

Mending Lines

January- February 2010

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2010 Dues

As of January 1st Club Membership dues are "due". The cost of membership is \$25.00 per member, and \$35.00 for the entire family.

Monday Night Tying

The informal Fly Tying group has begun meeting at the Post 47 American Legion on St. Joe Rd. across from Shoaff park, and will continue until the last Monday in March. All levels of tier are welcome.

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

The Fly fishing Expo will be held at the Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren Michigan on March 13th and 14th. Featuring Dave Hughes, Joe Humphreys, Bob Jacklin, and Bear Andrews. Free parking, expert fly tyers, Tackle Dealers, casting pond. Go to midwestflyfishingexpo.com or more information.

Bob's Briefs By: Bob Lowden, Club President

I can only speak for myself, but is anyone else having trouble writing 2010 on anything. Start of a new decade, and things are happening. The board has come up with a special drawing for club members and guests. It will be our "Day on the Water" raffle. Board members will be providing the winners a day on the water. That's right, there will be four winners!! It's a chance for us with enthusiasm to learn with someone who understands the mechanics of fly fishing for our favorite quarry. There will be a limited number of tickets sold. Ticket sales start at the January meeting. When they are gone, they are gone. Get yours now.

The club will also have a general fund raiser this year. It's still being put together but the prize will be a fishing trip for two with one of several professional guides pursuing steelhead, trout or smallmouth. Tickets will be available for members and the general public. Look for it and get your chance.

Several of us attended the Indianapolis Fly Show. The smallmouth presentation by a Pennsylvania guide was interesting. His tip: he's a big believer in using Type II & III sink tip lines with 4' to 5' leader when steam fishing for smallmouth.

Kevin Feenstra will be our January speaker on flashy flies for smallmouth. Vince Werick will be there in February to speak about musky fishing. Should be really good programs.

It's time to renew your membership for 2010. See Gary at the meeting. Also, I was informed of a disclaimer by one of the "Day on the Water" guides. It will be fun but they aren't promising quantity or size of fish caught. Tickets go on sale January 21st.

Wet the knot,
Bob



Photo of a White River Brown Trout taken by Board Member Rex Lengacher.



Tied Down Caddis

By FFF Member Bob Bates

Hook: Mustad 94840, size 10-14

Thread: Uni 8/0 olive

Tail: Tip ends of deer hair shellback

Shell Back: Deer hair

Body: Yarn, yellow or orange

Hackle: Brown



Step 1: Put a thread base on the hook and tie in yarn at bend. Use two strands of a four strand yarn. Select a feather with barbs about a gap width to less than a gap and a half long. Tie feather in by the tip between barb and point.



Step 2: Wind thread forward to about two eye widths back from the eye. Put at least one wrap of yarn behind the feather and then wrap forward to the thread and secure.

Step 3: Bring the hackle around hook to where it is tied in before starting to palmer it forward. Put an extra wrap at the front to end the spiral. Secure hackle, trim excess, and build a thread base for tying in the deer hair.

Step 4: Find the middle portion of the hackle and pull the barbs down to make a little space for the shellback. Pick deer hair that matches the hook length. If hair is too long then hair on the fly will be mostly solid fibers that will not float. Select a small bunch of deer hair, maybe a little more than a match stick in diameter when you twist it, clean out under fur and stack it. Trim butts so there will be enough hair at back of hook for the tail. Pre glue if you are going to make a hard head. It also makes tying the hair a little easier and provides something in there to keep hair in place.



Step 5: Finish head at front of hook: whip finish and trim thread. Pick up deer hair and with long tag in back build a thread base at back of body. Tie down deer hair securely with long tag and whip finish. Break off any deer hair that was pulled down too far by the thread. If there is quite a bit of hair pulled down reducing the size of the bundle next time might help .

January Club Meeting



Kevin Feenstra

The January Club meeting will feature our guest speaker Kevin Feenstra, Fishing Guide on the Muskegon River in Northwest Michigan. Born and raised in West Michigan, Kevin has been fishing these West Michigan streams his whole life. Soon after graduating from Calvin College in 1995, he became a fishing guide. He regularly contributes articles to magazines such as Midwest Flyfishing and his flies have been published in many books, magazines, and fly tying manuals. He is a member of the national pro staff of the Scott Fly Rod Company, Ross Reels, and Daiichi Hooks. For more information, visit www.feenstraguideservice.com

Why Join the FFF?

