

## Lew Jewett Fly Fishers – Spring 2023



We had a good end to our club's year. Our annual meeting was held April 18<sup>th</sup> at Joseph's Grill. Our speaker was John (Duke) Welter of the Kinni Corridor Collaborative, updating the club on the dam removal on the Kinnickinnick River. Though the dam removal is moving along there is still financial need to support restoration of the river and land around it. Our club supported the Collaboration with a financial contribution. You can learn more about the project and contribute at [Development - Kinni Corridor Collaborative \(kinnicc.org\)](https://kinnicc.org) At this meet we had our annual fundraiser, a silent auction, to help support activities the club sponsors. Also, the members attending voted for board members for 2023-2024.

Our new board of directors are President Monta Hayner, Vice President and Communications Bryan Croft, Secretary Lyth Hartz, Treasurer Jim Thorsen, Past President Chris Stjern, and Member's at Large Glen Giacolletto and Ray Morris.

On the afternoon of April 23<sup>rd</sup>., fifteen enthusiastic fly casters gathered at the Sports Expo Center in Blaine for the "Spring Warmup" Fly Casting Get Together. Participants included LJFF and FFW MN club members, relatives, and friends. All enjoyed the chance to throw a fly line in a warm environment with no wind. A big "Thank You" goes out to FFI Certified Casting Instructors Lyth Hartz, John McCain and Ivan Streif for providing casting instruction to many of the fly casters. Two Bronze Level casting courses (FFI Casting Skills Development) were set up ahead of the event. Congratulations to members Monta Hayner and Glen Giacolletto as they both completed and passed the Bronze Level Skill course! Afterwards, at The Brick restaurant, we enjoyed drinks, hors d'oeuvres and fellowship. It was a very fun event for everyone. We were all so busy casting, we forgot to take pictures!



After a busy March and April, we have had a quiet spring. I hope everyone is getting out to fish like I have. See photo above. We will resume club meetings in October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Lew Jewett Fly Fishers Club President Monta Hayner