

# Mending Lines

January—March 2018

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3, 2018  
Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

January 18, 2018  
Club Meeting  
Classic Café  
Members Favorite Flies

February 7, 2018  
Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

February 10, 2018  
2018 Fort Wayne Fly Fishing /  
Fly Tying Show  
Classic Café

February 15, 2018  
Club Meeting  
Classic Café  
Mike Poppa

March 7, 2018  
Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

March 15, 2018  
Club Meeting  
Classic Café  
Club Auction

April 4, 2018  
Board Meeting  
Kaysan's 5th Down  
6:45 PM

April 19, 2018  
Club Meeting  
Classic Café  
Members Favorite Fishing  
Locations

## Curly's Creel

It's that time again! Membership renewal dues can be paid at the Club meetings or they can be paid to Three Rivers Fly Fishers through the mail to the Club address, Three Rivers Fly Fishers, PO Box 8548, Fort Wayne, IN 46898 listed in the Club Website. The dues are still \$25.00 (Individual), \$35.00 (Family), \$5.00 (Junior), and \$50.00 (Corporate).

Winter is officially here. It is time to get out the ice fishing gear, the ice shelters, the heaters, and the cold weather gear. I have always had trouble hitting the 7" holes while fly casting. I am going to get a 10" auger so maybe I will have better luck hitting a bigger hole. There was 3" of ice on the Salamonie Reservoir for the last couple weeks by bridge 105. I caught some real nice Crappie 14" & 15". The 16" and 17" Crappie are in the Mississinewa River in the Spring for Fly Fishing if you can keep the White Bass off your flies because the White Bass move upstream to spawn and then the Crappie move in a couple weeks later which makes for some Great Fishin. You can always contact me about fishing and water conditions for wading and floating on my home river. The ice is gone now hopefully to return for us hard water fisherman.

Now is the time during these cold winter days to get your Fly Fishing gear out and clean your reels and rods. Make sure you clean those eyelets real good. Dirt, fly line conditioner, and pond scum will build up and slow your smooth cast down. Make sure you unwind all of your fly line on your reels, recondition them and check for wear and tear. It is also a good time to check your fly boxes, reorganize them and replenish the flies you left in the trees, the rocks, the logs, and the big ones that broke you off and got away.

It is the season for all the Fly Shows coming up in Jan, Feb, and Mar. Make sure you sign up to help with some of the shows TRFF is participating in. You don't have to be able to tie flies to help with these show. Dan Brophy needs several people to help with the Fort Wayne Boat, Sport, and Travel Show and the Fly Show Committee needs lots of help with our annual Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Show in February.

The TRFF Board Members are putting together some fantastic programs and outings for the period, from May 2018 to April 2019 which I am sure you will enjoy.

Again, I would like to welcome the many new Club Members who have joined the Club this year. I hope you enjoy the Club and if you have any comments or suggestions please contact me or one of the Board Members. We have a lot of good programs and outings planned for this next year and I hope you and the rest of the members come out and join us at these programs and have a great time. The Club can only be as good as the Members make it.

Get out and Wet a Line,  
Curly Hodson

## Trout Fishing Derby

The Indiana DNR and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department hosted a free family trout fishing derby at Shoaff Park in October.

Approximately 400 rainbow trout were released in the small pond at Shoaff Park before the event. The trout measured about 13-14 inches long.

The Club had a table set up.

Jim Foote provided the following pictures of the event.



2018 FLY SHOW Schedule

\*If you want to help with any of these shows please contact Steve Harris (260-627-2829) or Curly Hodson (260-571-1951).

\*\* Shows that TRFF does not have a booth but are listed if you want to attend.

\*\*\*If you want to help with the Fort Wayne show contact Dan Brophy (260-341-0615).

