

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

**Friday,  
January 27, 2012**

**Time to Renew  
Your Membership for 2012!**

## Next Meeting

**January 9, 2012**

**Kohler Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way,  
Kettering, Ohio**

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. ,  
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.  
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or  
E-Mail him at: [toflyfsh@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfsh@woh.rr.com)  
by **Thursday, Jan 5, 2012.**  
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

## This month:

## Ian & Charity Rutter

Ian & Charity Rutter are the guides and owners of R&R Fly Fishing in Townsend, Tennessee on the front porch of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In addition to guiding the wild trout streams of the Smokies they also guide on some of East Tennessee's large trout tailwater rivers and the regions superb smallmouth bass rivers & streams.

Ian has been fly fishing non-stop since the early 1990's. He scheduled his classes around fishing while at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Ian graduated with a Bachelor of Science in 1994 and began guiding fly fishers in 1995.

Charity is a native Oklahoman and moved to Townsend in 1998. She met Ian and took up fly fishing a short time after. Charity was captivated by the sport and essentially fished non-stop in her first few years. She has been guiding since 2002 and maintains a busy guide calendar March through November.

## President's Thoughts



I would like to tell you all how proud and honored I am to be your president for 2012.

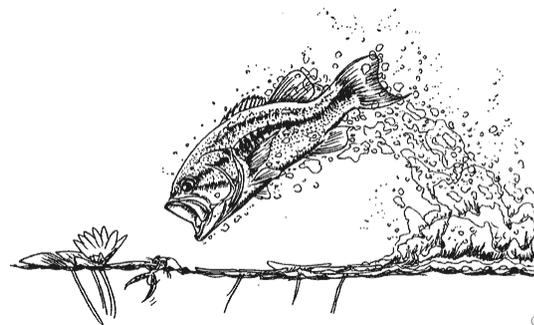
I have been a member of the club for a long time. I started fly fishing at a very young age in Utah, where my father and grandfather introduced and instilled the passion of fly fishing in me. I have fished in a variety of places here in the U.S.A. and also other countries. One of my most favorite things to do is to show others how to fly fish. I think we will have a great year this year.

We have wonderful staff this year, including Brian Furderer as Vice President, Phil Clay as Secretary and Carl Markstrom as Treasurer. I would like to thank Tom and Juan for the great work they did for the club during their term and also Greg for handing the raffle.

Unfortunately Greg has to step down this year, so we are looking for someone to fill his shoes. If you think you are interested, call me or Greg.

We have many great events coming up, so don't miss the opportunity to take part in them.

- Ken Hudak, President



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Charity holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design and left the world of advertising agencies to become a fly fishing guide. The few times she's not on the water she still designs logos, brochures and other print materials.

Ian & Charity are both pro staffers for Scott Fly Rods and Hyde Drift Boats. Additionally, they have collaborated on five books. Their titles include *Great Smoky Mountains National Park Angler's Companion*, *Tennessee Trout Waters: Blue Ribbon Guide*, *Rise Rings and Rhododendron: Fly Fishing the Mountain Streams and Tailwaters of Southern Appalachia*, *Fly Fishing for Brook Trout in Great Smoky Mountains National Park*, and *Fly Fishing with Streamers - Advice From the Guides*.

The program Ian & Charity will present is ***Fly Fish Like a Predator***. Many anglers try to reduce the formula to success down to the right flies, equipment, and even dumb luck. Nothing could be further from the truth. Even though most fly fishers practice strict catch and release, they often forget they are engaged in a predatory process. Success on the water is gained from a thought process that Ian & Charity will share. These are principles they rely on every day in their work as successful fly fishing guides.



**Charity and Ian Rutter**

## 2011 Club Award Recipients

<b>Dick Matson Award</b>	Bill Bennett
<b>Founder's Award</b>	Brian Furderer
<b>Jake Jaeger Award</b>	Bill "Woody" Woodward
<b>Outstanding Member</b>	Bob Cain
<b>President's Award</b>	Joe Nagel

## Recipients of Certificates of Merit, for Service to the Club

Tom Arnold  
Sam Brown  
Jim Corbin  
Hal Dusco  
Juan Gomez  
Shawn Johnson  
Ron Lewis  
Pat Middleton  
Steve Rader  
Dale Stephens  
Jerry Wallace  
John Young

Tom Allen  
Jim Calvert  
Alan Donaldson  
Jeff Dusco  
Bill Grimpe  
Gerald Larue  
Carl Markstrom  
Dave Oertel  
Jerry Redford  
Mike Tyler  
Jeff Warden

Alan Ashley  
Phil Clay  
Steve Dow  
Bernie Fritz  
Ken Hudak  
Ray Lee  
Dan Matousch  
Tom Perry  
Greg Sherwood  
Marty Vandebrook  
Mike Wolford

## 2011 Casting Competition Winners

<b>First Flight</b>	Brian Peters
<b>Seniors</b>	Brian Furderer
<b>Masters</b>	Marty Vandebrook

Congratulations to all of the 2011 award winners! Thank you for your continued service to the club!

