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Special points of interest:

- Next issue of this newsletter will have the Notice for Election of Officers.
- January edition will have the listing of upcoming events for 2016.
- Fly Tiers Xmas Party to be held on Tuesday., Dec. 22rd starting at 7:00 pm.
- Fly Tying Class held Tuesdays @ 7:00pm in the Moose Lodge (lower level) thru March, 2016.
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon FioRito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

Steve Reuter KSFCA 2015 Master Angler



The Master Angler for 2015 is once again Steve Reuter. This is the third, in recent times that Steve has earned this title. Steve's fishing skill is well known. He will be awarded his plaque and prize money at the Banquet in February. Date to be determined. Always a great evening.

Photo by: Dick Kessler

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KSFCA Officer Elections:

It is that time again. Nominations for 2016 KSFCA Officers will take place at the KSFCA December General Meeting, on December 7th. Nominations will be taken again before Elections at the January Meeting. Interested members must be in attendance to accept a nomination. All officer positions are for one year. Anyone that would like an officer position who is a member in good standing, should be in attendance at the December meeting. The Office of Secretary is vacant and needs to be filled; we are seeking KSFCA members to take on the duties that this position requires. Two Four Year Board positions are currently open, as well as one One Year Board Position. Several Committee positions are also open. Speakers, Supporting Members and Fundraisers are in need of a Chair, or Co-chair.

Board meetings are held on the Third Monday of the month at a home of an officer. This is a great group who strive to continue the good work of the KSFCA.

Many hands make light work and have the most fun. Let Jon FioRito know if you have any questions about duties for any committee or office.

See you all at the December Meeting of the KSFCA!!!

Jacks' Flies of the Month

Article by: Jack Springer



Photos by: Dick Kessler

- Dec. 1st: Crazy Caddis, New tying techniques used to tie collar ie. Elogated hackle brush, splayed out hackle fibers. A very distinct look for the collar– a bit crazy– like its namesake.
- Dec. 8th: Lightning Bug. Absolutely deadly– a western U.S. pattern tied with pearl and holographic silver tinsel. Fished dead drift only on the bottom! Uses tungsten beads for dead drifting.
- Dec. 15th: Stimulator, An imitation of stoneflies, caddisflies, grasshoppers, crickets, cicadas and beetles. Very unique surface footprint and various colors and hook sizes make this a real fish getter.

- Dec. 22nd: “Fly tiers Christmas Party”.
- Dec. 29th: Extended Mayfly Detached Body, Nothing looks better than dry flies made with delicately tapered extended abdomens. Makes realistic mayflies thst are durable and life-like in appearance.

The next edition of this publication will cover the flies to be tied during January.



Ken's Crazy Ant



Pine Squirrel Nymph



Flash Bugger



Gartside Gurgler



Steve, preparing for the last fish fry of the 2015 season



Collecting specimens for DNR biologists at the Kenosha Fish Cleaning Station

Photos by: Dick Kessler

WDNR Warden Jon Sinclair addressing the KSFCA members. Any calls to the DNR can be anonymous. Report violators to 1-800-847-9367,

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Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Dirty water from the strong winds a couple weeks ago has made fishing offshore for salmon very difficult but the trout fishing inside the harbors has been great. Brown trout are biting a variety of baits including white tubes, Brad's Thinfish, and Berkley Flicker Shad. Most of the small inland lakes are starting to freeze over but pan fish are still being caught off some docks.

Lake Michigan Angler is having Free Ice Fishing Seminars on Saturday, December 5th. Doors open at 8 AM.

http://lakemichiganangler.com/seminars/Fishing_Seminar_12-05-2015.htm



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Root River Report



Root River Steelhead Facility

The following information is the latest fishing information for the Root River in Racine. We will post new information to this site every Tuesday at 4:00 pm from September through December and from March through May. We will also update the number of fish processed at the [Root River Steelhead Facility](#) to give you the exact number of fish passed upstream. Depending on water conditions and number of fish in the weir, fish are usually processed on Mondays and Thursdays.

In addition, you can call our Lake Michigan Fishing Hotline at (414) 382-7920 to hear the latest fishing information for Lake Michigan and its tributaries or check out our [Lake Michigan Outdoor Report](#)

Lake Michigan trout and salmon don't successfully reproduce in Wisconsin streams, so DNR gives Mother Nature a hand. Watch fisheries crews collect eggs and milt from spawning fish to create the next generation of steelhead to challenge anglers on the big pond.

* [Steelhead Spawning at Root River Steelhead Facility](#) [VIDEO Length 3:16]

An increase of rain this week finally raised the flow in the Root. With the increased flow more fish were moving up the river. The Root River had normal flow for most of last week which brought in fresh fish from the harbor including a lot of coho salmon.

For up to date river conditions, check out the [USGS web site of stream flow conditions](#) [exit DNR] in Wisconsin.

Fishing information

- Above the weir: Upstream of the weir received much less pressure, but some anglers had success catching chinook at Quarry park. Fish will be processed this week at the weir so spots upstream should receive more pressure this week.
- Below the weir: Anglers reported catches of coho, chinook and brown trout. Anglers commented that the chinook were looking very beat up while the coho look fresh. The most popular spots are Lincoln park downstream of the weir, where fly fishermen caught both chinook and coho and in Island park where anglers caught coho and brown trout using flies and small spinners.

