

Mending Lines

January—March, 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 18, 2016

Club Meeting
Steamers, Why, What, Where,
When, How
Classic Cafe
7:00 PM

Feb 24, 2016

Fly Show Committee Meeting
Kaysan's 5th Down

March 2, 2016

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

March 17, 2016

Club Meeting
Auction
Classic Cafe
7:00 PM

April 2

Three Rivers Fly Fishing/Fly
Tying Show
Classic Cafe
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 Cafe
7:00 PM

May 4

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

May 19

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

Don's Den

Spring is just around the corner and that ground hog said that it will be here early, can't wait for the days to start to warm and the ice to come off the lakes, I am a fly fisher you know.

It is time to check your gear and tie up some flies for the spring season. You should check your safety gear, life vest, add a first aid kit to the boat or car, and make sure that your boots are in good shape, a loose sole can put you on the bottom of the stream.

Spring will be bringing the club auction in March, so it is time to start looking around at the gear that you haven't used and maybe tying up a few flies. We have some great craftsmen in the club who have made some outstanding things that have been in the auction, from desks to fly boxes, so think about what you might want to add this year and bring it along in March.

The fly show will also be here before you know it. If you can help on April 2nd please let Curly or Steve know. We can not get enough help. There will be something for you to do for the time that you can donate even if you can't be there all day

The elections of board members and officers for the club will be at the April meeting. This is my last year as president so someone needs to think about taking the position over, it is not that hard of a job.

That brings us up to May and we have our casting clinic planned again. This is a great time to bring a rod out and have another person watch you and help you get over the bad habits that you may have picked up last year. There are some great people in our club that will help you with the problems.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over this last year, the officers, board, and the members of our club.

I have enjoyed the first 21 years with the club and am looking forward to many more good times, great meetings, and summer outings.

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
and on the Three Rivers Fly Fishers Facebook page 

Three Rivers Fly Fishers is celebrating 21 years this year. The original membership of the club is listed below. Five current members are on this list. Say hello to them.

	Date Entered	Mr./Mrs./Ms	First Name	Last Name
1				
2	4/13/95		Beverly	Blessing
3	7/20/95		Phil	Bloom
4	4/13/95		John	Bundy
5	4/13/95		John C.	Clark
6	7/13/95		Brian	Clark
7	5/13/95		Jeremy	Cook
8	5/13/95		Lex D.	Dormire
9	4/13/95	x	Jerry	Drake
10	4/13/95		Paul	Dygart
11	4/13/95		William	Fitzgerald
12	4/13/95		Michael	Gensic
13	5/13/95		Kirk C.	Greene
14	4/13/95		Bruce	Hagen
15	4/13/95		Rick	Hinton
16	4/13/95		Franklin	Howes
17	4/13/95		Jay	Jorgensen
18	4/13/95		Michael D.	Knoblock
19	4/13/95		Keith	Larson
20	4/13/95		Dick	Lowden
21	4/13/95	x	David F.	Mayhew
22	4/13/95		Dan	McMaken
23	4/13/95		Joe	Mitchell
24	4/13/95	✓	Scott	Pitser
25	4/13/95	✓	Ronald	Price
26	4/13/95	✓	Don	Privett
27	4/13/95		Paul	Raiman
28	4/13/95		John L.	Reed
29	4/13/95		Sharon	Reed
30	4/13/95		Gary	Sanders
31	4/13/95		John P.	Schroeder
32	4/13/95		Jeff L.	Seim
33	4/13/95		Steve	Shore
34	5/13/95		Ed	Strauss
35	4/13/95		William L.	Sweet, Jr.
36	4/13/95		Rex	Thrift
37	5/13/95		David R.	Tieman
38	4/13/95		Hal	Usher
39	5/18/95		Mark	Vinyard
40	5/18/95		John P.	Wallace

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

From the December 1997 3RFF Newsletter:

Winter is here and for some gives us a break in our fishing. This is a good time to go over our tackle and make repairs that we have been putting off since late summer. Today's high tech tackle while being as good as it gets still requires some maintenance. Below is a list of some things to look for while inspecting your gear.

Rod and Case

- Clean your rod with mild soap and water. Be sure to get the grime that builds up around the windings on the guides. Use a Q-tip to clean the inside of the ferrules. Sand and grit can build up in the inside of ferrules and when you least expect it, you will damage the ferrule with that sand.
- Dry every thing with a soft cloth. Use a magnifying glass and a Q-tip to inspect the guides and guide wraps. The Q-tip will help detect cuts in the guides that can play havoc with your expensive fly line. These cut guides can be polished smooth with a fine diamond hone, however, sooner or later that guide will need replaced. Don't forget the tiptop. Repair the guide wraps as necessary.
- Chips in your rods cork grip should be filled with cork dust and glue and then sanded smooth. If allowed to go unrepaired small chips will erode into holes that will then be a major repair.
- Clean your rod case and make any repairs that might be required. This is a good time to get out the sewing machine and repair that rod bag or make a new one if the old one is really worn.

Reel

- Today's reels are a marvel of manufacturing overkill. The precision and close tolerance with which these machines are made is comparable to that of a Swiss watch. Wash the ordinary grime off with mild soap and water. Use mineral spirits to clean the grease and oil out of the inside before relubricating. Inspect click pawls for wear. Small burrs that develop on the edge of these can be removed with an india stone or a diamond hone. This whole reel cleaning process I usually do after I return from Florida in the winter to be sure there is no salt residue left in the reel.

Line

- Pull your fly line off your reel and spare spools. Clean it with mild soap and water, dry with a soft cloth and apply a very thin coat of dressing. This is a good time to inspect the connections between your leader and fly line and between your fly line and backing.

Boots

- Clean your boots with warm water and dry. Repair any small snags or worn spots before they start to leak. Hang for the winter in a cool dark place. Some boot manufactures supply instructions of how best to take care of their products. Follow them if you still have them.

Vest

- Empty it! Get a box and put everything you did not use this past season in the box. Now hide the box. The one exception is your first aid kit and that we hope to never use. I am always amazed at the things that find their way into my vest over the course of a fishing season. Example: do I really need a pound roll hollow lead wire in my vest. You use this stuff an inch at a time. A pound of the size I use is about 40 feet!

Conclusion

- Spend the time now to do the little things you have been putting off since late summer of fall.
- Get your tackle into tip-top shape while you are not rushed. The time spent now will pay big dividends later on when you should be fishing and not messing around fixing something that needed attention all winter.
- Be ready for that bright January day when the cabin fever is about as bad as it can get and the only cure at hand is to find a place to go fishing for a few hours. Beats cleaning the garage.

One of the Members favorite flies

HAMMER by Kyle Hammond



Wire: Hook Wire, Size 1

Hook: Short Shank, Size 6

Thread: White, 6/0

Eyes: Dumbbell Eyes, Recessed, Small

Eyes: Holographic, Red, 1/8

Under Wing: Craft Fur, White

Over Wing: Craft Fur, Olive

Over Wing: Flashabou

Head: Ice Dub, Olive

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

2016 Dues are due.

Please see Ron Dixon at the next club meeting

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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