

Mending Lines

October
2018



CLUB MEETING
DENNIS POTTER
October 18

CLUB MEETING
REGGIE ALEXANDER
November 15

CLUB MEETING
LANCE WILT
January 17

Upcoming Events

- 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
- FLY FISHING / FLY TYING SHOW
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
9:00 - 4:30 AT THE CLASSIC CAFE
- CLUB MEETING - FEBRUARY 21
KEVIN FEENSTRA
- CLUB AUCTION - MARCH 21
- 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 for more details.

Curly's Creel

Mother Nature wasn't very good to us this year for our Club Outings. After flooding out our Pigeon River Outing she let us get in our Bixler Lake Outing and then she turns around and floods out our White River Outing. Well, maybe next year.

With all the rain, flooding, and nasty weather especially up north I hope you got to get some productive fishing in. I know several of our Members have been heading up north for Smallmouth, Pike, Coho, Steelhead, and Salmon. I haven't heard any reports from our folks but I have seen a lot of post on Facebook.

Several of our Members attended the annual Trout Camp on the Cumberland River hosted by the Derby City Fly Fishers. I didn't get to go this year due to the fact I am still nursing my shoulder after surgery. I am sure there were a lot of Trout caught, great food, and fellowship.

We have a great line up of programs for this Fall and Winter. Mike Exl with Moving Waters Outfitters in Zionsville started us off in September with a program of Smallmouth Fishing in Central Indiana Waters. He covered a lot of rivers and feeder creeks with a variety of tactics for Spring Pre-Spawn, Post-Spawn, Summer, Fall, and Winter fishing. We have Dennis Potter coming in October with a program "If I Only Had Four Flies" and in November Reggie Alexander is going to tie up some Deer Hair Flies for us. Hillegas Road is still closed north of the Classic Café so you have to come from the South. For more information about the Club programs, Club related events, and directions make sure you check out the Club website www.3rff.org.

We do not have a December Club meeting but the Board has our planning meeting for May of 2019 to April of 2020. If you have any ideas for Club Programs or Club Outings pass it on to a Board Member or Club Officer.

Our annual TRFF Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Show is coming up February 9, 2019. We will need a lot of help from Club Members to make this program a success. The Fly Show Committee could use some help for planning and Steve Harris will have a sign-up sheet to help with the Show for Friday and Saturday. We are expanding the Show this year with more Vendors and Tyers since we obtained the space where the American Legion was.

The Club can only be as good as the Members make it.

Get Out and Wet a Line

Curly Hodson

Curly's Creel

END OF AN ERA

By Rex Lengacher

Rick Hinton Retirement

As most of you probably know by now, Pro Tackle Outfitters has closed its doors for good. Jim Mcardle was not able to continue with his business due to grave health issues

and ceased operations. This leaves the fly-fishing community around Fort Wayne with a huge loss as Pro Tackle was the only fly-fishing outfitter for many miles. This is the first time in over 40 years we have not had a fly shop in our city.

As much as Pro Tackle Outfitters will be missed, another staple of the fly-fishing community is also coming to an end. Rick Hinton, who has been the face of the fly shop in Fort Wayne for so many of us, has announced his retirement after 42 years in the business.

When the Board contacted me to write a bit of a Biography of Rick's career in the fly shop industry, I wasn't sure I'd be able to accurately do it. As all of you know, Rick is one of the most humble people on this planet and I knew he wouldn't be comfortable with someone trying to flatter him in writing for being who he is. After a bit of cajoling I was able to convince Rick to share a sort of timeline of how he became involved in the fly-fishing business.

Rick was born and raised in Fort Wayne, where he spent some of his younger years caddying at Fort Wayne Country Club. He attended Elmhurst High School where he graduated in 1966. After finishing High School, he went to work for Joslyn Steel in their Chemistry Lab.

In the spring of 1968 Rick signed up for the draft as was required at the time and was drafted into the Army and sent to Fort Campbell, Ky for Basic Training, then on to Fort Lewis, WA. For AIT. Later in 1968 he was sent to Southeast Asia. Upon his return he was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma where he finished his active duty and was discharged.

