

# Mending Lines

July—September, 2016

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 24**  
Club Outing  
Elkhart River, Goshen

**August 3**  
Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

**August 19-21**  
Club Outing  
White River, Daleville

**September 7**  
Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

**September 15**  
Club Meeting  
Glen Blackwood

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

## Don's Den

Fishing for bass is at its peak now. Both large mouth and small mouth are moving and taking flies. I like fishing with a 9ft 7 wt. rod using a short leader 6 ft. or less and a swivel placed about 2ft. up from the fly this will stop line twist and save time when you have to change the tippet. I like streamers in different sizes and colors, don't be afraid to change things up if you are not getting any hits. The most fun for bass is a large popper if you see fish on the top. It is also a good idea to have several colors and sizes in poppers.

I would like to thank the 22 members for coming to the Little Elkhart outing and a really big thanks to everyone who brought sides and cookies. The grilling was done by Larry and Tina and it was very good, thanks again everyone.

As I am writing this, we are only a few days from our outing on the Elkhart and St. Joe rivers, for Bass this time. I am hoping that we have as good a turn out as we did for the first outing. I have fished this area for the last several years at least a few times a year and have had good luck almost always. There are several parks along the two rivers where you can access the rivers. Check out the Indiana DNR page, where to fish in Indiana at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-Where\\_To\\_Fish\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-Where_To_Fish_Guide.pdf). This is a great place to start when ever you are going to a new location.

One more thing, if you have not fished for a species of fish before, find someone who has and ask to fish with them. You can learn more in a few hours then you can believe, for me this is our clubs greatest resource and we need to take advantage of it.

I am looking forward to our last outing of the year on the White River in August. Make plans to come down, it has been a great destination for several years.

Hope to see you all soon,

President,  
Don Privett

**ACTION ALERT****Your Help Needed To Keep From Spreading Invasive Species From The Pere Marquette River**

BALDWIN, Michigan — In 2015 the Michigan departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources confirmed the presence of the invasive New Zealand mudsnail in the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin, which is a popular destination for trout and salmon anglers.

New Zealand Mudsnails are each only about 1/8 inch long and can be difficult to see. However, these snails can significantly change the aquatic habitats they live in by reaching extremely high densities. When that happens, they can out-compete native species that are important food sources for trout. They also have no nutritional value for trout species that may feed upon them, which can negatively affect the overall condition of the trout.

The threat of New Zealand Mudsnail spreading to new waters is high because they are easily transported via recreational users, such as anglers, due to their ability to attach to fishing equipment, wading gear and other hard surfaces. Once attached, they can hitch a ride to a new river or lake and begin the invasive process again. Additionally, a single snail can reproduce once transported.

New Zealand Mudsnails are very resilient and have been known to survive in damp environments for up to 26 days.

As the spring fishing season gears up, anglers are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to target steelhead on the Pere Marquette and other popular Michigan rivers. It is important for anglers to clean, drain and dry their equipment to help prevent the spread of these invasive snails, as well as all types of aquatic invasive species.

Anglers are encouraged to clean boats and equipment (including waders) with hot water or a diluted bleach solution, and, when possible, allow the equipment to dry for at least five days before reusing. Additional information about the New Zealand Mudsnail and other aquatic invasive species can be found at [michigan.gov/invasives](http://michigan.gov/invasives)



Lynn Burry



**18..5" 5 lb Rainbow!**



**One of several 9 1/2" gills and a few bass caught in about 2 hours time.**



**Nice large mouth caught on Syllvan Lake in the heat of the day.**

Don Privett

Photo's from the Little Elkhart outing



## 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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