

Mending Lines

July
2019



CLUB OUTING
BALDWIN MICHIGAN
July 12-14

CLUB OUTING
WHITE RIVER
August 16-18

CLUB MEETING
MIKE KARABA
September 19

Upcoming Events

- JULY OUTING - JULY 12 - 14
WISPERING OAKS - BALDWIN, MI
PREY: TROUT & OTHER SPECIES
- AUGUST OUTING - AUGUST 16 - 18
DALEVILLE, IN - WHITE RIVER
PREY: SMALLMOUTH
- CLUB MEETING - SEPTEMBER 19
MIKE KARABA FLY
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- CLUB MEETING - OCTOBER 17
JOE JACKSON
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- CLUB MEETING - NOVEMBER 21
JUNIOR BURKE
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

All club meetings are held at the Classic Cafe from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. unless otherwise noted. See www.3rff.org for more details.

BACKCASTS

A few words from your President,

By: Lynn W. Burry

Welcome to "BACKCASTS" my first "Official" letter to the Three Rivers Fly Fishers membership since being elected as your President. I look forward to the coming year and all that it brings. First, I want to thank Curly Hodson for all the time and effort he dedicated to our organization during his time as President. I have a tough act to follow and will do my best to live up to all that is expected. I look forward to working with our other Club Officers and Board Members. They are a great group. Thanks.

I also want to thank you, the 3RFF membership for your vote of confidence (or condolences) by electing me to this position. I hope I can live up to your standards. I have an "Open Door" policy and welcome your input, suggestions and criticism when needed. This openness only serves to make us a better organization.

A little back-round on me includes having served in the US Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. While in the Navy, I had the opportunity to fish some unique places around the world. I have served on several local, regional and state conservation organizations as an officer or advisor. I love all things fly fishing and trout fishing doing both for far more years than I care to admit. I don't mind sharing this knowledge (and true stories) with all that ask. But enough about me.

The coming year promises to be another great one. There are still a couple more summer outings planned. Check out the 3RFF Web Page (www.3RFF.org) for details regarding these outings. Hopefully, we won't get flooded out like we did recently at the Pigeon River. I'm still waiting for water levels to return to a safe wading stage. I have yet to fish it this year because of these dangerous conditions. I posted some pictures of the high water on our Face Book page. In September, we resume our regular monthly meetings. I look forward to meeting and speaking with all of you.

Please check out your Web Page and Face Book Page. Both are a valuable information source. Speaking of Face Book, you can post your own pictures, comment on previous posts or even create your own post just as you do on your own page. Your input only makes the page better. We also encourage you to submit photos and articles to be included in your quarterly Newsletter. Here is your chance to show off your photographic skills or launch that career in creative writing you've secretly dreamed about.

Finally summer is here. Maybe, hopefully, who really knows for certain? It sure has been a strange year weather-wise. I don't remember one like it. So far June has seemed like May to me. But don't get me wrong. I love these warm days and cool nights. Reminds me of northern Michigan or Washington state when I lived there.

Finally, please enjoy this issue of your Newsletter. If you go fishing, please be safe while on the water. Don't wade into something above your skill level. Be sure to clean your waders or boat to help reduce the spread of invasive species from one body to another. And if you want to keep a couple legal fish for the table from time to time, don't feel guilty in doing so.

Until the next time, "May the inside of your waders (or boats) always be dry!"

Lynn

SPECIAL CLUB OUTING PLANNED FOR JULY

By: Lynn W. Burry

Each year your Board of Directors plans three summer outings. The location of these outings is based on member input, the popularity of past outings and sometimes just to do something different that the entire family can enjoy.

This year's July outing falls into that last category. The outing is planned for Friday, July, 12 through Sunday July 14. The location we have chosen has excellent facilities for everyone from the tent camper, full-service slots for the RV camper or someone wanting to stay in a cozy cabin. It is quite, super clean and very reasonably priced. Whether you are wading or floating, there are a number of outstanding rivers within a 30 minute drive. So you need not fish the same water every day if you so choose. You are minutes to two great fly shops, a number of canoe liveries and a full service grocery store should you forget something at home. There are also some interesting historic sites of in the area. And to top it all off, you are just minutes from one of the world's best ice cream shops.

So where is this paradise you ask? It's the "Whispering Oaks Campground and Cabins located at 8586 South M37, just south of Baldwin, Michigan. Some of my fishing friends and I have stayed at this place a couple times and can attest to everything being top notch. The PM River Lodge and Baldwin Bait and Tackle are just down the road. Baldwin itself has some really good restaurants. Jones's Ice Cream Shop is one of the best there is featuring locally made, hand-dipped flavors sure to please everyone. As for the rivers, ample public access to the Pere Marquette and Baldwin Rivers is just minutes away. The Muskegon, White, Little Manistee, Pine, and Big Manistee are all just a short drive.