Once back in Fort Wayne Rick went to work for Earth Construction and Land Engineering and enrolled at IVY Tech College, where he studied Mechanical Engineering. He received his Associates Degree in that in 1974. It was during this time that he became friends with Jay Jorgensen, who he knew from his days caddying at Fort Wayne Country Club and from First Presbyterian Church where they were Acolytes. Jay invited Rick along on a Salmon fishing trip to the Jorgensen lodge on the Pere Marquette River. It was during this trip that Jay and his father Ove asked Rick to be a part of their new store, Jorgensen's, on Covington Rd.

Jorgensen's opened in December of 1976 as an Orvis store. They sold many of the products you still see in Orvis catalogs today. The store also had one of the finest displays of High-end sporting guns in the Midwest. I remember the first time I went to Jorgensen's. Having grown up with an old Winchester .22 rifle and reading Sports Afield and any other outdoor magazine I could get my hands on, I went to Jorgensen's just to lay my eyes upon the first Weatherby rifle I had ever seen. It was an awesome thing to walk into a store that focused on everything to do with hunting and fishing. Up to that time I did all my hunting and fishing trade at the local hardware store. I don't specifically remember Rick from that trip but then I was so mesmerized by those shiny guns and long fly rods I really wasn't looking at people.

Jorgensen's was truly a fly-fishing outfitter. They not only sold fly-fishing gear, they organized and sponsored trips to fly-fishing destinations. It was also at Jorgensen's in 1993 that the first ten or twelve guys, including Rick and Jerry Drake, who was a part time employee of Jorgensen's, got together and formed Three Rivers Fly Fishers. When I first joined the Board of Directors of the club our Board meetings were held at Jorgensen's.

When you went to Jorgensen's to deal with anything fly-fishing related you could always count on a couple of things. They either had what you wanted, or they could get it, and would be happy to. You could also count on getting help from a man named Rick who would do whatever he could to take care of your needs. He would spend as much time with you as he could, answering questions, explaining gear, techniques, and ideas freely. There was never any condescension in the way Rick dealt with people in the shop, no matter their level of expertise. Rick became a Certified Casting Instructor and was always willing to check out your casting and help with any problems you were having or flaws he could see.

END OF AN ERA - continued

Ove Jorgensen passed away in late 2005 at the age of 90 and Jorgensen's closed in December of 2005 exactly 29 years to the day after they opened. I remember Rick saying he just felt very lost after so many years at the same place. Knowing Rick's reputation in the fly shop business it was only a couple of months before Jim Mcardle asked Rick if he wanted to start a fly-fishing section in Jim's Bait and Hook store on Winchester Rd. Rick started at that store in Feb 2006. In 2012 Jim moved his business from the South side of town to the Lima Rd. Location and renamed the store Pro Tackle Outfitters.

While Pro Tackle Outfitters catered largely to the tournament minded Bass fisherman, Rick established a very well stocked fly shop in a portion of the store. As had been his practice at Jorgensen's, if Rick didn't have what you wanted on hand, he would do his best to get it for you. The one constant thing that never varied between Jorgensen's, Bait and Hook, and Pro Tackle Outfitters was the level of service you could expect from the Fly shop guy.

I have told Rick many times that when I go into a fly shop anywhere in this country, I always measure the person who helps me on the "Rick Hinton Scale". I've never found anyone who scores better than an 8.5. Rick always responds in his humble way that he just treats people the way he would want to be treated.

I am sure that each of you will join me in wishing Rick a very happy, relaxing, and fish filled retirement. It is well deserved after 42 years of treating people kindly in the fly shop.

Best Wishes Rick!

Project Healing Waters



I spent the day Saturday, Sep 22, 2018 with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing group fishing the Brookville Dam Tailwaters. The water was running fast and muddy which made for tough fishing. It was a great time of fellowship with a great bunch of guys and gals. The pulled pork meal was delicious. I really appreciate the work that Joe and his group of men and women do for our Veterans. I also got to see some old friends on the stream from the Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Saint Joe River Valley Fly Fishers. It was great to catch up on some things. I didn't get to fish but it was a great reunion on the water with Fly Fishing Friends.

