



MENDING LINES

Three Rivers Fly Fishers - June 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Club Meetings

Club Meeting - Scott Bowerman
Warm Water Flies
September 16 @ 7:00 - 9:00pm
at the Classic Cafe

Club Meeting - Tim Scott
Tie-A-Thon & Warm Water Flies
October 20 @ 7:00 - 9:00pm
at the Classic Café

Club Meeting - Jack Harford
Soft Hackle Flies
November 18 @ 7:00-9:00pm
At the Classic Cafe

Club Outings

Bixler Lake Outing
Carry-In Lunch at Noon
June 12 @ 7:00 - 4:00 pm
Bixler Lake Pavilion
Kendallville, IN

Pigeon River
Carry-In Lunch at Noon
July 17 @ 7:00 - 4:00 pm
Nasby Dam
Mingo, IN

White River Outing
Camping and firewood is free
Main Club Meal @ 5:00 Sat
Other meals are being planned
Double D Rusty Hook Cafe
August 20-22
Canoe Country
Daleville, IN

CURLY'S CREEL

The Club is starting to get back to normal with four Club meetings we have had. Attendance has increased with each meeting and we had some new members join the Club. The newly elected Board Members officially took office May 1, and all of them were attending the meetings prior to final election results. Make sure you welcome the new Board Members and new Club Members. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact a Board Member. We still need a Secretary and we could use two more Board Members.

The Board has been busy and we have scheduled the Club outings and the Club programs through May of 2022. We are always open to suggestions for outings and guest speakers.

I am trying to produce a Club Newsletter every other month as well as try to keep you updated by mail of what is going on with our affiliate Clubs, fly fishing news, and activities in the surrounding States. If you have any interesting articles on fishing, fishing trips, pictures, pictures, fly recipes, charts, etc., please contact me.

I hope all of you come out and join us and have a great time at these programs and events. The Club can only be as good as the Members make it.

We have some long time Club Members who are battling health issues. Please keep them in your prayers, send them a card, give them a call, or stop in and visit them. We hope for a speedy recovery for them all. We are thankful for the several that are already on the mend. If you are not around you are missed.

Get out and Wet a Line,
President
Curly Hodson

CLUB OUTINGS

June: Bixler Lake

Our June Club Outing is at Bixler Lake in Kendallville, IN.

Coming in on Hwy #6 from the east or west there are Bixler Lake signs and turn south at the Reilly Auto Parts store. Go south to Diamond St and turn left and the pavilion is on the left near to the parking lot off of Diamond St. Coming in from the South West on Hwy 3, after you go thru the stop light at the inter section of #3/#8 turn right at the next stop light, main street which will curve around back north. Go to Diamond St and turn right and follow it east until you come to Bixler Lake Park. We will have TRFF event signs at both locations. The pavilion is left near to the parking lot off of Diamond St. We have maps available and there are maps available online. The boat ramp is just south of where we will be meeting. Brent Walchuk, Mike Tackett, and Curly Hodson will be hosting the outing. If you have comments or questions contact them.

July: Pigeon River

Our July Club Outing on the Pigeon River is at the Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area. We will be having lunch around noon on the south side of the river along the road leading back to Nasby Dam. Don't forget with the new rules you have to go to the Headquarters to sign in. When you leave I believe you can go to any of the self-serve check-in stations to sign out. You can fish the river, any of the several lakes in the PR&FW, or there are several other lakes nearby. We do have maps available and there are maps available online. Brent Walchuk and Curly Hodson will be hosting the outing. If you have comments or questions contact them.

August: White River

Our August Club Outing at Canoe Country on the White River is officially August 20-22 (Friday thru Sunday). Canoe Country is just north of Daleville, IN. We will have some people showing up on Wednesday and/or leaving on Monday. We will be camping in the same area as we have in the past years. It is first come first served on the camping spots. This is primitive camping. If you want electric bring your own source. There are rest rooms at the office. There are fire rings at most of the campsites. There will be a main Club campfire as the previous years. The Club is picking up the tab again for all of the campsites and for all the firewood, which the Owner Robbie will supply. The back entrance into our camping is complete at this time for easier access to our camping area. Most campsites are good size so bring your tents, pop-up campers, campers, or whatever you prefer to stay in.

We will be fishing the White River from the mouth of the river east of Muncie to Anderson. Target fish will be Smallmouth Bass. If you have never fished the White contact Steve Harris because he has the most knowledge and info of the river and he might even be able to take you on a personal guided trip. There are also some bluegill lakes such as Summit Lake which is close by.

