

# Mending Lines

April—June, 2016

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April 2

Three Rivers Fly Fishing/Fly  
Tying Show  
Classic Café  
9:00 AM—4:30 PM

### April 6

Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

### April 21

Club Meeting  
3RFF Members Favorite Flies  
Classic Café  
7:00 PM

### May 4

Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

### May 14

Big Brothers Big Sisters Event  
Parkview YMCA

### May 19

Club Meeting  
Casting Clinic  
Location Parkview (Dupont)  
YMCA  
5:00—8:00 PM

### June 1

Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

### June 26

Club Outing  
Little Elkhart River  
Riverbend Park  
511 Warren St  
Middlebury  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

## Don's Den

This is my farewell address to the club it has been my honor to serve our club as president this last year, I know who ever steps up to do the job will be a benefit to the club.

I have been out fishing the last few weeks and have done well, many blue gills and some nice trout. Now is the time to go, the fish are moving in to the shallow water and they are willing to take streamers and wet flies. The last time I was out they wanted a white foam spider, so don't be afraid to try something different, it might just be the answer.

I am looking forward to the fly show on April 2 and the up coming meetings and outings. I hope to see you all at these events. Your board has tried to put together programs that are fun and educational. Remember that your input is important to us and if you have an idea for some where to fish or a speaker that you would like to see please let us know .

Big brothers big sisters is coming up in May and I think that the club members that attend have as good a time as the kids. If you can help please let Larry Wilson know. We can always use one more person at the event, remember this is our one big service project for the club.

I would like to thank every one who has helped me this year, the officers, board members, and the club members.

Thank You ,  
President  
Don Privett

# 2016 | Three Rivers Fly Fishing / Fly Tying Show Fort Wayne, IN - Saturday, April 2nd



*Fly Fishing Fly Tying*

## 25 Fly Tyers

**Learn from the best fly tyers in our area!**

Fly Tying demonstrations throughout the day. Bass, trout, muskie, salmon, steelhead, bluegill and other area fly patterns.

**Guest speakers throughout the day**

## Classic Cafe

4832 Hillegas Road  
Fort Wayne, IN

*Food Available  
Raffles throughout the day  
and silent auction*

9:00 am - 4:30 pm


\$10 - Adults  
\$5 - 12 years to 17  
11 and under free

## 18 Vendors

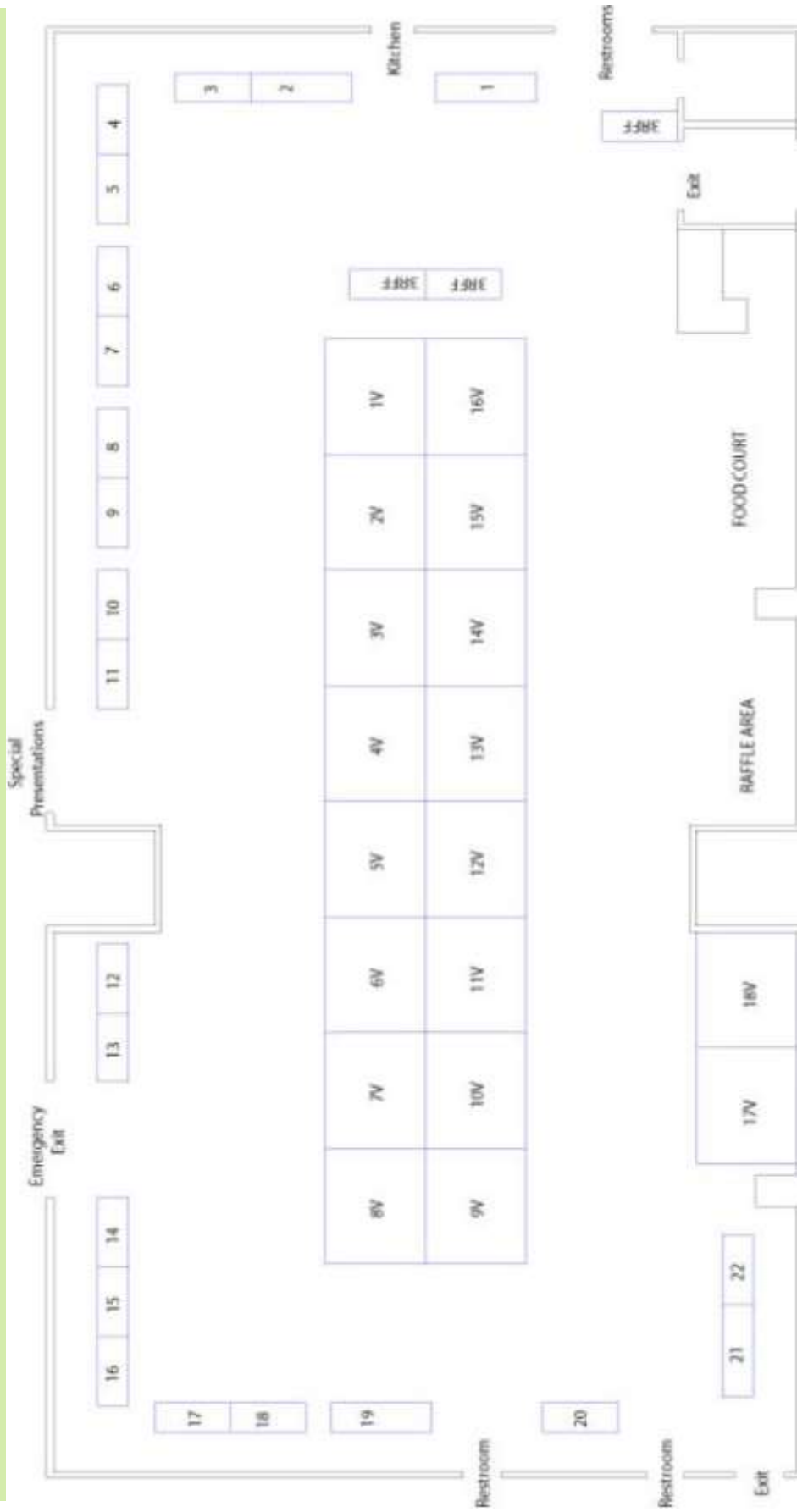
**Top quality vendors geared towards the fly fisher!**