This was the last outing of the season for PHWFF. They will begin a having their Fall and Winter programs in October. They meet at the Roudebush VA Medical Center, Constitution Wing, room C1202. Tying classes on Saturdays start promptly at 9:00am with coffee and doughnuts.

Dates are:

- October 20, 2019
- November 10, 2019
- December 15, 2019

If you would like to attend, get involved, or possibly do a program for them please contact me for more info.

Thanks,
Curly

SHOAFF PARK POND FAMILY FISHING EVENT

By Lynn Burry



This young man's first ever Trout. His sister approves!

A very special Thank You to Tyler DeLauder and his crew from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for providing their time and over 300 really nice Rainbow Trout for this event. We also want to thank the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department for their assistance.

A good number of fish are still in the pond. Grab your rods and take the kids fishing. Just remember you will need your 2018 Fishing License along with a Trout Stamp to catch these beauties. If you happen to catch a trout that has an orange wire tag near its dorsal fin, please remove the tag and place it in one of the containers around the pond. This helps the DNR track the total success of the program.

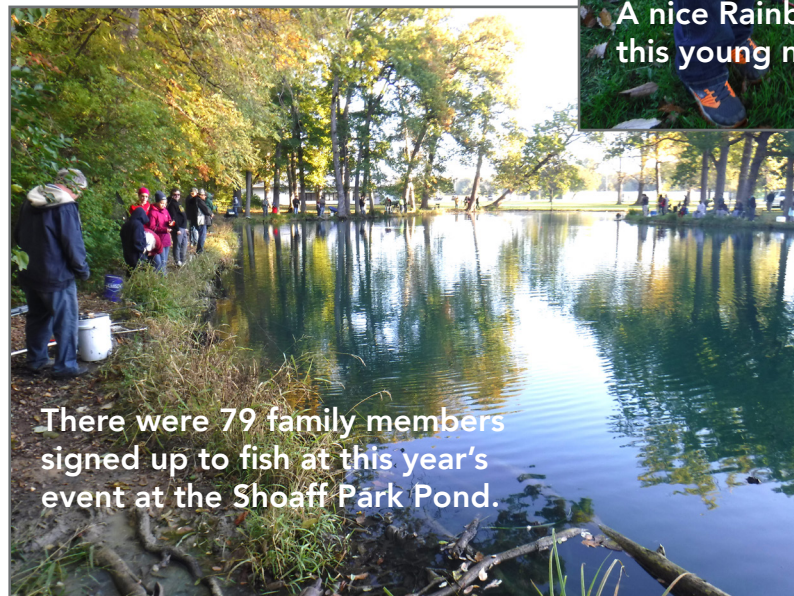
Thanks and good fishing.



A nice Rainbow for this young man.



Looks like he had a good day!



There were 79 family members signed up to fish at this year's event at the Shoaff Park Pond.

SHOAFF PARK POND FAMILY FISHING EVENT



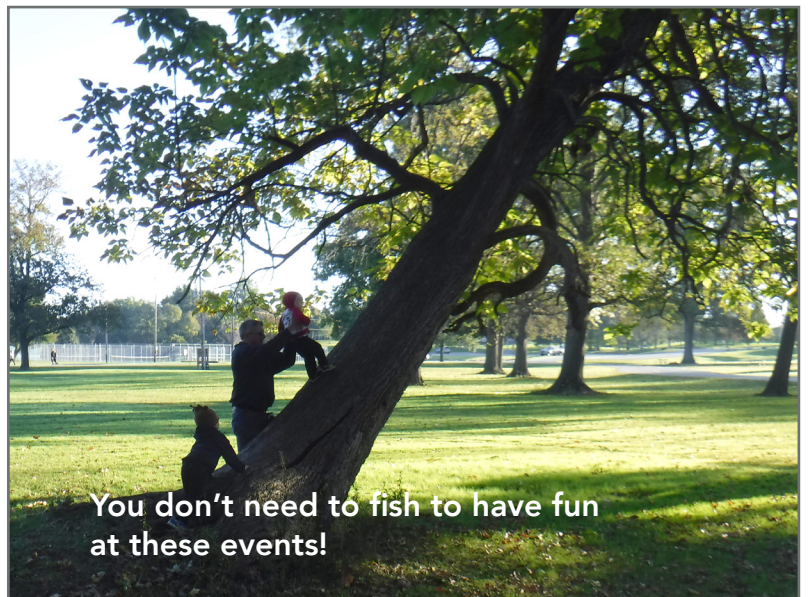
Two young men sharing their catch. Smiles everywhere.