Dan Brophy and Dennis Plank have volunteered to set up The Double D Rusty Hook Cafe again this year with some new hours. Menu is still to be determined. The TRFF Club is picking up the tab for these meals so keep your money in your pockets, no donations. Just make sure you thank the cooks

With the above information it is very important that you contact me as soon as you know what days and meals you are planning on attending so Dan and Denny can try to get a head count for each of the meals so they can plan ahead and to purchase food and prepare. *Make sure you contact me anytime of the day.

I will be available to spot you up or down the river with your boats, kayaks, kick-boats, and float tubes. I can drive your vehicle to drop you off upstream and you can float back to camp, or you can put in at the camp site and float downstream where I can pick you up with your vehicle, or I can drop you off downstream and pick you up further downstream. I will be busy so don't wait until the last minute to contact me about spotting you. Other Club members will probably be available to help also. Maps of the River will be available, contact Steve Harris, Ron Dixon, Kevin Curtis, or me.

Contact People:

Steve Harris: Phone (1-260-627-2829), Ron Dixon (1-260-750-8337), Kevin Curtis (1-260-224-9108)

Curly Hodson: Phone (1-260-571-1951) Email (curly@curlysflyshop.com)

Canoe Country Phone: (1-765-378-7358, (www.canoeindiana.com))

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CURRENT CLUB NEWS

Elections:

The new Officers and Board Members took office May 1, 2021. Some attended Board meetings prior to taking office to get a head start on the responsibilities of their positions. I would like to welcome all of the newly elected Members to the Board. We still need a Secretary and a couple more Board Members. If you are interested contact a Member of the Board of Directors.

Officers

President: Curly Hodson

Vice President: Brent Walchuk

Secretary: Curly Hodson (acting)

Treasurer: Ron Dixon

Board Members:

Kevin Curtis-Existing

Ken Schiefelbein-Existing

Warren Howell

Ed Rose

John Crothers

Mike Tackett

Membership & Liability Forms:

The Board decided to have all Club Members fill out a new Membership Form and a new Liability Form to update our records to have your current information, address, phone number, and email address, etc. Our records also show that several members do not have a Liability Form on record, so we want to get that updated. We will have the forms available at all Club Meetings and Events. Make sure you see Ron Dixon.

TRFF Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show:

Ron checked with Terry and verified the Classic Café is reserved for Feb 11-12, 2022 for our annual TRFF Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show. We will start having Show Committee meetings in the near future. If you would like to serve on the Committee please contact

Steve Harris: Phone (1-260-627-2829)

Curly Hodson: Phone (1-260-571-1951) Email (curly@curlysflyshop.com)

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LureCraft:

LureCraft is located on SR 120 on the west side of Orland. They have a good supply of fly tying material and hooks. They also have a catalog available. Kim and Tammy of LureCraft have been supporting our Club for years and they have had a booth out our annual Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show every year so try to support them with for fly tying needs



Club Programs:

We started back up with actual Club Meetings and Programs back in February with Open Night Fly Tying, March with Open Night Fly Tying, April with Open Night Fly Tying, and then in May with Open Night Fly Tying, our Annual Casting Clinic, and our Annual Mini Fly Show. Attendance has been increasing each month. I hope you can make it out to all or some or of our Club outings and the upcoming Club Programs beginning again in September.



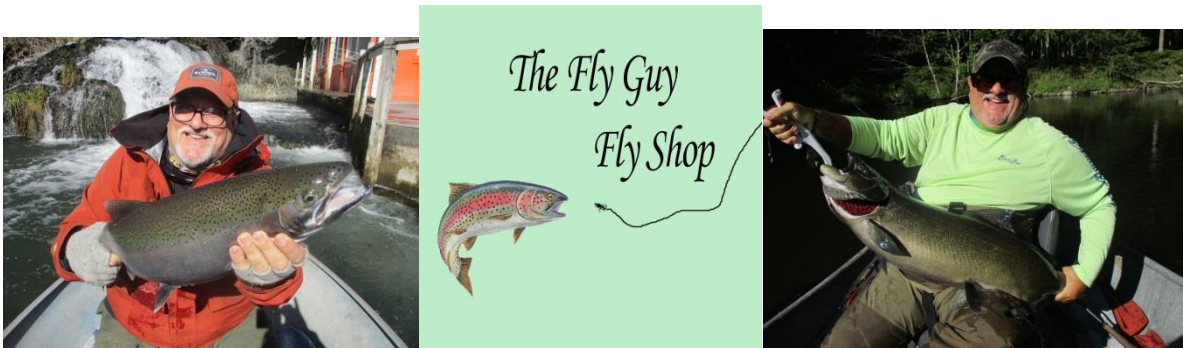
CLUB PROGRAMS

September Club Meeting: The Fly Guy

Scott Bowerman (The Fly Guy) is a professional fly tyer and fly designer. Scott and his wife Tammy are a husband and wife fly tying team. Together they own and operate The Fly Guy Fly Shop, a retail company, located in Whitehall, Michigan. They custom tie flies commercially and have sold flies all over the world. They have tied flies at many fly shows in several states throughout the Midwest. They have had one of the largest booths at our annual TRFF Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show every year. The Fly Guy Fly Shop offers quality hand tied flies at a great price.