KSFCA, Top Fish of each species-2015

Plaques and prize money will be awarded at the banquet in February

CHINOOK (KING)

Jerry Vigansky, 19 lb 12 oz

COHO

Jerry Vigansky, 11 lb 8 oz

RAINBOW

Steve Reuter, 13 lb 4 oz

BROWN

Steve Reuter, 14 lb 14 oz

LAKER

Steve Reuter, 22 lb 6 oz

LARGEST FISH OVERALL

Steve Reuter, 22 lb 6 oz

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WDNR Lake Michigan Outdoor Fishing Report

Southern Lake Michigan Fishing Report

Kenosha Co.

- * In Kenosha, browns can be seen jumping in the harbor, and a few have been caught near the hotel on white tube jigs tipped with wax worms or on spawn sacs.

Racine Co.

- * In Racine, most anglers at the lakefront have been concentrating near the boat ramp and off the docks in Reefpoint Marina. Decent numbers of browns are in the harbor, and some steelhead are also starting to move in. Fish were processed at the Root River Steelhead Facility for the last time on Monday, November 9, and the facility is now shut down for the season. Over 900,000 coho eggs were collected, and DNR crews handled a total of 1,436 coho, 1,309 Chinooks, 86 browns, and 9 rainbows.

Ice Fishing Techniques for Lake Michigan

Ice Fishing is a popular winter activity in the bays and harbors of Lake Michigan. We have several additional tips and techniques available online in the Tips and Techniques section of the website.

December 5, 2015 Seminar Information, Schedule and Topics:

- Open at 9:00am –Free Admission
- 9:30am –Ice Fishing for Brown Trout and Steelhead in the harbors
 Speaker –Kyle Deavers (Big Boy Fishing) will discuss the methods, techniques, tactics and equipment used for catching Brown Trout and Steelhead Ice Fishing. Popular fishing locations in Wisconsin will be discussed.
- 11:00am –Fishing for Whitefish, Perch and Walleye in Green Bay
 Speaker –Captain Tim Wojnicz (Finquest Sportfishing) will discuss the methods, techniques, tactics and equipment used for catching Whitefish, Perch and Walleye in Green Bay. Popular fishing locations in Green Bay will be discussed.
- 1:00pm –Ice Fishing Techniques for Panfish
 Speaker –Warren Scaman and his fishing partner Jim “The Crappie Professor” Kopjo have quite a bit of expertise on the hard water. They fish the North American Ice Fishing Team Tournament Circuit throughout the mid-west. Warren and Jim have qualified for the national ice fishing championship for several years. They plan on sharing a number of their secrets, equipment and what is really hot in the evolving world of ice fishing. The duo will also give us a peak into where to find fish on early ice. It’s a great opportunity to get ahead of the game for the ice fishing season.

- * In Store Specials, Door Prizes and a raffle will be available.

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DNR answers questions about status of Lake Michigan Fishery

Answering the most Frequently-Asked-Questions about Lake Michigan’s fishery

(Article continued from November edition of “The Outrigger” page 8)

7. Why won’t Chinook salmon eat gobies? Chinook salmon are biologically designed to feed on open-water prey such as alewives. They are not, however, designed to feed on the bottom. In the 20+ years of dissecting the stomach contents of Chinook salmon in Lake Michigan, the DNR has only found two instances where gobies were consumed by Chinook salmon and it was less than 1% of the diet composition.
8. What will the 2015 Lake Michigan fishery look like? There will be lower Chinook salmon catch rates but more diverse fisheries represented. Brown trout, steelhead, and lake trout catch rates should increase. Nearshore predators, such as bass, walleye, and pike will increase. Even nearshore species such as rock bass and yellow perch will benefit from the goby buffet. ***

DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	22 Fly Tying Christmas Party	23	24 Christ- mas Eve	25 Christ- mas Day	26
27	28	29 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	30	31 New Years Eve		

- ### Important dates this month
- 12/01/15 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm– 9:00 pm (Crazy Caddis)
 - 12/07/15 - KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose @ 7:00 pm
 - 12/08/15 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm (Lighting Bug)
 - 12/15/15 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm (Stimulator)
 - 12/21/15 - KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
 - 12/22/15 - Fly tying Christmas Party at the Moose Lodge, down stairs
 - * 12/29/15 - Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm (Extended Mayfly Detached Body)

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	Jim Zondlak Lynn Davis * Jon FioRito
	Jerry Vigansky

- ### 2015 Schedule of Club Events
- 01/05/15 - Board Elections
 - 02/28/15 - Awards Banquet
 - 05/09/15 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
 - 05/17/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 06/07/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 08/09/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 09/19/15 - Pike River Revival
 - 09/20/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - General Club meeting are held on the first Monday of each month at the Moose Lodge 7:00pm (no meeting in July)
 - Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm location T.B.D. (no meeting in June)

New Fish mapping tool available on line

The map is available at
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