Kid's of all ages enjoying the day.



3RFF member Steve Harris was on hand showing everyone his tying skills.



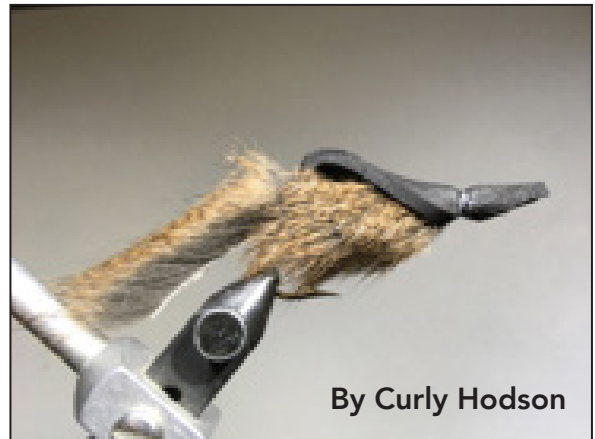
You don't need to fish to have fun at these events!

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

Member's Favorite Flies

Curly's Piney Moorish Mouse

- HOOK: MUSTAD 3366, 1, 1/0, 2/0
- THREAD: UNI 6/0, BLACK
- TAIL: PINE SQUIRREL ZONKER, NATURAL, (1 TO 1 1/2 SHANK LENGTH)
- UNDER BODY: PINE SQUIRREL ZONKER, NATURAL
- OVER BODY: CRAFT FOAM 2MM, BLACK (CUT TO MATCH PLASTIC TEMPLATE)
- HEAD: CRAFT FOAM 2MM, BLACK (TRIMMED 1/8" TO 1/4" BEYOND THE EYE OF HOOK)



I also tie this with various combinations of the following.
Foam: Brown, Gray, Tan, Olive, Orange
Pine Squirrel: Brown, Gray, Tan, Sculpin Olive, Crawdad Orange



A HORNETS NEST, OR A POSSIBLE SOLUTION

By Lynn Burry

The rambling thoughts and time tested techniques, along with some true fishing stories and other feats of magic of Lynn W. Burry

As an avid trout fisherman with a number of years experience, I practice catch and release as my personal choice. However, I see nothing wrong if an angler occasionally harvests a LEGALLY caught fish for their table. When I was President of the now inactive Northeastern Indiana Trout Association, I represented NEITA as an advisor to Indiana's Department of Natural Resources Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee. Paraphrasing a famous author I truly believe that "...there is far more to fishing than just catching fish. It's much more important than that!"

Change should never occur for the pure sake of change. Needed change requires a civil discussion and the exchange of factual thought in the arena of ideas. If pure emotion raises its ugly head the facts become damned. This lack of civility is futile and deepens the divide between all sides. Nothing is resolved and the need for any real and needed change suddenly does exist in many eyes.

It is my belief that reasonable people do not knowingly or intentionally violate Indiana's (or any states) Natural Resources user rules. An honest misunderstanding may exist at times. However when discovered, they fully accept their responsibility and learn from that action. My angst continues to be directed at the slobs who knowingly and intentionally conduct illegal activity against our outdoor bounty.

My question is this. Am I opening a "Hornets Nest" or is there a "Possible Solution" to stop, or at least minimizing these illegal activities.

This question results from a re-occurring theme I have observed through the years. Enjoying a pleasant day in the outdoors, the sporting enthusiast is interrupted by someone poaching or participating in some other form of illegal activity. They might complain to friends or in the confines of a web chat forum, yet rarely do anything more. While their right of choice is not to take action on the side of all that is righteous and holly in the reasonable persons world, they have allowed the perpetrators feeble mind to think such activity is OK. Since no one minds, any accountability for their action does not exist. They have become a BULLY resulting in an egotistical effort to openly continue these acts of defiance. They intimidate others on their journey though life. The outdoor enthusiast is their willing victim. The slobs don't care and the resource suffers.