JAN 13 SAT \*\* FFF FLY TYING EXPO (GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN)

JAN 20 SAT \*NORTHERN OHIO FLY FISHING EXPO (CLEVELAND, OHIO)

JAN 20 SAT \*HEARTLAND FLY FISHING FESTIVAL (BOONE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS)

JAN 21 SUN \*HEARTLAND FLY FISHING FESTIVAL (BOONE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS)

JAN 26 FRI \* FORT WAYNE SPORT, BOAT, and TRAVEL SHOW (FORT WAYNE, INDIANA)

JAN 27 SAT \*FORT WAYNE SPORT, BOAT, and TRAVEL SHOW (FORT WAYNE, INDIANA)

JAN 28 SUN \*FORT WAYNE SPORT, BOAT, and TRAVEL SHOW (FORT WAYNE, INDIANA)

JAN 27 SAT \*KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW (LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY)

FEB 3 SAT \*GREATER CINCINNATI FLY FISHING SHOW (CINCINNATI, OHIO)

FEB 9-11 FRI \*\* COLUMBUS FLY FISHING EXPO (COLUMBUS, OHIO)

FEB 9 FRI \*\*\* TRFF FLY FISHING/FLY TYING SHOW (SET-UP) See Steve Harris

FEB 9 FRI \*\*\* TRFF FLY FISHING/FLY TYING SHOW GATHERING @ KAYSANS 5 TH DOWN

FEB 10 SAT \*\*\* TRFF FLY FISHING/FLY TYING SHOW (WORKING THE SHOW) See Steve Harris

FEB 10 SAT \*\*\* TRFF FLY FISHING/FLY TYING SHOW (TEAR DOWN) See Steve Harris

FEB 24 SAT \*\* GRAND RIVER FLY TYERS (GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN)

MAR 2 FRI \* LURE-CRAFT (ORLAND, INDIANA)

MAR 3 SAT \*LURE-CRAFT (ORLAND, INDIANA)

MAR 10 SAT \*\*MIDWEST FLY FISHING EXPO (WARREN, MICHIGAN)

MAR 11 SUN \*\* MIDWEST FLY FISHING EXPO (WARREN, MICHIGAN)

# 2018 Fort Wayne, IN Fly Fishing / Fly Tying Show

**Saturday, February 10, 2018 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

Classic Cafe 4832 Hillegas Road  
Fort Wayne, IN

## Tyers and Vendors from Around the Midwest

Custom Rod by Jerry Drake  
(Bamboo 7' 9" #5)

Silent Auction and Raffles

Instructional Tying

Kids Korner (ages 8 - 80)

### Speakers:

10:00 am Bass - The Wilsons

11:00 am Blue Gill Flies - Jerry Drake

12:00 pm Pike - Kyle Hammond

1:00 pm Trout Flies - Lynn Burry

2:00 pm Blue Gill - The Wilsons



**Terry and Roxanne Wilson**

**\$10 - Adults**

**\$5 - 12-17 Years**

**11 Years and Under Free**



Three Rivers Fly Fishers - Fort Wayne, Indiana  
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## Curl y's Col l ection of Fl y Fishing & Fl y Tying DVD's and VCR's

If you would like to borrow any of these let me know in advance of a Club meeting and will bring it or them with me and get it to you and then get them back at the next Club meeting if you are finished with it or them.

This collection is excellent for the beginner to advanced fly tyers. They have helped me tremendously over the years.

### **DVD's**

#### Charlie Meck & Eric Stroup

Practical Fly Patterns That Catch Trout with Charlie Meck & Eric Stroup, Vol 1

Practical Fly Patterns That Catch Trout with Charlie Meck & Eric Stroup, Vol 2

#### Chris Helm

Moorish Mouse, Bomber, & Hazel with Chris Helm

Invincible Mouse with Chris Helm

#### Dave Whitlock

Red Fox Squirrel Hair Nymphs, Tying and Fishing the Dave Whitlock Originals, Vol 3

#### Davy Wotton

Midge Magic Tying with Davy Wotton

Wotton's Top Flies with Davy Wotton, Vol 1

#### Dennis Potter

Fly Crafter Patterns & Techniques II with Dennis Potter

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Vice Logic, Fly Tying Technique

#### Gary LaFontaine

Tying & Fishing Attractors with Gary LaFontaine

#### Jack Dennis

Tying Flies with Jack Dennis and Fiends Vol 1

Tying Flies with Jack Dennis and Fiends Vol 3

Tying Western Trout Flies

Tying Copper Johns with John Barr

Tying Jack's Newest Flies

Our Favorite Flies and how to Fish Them with Jack Dennis, John Barr, and Mike Lawson

#### Jeff "Bear" Andrews

The Best of the Bear, Steelhead I with Jeff "Bear" Andrews (1)

The Best of the Bear, Steelhead I with Jeff "Bear" Andrews (2)

The Best of the Bear, Steelhead II with Jeff "Bear" Andrews

The Best of the Bear, Tying Tradition, Great Patterns for Trout with Jeff "Bear" Andrews

