



Mending Lines



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Problems at Our Meeting Location

The Three Rivers Fly Fishing Club board members would like you to know that we are aware of some of the problems at our new meeting location. We are planning adjustments to improve the meetings.

At the last meeting, it was very hard to hear Reggie Alexander giving his fly tying demonstration. We did not anticipate that the meeting next door would be bagpipes playing loudly through the walls.

We plan to move all future speakers to the opposite wall on the west side. Any loud noises should be to your backs in the future. If it's too loud then you will be able to move closer to the speaker. We also had trouble with the video equipment. This compounded the problem.

We will strive to solve these problems in the coming months. If you have any concerns, please let one of the Board of Directors know at the next meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Fly Fisherman's Christmas

By: Kevin Macy—Club Newsletter Editor

So here we are at another Christmas. For many of us, fly fishing is over with for the winter. Some of you might be able to go fishing, traveling to warmer climates to catch the big fish we all dream about. Others will tie flies to catch up their inventory, so they are ready for next season.

Christmas is a time of sharing with your family and giving gifts to others, trying for smiles on their faces and spending time with loved ones. You will hope that someone remembers what fly fishing gifts you asked for. But back in your mind, you may be thinking about finding some open water, somewhere, so you could go fly fishing.

Well, here is another thing you can think about this holiday season. When you are with your family and friends, ask them if they want to go fly fishing in the New Year. Let them know you will teach them what you have learned and share equipment with them.

You might be surprised about the response you receive. Younger family members are always eager to learn from you and to go fishing.

Invite them to our club meetings. Sharing time with them is very rewarding!

If you are a fly tier, show them how to tie the most used flies for the new season. Take them outside and practice casting. Go with them to Pro Tackle Outfitters and try out some rods.

You will gain more than you ever thought by sharing with others your passion during the Christmas season. Sharing time with relatives and friends is important for Christmas. It is a time to love and give, and it is better to give than receive.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the new year bring you more time to fly fish with your family and friends.

Kevin Macy

Club Dues

It is that time of year again! Do not forget to pay your dues! See Derek Frederickson to get your dues paid!

Dues pay for speakers and the production of other activities that we like to enjoy. The dues are \$25 / year for individuals and \$35 / year for a family membership.

Three Rivers Fly Tying

The Three Rivers Fly Fishing—Fly Tying group is meeting at the Saint Joe Club. (Our old meeting location!) We will start Jan. 7, 2013 and meet each Monday at 6:30 pm until the end of March. Come out and watch and learn from some of the best tiers we have!

Kalamazoo River Update

In June the EPA allowed the opening of most of the Kalamazoo River after the Enbridge Oils spill. However locals say that an unknown amount of oil from the spill remains submerged in the river, and sheen, a filmy substance floating on the water, can be seen on the river.

Enbridge say they have finished their cleanup. In October, the EPA told them more work had to be done. Various law suits have been filed against the company for negligence causing the spill.

I recently visited the stream looking for fish. I did not see anything. Familiar sites I used to fish from were destroyed. I also could smell tar from some of the shoreline where Lilly pad beds used to be located.

Indianapolis Fly Show



This year the Indiana On The Fly 2013 will be held January 5, 2013 At the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The show runs from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Brian O' Keefe- co-owner of Catch Magazine will be conducting two seminars; Montana Road Trip and Western Upland Bird Hunting.

Joe Mahler will be presenting a saltwater seminar on where and how to fly fish in Florida. Joe will also be conducting a casting seminar and give tips on better casting.

Tim Holschlag will have a new program, Smallmouth Secrets Revealed. He has some new information to pass along to everyone concerning Smallmouth techniques.

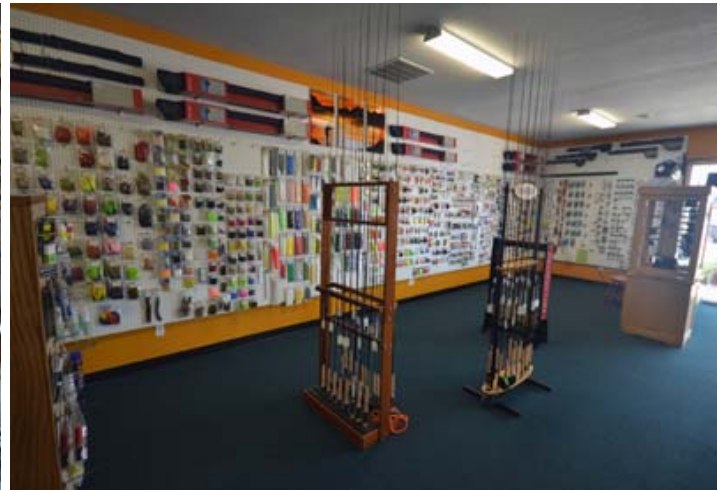
Last years show had a lot of vendors there. Books, videos, equipment, materials and fly tying demonstrations will be available. A casting pool will be available to try out rods from various vendors.

You will not want to miss this year. Food is available in the building. There is plenty of parking and the admission is \$10.

We will see you there!

All I want for Christmas is to catch more Trout next year!





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Calendar Of Events

December NO MEETING! (**Happy Holidays!**)

January 17 Kevin Feenstra Smallmouth Program

February 21 John Gouker Steelhead Program

March 21 Auction—Bring your items in!

Please visit www.3rff.org to review old Club newsletters, fly patterns, and the club calendar. Our meetings are every third Thursday of the month including January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, November.

Doors open: 6:30 PM Meeting Starts: 7:00 PM

Where:

Classic Café
4832 Hillegas Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46818
(260) 458-2982
(Right behind the American Legion)
<http://goo.gl/maps/rFZA0>

Join the FFF

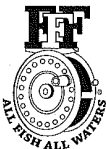
Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

Complete the application form below. Bring your TRFF club dues and this form to our Club Treasurer Derek Frederickson at the next meeting. Derek will collect the membership fee and forward to the Federation.

Membership Categories

- Individual..... \$35
- Family..... \$45
- Youth under 18.....\$15
- Senior +65.....\$25
- Disabled Veterans are Free (Proof of 50% disability required)
- Life Individual.....\$500
- Life Couple.....\$750
- 3 Year Individual..... \$85
- 3 Year Family.....\$100
- Sustaining\$200 (Commercial & Mfg. business)
- Retail shops/Outfitter....\$75

Canadian Membership — add \$5 year postage
International Membership — add \$10 year postage



Federation of Fly Fishers
215 E. Lewis, Livingston, MT 59047
Apply online www.fedflyfishers.org
Join by phone 406-222-9369

Yes, I want to invest in the future of all fish, all waters!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY _____

HM PHONE _____ WK PHONE _____

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BIRTHDATE (for identification) _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

REFERRED BY _____

CHECK ENCLOSED (checks payable to Federation of Fly Fishers - US funds)

Healing Waters Donation \$ _____ (write "Project Healing Waters" on check)

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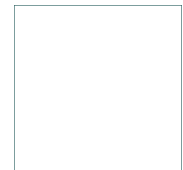
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