

# Mending Lines

July  
2018



**CLUB OUTING  
BIXLER LAKE**  
July 15

**CLUB OUTING  
WHITE RIVER**  
August 16 - 19

**CLUB MEETING  
MIKE EXL**  
September 20

## Curly's Creel

I hope you had several opportunities to get out and fish this spring no matter what your target species, bluegill, crappie, white bass, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, trout, walleye, or muskie. I know some of you had great success by the many pictures that were posted on facebook.

I hate it we had to cancel our Pigeon River Club Outing in June. Indiana and Michigan received a lot of rain in the month of June. I know my local waters, the Mississinewa River, Wabash River, and the Eel River have been running high, fast, and muddy. The reports I received and the discussions I had with Lynn Burry with his vast knowledge of the Pigeon River and his observations it just wasn't worth placing anyone in danger. Whenever a situation such as this arises we will do our best to research the situation and get the information out to you by way of emails, our facebook page, our Club website, and phone calls if necessary. You can always contact me. Lynn said he would use the food at the Bixler Lake Outing in July so there should be plenty to eat and according to Don there are plenty of opportunities to catch several species of fish.

We have our August Club Outing again this year at Canoe Country on the White River north of Daleville and we will be fishing the White from the mouth of the river east of Muncie to Anderson. Target fish will be Smallmouth Bass. Several members will be camping and fishing from Wednesday to Monday so if you can get away for several days or just one day come down and enjoy the fishing, fellowship, and the food. We always try to do our best to help you navigate the long stretch of water. If you have a canoe, kayak, kick boat, or johnboat, etc. we will have a spotting service to get you on or off the water and back to camp. I don't know if I will be able to fish by then so spotting may be my full time job. For more information about the Club outings and directions make sure you check out the Club website [www.3rff.org](http://www.3rff.org).

The TRFF Board Members have planned some fantastic programs and outings for this year and next. 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 also have plenty of opportunities to get together with other groups and their activities such as Project Healing Waters, Saint Joe River Valley Fly Fishers, Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Derby City Fly Fishers, Tie-A-Thon, and others. I will keep you posted on their events.

### Get Out and Wet a Line

**Curly Hodson**



## PHWFF (INDIANAPOLIS)

Due to high water and off color water the Sugar Creek outing for June 23 was cancelled and rescheduled for July 21 at the same location. More info will be posted at a later date. For more info contact Curly.

## Upcoming Events

- **CLUB OUTING - BIXLER LAKE**  
JULY 15
- **CLUB OUTING - WHITE RIVER**  
AUGUST 16 - 19
- **CLUB MEETING - SEPTEMBER 20**  
**MIKE EXEL - CENTRAL INDIANA**  
**SMALLMOUTH FISHING**
- **CLUB MEETING - OCTOBER 18**  
**DENNIS POTTER - "IF YOU ONLY**  
**HAD FOUR FLIES"**
- **CLUB MEETING - NOVEMBER 15**  
**REGGIE ALEXANDER - DEER HAIR**  
**FLIES**
- **NO CLUB MEETING - DECEMBER 20**  
**BOARD PLANNING SESSION**
- **CLUB MEETING - JANUARY 17**  
**LANCE WILT - FLY FISHING**  
**PENNSYLVANIA & ARKANSAS**
- **CLUB MEETING - FEBRUARY 21**  
**KEVIN FENSTRA**
- **CLUB AUCTION - MARCH 21**
- **CLUB MEETING - FEBRUARY 21**  
**KEVIN FENSTRA**
- **CLUB MEETING - APRIL 18**  
**MEMBERS FAVORITE FLIES**

All club meetings are held at the Classic Cafe from 7:00 - 9:00 PM.  
See [www.3rff.org](http://www.3rff.org) for more details.

Curly's Creel

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# Big Brothers Big Sisters 3RFF Event

By Larry Wilson

The annual BBBS outing was held on May 19th at the Parkview Family YMCA. This was my third year to organize the outing and after 3 years, we finally were unaffected by the weather.

We had 10 littles participate this year ranging in ages from 8 to 13. The outing consisted of splitting the littles up into 3 groups and they were rotated through three activities: fly casting, fly tying and entomology (bugs). After all the groups made it through each activity, we then paired each with a volunteer and headed to the pond so they could use their newly acquired abilities and flies to catch fish. There were a number of fish caught at the pond.

Conservation Officer Bryan Beneke attended again this year and gave a presentation on the types and uses of life jackets. He also moved around and interacted with the kids as they went through the events.