#### Julie Nielsen

Durable Parachutes

#### Kevin Feenstra

Searching for Steelhead with Kevin Feenstra

Big Appetite, Small Mouth with Kevin Feenstra and Jon Ray

## Curl y's Col l ection of Fl y Fishing & Fl y Tying DVD's and VCR's (continued)

### Lefty Kreh

Handcrafting Effective Bass Flies with Lefty Kreh and Mike Huffman  
Handcrafting Effective Trout Flies with Lefty Kreh and Mike Huffman

### The Trout Bums

The Trout Bum Diaries, Vol 1

### **VCR's (VHS)**

#### Bill Pate

Salt Water Fly Casting with Billy Pate  
Fly Rodding for Tarpon, The Challenge of Giant Tarpon with Billy Pate

#### Bob Clouser

The Compleat Clouser Minnow

#### Chris Helm

Tying Hair Bugs with Chris Helm  
Hair Trout Flies with Chris Helm

#### Dave Whitlock

Tying and Fishing Dave Whitlock Originals  
Fly Fishing for Bass with Dave Whitlock

#### Dennis Potter

Durable Flies for Catching Trout with Dennis Potter

#### Denny Rickards

Fly Fishing Still Waters for Trophy Trout, by Denny Rickards

#### Dick Talleur

Classic Wet Flies & Nymphs with Dick Talleur  
Innovation in Modern Fly Tying with Dick Talleur  
Classic Wet Flies & Nymphs with Dick Talleur  
Classic Dry Flies I with Dick Talleur  
Classic Dry Flies II with Dick Talleur

#### Doug Swisher

Advanced Fly Casting with Doug Swisher  
Basic Fly Casting with Doug Swisher  
Strategies for Selective Trout with Doug Swisher  
Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout with Doug Swisher  
Tying Hatch Simulator Flies for Selective Trout with Doug Swisher  
Tying Attractor Flies with Doug Swisher

## Curl y's Col l ection of Fl y Fishing & Fl y Tying DVD's and VCR's (continued)

### Gary Borger

Trout in Still Waters with Gary Borger

Nymphing with Gary Borger

Fishing the Dry Fly, the Trout of the Tundra with Gary Borger

Fishing the Midge, Fishing Damsels & Dragons, Fishing Crustaceans & Snails with Gary Borger

Tying Trout Flies with Gary Borger

### Gary LaFontaine

Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies with Gary LaFontaine, Jack Dennis, and Mike Lawson

Tying and Fishing Attractors with Gary LaFontaine and Jack Dennis

Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies with Gary LaFontaine and Friends

### Jack Dennis

Fly Tying Basics

Tying Flies with Jack Dennis and Friends Vol 1, with Jack Dennis, John Barr, and Mike Lawson

