



THE SINK TIP TIMES

Three Rivers Fly Fishers Newsletter

Our Tuesday Night Fly Tying sessions are back in full swing!

When: Every Tuesday evening through winter (until March)

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Where: Coyote Creek Bar & Grill

(Coyote Creek Golf Club, Hillegas Rd, Fort Wayne)

This is an open event—no membership required. Beginners, observers, and anyone with questions are always welcome. Come tie flies, enjoy good food and drinks, or just hang out and enjoy the camaraderie.

All Club Meetings Held at Classic Café 4832 Hillegas Rd., Fort Wayne, doors open at 6:30 pm meetings start at 7

January Guest Speaker!

We are excited to announce that **Chad Robinson** will be our guest speaker at the **January 21st General Membership Meeting**.

Chad is well known throughout the Midwest fly fishing community and can often be found tying and presenting at major fly shows. He is especially recognized for his incredible deer hair bugs and large bass flies. We'll be sharing Chad's bio and presentation details soon, but in the meantime, be sure to check him out on social media and mark your calendars!

Mark your calendars for – Saturday, February 21st, 2026.

An “ALL DAY” fly fishing / fly tying celebration. A day with DAVY WOTTON !!

<https://www.davywottonflyfishing.com/>

- Our day with Davy Wotton will include two “private” fly tying classes. Participants will bring their own fly tying vise and fly tying tools. Davy will provide all tying materials and personal tying instruction. These individual tying classes will be limited to 10 (ten) students for each session. These are not beginner classes. Basic to intermediate tying skills and knowledge, at a minimum, and experience are required. Current paid members of Three Rivers Fly Fishers will have first priority seating at these tying events. If class size is not filled by 3RFF members, then the remaining open seats will be made available to the general public. You must Pre-Register and Pre-Pay for these private fly tying sessions with Davy. We will have sign up sheets at the upcoming general membership meetings, and you may sign up as well by contacting one of the club officers listed below. Sign up will start now through January of 2026.

- The morning session will be approximately 3 to 4 hours in length. Class size will be limited to 10 tiers. Cost per person is \$50.00. Students will be instructed by, and you will tie along with Davy as you learn to tie some of his signature flies. This session may be of most interest to the Trout fly fisherman.
- There will be a one hour lunch break following the morning session. Students will provide for their own lunch. Lunch is not included in the class cost.
- The afternoon session will be approximately 3 to 4 hours in length. Class size will be limited to 10 tiers. Cost per person is \$50.00. Students will be instructed by, and you will tie along with Davy as you learn to tie some of Dave Whitlock's personal and signature flies. This session may be of most interest to the Bass fly fisherman.
- There will be a one hour supper break following the afternoon session. Students will provide for their own dinner. Dinner is not included in the class cost.
- Following our late afternoon dinner break, Davy Wotton will be our featured guest speaker and will be presenting for the evening session. Subject matter to be determined. This format will be much like our general membership meeting events where we have a guest speaker present a program. For the evening session – All “current PAID members” of Three Rivers Fly Fishers – 3RFF, may We hope all of you will be able to attend the program at “no cost” to the members. This program will also be open to the non-member general public at an admission cost of \$10.00 per person for a great evening and fly fishing experience with Davy Wotton.

- For those that want to begin Pre-Registration sign up for the private Davy Wotton fly tying classes, you may contact the following Board members. Daniel Boyko, Ron Dixon or Kevin Curtis. We will have more details, class start times and agendas, etc. for the day, forthcoming and ASAP. This all day fly fishing / fly tying experience with Davy Wotton on Saturday February 21st, 2026 will be held at the Classic Cafe Event Center and Exhibition Hall on Hillegas Road in Ft. Wayne, IN. advantage of this very special fly fishing event. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Please note that our **General Membership Meetings** will continue on the **THIRD Wednesday of each month**, beginning **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**.

Location:

Classic Café Exhibition Hall
Hillegas Road, Fort Wayne, IN

Time:

Doors open at 6:30 PM
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Our **Board of Directors Meetings** will continue on the **FIRST Wednesday of each month**, starting **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**, at **7:00 PM**.

Three Rivers Fly Fishers is proud to once again sponsor Fly Tying Workshops hosted by the Eckhart Public Library in Auburn, IN.

Dates: Monday, January 12 – Monday, February 16, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

Cost: Free and open to the public

- Designed for beginner and novice tiers
- Tools and materials provided by 3RFF
- Classes limited to 6 students per session
- Pre-registration is required through the Eckhart Public Library website

Lead Instructor: Brent Walchuk

Brent is also planning introductory **Fly Casting Clinics** this spring and summer in partnership with the library—more details coming soon. 3RFF members are encouraged to take advantage of these great programs as well.

Tie-A-Thon Update

For those tying flies for the annual **Tie-A-Thon**, thank you for your continued efforts for this worthy cause. Fly collection will be coming up soon.

Club Liaison: Don Privett

Thanks again, Don, for coordinating this event.

Be sure to include your contact information with your flies so you don't miss out on this year's Tie-A-Thon swag—our new logo looks fantastic!

Upcoming Outings & Community Outreach

We are currently working on schedules and ideas for our summer and fall outings, which typically begin in June. We also have an exciting community outreach program in the works. Dates and agendas will be shared as soon as they are finalized.

Membership Dues Reminder

With the start of the new year, it's time to renew your membership.

2026 dues were due January 1.

If you haven't already paid, you may do so at:

- The January Board of Directors Meeting
- Tuesday Night Fly Tying
- The January General Membership Meeting

Thank you for your continued support. We're also happy to welcome **16 new members who joined in 2025**—welcome to the club!

Starting this month and moving forward, the Board has approved opening the general membership meetings, where we have guest speakers presenting, to the public. This is not without restrictions however.

All PAID "Members" of Three Rivers Fly Fishers - 3RFF, will be able to attend these functions at "no-cost" to the member.

A continued benefit of being a paid member of Three Rivers Fly Fishers. ALL other individuals in a "non-member" status, attending these meetings, will pay \$5.00 (five dollars) per person to enjoy the privilege of seeing one of our guest speakers give their presentation. ALL individuals will check in at the door upon entering, to be accounted for, and to receive your membership name tag or pay your fee for the evening's events, whichever applies. The Board reserves the right to make changes to these terms as we see necessary. These terms/conditions are consistent with what we have found other clubs are, or may be doing, in regards to their organizations meetings, outings or functions. We are hopeful that more people will now be able to enjoy what Three Rivers Fly Fishers has to offer and at the same time maintain the benefits and privileges of our paid membership. Thank you.

Looking Ahead: Leadership & Elections

As we enter our **31st year**, it's also time to think about the long-term direction of Three Rivers Fly Fishers. Officer and Director terms expire annually or bi-annually, and new leadership is always welcomed and encouraged.

Please consider:

- What skills and ideas you'd like to see guiding the club
- Who you might like to nominate—or whether you'd like to be nominated yourself
- How you can help shape the future of the organization

Fresh perspectives and involvement are key to keeping our club healthy, vibrant, and growing. We encourage everyone to engage in these conversations and consider how you might contribute.

More information and agendas will be shared soon. We appreciate your patience as we roll into the new year and thank you sincerely for your continued support of **Three Rivers Fly Fishers**. Tight lines, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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