# This Month's Fly – January 2012 Edition

## THE DOC SPRATLEY

Instructions Bill "Woody" Woodward /  
Photograph by Bob Cain



### Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 9671/9672 or equivalent, size 14-4  
Thread.....Black or brown, 6/0  
Tail.....Guinea hen  
Body.....Black wool yarn or equivalent  
Rib.....Silver or gold tinsel, flat med  
Throat Hackle.....Guinea hen  
Wing.....Pheasant tail, natural or brown  
Head.....Peacock herl

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie the thread in behind the hook eye. Wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend and let the thread hang. Remove any thread tag.
2. Cut 6-8 guinea hen hackle barbs, even the tips, and tie them in at the hook bend on top of the hook shank as a tail. (The tail should be about 1/3 the hook shank in length.) Wrap over the feather butts with thread and return the thread to the hook bend.
3. Cut a 4"-5" piece of black wool yarn and tie it in by the end on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. (The length of the yarn should extend out over the hook bend.)
4. Cut a 3"-4" piece of tinsel and tie it in by one end at the hook bend to use as a rib. (The length of the tinsel should extend back over the hook bend.) Wrap the thread forward to slightly behind the hook eye.
5. Grasp the wool yarn and wrap it forward in touching turns to behind the eye and tie it off. Trim off any excess yarn.
6. Now counter wrap the tinsel forward in evenly spaced turns to the end of the yarn body and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel.
7. Cut a small bunch of guinea hen barbs and tie them in as a throat on the bottom of the hook shank behind the hook eye. The barbs should reach back to around the hook barb. Trim off any excess barb butts.
8. Cut a small bunch of pheasant tail barbs to use as a wing and measure them so that they reach from the hook eye back to the middle of the tail. Once you have the barbs measured, tie them in on top of the hook shank slightly behind the hook eye. (Take care not to let the wing barbs spring up as you want them to lay flat and parallel along the top of the body.) Trim off any excess feather butts.
9. Now cut another smaller bunch of pheasant tail barbs and tie it in as in step 8 on top of the first wing bunch. Trim off any excess barb butts and cover the remainder with thread wraps.
10. Cut two peacock herls and tie them in by one end on top of the wing behind the hook eye. (The length of the peacock herls should lay over the top of the wing and reach back to the tip of the wing.)
11. Now cut 1-2 peacock herls and tie them in right against the front the wing. Twist them together with the thread into a herl rope and wrap it forward to the hook eye, forming a neat head, and tie it off. Trim off any excess "rope", whip finish, and cut the thread.

# 2012 MVFF Fly Tying Classes

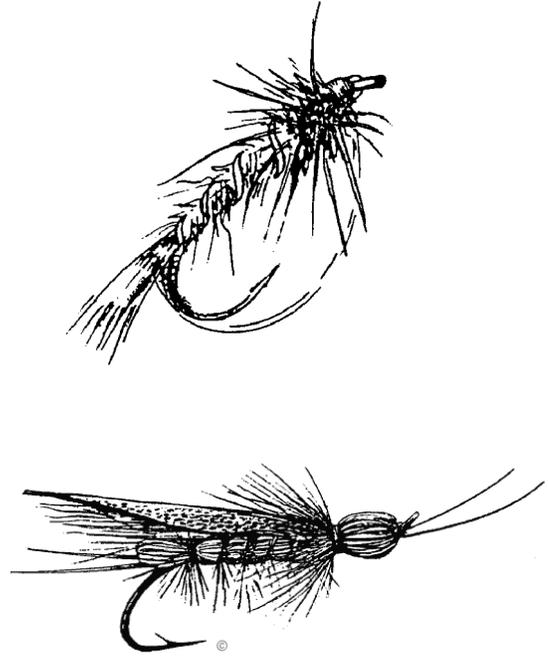
Preparation for the Beginner and Intermediate fly tying classes are in the final stages. The flies for the beginner classes are complete and the intermediate are well underway but not ready to be posted at this time. Due to the amount of materials required for these classes, it is very important that Tom Courtney has an accurate list of those who wish to be a part of these classes. If you have not notified Tom of your intention to be in either class, you must do so as soon as possible. Tom's email address is: [tcourtney4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tcourtney4@sbcglobal.net)

The beginners class has 21 members signed up and 14 for the intermediate. A yearly tip to all, especially the beginners class members is that with the Holiday Season, if you find close out prices on the tinsel used for decorating Christmas trees, pick up a pack, or two, of different widths and colors. Tinsel is used for many flies but expensive to buy on thread spools. If you have any questions please call or email Tom.