Trout and Smallmouth abound in the area streams as well as the many lakes in the area that offers some great pan fishing.

This link below will provide you with Whispering Oaks contact information. We hope to see you there. It has all the promises of being a great weekend. Join us.

<https://www.michigancampground.com/index.html>



Lynn took this picture of one of the interesting events at Whispering Oaks



Full Service RV sites are available. Tent sites are also available.

A typical cabin at Whispering Oaks. The cabins are really nice, sleeps up to four and includes a fire ring, picnic table, covered porch, cable TV, and also a mini-refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. The super clean bath house/rest rooms are less than a minute away. It includes a dish washing facility and coin laundry.



NWTF WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

By: Lynn W. Burry

On June 8th, a few members of the Three Rivers Fly Fishers assisted the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, Three Rivers Chapter conduct their 14th annual Women in the Outdoors program at the Izaak Walton League property.

The NWTF's Women in the Outdoors program is dedicated to providing outdoor opportunities for ladies through hands-on activities conducted throughout the U.S. These are one-or two-day events designed to fit our busy schedules and hosted at some of the most beautiful outdoor education sites in the country. Ladies 12 and older can participate.

3RFF facilitated a class on Basic Fly Tying where the ladies learned to tie a fly. We also hosted a class in beginning Fly Casting. One lady from the Tying Class was also a student in the Fly Fishing class. She caught a number of fish on one of the flies she learned to tie in the class. Even better was that everyone caught fish. One of the other students was given a fly fishing outfit for Christmas and used it for the first time. We even had a mother-daughter competition. Not sure who won that contest. One caught the biggest fish of the day while the other caught the most fish. It was a great day.

I want to send out a very special thank you (and I hope I didn't forget anyone) to Steve Harris (Steve has some fantastic teaching skills), Kent Schiefbein, Monica and George McBride, Dan Brothy, Hal Usher, Rex Lengacher, Rick Hinton, Bob Menefee, Keith Lautzenhizer and Jim Foote (for the video of the event).

Here are a few pictures from the day.



NWTF WOMEN IN THE OUTDOORS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - continued



WANTING YOUR HELP

This question has been asked many times, but it never hurts to keep asking.

Would you like to see our Newsletter, Face Book page and the 3RFF Web Page even greater than it already is? Do you have a true fishing story (or other feat of magic) you would like to share? Do you have some pictures of fish or nature you would like to post? If you answered yes to any of these, do I have a deal (one you can't possibly resist) for you.

The Newsletter is published four times a year. If you are an aspiring writer or just want to share some thoughts. Write them down and send them in. You can send them 3RFF Webmaster or Newsletter Editor. Anyone can post on our Face Book page. Just click on a comment and off you go just like you do on your personal page.

If you have any problems trying to send us anything, just send it to your 3RFF President. I know he will assist you in achieving your goal. (I know him personally)

In the mean time, enjoy this edition.

HELP

Joe Jackson

Fly Tyer/Guide

Joe is an award winning fly tyer, obsessed fly fisherman, husband and a father. His mother put a fishing pole in his hand at age four, (drowning worms under a bobber) and it was an every weekend adventure if the weather allowed. He joined the Army in Sept of 2001 at the age of 17 as an Infantryman. He served in Afghanistan and Iraq before being medically discharged in 2014.

In 2015, he moved to Indianapolis and joined the local Project Healing Water Fly Fishing group. PHWFF taught him the basics of fly fishing and tying and his obsession was born. He currently lives with his family in Martinsville with a view of the West Fork of the White River where he guides.

Joe's favorite quote: "Teach a person to fly fish and you have just created a conservationist"
Lee Wulff.

He has a heavy focus on deer hair poppers and divers, streamers, and nymphs for bass and panfish. He ties novelty display flies such as hummingbirds, cardinals, woodpeckers, and turtles for art and decor. He was an award winner at the 5th Annual Fly Tying Competition.



