

Mending Lines

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September 2011

September Club Meeting

The Thursday, September 15th meeting will feature a program about fishing at night for Salmon. It will be presented by John Beuter.

He is an experienced speaker and well versed on Salmon fishing. He has spoke at the Michigan Steelheaders club before.

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

We will see you at both meetings!

Don's Den By: Don Privett, Club President

One of the best things about our club is that we get the chance to meet other people with our same interests. Even better, sometimes we get to fish with them. A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of fishing with Jerry Hohla. He called me and asked if I would like to go small mouth bass fishing with him on the St. Joe. River. We would put in at Bristol, Indiana and run up stream to an area near Mottville, Michigan and fish back down.

We met at 7:30 and drove to the boat ramp and were on the river by 8:30 and en-route to the first cast of the day. I had rigged two rods, one with a sink tip line and a crawdad pattern, and the other with a floating line and a hopper.

It didn't take long and I had my first fish of the day on the crawdad. Jerry knows every good spot on the river and in no time at all we had a pattern. The river was very low and the fish were in the deeper areas and the best deep spots were in the shade. For the day I landed several small fish and five nicer ones between 12 and 16 1/2 inches.

Besides the great time I had fishing with Jerry and the good weather we saw an Osprey, King Fishers, and an Eagle. All this and we were off the river at 3pm and headed for home. What more could you ask for, good fishing, good weather, and great friends. I would like to send a special thank you to Phil Gerber for donating his fishing and tying supplies to the club Thanks Phil and enjoy Florida. Also thanks to Rick for selling them. Check out this interesting web site. (<http://dnrmads.dnr.in.gov/apps/HealthyRivers/>) By using the zoom features you are able to view the entire world or zoom in to find even the smallest streams.

Our September 15th meeting will be on fishing at night for Salmon, presented by John Beuter. This should prove to be very interesting if you like to fish for Salmon. If you want to find out more about this productive technique be sure to attend. In October we will be having Jerry Hohla. His program is going to be on water quality and how it effects the fish in our area streams and lakes. It should be a great program.

Good fishing Don



What is a Conservation Easement and Why is it Important?

Conservation easements are flexible tools that allow private landowners to retain ownership to the land while permanently protecting agricultural resources, natural wildlife habitat, or scenic values. They are usually voluntary agreements between a private landowner and a non-profit land trust or government agency. They can be customized to reach the landowner's vision for the property and protect the unique features on the ground by limiting future residential, commercial, or other kinds of development.

Conservation easements create lasting legacies for future generations and are a critical tool to helping sustain our food supply, air and water quality, and wildlife habitat. They can also help a family reach financial planning goals through substantial income and estate tax benefits. In some cases, land trusts also purchase conservation easements from landowners. To-date, over 37 million acres have been conserved in the U.S. through conservation easements.

For more information, check out this site: <http://www.woodlandstewards.org/> or also check out this site: <http://nced.conservationregistry.org/>

Helpful Charts for All:

Fly Line Sink Rate Chart

Type	Sink Rate
1	1.25 to 1.75 ips
2	2.5 to 3.0 ips
3	3.5 to 4.0 ips
4	4.25 to 5.0 ips
5	5.25 to 6.0 ips
6	6.25 to 7.0 ips

Diameter of Leader to Fly Line (Butt Section)

Fly Line Weight	Leader Diameter
2 and 3	0.019
4 and 5	0.021
6, 7 and 8	0.023
9 and 10	0.028

Kalamazoo River Oil Spill Update

The main work of cleanup has been completed. Enbridge Energy is now taking samples of sediments and testing them to under EPA supervision. These tests will show if there is still more cleanup to do, or if the toxic levels are acceptable.

For months they dredged entire sections of the river to remove sunken oil deposits. Shore lines were destroyed too during the clean-up process. Under the direction of EPA, cleanup workers have placed physical barriers at various locations of Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River in order to contain oil that has resurfaced due to the warm weather.

There are more than 200 areas of moderate-to-heavy contamination, covering around 200 acres of river bottom, that still requires cleanup. There are river bank locations that have also been identified, and more than 300 solidified oil deposits need cleanup.

The work continues...

Two Spots Open at the Great Lakes Council FFF Switch Spey Weekend

Schmidt Outfitters • Wellston, MI October 28 – 30, 2011 \$275

Most of the time, two heads are better than one even with fly fishing. And there are times when two hands can be better than one and even more fun with a fly rod. Welcome to the world of double-handed fly-casting or what is more commonly referred to as Spey casting. Spey casting, named after the River Spey in Scotland where it first began, can also be accomplished with single-handed rods thus the name Switch Rods.

The program will start Friday evening and run into Sunday afternoon. Want to learn more? Then sign up of the GLC Switch Spey Weekend October 28 – 30 to be held at Schmidt Outfitters in Wellston. The program will start Friday evening and run into Sunday afternoon. Group size is limited to 12. You will need to bring waders, boots and fly tying essentials: vice, tools, light, etc.

The fee for the Weekend includes 2 nights lodging (Dbl Occ), 3 meals Saturday, Br and Lu Sunday, Spey fishing gear, adult refreshments and a really fun time. There will be an auction/raffle Saturday but word has it that Terry will also give instruction on how to tie Tube Flies. For further information other details, please contact Don Sawyer: dsesi@aol.com; 517-349-0454.

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Calendar Of Events

Sep. 15 John Beuter—Salmon Fishing at Night

Oct. 20 Jerry Hohla—Fishing and Water Quality

Nov. 17 Jerry Drake—Pan Fishing

December No Meeting!

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

Join the FFF

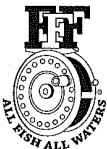
Did you know that the Three Fivers Fly Fishers is an affiliate Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers? The FFF is instrumental in promoting the sport of fly fishing and educating the public about conservation of our natural resources.

For new members, the Club is offering a one time \$5 discount for an FFF Membership. Complete the application form below and give to our Club Treasurer Gary Sanders at the next meeting. Gary will collect the membership fee and forward to the Federation.

Membership Categories

- Individual..... \$35
- Family..... \$45
- Youth under 18.....\$15
- Senior +65.....\$25
- Disabled Veterans are Free (Proof of 50% disability required)
- Life Individual.....\$500
- Life Couple.....\$750
- 3 Year Individual..... \$85
- 3 Year Family.....\$100
- Sustaining\$200 (Commercial & Mfg. business)
- Retail shops/Outfitter....\$75

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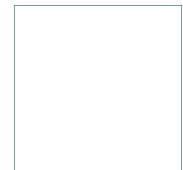
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