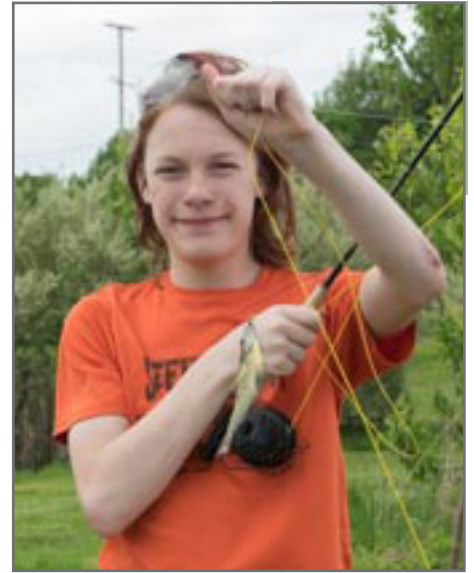


In all, it was a great outing with engagement by the littles and the interaction between the littles and the volunteers.

I want to thank all the volunteers who participated. Without them, we couldn't put this outing on. I want to especially thank the volunteers who led each activity.

- Dennis Reiter (casting)
- Steve Harris (tying)
- Lynn Burry (entomology)

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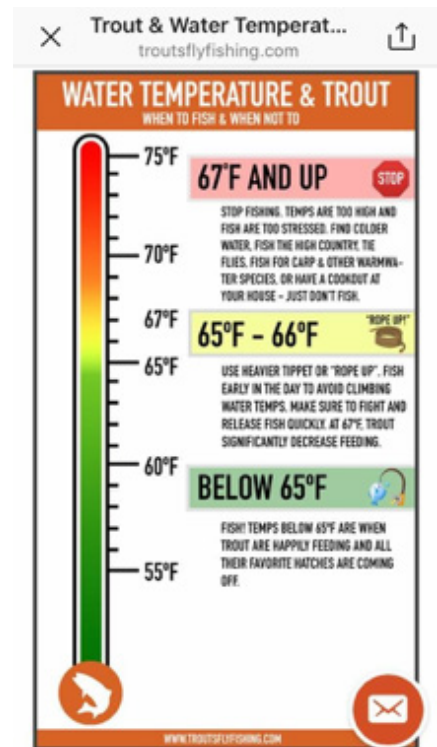


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# Help Protect our Trout Help Preserve our Trout Waters



Each Newsletter favorite fly patterns from our members are highlighted. Please submit your favorite fly for the next newsletter!.

# Member's Favorite Flies

## Curlys Pearl Shimmer RL-Chartreus

- **HOOK:** MUSTAD 9672, #4
- **THREAD:** UNI 6/0, WHITE
- **WEIGHT:** LEAD, .025, 18-20 WRAPS
- **TAIL:** HARELINE CRAZY LEGS, CLT386, YELLOW/FLUORESCENT ORANGE TIPS (8)
- **TAIL:** HARELINE CRAZY LEGS, CLT386, YELLOW (8)
- **BODY:** WAPSI PEARL CHENILLE, FLUORESCENT CHARTREUSE, MEDIUM
- **HEAD:** UNI 6/0, WHITE



## Curlys Pearl Shimmer RL-Purple

- **HOOK:** MUSTAD 9672, #4
- **THREAD:** UNI 6/0, BLACK
- **WEIGHT:** LEAD, .025, 18-20 WRAPS
- **TAIL:** HARELINE CRAZY LEGS, CLT298, BLACK/PURPLE TIPS (8)
- **TAIL:** HARELINE CRAZY LEGS, CLT298, BLACK (8)
- **BODY:** WAPSI PEARL CHENILLE, PURPLE, MEDIUM
- **HEAD:** UNI 6/0, BLACK



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## Curlys Pearl Shimmer RL - Olive

- **HOOK:** MUSTAD 9672, #4
- **THREAD:** UNI 6/0, BLACK
- **WEIGHT:** LEAD, .025, 18-20 WRAPS
- **TAIL:** SILI LEGS, BARRED YELLOW/GOLD/BLACK (8)
- **TAIL:** SILI LEGS, OLIVE/BLACK FLAKE (8)
- **BODY:** WAPSI, PEARL CHENILLE, OLIVE, MEDIUM
- **HEAD:** UNI 6/0, BLACK



## Curlys Pearl Shimmer RL - Orange

- **HOOK:** MUSTAD 9672, #4
- **THREAD:** UNI 6/0, WHITE
- **WEIGHT:** LEAD, .025, 18-20 WRAPS
- **TAIL:** SILI LEGS, BARRED ORANGE/ORANGE-BLACK (8)
- **TAIL:** SILI LEGS, ORANGE/ORANGE-BLACK FLAKE (8)
- **BODY:** WAPSI, PEARL CHENILLE, FL FIRE ORANGE, MEDIUM
- **HEAD:** UNI 6/0, WHITE



# — July Outing Bixler Lake



**The event is open to all club members.**

**Brats and hot dogs will be provided by the club. If members would like to bring a side dish or dessert it would be appreciated.**

See [www.3rff.org](http://www.3rff.org) for more details.

