

# Mending Lines

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October 2011

## October Club Meeting

At the October 20th meeting, Jerry Hohla will give a presentation on water quality. The impurities in our waters affect our fishing (and eating!)

We hope to see you at the meeting!

## Don's Den

By: Don Privett, Club President

October is here. This has always been one of my favorite months to fish. The days are cooler and the low temperatures are bringing the fish into the shallows to start their feeding for the coming winter. It's time to head to the lake. Most of the speed boats and jet skis have been put away and the water is clearing. You can take a water skeeter, boat, or just wade and not be worried about being run over.

I like streamers this time of year. Just try to match the size and color of the minnows that are in the lake. There are emerald shiners in many of the lakes in our area. The thunder creek patterns and bead head woolie buggers in olive, white, black, and brown can be good this time of year.

It has been slow for most of us this year with the very hot temperatures and all the rain followed by a long dry spell, but the fish are out there and now is the time to take advantage of their fall feeding before the weather turns cold.

Our October 20th meeting will be on water quality and how it effects the fish in our area. This program will be presented by Jerry Hohla. Jerry Drake will have the program on November 17th and will have his favorite Blue Gill flies. His instructions and stories are not to be missed.

I hope to see you all soon at the meetings and on the water.

Don

## Late Photos and Story in the Newsletter

I included an article written by Board member, Derek Fredrickson this month. They are late being included, because they were lost in my e-mails.

I also found some pictures that someone took at the Mottville outing. I remember it was extremely hot that day, but it looks like people enjoyed themselves.



*“Making the Time”, Club Outing 2011 on the Muskegon River*

There is no question that life can be pretty busy. For me, family and work take priority over everything and what ever is left over becomes a coin toss. I suspect that this applies to most everyone else as well since the campground was a little quiet this year. Fortunately for me, the planets aligned, the wind blew in the right direction, and the coin put me at Henning Park the weekend of June 25<sup>th</sup> for the annual Three Rivers Fly Fishers Club Outing, or stated otherwise, camping with Gary Sander’s for the weekend with a nice visit from Larry Wilson on Saturday.

In a nutshell, I received the VIP treatment on this trip. Master Chef Gary had pork loin, steaks, and gourmet burgers on the menu. Also, no complaints over the 5 star sleeping accomodations in Gary’s camper trailer – I don’t think I will ever survive a tent again. The campground facilities were clean and top notch. So much for roughing it.



The Muskegon River watershed received an abundance of rain the week before – and during our visit; producing high water levels, treacherous wading, and pretty slow fishing. Despite the challenges at hand, we took the time to learn some new water and try a few things that ordinarily get pushed aside when the bite is on. This brown trout was a pleasant reward after fighting the current and overcoming a net that was too small to get this brute in the boat.

A visit from Larry Wilson reminded me about what I like so much about this Club – the ability to meet people with common interests and learn from their experiences. This was a first try at streamer fishing with weighted lines for Larry, and although the fish didn’t cooperate, he mastered this technique in a short period of time with very little instruction from Gary and I. Toward the end of the day we switched to nymphing for trout (should have listened to you earlier Larry) with notable success – and Larry’s “the one that got away” - some brute that broke him off and still lurks in front of the Pine Street boat launch. Maybe it was the memory of this event that kept him awake for the 5hr trip home Saturday night after a full day of fishing and a 5 hr trip to the campground that same morning.

For me, this weekend proved to be the “shot in the arm” or the “vacation” that the experts say you need to take lest you turn into a miserable blob. I am already scheming for next years outing, and hope to see you there.

Tight Lines,

Derek Frederickson, TRFF Club Member





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**Calendar Of Events**

Oct. 20 Jerry Hohla—Fishing and Water Quality

Nov. 17 Jerry Drake—Pan Fishing

December No Meeting!

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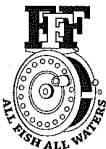
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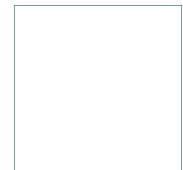
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