All fly-tying classes will be conducted at Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. (Note: The materials recipe and step-by-step tying instructions for each fly are available on the club website.)

## 2012 Beginner's Fly-Tying Class Schedule

- January 3 - Woolly Bugger and Foam Beetle
- January 10 - Elk Hair Caddis and Predator
- January 17 - BH Pheasant Tail and Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear
- January 24 - Parachute Adams and BH Brassie
- January 31 - Zebra Midgeling and Schmidt's Egg
- February 7 - Evil Weevil and Antron Bug
- February 14 - Crystal Caddis and EZ Stonefly Nymph
- February 21 - The Professor and Clouser Minnow
- February 28 - Green Butt Skunk and Serendipity
- March 6 - Barr's Copper John and Mickey Finn
- March 13 - Little Green Stonefly and Sparkle Dun
- March 20 - Zug Bug and Griffith's Gnat
- March 27 - Hold for re-scheduling if needed due to winter weather



# The 2012 MVFF Auction

The 2012 Auction will be here before you know it, so now is the time to begin preparing for the spectacle in March. The importance of this meeting cannot be stressed enough. We generate approximately **half of our revenue** from this single event which will support the speakers program, fly tying classes, and all the other events participated in by the club.

Many of our members are familiar with this annual event. For the new members and those not be familiar, I will give you a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - **NO JUNK**. My rule of thumb is - if you wouldn't pay money for it, most likely no one else will either.

Items that sell well are fishing items of course, camping and hunting gear, a sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are perennial favorites. If you have received well intentioned gifts that failed to hit the mark then perhaps this would be the perfect time to recycle that gift and generate some money for the club. This is a great time to go through all of your gear and pull out the stuff you no longer need or use and bring it to the auction. One man's junk is another man's treasure. If you have a particular skill or a membership to various clubs, these make excellent items for bid. Examples are members who offer guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. These have been very popular in recent years.

Whatever it is that you can donate to the auction, the most important thing is to make a donation. Secondly, be sure to show up and bid on the items! **(Special Note - a new Abel fly reel will be among the many items available for bidding!)** This would be an excellent meeting to bring a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. They will have an opportunity to pick up many items of good quality at a good price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds will be generated for the club.

Last year we managed to break the \$5000.00 mark and I would love to see us do better this year. We have an excellent club here and its continued success depends on you to show up to the auction with a donated item for bid.

Hope to see you there.

Marty Vandenbrock, 2012 MVFF Auction Chair

# MVFF CALENDAR For January, 2012

3, 10, 17,  
24, 31

**Beginners Fly Tying Classes**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

5, 12, 19, 26

**Intermediate Fly Tying Classes**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

9 -

**MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details)

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**Tenth Annual North Coast Fly Tying Expo**, Cleveland, OH (See <http://www.ncff.net> for details.)

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Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

## MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **450** registered members!

Also, you can now read messages without registering or logging in. Just go to the club's web site at <http://www.mvff.us> and you will find a link to the board in the upper left-hand corner.



MVFF is now on Facebook! Follow us at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>

## MVFF Email

Miami Valley Fly Fishers is trying to improve communication with members by making greater use of email. To be sure our messages reach you, please put the following address in your email address book:

[mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com)

Then send us an email subject "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name.

## REMINDER FOR CLUB PURCHASES

ALL CLUB PURCHASES MUST RECEIVE PRE-APPROVAL IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED. AMOUNTS OVER \$50 REQUIRE BOARD PRE-APPROVAL. AMOUNTS UNDER \$50 CONTACT TREASURER, CARL MARKSTROM, FOR PRE-APPROVAL. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FORM, WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

[http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.pdf](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf) OR [http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.xls](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls)



## The Adventure Summit is Back!

This year's event will be held at the Student Union Building at Wright State University on **Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11**.

This year's featured speaker:

***The Founding Father of Mountain Biking - Gary Fisher***

For details, visit <http://www.metroparks.org/adventuresummit/>.

Be sure to also stop by the club's booth and say "Hello!"

## The 2012 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show!

**Where:** The Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield, Ohio.

**Date:** February 4, 2012

**Times:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Admission Fees:** Still only **\$5.00/person**  
Children under 15 w/ Adult - **FREE**  
Scouts in Uniform - **FREE**  
**Free Parking**

### Exhibits, Presentations, and Fly Tying Demonstrations

For more information, visit the Buckeye United Fly Fishers' website at:

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/FlyFishingShow/2012show.htm>





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