Tying Western Flies with Mike Lawson and Jack Dennis

Tying Saltwater Flies with Jimmy Nix and Jack Dennis Vol 1

Tying Saltwater Flies with Jimmy Nix and Jack Dennis Vol 2

Tying Western Trout Flies with Jack Dennis

### Joe Humphries

Master Nymphing Techniques, the Fundamentals with Joe Humphries

Dry Fly Strategy and Nymphing Strategy by Joe Humphries

### Lannie Waller

Fly Fishing for Pacific Steelhead

### Larry Edwards

The Larry Edwards Concept of Wet Fly Fishing

### Lee Wulff

Lee Wulff on the Beaverkill

### Lefty Kreh

Exciting World of Saltwater Fishing with Lefty Kreh

Saltwater Fly Fishing with Lefty Kreh

### Mel Krieger

The Essence of Fly Casting II, by Mel Krieger

### Orvis

How to Tie Dry Flies by Orvis Fly Company

### Poul Jorgensen

My Favorite Fishing Flies Vol II

## Curl ys Col l ection of Fl y Fishing & Fl y Tying DVD's and VCR's (continued)

### Scott Sanchez

Understanding Fly Tying Materials with Scott Sanchez

### Shane Stalcup

Tying Lake Flies with Shane Stalcup

Tying Mayflies with Shane Stalcup

Tying Midges with Shane Stalcup

### Skip Morris

The Art of Tying the Nymph, By Skip Morris

Fly Tying made Clear and Simple

Saltwater Fly Casting, 10 Steps to Distance and Power

The Bonefish School Bahamas

### **Other Fishing Videos**

In Fisherman, Bassin Today

In Fisherman, The in Fisherman System

The Mechanics of Fishing Made Easy, Trolling Vol II

Walleye Tactic, Tips & Techniques

### Don Dickson

Strategies for Catching More & Bigger Bass with Don Dickson

Structure Fishing Workshop with Don Dickson

Spoonplugs the Ultimate Lure with Don Dickson

Strategies for Catching Giant Walleye with Don Dickson

Daily and Seasonal Movements and Migrations of Fish with Don Dickson

The Mechanics of Fishing with Don Dickson Vol 1

Structure with Don Dickson Vol 2

Environmental Conditions with Don Dickson Vol 3

Rivers, Lakes and Reservoirs with Don Dickson Vol 4

Fishing Equipment with Don Dickson Vol 5

Lure Presentation with Don Dickson Vol 6

Interpretation of Structure with Don Dickson Vol 7

On the Water Mapping Structure with Don Dickson Vol 7



## Monday Night Fly Tying

Don't forget Monday Night Fly Tying beginning January 12 from 6:30 to 9:00 at Kaysan's 5th Down. This runs through March.

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ProTackle Outfitters will be having the following fly tying classes starting in January. Contact Rick if interested.

### WORKSHOP:

Saturday, January 27  
Smallmouth Bass Flies

### WORKSHOP:

Saturday, February 3,  
Musky/Pike Flies

**\*THE WORKSHOPS ARE INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED CLASSES.**

**\*FLY TYING EXPERIENCE IS A MUST.**

### BEGINNING FLY TYING CLASS:

Saturday March 3, 10, 17, 24

**\*ASK US FOR DETAILS.**

**\*SIGN UP NOW FOR ANY WORKSHOP OR BEGINNING CLASS.**

**\*A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AS CLASS SIZES ARE LIMITED.**

Last year the Three River Fly Fishers donated a record 1300 flies to the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Tie-a-Thon. I would like to see our Club donate 1500 this year. I would like to thank Tim Scott and Terry Witorp for creating this program. Flies have been donated to various Fly Fishing Schools, Flying Heroes, the Youth Camp of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Casting for Recover/Michigan, the Youth Camp for the Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, Casting for Recover/Indiana, Reeling and Healing of Toledo (a Cancer Fly Fishing Retreat, Project Healing Waters, **The Illinois Council of Trout Unlimited, The Kalamazoo Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited, and the Trout Unlimited National Teen Summit.**

I got involved with this group nine years ago and got the Club involved four years ago. I would like to thank all the Club members who have participated over the years.

This year the flies will be donated to the following groups: Casting for recovery (Indiana Chapter) and the Anglers of the Au Sable Youth Program.

If you would like to participate let me know and I will give you a list of flies that are needed and get you signed up. At the writing of this, TRFF has 1000 flies promised. Just buy 100 hooks and tie up a pattern. By the time you get them done you will have that fly mastered. Here are a couple more twists. If you don't tie flies you can purchase 100 flies. Talk to Rick Hinton and buy them from Pro Tackle Outfitters. You might get a Club member to tie 100 flies for you if you buy the hooks and/or the materials. We have one member that ties and donates 300 flies each year and a couple members that tie 200 every year. However you donate flies you will get a free tee shirt. Last year the shirt had the logo above printed on it which made a nice looking shirt. I would be proud to hand you a shirt for generosity towards the sport of Fly Fishing.

I am planning on giving our flies to Tim at our Fly Fishing show but I don't have to have them until April 21, 2018 at the final program at the Elkhart Conservation Club where they will have guest tyers and a tremendous meal which all tyers are invited to attend.

Thanks,  
Curly Hodson



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fly Committed to Tie: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fly Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Indiana Return this slip to a Tie-a-thon official*

These are the flies you are asked to tie: (tie 100 flies of one pattern)

<u>Fly</u>	<u>Hook Size</u>	<u>Fly</u>	<u>Hook Size</u>
Adams	14	Mattress Thrasher/Stonefly dry	4 - 8
Ant	18 - 20	Meat Gazer/Jimmy Rubber Legs	4 - 10
Beetles	14 - 18	Murdoch Minnow	4 - 8
Blue Wing Olive Emerger	18 - 22	Patriot	12 - 14
Caddis Nymph	16 - 18	Pheasant Tail	14 - 16
Clouser's Minnow	4 - 8	Popper	4 - 6
Elk Hair Caddis	14 - 16	Trico	20 - 22
Griffith Gnat	20 - 22	Soft Hackle	14 - 16
Hare's Ear	12 - 14	Spider	12 - 14
Hopper/Madam X	6 - 8	Woolly Bugger	10

