

TRADER NEWS

Quarterly Newsletter of the Three Rivers Fly Fishers

SPRING 2024



Club Members Bragging Board



Robert Roler - One of our new club members with an Artic Grayling he caught on a dream trip to Alaska



Don Williams - Club member, Don Williams with a nice Redfish from a recent winter trip to Mosquito Lagoon in FL.

Club Meeting Schedule (All Club Meetings Held at Classic Café 4832 Hillegas Rd., Fort Wayne, doors open at 6 pm meetings start at 7)



Membership Meeting and Board Elections - April 18, . Doors open at 6 pm, meeting starts at 7 pm. We'll be electing President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three board members at large. We will also be having club members tying some of their favorite flies. We would like 4-5 to tie two flies each. Contact Ron Dixon if you would like to tie.

Club Meeting, May 16, Casting Clinic (Rick Hinton) come ready to get help with your casting, and Fly Fishing Flea Market (you sell you keep the profits).



Looking Ahead—

September 19 Club Meeting Gary Krebs Tying Poppers and Jigs

October 17 Club Meeting, Dennis Potter, Professional Tyer, Au Sable River Guide

November 21, Club Meeting Brian Sheppard, Fly Fishing the Amazon

Summer Fly Fishing Outing Schedule

June 15, St Joe River (smallmouth and panfish); put in at the park in Bristol, IN (2 Apollo St.,) eat grilled lunch together

July 13, Pike Lake in Warsaw, IN put in the morning, eat grilled lunch together

August 10, Southwest Conservation Club Member Appreciation Day; fishing in the morning, eat grilled lunch together

September 13-15, White River Outing;



Annual Fly Show Review

This year's fly show offered some great exhibitors, fly tyers, and clinics. We appreciate everyone who pitched in to help set up, volunteer at the various positions, and help clean up. This is our biggest event of the year so it always takes everyone to make it a success.



Favorite Spots

For those who may be looking for a new place to cast a fly this spring, here are a few area spots that club members have grown to love because of their accessibility and being especially well-suited for flyfishing. Thanks for those who have shared these with us. If you have a spot you are willing to share, please let us know!



Rock Creek - (Hwy 1 just south of Markle, IN - from the Wabash River upstream to the bridge on Hwy 1 is all wadable. Sections are INDNR designated catch and release only. Great for smallmouth, pumpkinseed, carp, and rock bass.

Hursttown Reservoir - North of Grabill, IN on Roth Road. Annual park membership required but well worth the \$20. Wide open for casting with 2 1/2 mi of fishable shoreline. Smallmouth, crappie, carp, and walleye.

Tri-County Fish and Game Reserve - Located in Noble County, IN, this area features several small lakes with good public access and a variety of fish. Always a great place to fish free from development. Electric motors only. Some of the better lakes include Spear Lake, Barel-and-a-Half Lake, and Shock Lake.

Opening Day of Trout Season in Indiana - April 27



Over 28,000 Rainbow and Brown trout will be stocked as part of this year's trout season which opens April 27. Indiana DNR provides a guide to places where they are stocking trout this year. The Little Elkhart River, Pigeon River, and Fawn River have historically been some of the most popular spots. Fort Wayne and Allen County will receive stocked fish in Cedar Creek, Spy Run Creek, and Shoaff Park Pond for those who might want to take kids and grandkids.

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