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THE LOOP

Tom Rondo, Editor

Wednesday, October 21
Finnies Next Door
223 S. Main St.
South Bend, IN.
Reservations Below



SJRVFF Welcomes Jay

Our speaker for November will be Jay Anglin of Anglin Outdoors.

Jay is a longtime friend of the club and has frequently donated trips to support out annual auction.

He is an accomplished fishing and hunting guide and breeds Labrador Retrievers. He and his family reside in LaPorte, IN. Jay is always an entertaining speaker.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN by Don Reber

As I discussed in last month's newsletter, we have several very important positions to fill within the organization; Secretary and 2 3-year directors. And although the commitment for these positions does not begin until 2027, we need to begin the search now. Along with those board positions we have several Committee positions to currently fill as well. These include a Nominating committee chairperson, Gillie, Webmaster, Grant committee, Education committee chairperson and Social Media Communication chairperson. Committees are a great way to get involved and show your support for the club. None of these positions require previous experience – just a desire to commit time and energy to the organization. Please contact me at donreber@gmail.com or text/call on 574-286-0157. Club elections will take place at the November membership meeting.

This year's Salmon/ Steelhead outing will be held 10-24-2026 at the Berrien County Sportsman Club 2985 Linco Rd. Berrien Spring, MI 49103. Lunch and drinks will be provided by SJRVFF and should be ready around noon. Come up and fish in the morning and join us for lunch or join us for lunch and fish in the afternoon. If you are new to fishing for salmon/ steelhead with a fly rod, this will be a great time to fish with others who can answer any questions and help get you set up.

The Board of Directors has decided to move the auction to April 21, 2027. The auction is our main source of income, and the money is used to fund our speakers, fly tie classes, club outings and donations we make to other fishing-related clubs. We can always use auction items. If your spouse has been suggesting you reduce your fly-fishing gear inventory, please consider adding any gently used items to the auctions. We will start accepting donations at the January meeting.

Hope to see you at our next membership meeting on October 21st at Finnie's. Our speaker will be longtime friend of the club, Jay Anglin. Jay's presentations are always full of good information and a lot of humor.

Thanks, and I hope to see you on the 21st.
Don

DIRECTORS:

President:	Don Reber
Vice President:	Eric Graham
Treasurer:	Roger McFall
Assistant Treasurer:	Jim Oresko
Secretary:	David Van Antwerp
1 Yr Director:	Vacant
1 Yr Director:	John Mertes
2 Yr Director:	Jake Rigdon
2 Yr Director:	Greg Sautter
3 Yr Director:	Keith Frainier

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Activities Coor:	Keith Frainier
Conservation:	Tim Scott
Financial Review:	John Mertes
Membership:	Don Reber
Nominating Committee:	Vacant
Ghillie:	Vacant
Raffle Director:	Greg Sautter
Webmaster/Social Media:	Vacant
Audio/Visual/IT:	Brandon Rasler
Newsletter/Loop:	Tom Rondo
Awards:	Vacant
Grants:	Vacant
Education:	Vacant

2026 SJRVFF Salmon/Steelhead Outing





Due to a scheduling conflict, we have decided to move the Salmon / steelhead outing from its originally scheduled date of October 10th to **October 24th** .

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Berrien County Sportsman Club (Click this link for a map)

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MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING STUFF

Membership renewal dues can still be paid 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 $30.00 for individuals and $45.00 for a family membership.

Anyone who joined the club after September 1st, 2026 is covered for the year 2027.

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Meal at 6:30

Location:
Finnies Next Door
223 S. Main St. South Bend, IN.

Parking is free.

Meal cost $25.00/person

We need you to RSVP for dinner or we cannot provide a meal for you. Get your name in!
RSVP by emailing at rkmcfall4999@att.net
or call
574-286-0157.

Please respond by 9:00 pm on Friday.



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