As many of you know I have been discussing with Joe Smith with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing out of Indianapolis about starting a Northern Indiana Chapter of PHWFF. Joe has done a Club Program for us in the past and they have had a booth at all of our Fly Fishing/Fly Tying Shows. I am a member of SJRVFF (Saint Joe River Valley Fly Fishers) and I just received "The Loop", their monthly newsletter and this article was in the newsletter.

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"My name is Stephen Schmit, and I am the Vice President of the Notre Dame Fishing Club. Many of you may recall the joint efforts between the Notre Dame Fishing Club and SJRVFF to initiate a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program last year. If you are not familiar with Project Healing Waters, it is a national, far-reaching nonprofit organization that teaches wounded war veterans how to fly fish to aid in their mental and physical rehabilitation. Since there have been some questions about the status of the potential program in South Bend, I would like to give a brief update. I just returned from studying abroad in Santiago, Chile, and since I have been gone, there have not been too many recent developments. However, last year we made significant progress in laying the foundation for a potential program. We communicated with the Midwest regional coordinator for Project Healing Waters and discussed a structure for the division of responsibilities between SJRVFF and the Notre Dame Fishing Club. Additionally, we have constructed and maintained a list of people who have expressed interest in volunteering. We also have identified several individuals in both clubs who will assume leadership Positions during the initiation of the program, along with a few medical professionals from the area who will facilitate the process of contacting the veterans.

At this point, we stand in a good position to keep the wheels turning and sort through the official documentation to make this program a reality. As we pick up this process, we will appreciate any support from people who are willing to help. If you are interested and have not done so already, please send an email to me at [sschmit@nd.edu](mailto:sschmit@nd.edu), and I will add your name to our volunteer list."

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I am hoping this joint venture gets off the ground for Notre Dame and SJRVFF. As a Club and as individuals this will give us more opportunities to get involved with a tremendous program both in Indianapolis and South Bend.

Thanks,  
Curly Hodson



## Members Favorite Fly's

CC Special  
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

## Club DVD's

DVD's of club presentations are available for \$10.00 each. Contact Steve Harris at club meetings.

3RFF Program DVD's					
No.	Topic	Presenter	No.	Topic	Presenter
1	2016 3RFF Fly Show	Lynn Burry & Jerry Drake	17	Members Favorite Flies #1	Various
2	Ausable River Flies	Jerry Regan	18	Members Favorite Flies #2	Various
3	Bass Flies	Lynn Burry	19	Members Favorite Flies #3	Various
4	Blue Gill & Crappie	The Wilson's	20	Members Favorite Flies #4	Various
5	Blue Gill Flies	Paul Beel	21	Members Favorite Flies #5	Various
6	Brook trout	Bear Andrews	22	Pike and Muskie	Derrick Filkins
7	Central Indiana Rivers	Ian Anderson	23	Pike Flies	Steve Harris
8	Deer Hair	Chris Helms	24	Smallmouth	Kevin Feenstra
9	DNR	Jed Pierson	25	Soft Hackles	Dick Walle
10	Fising Indiana Pits	Joe Smith	26	Streamers	John Gouker
11	Foam Flies	Ron Dilbone	27	Streamers	Don Privett
12	Forage Fish	Kevin Feenstra	28	Traverse City Fly Fishing	Brian Pitzer
13	Hackle and Thread	Chris Helms	29	Trout Flies	Jamie Thompson
14	How to Build a Drift Boat	Lynn Burry	30	Warm water Flies	Jerry Drake
15	Kayak Fishing	Kyle Hammond	31		Bob Clouser
16	Lake St Clair	Jerry Darkes			

**For Sale**

**Club Logo**



Next Phase Graphics will print the club logo on your new shirt or hat for \$8.00. Give a new shirt or hat to Steve Harris along with \$8.00 at a club meeting or visit: **Next Phase Graphics**

**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

**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 reviewed before inclusion in Mending Lines.
- Items for sale
- Fishing and casting lessons learned.
- Favorite Web sites
- Short Stories, Fact, or ????

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