Scott has done Fly Tying videos on his own for many years on Facebook. He is very articulate in his tying procedures, explains the material he uses, explains everything he does and why he does it as he is tying flies. Scott also does fly tying videos for Steelhead Manifesto and Steelhead 419 on a weekly sometimes daily basis on Facebook. He is always showing tips and tricks to simplify you're tying techniques.

They do not have a website at this time but can be reached by Facebook, email, or by phone.



October Club Meeting: Tim Scott (Co-Founder of the Tie-A-Thon)

Tim has been a member of Saint Joe River Valley Fly Fishers for many years and held many positions in SJRVFF Club. He has fly fished the Saint Joe River, the Elkhart River, and a lot of Michigan waters extensively his whole life. He is an avid Fly Tyer as well. Tim created several fly tying videos of flies you could tie for the Tie-A-Thon. Tim will be tying some of his favorite flies for our program.

Tim Scott along with Terry Wittorp are the co-founders of the Tie-A-Thon. They started the Tie-a-thon to supply donated flies to other non-profit organizations that need them for therapeutic and recreational camps to teach fly fishing.

In the fall of 2006 they came up with the idea of gathering fly tyers from the FFF club, St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers and Kalamazoo Valley Chapter to tie as many flies as possible to donate to KVCTU youth camp. There were 1300 flies tied and distributed the first year. This year was the 15th annual Tie-A-Thon and a record 34,500 flies were tied and donated to the Trout Unlimited Youth Camps.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

FEBRUARY 4, 1995

THREE RIVERS FLY FISHERS

An organizational meeting was held on February 4, 1995 at 2:00 pm at Shores of Oakborough Clubhouse. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the Three Rivers Fly Fishers Club (TRFFC). Instrumental in the establishment of TRFFC was Chris Doyal (Founder of TRFFC) of St Joe River Club, South Bend, Indiana area, and a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Board of Directors. There were twenty-two (22) interested fisherman and fly tiers present.

The meeting was opened by Paul Dygert who introduced Chris Doyal and Paul Raiman. Chris Doyal presented comments and reasons for organizing a Fly Fishing Club. These reasons include: to further education, support conservation interests, fellowship and to exchange ideas and techniques for fly fishing and fly tying. Members of TRFFC must be members of the FFF. Spouses and family members are welcome to join. Others showing interest in becoming members are cordially invited to join.

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions from prospective members of the newly formed TRFFC. The positive response from all interested members indicates that the TRFFC has the potential to be successful as a federation affiliate, to be beneficial to the community and the fishing areas the club encounters.

A call was then issued for volunteers to fill the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. The following individuals will serve as the officers of the TRFFC for the next year:

President	Paul Dygert - FFF Board of Directors
Vice President	Paul Raiman
Treasurer	Steve Shore
Secretary	John Reed

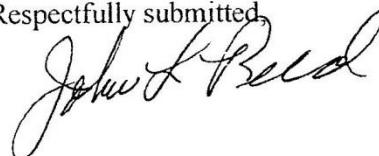
Ideas were presented by the founder and president, as well as new members, for ideas for fund raisers to finance club projects such as speakers for meetings and conservation projects.

The Club extends it thanks to Founder Chris Doyal for the time spent to organize the new club and to establish a mailing list of interested members. Also, thanks to Paul Dygert and Paul Raiman for their help.

The meeting was closed at 3:30 pm, with groups of members gathering to exchange their ideas and to fellowship by sharing their backgrounds and interests.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 16, 1995 at 6:00 pm at Hilgers Farm Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,



TIE-A-THON TYERS & FLIES 2021

Three Rivers Fly Fishers members tied and donated 2850 flies this year. Tim Scott, Terry Wittorp, and I would like to thank those that participated. Listed below are the 19 Tyers and the Flies they tied.