Tri-state area fly shops and guides.  
Bamboo rods, fly rod company representatives.



Check for updates on [www.3rff.org/flyshow.html](http://www.3rff.org/flyshow.html)  
and on the Three Rivers Fly Fishers Facebook page 

# Show Floor Layout



**Vendors**

1V-Temple Fork Outfitters  
 3V-Flies By Rich  
 5V-Predator Pursuit  
 7V-Feenstra Guide Service  
 9V-Hog Creek Furred Leaders  
 11V-Studio E Outdoors  
 13V-Anglin Outdoors  
 15V-Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co.  
 17V-Amish Trout Outfitters

2V-Brookhaven Lake  
 4V-Lurecraft Fishermans Shop  
 6V-Pro Tackle Outfitters  
 8V-Jerrys Custom Tackle  
 10V-CF River Products  
 12V-Fly Masters  
 14V-Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co.  
 16V-Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co.  
 18V-Riverhouse Fly Company

**Tyers**

1-Casting for Recovery-Penny Myers  
 3-Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
 5-Jeff "Bear" Andrews  
 7-Lynn Burry  
 9-Fred Vargas  
 11-Tim Scott  
 13-Jack Harford  
 15-Dick Erickson  
 17-Brian Kaluzny & George Tipker  
 19-Ken Dixon & Jeff McElravy  
 21-Project Healing Waters-Joe Smith

2-Kevin Ramsey & Cheri Scherf  
 4-Michael Beachy  
 6-Jamie Thompson  
 8-Rich Essegian  
 10-Forrest Klott  
 12-Don Reber & Tim Pote  
 14-Paul Beel  
 16-Not Assigned  
 18-J.R. Jackson & Bob Gustafson  
 20-TRFF Club/Kids Table  
 22-John Burke & Cecil Guidry

**Presentations**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
10:00 — 11:00	Kevin Feenstra	Smallmouth
11:00 – 12:00	Jerry Drake	Blue Gill
12:00 - 1:00	Lynn Burry	Smallmouth
1:00 — 2:00	Jamie Thompson	Trout
2:00 — 3:00	Kevin Feenstra	Minnnows and Baitfish



## 10th Annual 2016 Spring Outing

May 7, 8:00 AM - 3:00PM

### Schedule of Events

8:00 am	Free Admission
8:30 am	Trout 101 Clinic — Nymph Fishing Fly Casting Instruction with Charlie Ray
9:00 am	Trout 101 Clinic — Dry Flies Fly Tying Demonstration begins
9:30 am	Trout 101 Clinic — Soft Hackles
10:00 am	Trout 101 Clinic — Streamers
10:30 am	Trout 101 Clinic — Jig Fishing Log Jams
11:00 am	Featured Presentation including stream stocking survey by Daragh Deegan
Noon	Lunch is served: \$5 Donation Cookout Style Meal
1:00 pm	President's Message
1:20 PM	Fundraising Silent Auction and Raffles

**Support the LECTU Stocking Efforts**  
**Adopt A Trout Raffle Tickets \$10 each**

#### Grand Prize:

Orvis Helios II 9ft Bwt with Orvis Mirage reel

or

\$400 cash option

#### Silent Auction and Raffle

Custom built fly rod, Temple Forks Rods, Sling Pack, Allen travel rod pack, Yell Cooler, Guided Fishing Trips, Fly Boxes, Assorted Flies, Fly Rod Reels, Various other fantastic fishing items.