I do care and a solution does exist! All ethical users of Indiana's natural resources vast bounty must take action. Please consider these suggestions:

1. IDNR's TIP Hotline number is 1-800-TIP-IDNR or 1-800-437-4367. Program it in your cell phone directory. Call it when you see a possible violation. Most phones include a camera. Use it. One picture speaks volumes and is irrefutable evidence.
2. Another vital key is education. Read and understand the current user guides. Talk to those you meet in the outdoors. Keep the conversation pleasant, especially when children are present. Your actions can and do shape their minds. Your conversation might include "did you know your Brown is undersize or that you have more fish than you are allowed in your basket?" Most are receptive, thank you for the information and take immediate corrective action.
3. If told to mind your own business, thank them for their input and quietly walk away. From a safe distance, take a picture and call the TIP Hotline or 911. Your personal safety is far more important than some schmuck's illegal activity. That's law enforcements duty. Your photographs help the officer's investigation. Photo's are credible and eliminate remove any he said, you said questions. Additionally while you know what you saw, in the eyes of the law when no formal complaint is filed and investigated, it never happened. You must take that action..

Conservation Officers have a thankless job. They have my highest respect and support. As a re-active force regarding possible natural resources violations, they investigate all formal complaints. We become an extra pair of eyes when we report possible issues. Doing nothing is like buying a house next to a major airport and then complain about the noise. If we don't make that call, I can assure you the Bullies win.

"May the inside of your waders (or boats) always be dry!"

Lynn

3RFF DVD List

| SPEAKER | SUBJECT | DATE |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| Anderson, Ian | Smallmouth Flies | 9-2009 |
| Andrews, Jeff "Bear" | Brook Trout | 1-19-17 |
| Burry, Lynn | 2016 Fly Show | 2016 |
| Burry, Lynn | Members Favorite Flies 1 Joe's Ugly | 2013 |
| Burry, Lynn | Members Favorite Flies 1 Super Moto | 2013 |
| Burry, Lynn | Members Favorite Flies 2 4 AM | 2014 |
| Burry, Lynn | Members Favorite Flies 4 Fire Fly | 2016 |
| Burry, Lynn | Members Favorite Flies 2017 Saturday Afternoon Stonefly | 4-20-17 |
| Burry, Lynn | How To Build A Drift Boat | 9-28-17 |
| Burry, Lynn | Trout Flies 2018 Fly Show | 2-10-18 |
| Clouser, Bob | Clouser Minnow | 4-2005 |
| Darkes, Jerry | Lake St. Clair | 11-17-16 |
| Dilbone, Ron | Foam Flies | 9-2008 |
| Drake, Jerry | Warm Water Flies | 2-2009 |
| Drake, Jerry | Members Favorite Flies 2 Blue Gill Sparrow | 2014 |
| Drake, Jerry | Members Favorite Flies 2 Steelhead Swinging Sparrow | 2014 |
| Drake, Jerry | Members Favorite Flies 4 Sac Fly | 2016 |
| Drake, Jerry | Bluegill Flies-2017 Fly Show | 4-1-17 |
| Drake, Jerry | Bluegill Flies-2018 Fly Show | 2-10-18 |
| Exl, Mike | Central Indiana Smallmouth | 9-20-2018 |
| Feenstra, Kevin | Smallmouth | 1-2015 |
| Feenstra, Kevin | Forage Fish | 1-21-16 |
| Fredrickson, Derek | Members Favorite Flies 2 STS Bugger | 2014 |
| Filkins, Derrick | Pike & Muskie | 11-19-15 |
| Gouker, John | Streamers | 2-18-16 |
| Hammond, Kyle | Kayak Fishing | 9-17-15 |
| Hammond, Kyle | Members Favorite Flies 3 Hammer | 2015 |
| Hammond, Kyle | Pike-2018 Fly Show | 2-10-18 |
| Hammond, Kyle | Members Favorite Flies 6 Esoc Alpha | 2018 |
| Harris, Steve | Members Favorite Flies 1 Grey Ghost | 2013 |
| Harris, Steve | Members Favorite Flies 2 Mega Shrimp | 2014 |
| Harris, Steve | Members Favorite Flies 4 Pike Fly | 2016 |
| Harris, Steve | Pike Flies-2017 Fly Show | 4-1-17 |
| Harris, Steve | Members Favorite Flies 2017 CC Special | 4-20-17 |
| Harris, Steve | Members Favorite Flies 6 Smallmouth Popper | 2018 |
| Helms, Chris | Hackle & Thread | 10-2004 |
| Helms, Chris | Deer Hair | 4-1-16 |

