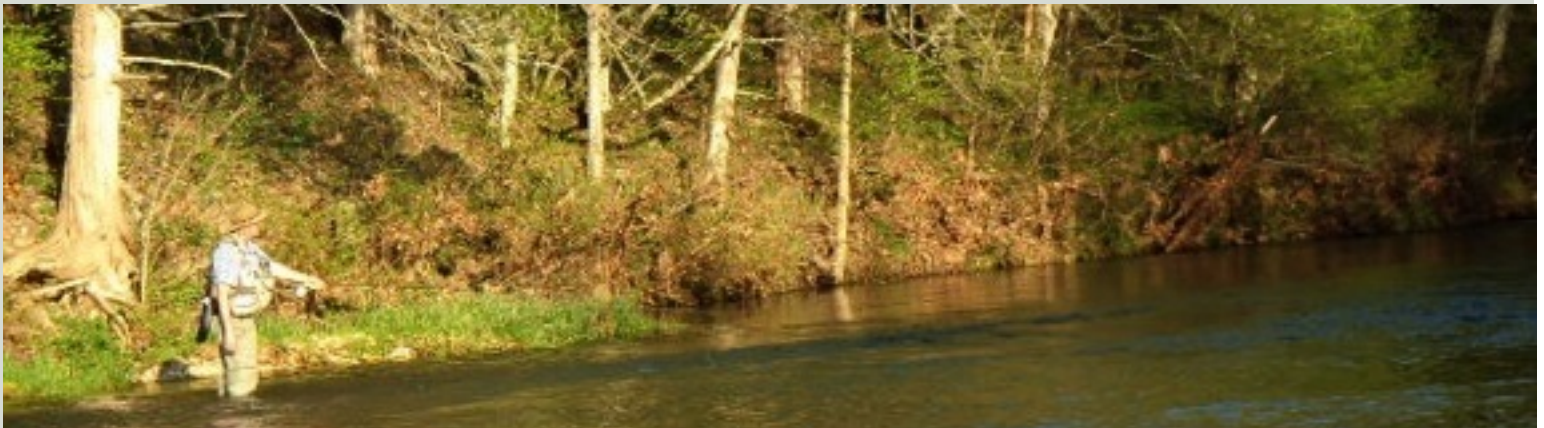
Hope to see you next Wednesday. Here's to a great summer!

Don



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FISHING

by Todd Ezzell



Wednesday Night Fishing is going to start up again on Wednesday, May 25th and will continue through the summer. Given that May 25th is still a couple of weeks away and the weather is still kind of up and down, it is really tough to decide where we will be fishing. So, please check the website ([www.sjrvff.com](http://www.sjrvff.com)) and I will post each weeks location with directions (usually by Monday of that week). Wednesday Night Fishing is not a club outing-just a group of guys and gals getting

together each week to fish at different locations in our area for a couple of hours. There is no cost and anyone interested is welcome to join in...just show up. Its that simple.

See you there,  
Todd



## SIZE 22

by Jim Lothary

I had been retired for about 18 months when my coworkers decided to throw me a retirement party. Up to that point I had been showing up at the office once or twice a week, usually at 10 in the morning and leaving at 2 PM. I would putter around, point out that it was a nice day and that I was going to go fishing and ask them why the stock market went down. I think the retirement party was their way of telling me to just go away. They gave me some adult beverages, a box of carving wood and a subscription to the fly of the month club in the hopes that one or all of these gifts would keep me busy and out of their hair.

I was excited about the fly of the month club because my past attempts at fly tying were less than professional. My flies looked like the kind of art you look at and ask "what the heck is that supposed to be?"

Each afternoon I would hike out to my mailbox in grand expectations of receiving the six flies that would change my fishing fortunes. The kind of flies that would drive 20 inch browns crazy. The six flies that would be like Jack's magic beans.

Finally they arrived. With trembling hands I ripped open the package and gazed in shock at size 22 nymphs. At least that was what the packing said they were. To actually see them I needed to fetch a microscope. As promised, they were artfully tied on hooks with micro barbs. And the letter that accompanied them told me of their wonders and how to fish them. All I have to do was tie them to tippet thinner than spider web strands, cast them out 30 feet, watch them drift down the river just above the bottom and to watch for trout to slightly open their mouths and inhale them.

Anyone want to trade a cow for six magic flies?



### GOT YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Membership renewal dues can still be paid by mail to:

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

- Or you can still pay your dues by credit card through the website. 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. You can still do your part supporting the club while continuing to receive the LOOP.
- You can still get your name on the "good" list and keep your "member in good standing" status after this month, but you won't have the ability to whip out your membership card.

### MEETING DETAILS:

Food will be ready about 6:30 PM,

**Location:** The Little Cabin at the Elkhart Conservation Club (see map on page four)

**Parking is free.**

Meal cost FREE.

### MENU

Some sort of tasty meat prepared on the grill and served on a bun

Chips

Assorted Sodas and Water

No Cash Bar (sorry guys)



If you get directions to the Elkhart Conservation Club you'll be close but on the wrong side of Cobus Creek. You want to go south on Sheridan Blvd to Britt Ave and down Britt Ave to the corner with Timber Lane. There's a dirt road leading down from that corner to the Little Cabin. Park along Timber Lane. Please be respectful of the neighbors in the area. Bring a rod and some waders if you want to see what lives in these waters. (Hint - they raise brown trout right there!)



UPCOMING EVENTS	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT 21
	<p><b>NOTICE THE BUGS ON YOUR WINDSHIELD? GET YOUR WADERS ON AND GO!</b></p>	<p><b>LOW WATER TIME AND LONG DAYS. GET OUT THERE AND PIERCE SOME LIPS!</b></p>	<p><b>FISH MORE.</b></p>	<p><b>Club Meeting</b> 6:30pm - Location to be announced</p>

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