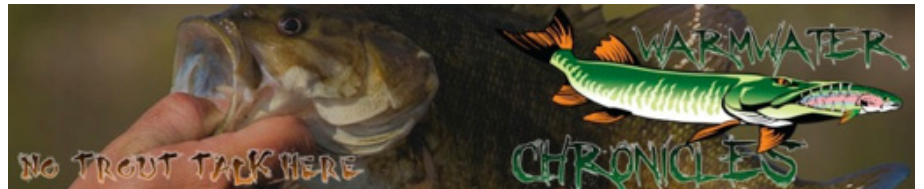
Two Forks Guide Service

Sgt.Bassfisher joined Two Forks Guide Service in 2018, a Central Indiana fly fishing guide service, where he targets smallmouth bass on the White River.



John JR Burke

Founder/Owner, Warmwater Chronicles



There really is not much to say about us at Warmwater Chronicles or about Warmwater Chronicles that is not self explanatory in the name. We are all about Warmwater Fly Fishing. Here are the nuts and bolts of WWC.

Not too long ago Cecil Guidry and John (Jr.) Burke were having a conversation about the lack of warmwater fly fishing information in the popular magazines and shows these day (or ever). There are a number of great magazines and regular periodicals as well as books and DVDs that are published but the vast majority of them are focused on trout. Second most popular would be steelhead and salmon. Next is Saltwater and last is warmwater species. However, here at WWC, we consider Saltwater fly fishing in the same class as warmwater due to the fact the water is generally warm.

So, Jr. and Cecil decide it would be nice if someone started a new magazine dedicated to warmwater fly fishing. They even thought of a great name; Smallmouth Chronicles.

As fate would have it, Jr. happened to stop by the shop on March 7th (2012) and through various conversations he mentioned Cecil and him talking about such a magazine/online publication. I agreed but suggested it encompass all warmwater species and the name would could be Warmwater Chronicles. Little did I know that was the start. The domain was secured, the plans were laid and the project was off the ground within a few days.

That is how Warmwater Chronicles got started. We are all about warmwater fly fishing, including saltwater. We have a little bit of attitude about trout fishing that comes from the historic focus on coldwater fish and the lack of attention to warmwater species. Not that we don't enjoy fishing for T—t occasionally but our heart belongs to the warmwater fish that we fish for most often.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SIZE BEAD

By: Lynn W. Burry

In the past two issues of this newsletter I discussed hook and thread comparisons. Today, I am going to talk a little about matching the best size bead to the hook you want to use. Beads come in many styles and types. They can be slotted, notched, hollow or counter-sunk. The most common materials are brass, glass, plastic, hollow bead chain and tungsten. We will use the standard round, counter-sunk bead for this discussion.

I primarily use either a 3/32" or 1/8" bead on all my bead-head flies. However, there are times I would like to know if another size would work to give me the sink rate I want or would even fit the hook I want to use. Bead size is also important when looking at the proportions in a design.

Thanks to Pinterest, I was able to find this chart to assist you in your bead selection. It is not meant to be all inclusive. It is just a good starting point. Good tying and don't be afraid to experiment. You may come up with the next supper fly. Lynn

**BEAD CONVERSION CHART AND
CORRESPONDING HOOK SIZE**

BEAD SIZE/ INCHES	BEAD SIZE/ MILLIMETERS	HOOK SIZE
1/16	1.5	20, 22, 24
5/64	2	18
3/32	2.5	16
7/64	3	14, 16
1/8	3.5	12, 14
5/32	4	8, 10, 12
3/16	4.6	8, 10
7/32	---	4, 6
1/4	---	2

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

Member's Favorite Flies

SULPHUR SOFT HACKLE

- HOOK: TIEMCO 200R, #14-#18
- THREAD: LIGHT DUN, 8/0
- TAIL: HACKLE FIBERS, LIGHT DUN
- RIB: FLOSS, YELLOW
- ABDOMEN: ANTRON DUBBING, CREAMY YELLOW
- THORAX: ANTRON DUBBING, DARK YELLOW/ORANGE
- HACKLE: HEN, LIGHT DUN



BLACK MAMBA 10-13-12

- HOOK: TMC 300, #2-4
- THREAD: UNI-THREAD, BLACK, 6/0
- TAIL: MARABOU, BLACK
- UNDER BODY: MARABOU, BLACK
- OVER TAIL: RABBIT STRIP, BLACK
- TAIL FLASH: FLASHABOU, BLUE (10), PURPL (13), BLACK (12) (4 STRANDS EACH)
- BODY: PEARL CHENILLE, BLACK, MEDIUM
- HACKLE: SCHLAPPEN, BLACK
- COLLAR: HACKLE, PHEASANT RUMP, BLACK
- HIGH DIRTY WATER (SWING OR STRIP)



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

Family Rate: \$35.00 per year

Junior Rate: \$5.00 per year

Corporate Rate: \$50.00 per year

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