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| Hodson, Curly | Members Favorite Flys 2 Bead Head Pheasant Tail | 2014 |
| Hodson, Curly | Members Favorite Flys 4 Crappie Candy | 2016 |
| Hodson, Curly | Members Favorite Flys 6 Mop Fly | 2018 |
| Hohla, Jerry | Members Favorite Flys 3 EZ Crawl | 2015 |
| Hudson, Bob | Members Favorite Flys 1 Green Drake Nymph | 2013 |
| Hudson, Bob | Members Favorite Flys 3 Stimulator | 2015 |
| Hudson, Bob | Members Favorite Flys 6 Deer Hair Emerger | 2018 |
| Hutsell, Steve | Members Favorite Flys 4 Crawdad Pattern | 2016 |
| Lengacher, Rex | Members Favorite Flys 1 1 PW | 2013 |
| Lengacher, Rex | Members Favorite Flys 4 Gurdle Bug | 2016 |
| Lengacher, Rex | Members Favorite Flys 2017 Blood Midge, Zebra Midge, Arkansas Scud | 4-20-17 |
| Loutzenhiser, Keith | Members Favorite Flys 2018 Tokyo Spider | 4-19-18 |
| Pierson, Jed-IDNR | DNR Recent Activities | 9-15-16 |
| Pitzer, Brian | Traverse City Area Fly Fishing | 11-16-17 |
| Privett, Don | Members Favorite Flys 3 BWS | 2015 |
| Privett, Don | Streamers-2017 Fly Show | 4-1-17 |
| Privett, Don | Members Favorite Flys 2017 - DP Diving Minnow | 4-20-17 |
| Privett, Don | Members Favorite Flys 2018 - Don's Mouse | 4-19-18 |
| Privett, Don | Members Favorite Flys 2018 - Foam Frog | 4-19-18 |
| Regan, Jerry | Deer Hair / Au Sable Flies | 2003 / 2007 |
| Smith, Joe | Strip Pits | 2-16-17 |
| Thompson, Jamie | Members Favorite Flys 4 Trout Fly | 2016 |
| Thompson, Jamie | Members Favorite Flys 2017 - Boog's Bug | 4-20-17 |
| Walle, Dick | Soft Hackle Flys | 11-2009 |
| Wilson, Larry | Members Favorite Flys 1 Painted Popper | 2013 |
| Wilsons, Terry & Roxanne | 2017 Fly Show Bluegills | 4-1-2017 |
| Wilsons, Terry & Roxanne | 2017 Fly Show Crappie | 4-1-2017 |
| Wilsons, Terry & Roxanne | 2018 Fly Show Bass | 2-10-18 |
| Wilsons, Terry & Roxanne | Bluegills 2018 Fly Show | 2-10-18 |

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

Member Content

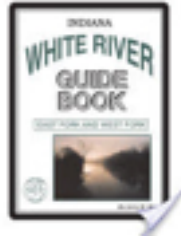
Mending Lines is looking for member content!

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 turned in 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

Curlys Fly Shop
White River Guide Book
\$24.50 tax included
(Qty 2 available)



For Sale

Curlys Fly Shop
Pro-Lite FTL230
\$105.00 tax included
(Qty 3 available)



Membership Rates

Dues are for one year beginning January 1 through December 31.

Individual Rate: \$25.00 per year

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