

# JOIN THE NCFFC

Membership type (circle):

Family \$30 or Individual \$20

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Committee Preference (mark 1-4 in order of preference):

Program     Marketing

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# ABOUT THE NORMAL CITY FLY FISHING CLUB

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The Normal City Fly Fishing Club meets on the third Wednesday of January, February, April, May, June, July, September, and October. The club's annual meeting and banquet is the third Wednesday of November. All meetings are at Minnetrista.

The NCFFC sponsors:

- River clean-ups of its "adopted" section of the White River and monitors the river as part of the Riverwatch program,
- Flycasting and flytying classes through Ball State University's Office of Recreation Services,
- Field trips to local rivers, lakes, ponds, and streams,
- The Club's annual smallmouth bass derby,
- White River bank, stream, and habitat improvement

The Normal City Fly Fishing Club was the "brainchild" of several Muncie area fly fishers who learned their skills through a class offered at Ball State and taught by Warren Vander Hill and others who had been fly fishing for years. The idea of a club was probably first hatched in conversations late one evening in October 1995, in the Board Room at Gates Au Sable Lodge in Grayling, Michigan where a group of Ball State Fly Fishing class members had gathered for a fishing trip.

It wasn't until the Normal City Fly Fishing Derby began in June, 2003 that the conversation regarding a club began to become more serious. Led by Warren Vander Hill, Jud Fisher, Neil Schmottlach and others it was decided that before the next Derby in June 2004 an invitation should be sent to local fly fishers to attend an organizational meeting at Minnetrista to see if there was enough interest to form a club. On April 27, 2004 a meeting was held. Twenty-four avid fly fishers attended and expressed their interest in forming such a group.

In May 2004 the club was officially started and became an affiliate of the club program at Minnetrista. A mission statement was crafted, by-laws were developed, a logo was accepted and the Normal City Fly Fishing Club was established. The club's first officers were Warren Vander Hill, President; Neil Schmottlach, Vice President; Dave Stott, Treasurer; and Katie Bohnert, Secretary.

Our first major event was the sponsorship of the Normal City Fly Fishing Derby on June 19, 2004 which featured Tom Helgeson, editor of Midwest Fly Fishing, as keynote speaker. Also in June, the club became further involved with the local White River by parlaying initial funding into a larger sum to plant 400 trees along the flood plain east of the Broadway Bridge. In November, we began what we hope will be a long experience of sponsoring a White River cleanup each year. At the club's first annual banquet, Jerry Kustich, noted author, Steelhead expert, and bamboo rod maker with the R.L. Winston Rod Company, was the featured guest and speaker.

The Normal City Fly Fishing Club continues to grow with over thirty active members. They meet nine times each year, swap stories, help others acquire fly fishing skills for years of enjoyment, work with area youth, fish the White River and other area rivers, lakes and ponds, and are actively involved in preserving and restoring the Muncie section of the White River for future generations.