Curly Hodson
Barr's Emerger BWO
100 Size #18



Tom Hitzeman
Clouser Minnow
100 Size #6



Tom Kline
Peacock Soft Hackle
100 Size #14



Jim Foote
Devil Bug
100 Size #12



Curly Hodson
Curly's Black/Peacock Soft Hackle
100 Size #14



Curly Hodson
Sow Bug Grey
Sow Bug Tan
100 Size #14



Steve Hutsell
Mickey Finn
100 Size #8



Brent Walchuk
Pheasant Tail Nymph
100 Size #16



Ken Schiefelbein
Griffith Gnat
100 Size #20 & #22



Rick Hinton
Prince Nymph Bead Head
100 Size #14



Don Privett
Foam Hopper
100 Size #12



Curly Hodson
Pheasant Tail Nymph
100 Size #14



Don Privett
Foam Beetle
100 Size #14



Jamie Thompson
Soft Hackle
50 Size #12



Bob Menefee
Gray Nymph
100 Size #12



Randy Chappell
Streamer
100 Size #12-#6



Jamie Thompson
Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Nymph
200 Size #12



Randy Chappell
Pheasant Tail Nymph
100 Size #12-#8



Larry Croninger
Gold Ribbed Hares Ear
100 Size #14



Jim Lindhorst
Clouser Minnow
100 Size #4 & #6



Lynn Burry
Carrot Soft Hackle
100 Size #14



Steve Harris
Crackleback
100 Size #14



Ron Dixon
F-C Crackleback
100 Size #12



Dan Brophy
Foam Beetle
100 Size #12



Brent Walchuk
Pheasant Tail Nymph BH
100 Size #16



Dennis Plank
Ray Charles Sowbug
100 Size #14



Larry Croninger
Copper John
100 Size #14



Randy Chappell
Caddis Nymph #14-#8
100 Size #14

MEMBERS FAVORITE FLIES



Curlys Pearl Soft Hackle.....By Curly Hodson

Hook: Mustad #3906B #10-#14

Thread: Uni-Thread, Red, 6/0

Tag: Uni-Thread, Red, 6/0

Abdomen: Pearl Cotton, Size #8, Silver

Thorax: Diamond Braid, Midge, Peacock or Natural Peacock Herl

Rib: UTC, Ultra Wire, Black, Med

Hackle: Partridge (Sparse 2-3 wraps-Shaft to Hook Length)

Head: Uni-Thread, Red, 6/0

* I tie this fly in various body colors, rib colors, and hackle colors.

**Tied mostly with red thread but also with black, white, and camel.

***You can vary the sink rate with lighter gauge hook and rib wire.



CC Special.....By Steve Harris

Hook: Mustad 3261BR Size #2 or #4

Thread: Brown, 6/0

Eyes: Dumbbell, Small, Yellow/Black

Tail: Marabou, Dark Brown

Tail: Marabou, Rust (on the sides)

Body: Ice Dub, Pheasant Tail

Hackle: Chinchilla, Olive

Legs: Silicone, Red/Black Barred

Officers

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Co-Chairman, **** (Needed)

Audio/Visual:

Kyle Hammond
Jim Foote
Co-Chairman, **** (Needed)

Club Fly Show:

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Curly Hodson, Co-Chairman
Ron Dixon, Co-Chairman

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Chairman, **** (Needed)
Co-Chairman, **** (Needed)

Tie-A-Thon

Curly Hodson, Chairman
Co-Chairman, **** (Needed)

Members Favorite Flies
Curly Hodson, Chairman
Co-Chairman, **** (Needed)

Tying Events (Parkview, Boy Scouts)
Curly Hodson, Chairman
Co-Chairman, **** (Needed)

Corporate Sponsors

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Curly Hodson
CURLYS FLY SHOP
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260-571-1951

Member Content

Mending Lines is looking for members content.

Some suggestions are:

- *Pictures of fish caught by members, family, or friends.
- *Members Favorite Flies & Recipes
- *Pictures and clips from trips.
- *Items for sale.
- *Fishing related charts.
- *Favorite websites or facebook pages.
- *Short stories, fact or fiction.
- *Other Fly Club info

Member Suggestions

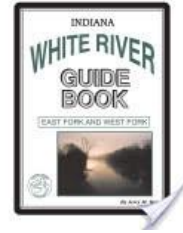
The Board of Directors is always looking for suggestions for:

Guest speakers for Club programs

Locations for Club outings
Flash Events

For Sale

Curlys Fly Shop White River Guide
Book \$24.50 tax included



Curlys Fly Shop
Pro-Lite FTL203
Book \$115.00 tax included



Curlys Fly Shop
Pheasant Tail Rump Patches
Sale: \$6.00 each



