

Mending Lines

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January 2012

January Club Meeting—Dues are Due!

Dennis Potter returns this month to show us his methods for producing quality flies. He is well known and a respected tier. He always entertains while tying.

Don't forget to bring your club dues with you. It is that time of the year to pay them. It's \$25 for one person, \$35 for a family.

The Board of Directors has quite a plan devised for programs in the coming months. The money from the dues will go a long way to the success of these programs and outings.

Don's Den By: Don Privett, Club President

Well the old expression is we have good news and bad news. The good news is there isn't any ice on the lakes yet, just a skim on some of the channels, so don't put that fly rod away.

The bad news is for the ice fisherman you can't go yet. If you want to take that fly rod out I would use big white streamers over the weed beds and drop offs. I have heard some good reports of big fish being taken using this method.

I am looking forward to the next several club meetings. In January we will have Dennis Potter. He is always informative and entertaining.

In February we will host Mike Beachy. He will be speaking about the Little Elkhart water shed, one of the few catch and release Trout fisheries in the state.

March will be our auction so now is the time to start looking at the equipment that you haven't used for a few years and donate it to the club for our fund raiser. If you're handy at the bench tie up a few dozen flies that you like and let someone else give them a try. It's nice when they come back and tell you how well they worked for them.

Your board has been working on the next year's programs and outings. We are adding a third outing on September 9th. We will have a one day trip to Tippecanoe River State Park. We will also be going back to Mottville, Michigan July 29th. This has been our best attended outing for the last several years. If you have not been to this one plan to be there this year.

June 22 through the 24th, at your request, we will have our camp out at Canoe Harbor on the south branch of the AuSable River in Michigan. Please mark the dates down and try to attend these outings. I don't think that you will be disappointed.

Hope to see you all soon!

Don



Reminder about Club Dues!

Club Treasurer, Gary Sanders wanted to remind everyone that club dues are to be paid by the end of January. Remember that the dues pay for our web site, materials, guest speakers and much more.

Without the money from our dues, the club would cease to exist. Please pay this month!

New Officer Election Coming Soon

Are you interested in becoming a board member or even being a club officer? Time to think seriously about it, because this year, we will be electing a new officers and board members.

Put some thought into it!

Kalamazoo Oil Spill Still Affecting Residents

Remember the oil spill from a ruptured pipe in July 2010 in Marshall, Michigan? It poured over 840,000 barrels of oil into the Kalamazoo River, ruining a great Smallmouth stream.

The cleanup is supposed to be finished, but some residents reported being sick who live near the stream. The symptoms include headaches, rashes and dizziness. This was reported this past December.

This prompted the Calhoun County Health Department to ask the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to investigate the illnesses. This agency is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The department turned down the request to investigate. Instead, they offered to provide education to the residents, on what would happen if they came in contact with oil contaminants.

The oil spill mess is obviously still there. The disaster is still impacting the stream and the people that live near it.



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Hatcheries Change Trout and Salmon Genetics After a Single Generation

The impact of hatcheries on salmon and trout is profoundly changing their genetics. In just one generation, traits are selected that allow fish to survive and prosper in the hatchery environment, at the cost of their ability to thrive and reproduce in a wild environment.

The findings, published this week in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, show that the speed of evolution and natural selection is surprising researchers. The study confirms that a primary impact of hatcheries is a change in fish genetics, as opposed to a temporary environmental effect. Salmon and trout may not be the only fish affected.

"We've known for some time that hatchery-born fish are less successful at survival and reproduction in the wild," said Michael Blouin, a professor of zoology at Oregon State University. The study shows that evolutionary pressures in the hatchery rapidly select for fish that excel there, at the expense of their reproductive success in the wild.

Hatcheries are efficient at producing fish for harvest, the researchers said, but study results continue to show concerns about the genetic impacts that hatchery fish may have when they interbreed. These findings were based on a 20 year genetic analysis of steelhead in Oregon's Hood River. It examined why hatchery fish struggle to reproduce in wild river conditions, a fact that has been made clear in previous research.

Wastewater Preferable to Wasting Water?

Would you rather drink wastewater instead of wasting water? A new government funded study just released said that it might be preferable.

Treated wastewater poses no greater health risks than existing water supplies and, in some cases, may be even safer to drink, according to a report released Tuesday by the National Research Council, a science advisory group chartered by Congress.

The scientists say this can be done reliably without putting the public at risk because of technological advances. The report claims it is a waste not to reuse the nation's wastewater, because almost all of it is treated before discharge. This water includes storm runoff as well as used water from homes, businesses and factories.

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Calendar Of Events

1/19/12 Dennis Potter fly tying presentation

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

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

Join the FFF

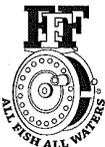
Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

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
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