Organizers: Rick, Don, Lynn

The club outing will be held on Bixler Lake in Kendallville, Indiana. Bixler is a 117 acre warm water lake so we will have an opportunity to fish for bluegill, crappies, bass and pike. The lake does have a public access ramp so boats, kayaks, canoes, kick boats etc. can be used on the lake. There is a 10 MPH limit for motorized boats. There is also room for those who would like to fish from shore. There is an area to walk up to the water's edge with ample back cast room. An Indiana fishing license is required.

Directions from the Fort Wayne area are as follows: Take highway 3 north from Fort Wayne. When you get close to Kendallville you will see a sign for East Noble High School, Kendallville, with an arrow pointing to the right. There is a stop light at the intersection. You will make a soft "Y" turn to the right. You are now on South Main Street. Continue 1.3 miles north on S. Main to E. Diamond Street. Look for the Hite Funeral Home and a Marathon station on the right. Turn right (east) on Diamond and go .6 miles to Bixler Lake Park. You will see tennis courts on your left. Turn left into the parking area for the courts as well as for Rotary Pavilion. Rotary Pavilion is our lunch spot and meeting area. If you are trailering a boat do not use this lot as there is not enough space to turn around. If your craft is on a trailer continue past the tennis courts. The street dead ends onto Lake Street. Turn right (south) onto Lake and you will see the public access site on your left.

If you are using highway 6 into Kendallville, turn south onto North Main Street and look for E. Diamond Street. The funeral home and Marathon station will be on your left. Turn left and go .6 miles to the park. There is no parking on grass areas around the park. Use the designated parking areas (lots/street) only.

# —August Outing White River



**The event is open to all club members.**

**Canoe Country**  
**6660 S County Rd 900 W**  
**Daleville, Indiana 47334**

Phone: **765-378-7358**

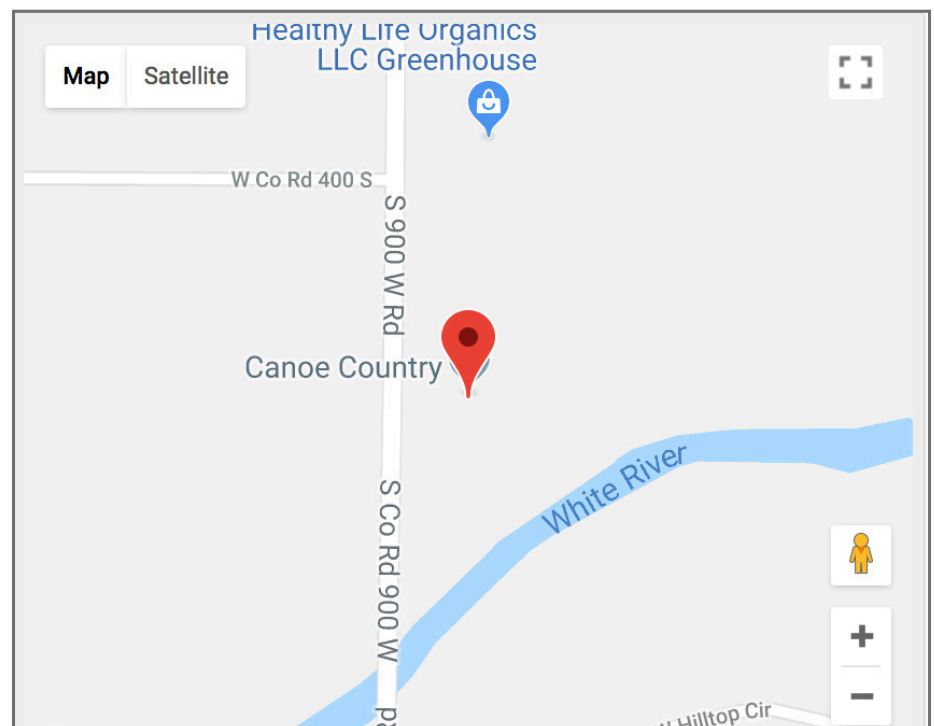
Website: [www.canoeindiana.com](http://www.canoeindiana.com)

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Organizer: Steve Harris

Access fishing spots at several bridges from Winchester to Anderson. See attached maps for bridge locations. These areas are wade-able, but may also be fished by kayak, canoe or float tube. The White River has abundant smallmouth bass as well as other warm water species. Poppers, streamers and crayfish patterns are all productive on these waters.

A group of members will be camping at Canoe Country from Thursday through Sunday. Feel free to join the group or fish on your own on one or more of the days. We will be meeting for dinner at the campground on Saturday, Aug. 18th @ 5:00pm.





Please send your information to a board member to be listed in the next newsletter.

## Member Content

**Mending Lines is looking for 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. They can be typed and reviewed for inclusion in Mending Lines.

Items for sale.

Fishing and casting lessons learned

Favorite websites or blogs

Short stories - fact or fiction!

## For Sale

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## 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

Corporate Rate: \$50.00 per year

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