Is fly fishing important to you? Consider these questions:

- ✦ Would you like to enjoy fly fishing even more?
- ✦ Are you interested in sharpening your casting and tying skills?
- ✦ Do you believe that helping kids learn about fly fishing is important?
- ✦ Are you concerned about declining fisheries resources?

If you said yes to any of these questions, become part of the only organization in the world focused exclusively on fly fishing. Still not convinced? Here is why FFF is important to you and all fly fishers:

- ✦ **Conservation:** FFF's pioneering promotion of catch and release resulted in better fishing for many species of fish in waters worldwide, including trout, bass, snook, redfish even bluegill! Lee Wulff, an FFF founding member, was the father of catch and release!
 - ✦ **Education:** FFF has the only program for teaching our kids how to cast, to tie flies and how to appreciate aquatic ecosystems. Some FFF clubs teach more than 2,000 kids a year!
 - ✦ **Skill building:** FFF shows and conclaves provide more experts, more demonstrations, more fly tyers and more workshops than any other events in fly fishing. At the upcoming show in Whitefish, Montana, over 100 workshops and lectures will be offered!
 - ✦ **Local focus:** FFF focuses its energy at the grass roots level, at the local club and the regional council, where real conservation and education happens. Our national office in Montana is lean and mean - this means more money for education and conservation.
- Ecosystem based:** FFF believes that learning to imitate the forms and behaviors of insects and other aquatic organisms leads to a better appreciation of water resources (and their survival)... fly fishing turns ordinary anglers in to conservationists!

And there are even more concrete benefits for FFF members:

- ✦ FFF's magazine 4 times a year
 - ✦ Reduced member-only rates on workshops, shows and other FFF sponsored events.
 - ✦ Dozens of FFF educational and how-to books and booklets.
 - ✦ Opportunity to contribute to conservation programs for all fish in all waters.
- Active, focused programs for teaching our children and grandchildren.

For first time membership with the FFF, the Three Rivers Fly Fishers will deduct \$5 from your club membership fee. Please see Gary Sanders, Club Treasurer, for details.



Club Member Jerry Drake teaching beginning fly tying skills at the American Legion on Monday night. Tyers of all abilities are welcome.

Club Member Jerry Hohla fishing the White River in Arkansas.



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Calendar Of Events

Jan 21st General Meeting
Kevin Feenstra - Muskegon River Guide
7:00 American Legion, Goshen Rd

Feb 2nd Board Meeting
6:30 PM Fish of Stroh, Dupont Rd

Feb 18th General Meeting
Vince Werick - Muskie Fishing
7:00 American Legion, Goshen Rd

Mar 2nd Board Meeting
6:30 PM Fish of Stroh, Dupont Rd

Mar 18 General Meeting
Club Auction
7:00 American Legion, Goshen Rd

Apr 6th Board Meeting
6:30 PM Fish of Stroh, Dupont Rd

Please visit www.3rff.org to review old Club newsletters, fly patterns, and the club calendar.

DAY ON THE WATER

To start off the new year, the club will be holding a raffle for 4 guided fishing trips on our northern Indiana waters. The first prize winner will be able to pick from 5 different guides, second place will pick from 4, third place from 3, and second place from 2.

Jerry Drake: Bluegill.

Don Privett: Trout and Smallmouth.

Rick Hinton: Trout or Largemouth Bass.

Curly Hodson: Fishing the Mississinewa.

Jerry Drake: Smallmouth Bass on the St Joe River.

Each winner will pick a date with the guide and work out the specific details of the trip. Lunch is included. The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 each beginning January 21st. Drawing date to be announced.

Club Treasurer Curly Hodson with a White River rainbow trout.



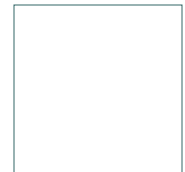
Monday night tying at the American Legion. We had a great time swapping stories.



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