Daragh Deegan is the Aquatic Biologist for the Elkhart-South Bend Aquatic Community Monitoring Program. The main focus of his position is monitoring biological communities in the Rivers and Streams of Elkhart and St. Joseph Counties. He also dedicates a significant amount of time to community outreach and education. When not out wading in local streams or talking with local students, he works with local river based organizations. Deegan is a board director for the Elkhart River Restoration Association, Vice President of the Friends of the St. Joseph River, and President of the St. Joseph River Basin Commission. Deegan is very interested in stream restoration and enhancement projects and is currently working on several dam removal and fish passage projects in the Elkhart area. He also has various research interests including the influence of pesticides, hormones, and other pollutants on fish health and reproduction.

**Riverbend Park . 511 East Warren Street. Middlebury, IN**

[www.LECTU.org](http://www.LECTU.org)

**Thank you for ten years of support!**

From the June 1998 3RFF Newsletter:

What makes one a good fly tier? Over the winter I started tying some classic Atlantic salmon flies. The first few looked pretty shabby, but, as time went on they started to look a little better. I don't feel too bad tying an ugly one because, the real ugly ones can always be used to search out a new hole and be sacrificed to the trolls that live under every fish holding brushpile on the river. As large as these flies are, they still require precision in their construction. As a result of this new requirement for precision, I found that the flies I have been tying for years started to look a little better.

Now to the other extreme. This summer I am going to the Great Lakes Council conclave at Roscommon, Michigan. I hear there is some fine dry fly fishing close at hand. When I checked my fly boxes for something that might float well enough to fool a trout, I discovered very few dry flies. The patterns that were there were tied on nymph hooks to make the fly sink and were used for summer steelhead. Oh well. A quick trip to Jorgensens produced a box of size 16 and a box of size 18 dry fly hooks. Let me tell you, the difference between the steelhead and salmon flies I had been tying and these little itty bitsy things is like the difference between a dingy and the Titanic.

First of all the troll that lives amongst the swarf on the flytying bench spilled the box of size 18 hooks. Then, even the smallest hackle I had made these little flies look like a spey fly. Don't let anybody tell you different, you can indeed tie a size 12 fly on a size 18 hook. After messing around with these things for the better part on an evening, things started to come together and they looked more like a little bug instead of a dustball from under the couch.

These flies require even more precision to tie than larger flies because of the limited space to put material onto the hook. As the relative size of the material becomes larger with respect to the hook we are tying the material to, then the way we place material becomes more critical.

Has all of this made me a better tier? You bet it has. Am I doing the best that I can do? Bearly scratched the surface. Am I a good flytier? Not yet, but I'm working on it.

Jerry

## THREE RIVERS FLY FISHERS EVENT SCHEDULE 2016

### JANUARY 2016

6 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 21 THUR TRFF CLUB MEETING (KEVIN FEENSTRA, MUSKEGON RIVER)  
 22-24 FRI-SUN FORT WAYNE SPORT & TRAVEL SHOW (FORT WAYNE, INDIANA)  
 23 SAT KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW (LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY)  
 27 WED 2016 FLY SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING  
 30 SAT NORTHERN OHIO FLY FISHING EXPO (BRECKSVILLE, OHIO)

### FEBRUARY 2016

3 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 6 SAT GREATER CINCINNATI FLY FISHING SHOW (CINCINNATI, OHIO)  
 18 THUR TRFF CLUB MEETING (JOHN GOUKER, STREAMERS: WHERE, WHEN, WHY  
 WHAT, HOW)  
 19-21 FRI-SUN GREAT AMERICAN FLY FISHING EXPO (INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA)  
 24 WED 2016 FLY SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING  
 27 SAT GRAND RAPIDS FLY SHOW (GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN)

### MARCH 2016

2 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 12-13 SAT-SUN MIDWEST FLY FISHING EXPO (WARREN, MICHIGAN)  
 17 THUR TRFF CLUB AUCTION  
 30 WED 2016 FLY SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING

### APRIL 2016

1 FRI TRFF FLY SHOW GATHERING (FORT WAYNE, INDIANA)  
 2 SAT TRFF FLY FISHING/FLY TYING SHOW (FORT WAYNE, INDIANA)  
 6 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 21 THUR TRFF MEMBERS FAVORITE FLIES (WARM OR COLD WATER FLIES)

### MAY 2016

4 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING (NEW OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS)  
 7 SAT LITTLE ELKHART CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED 2016 SPRING OUTING  
 14 SAT BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER EVENT  
 19 THUR TRFF CASTING CLINIC

### JUNE 2016

1 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 16 THUR NO TRFF CLUB MEETING  
 26 SUN TRFF CLUB OUTING (LITTLE ELKHART RIVER-MIDDLEBURY, INDIANA)

### JULY 2016

1 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 21 THUR NO TRFF CLUB MEETING  
 24 SUN TRFF CLUB OUTING (ST JOSEPH RIVER AND ELKHART RIVER CONFLUENCE  
 ELKHART, INDIANA)

### AUGUST 2016

3 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 18 THUR NO TRFF CLUB MEETING  
 19-21 FRI-SUN TRFF CLUB OUTING (WHITE RIVER-DALEVILLE, INDIANA)

### SEPTEMBER 2016

7 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 15 THUR TRFF CLUB MEETING (GLEN BLACKWOOD, READING WATER)

### OCTOBER 2016

5 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 20 THUR TRFF CLUB MEETING (DAN WIRE, FORT WAYNE RIVER TOURS)

### NOVEMBER 2016

2 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING  
 5 SAT FFF FLY TYING EXPO (LANSING, MICHIGAN)  
 17 THUR TRFF CLUB MEETING (JEDE PIERSON, INDIANA DNR)

### DECEMBER 2016

7 WED TRFF BOARD MEETING (PLANNING MEETING 2017/2018)  
 15 THUR NO TRFF CLUB MEETING

## One of the Members favorite flies

# EZ CRAW by Jerry Hohla



### Materials

**Hook:** TMC 5263, #4

**Thread:** Mono, .006

**Antennae:** Round Rubber, Medium, 2

**Antennae Fibres:** Crystal Flash

**Tail:** Lead Dumbbell Eyes, (Squashed to look like a tail)

**Body:** Swiss Straw

**Legs:** Sili Legs (8-10)

**Eyes:** Mono Eyes, Large

**Acrylic Paint**

**Clear Cure Goo**

### Procedure

1. Wrap hook with mono. Tie 2 round rubber legs at hook bend on back of hook as antennae. Tie in a small clump of crystal flash above antennae.
2. Wrap mono back to the tail. Squash lead dumbbell eyes flat on each side to look like a tail. Tie in the lead on back of hook Clouser style. Tie in Estaz 3/8" in front of the lead eyes.
3. Wrap Estaz forward to the hook bend then double back over finishing the wrap at the tail. Tie off.
4. Flip hook over in the vise and trim Estaz flat on the back to make room for the shellback. Tie in Swiss straw just in front of the tail using tight wraps. Tuck the Swiss straw forward under the hook bend. Wrapping forward, use the mono to create 3 segments up to the mid point of the hook shank. Use looser wraps for the segments to keep from distorting the Swiss straw.
5. Fold Swiss straw back toward the tail. Wrap the mono forward to the middle of the head/thorax. Take a bunch of Silli Legs (8-10), hold firmly on top of the head/thorax and cinch down with a few cross wraps in both directions.
6. Advance mono to the hook bend. Tuck the Swiss Straw back over the Silli Legs. Pinch the Swiss/Straw at the hook bend and wrap to secure. Tie in Mono Eyes firmly with a few wraps in both directions. Advance mono in back of eyes and whip finish
7. Trim Estaz all around the fly. Apply a thick layer of Clear Cure Goo over the top of the Swiss Straw and around the eyes, then cure. Apply a coat of Hard-as-Nails.
8. Use a permanent marker to accent the segments.



**Mending Lines is looking for additional member content!**

Some suggestions are:

- Pictures of fish caught by members, families, friends...Look at the fishing pictures in the local papers for ideas.
- Pictures and notes from trips. Your notes do not need to be a final article. Your notes can be tuned and re-viewed before inclusion in Mending Lines.
- Items for sale
- Fishing and casting lessons learned.
- Favorite Web sites
- Short Stories, Fact, or ????
- Book reviews

**Membership Rates:**

Dues are for one year beginning January 1 through December 31.

Individual Rate: \$25.00 per year

Family Rate: \$35.00 per year

Junior Rate: \$ 5:00 per year                    18 or younger and not part of a family membership

Corporate Rate: \$50.00 per year

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