

Mending Lines

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February 2012

February Club Meeting

This is a short month so do not forget the February 16th meeting featuring Mike Beachy. He is the president of the Little Elkhart chapter of Trout Unlimited.

He will show some of the improvements that have been made to the stream. Count on catching some tips of where to catch the big ones.

Many people still have not paid their dues. Please see Gary Sanders to get them paid up.

Start looking for stuff for the auction meeting in March. It always is a good time.

Don's Den By: Don Privett, Club President

We are Three Rivers Fly Fishers Incorporated!

Yes we are now incorporated and no longer a LLC. We have filed the last forms to get our not-for-profit status. So what does this mean to you? When you donate something to the club you will be able to take it off your taxes as a charitable donation.

This will also go a long way in helping to get things for our youth program. A big thank you goes to Gary Sanders, Derek Frederickson, and the rest of the board. It has been a long two year process to get this done. Thank you all so much!

Our meeting on February 16 will be about the Little Elkhart river watershed. Mike Beachy, president of the Little Elkhart chapter of Trout Unlimited will be the speaker.

The March 15 meeting is our auction so bring in that good stuff that's been in the back of the closet and let us sell it to someone that has been looking for just that one thing, or tie up some flies for someone else to try. With Bill Sweet as out auctioneer the auction is always a good time.

Jim and Rick have closed the old Bait and Hook store and reopened the Pro Tackle Outfitters at 8309 Lima Rd. Be sure to stop in soon and look around, it's a very nice shop.

There is no joy for the fishing report at this time. It seems there is not enough ice for ice fishing and too much to put the boat in. Hopefully this will all change in the next few weeks and we can all get back to it.

In the meantime go to work on cleaning up your lines, rods, and reels. Also don't forget the leader and the connecting knots and you will be ready for the upcoming season, it will be starting before you know it.

See you soon!

Don



White River Improving

In December of 1999 an estimated 4.3 million fish were killed in a 55 mile stretch of the White River from Anderson to Indianapolis. The cause of the disaster was later traced to an illegal discharge of toxic chemicals in Anderson. Prior to the fish kill, this stretch of the river was considered to be a healthy fishery.

In an effort to restore the river, the DNR began a cleanup and stocking program in 2001. Since then, more than 1 million fish from 12 species have been stocked. This includes the re-introduction of lost species, including the red horse, freshwater drum, buffalo fish and sauger.

The Indiana DNR has been periodically monitoring fish populations in the affected portion of the river. They have recently released the encouraging results of a fall 2011 survey. Biologists collected a total of 7,128 fish in the survey from 57 different species. This was the greatest number of species collected since the fish kill.

Black bass, rock bass, saugers, crappies, and channel catfish were collected in good numbers. A total of 154 small-mouth bass ranging from 2.6 to 19.9 inches long were found. A total of 223 largemouth bass ranging from 2.3 to 17.4 inches were also collected. In addition, biologists observed an increase in the population of darters and minnows, an indication of improving habitat and water quality.

Overall, the surveys indicate that the river continues to improve since the 1999 fish kill. Thirteen years later, it's great to have positive news concerning the state of Indiana's fisheries for a change. Maybe it's time to put White River back on your list of places to fish.

Helpful Charts for All:

Fly Line Sink Rate Chart

Type	Sink Rate
1	1.25 to 1.75 ips
2	2.5 to 3.0 ips
3	3.5 to 4.0 ips
4	4.25 to 5.0 ips
5	5.25 to 6.0 ips
6	6.25 to 7.0 ips

Diameter of Leader to Fly Line (Butt Section)

Fly Line Weight	Leader Diameter
2 and 3	0.019
4 and 5	0.021
6, 7 and 8	0.023
9 and 10	0.028

The Kalamazoo River Cannot Get a Break!

On February 2, 2012, suspected diesel fuel was discovered pouring into the Kalamazoo River from the Battle Creek storm sewer system. Cleanup began immediately and they managed to remove most of it.

It was estimated that several hundred gallons of the suspect diesel fuel was in the system, which empties into the Kalamazoo River. Canadian based SWAT Consulting Inc., a subcontractor working on the Enbridge Co. oil pipeline spill, is being hired by the city and will have crews working to clean it up.

The spill was discovered Wednesday morning as the petroleum product emptied from a storm sewer pipe into a ditch at the end of Territorial Road near Riverside Drive. The stream created by the discharge empties into the Kalamazoo River.

A Joke from Rick Hinton

A man was walking down the street when he was approached by a particularly dirty and shabby looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet and pulled out ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money will you buy some liquor with it instead of dinner?"

"No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied.

"Will you spend this on fly fishing gear instead of food?" the man asked.

"Are you nuts? I haven't fly fished in 10 years!" the homeless man pleaded.

"Well", said the man, "I'm not going to give you the money. "Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife."

The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious for doing that?"

The man replied, "That's okay. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking and fly fishing."

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We are located in the Tredway Pools Plus strip mall.

We are next to the Pizza Hut Wings take-out on the north end of the Mall.

Landmarks across the road include Hire's Auto Parts, Wendy's and Crazy Pinz. **(The old store is closed!)**

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Calendar Of Events

2/16/12 Mike Beachy—Little Elkhart River watershed presentation

3/15/12 Club Auction—Bring all your equipment you no longer use!

4/19/12 Allie Kresse—Brown Trout presentation

5/17/12 Fly Casting clinic at the YMCA

6 / 12 Fishing at the AuSable River from Canoe Harbor

7 / 12 Mottville, Mi St. Joseph River Outing

Please visit www.3rff.org to review old Club newsletters, fly patterns, and the club calendar.

Join the FFF

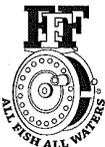
Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

For new members, the Club is offering a one time \$5 discount for an FFF Membership. Complete the application form below and give to our Club Treasurer Gary Sanders at the next meeting. Gary 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



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

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CLUB AFFILIATION _____

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

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