

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
January 24, 2014**

**This Month:
Dustan Harley**

Next Meeting

January 13, 2014

**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
by **Thursday, January 9, 2014.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

**This Month:
Dustan Harley,
Ripple Guide Service**

(See the article on page 4 for details.)

Membership Renewal Reminder

**2014 Membership Fees
Are Due NOW.**

The membership fee remains unchanged at **\$35.00**. If
you have not yet paid your dues for 2014, please do so
at the January meeting.

The club is counting on you!

**The Auction
Is Coming.....**

That's right - the auction will be here before you know
it!

See page 4 for more information...

President's Thoughts



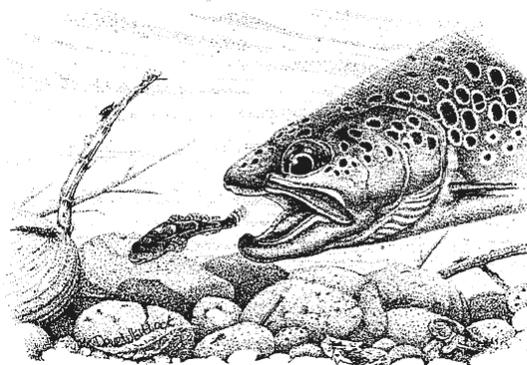
A Happy New Year to you all! Can you believe it's already
2014? I do not know where the time goes...

With the New Year comes new beginnings for the club.
Please join me in welcoming Nathan Via as our new Vice
President, and JD Dukes as our new Treasurer. Nathan
and JD will join me and Matt Mullins as your MVFF Board
Members for 2014.

I would also like to thank our outgoing board members,
Brian Furderer and Carl Markstrom, for their service to the
club these past two years. Under their watch, the club
enjoyed one of its best years ever in 2013.

I hope to keep that momentum going in 2014. I am
excited about this upcoming year for the club. The board
has several member-centric ideas we would like to try.
(For more information about this, see the article on Page
4.)

The January meeting should be a good one. Our speaker
will be Dustan Harley, with Ripple Guide Service
(<http://www.rippleguides.com/>). Be sure to get your
dinner reservations to Mike Wolford by the 9th. You won't
want to miss this!



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Opportunities for the Dayton-based fly fisherman may be limited this time of year, but they are still there. First, there are several local and regional fly fishing / outdoor-related shows over the next few months. For a list of shows, check out the following post on the club's message board at: <http://mvff.proboards.com/index.cgi?board=talk&action=display&thread=1070>. These shows are a great way to beat the winter blues. Also, don't forget about our fly tying classes at Gander Mountain, and Jim Corbin's rod classes. These will also help you prepare for the upcoming season.

Fishing opportunities are still available as well on the Mad River, up at Steelhead Alley, and at destinations to the south. If you should venture to the Mad or to the Alley, please be sure to post information about your trip on the message board – we'd love to hear about your experience (we REALLY love pictures, too!). For those who are fortunate enough to venture to warmer climes to fly fish this winter - if you would be interested in adopting a 40-something-year-old fly-fishing club president to take along as a fishing companion, please contact me ASAP! (OK - a guy can dream, can't he?)

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for 2014. Here's to another great year for the club! See you at the meeting on the 13th.

Joe Nagel
MVFF President

Next Month: The 2014 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers' annual **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show** is taking place on **Saturday, February 1, 2014**, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, at the **Oasis Conference Center**, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH.

For details, visit BUFF's website at:

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>

2013 Club Award Recipients

Dick Matson Award	Tom Courtney
Founder's Award	Woody Woodward
Jake Jaeger Award	Jerry Redford
Marty Vandenbrock / Outstanding Member	Heather Statt
President's Award	Mike Wolford

Recipients of Certificates of Merit, for Service to the Club

Tom Arnold
Phil Beachler
Patricia Becker
Jerry Beech
Bill Bennett
Dave Brown
Bob Cain
Jim Calvert
Phil Clay

Jim Corbin
Tom Courtney
Greg Czarnecki
Scott Davis
Bernie Fritz
Joe Gilmore
Juan Gomez
Bill Grimpe
Ken Hudak

Shawn Johnson
Kelly Kingery
Lash LaRue
Ray Lee
Ron Lewis
Pat Mamula
Carl Markstrom
Dan Matousch
Matt Mullins

Ken Norton
Dave Oertel
Matt Parker
Dick Quigley
Steve Rader
Jerry Redford
Paula Smith
Heather Statt
Dale Stephens

Karen Stokes
Matthew Taylor
Karen Via
Nathan Via
Jeff Warden
Mike Wolford
Bill Woodward (Woody)
John Young

2013 Casting Competition Winners

First Flight:	Nathan Via
Seniors:	Joe Gilmore
Masters:	Mike Wolford

Congratulations to all of the 2013 award winners! Thank you for your continued service to the club!

This Month's Fly – January 2014 Edition

AMY'S ANT

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Nymph or streamer, 2XL - 3XL, size 6-12
Thread.....Tan or Brown, 6/0 or 3/0
Underbody.....2mm Tan foam or color of your choice
Overbody.....2mm Tan or Rust or color of your choice
Legs.....Brown or black round rubber, medium
Hackle.....Brown or ginger saddle
Body.....Olive or black crystal chenille
Underwing.....Flashabou Accent, Pearl, orange, or rainbow
Overwing.....Cow or Yearling Elk
Thorax.....Bronze Arizona Peacock dubbing or equivalent



1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a neat thread base back to the bend of the hook shank. Cut off the thread tag.
2. Cut a strip of tan foam about the width of the hook gap and about 3"- 4" long. Cut the corners off one end to create a flat ended tail. Tie it in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend so that the tail end extends slightly past the hook bend. Make 3-4 tight wraps of thread to anchor the foam but make sure the wraps are on top of one another.
3. Cut a 3" - 4" piece of tan foam **almost as wide** as the first strip of foam. Cut a shallow "v" notch in one end as a tail. Tie this strip down on top of the first strip at the same point being sure to keep the thread wraps on top of one another. The tail end of the second strip should align with the end of the first strip tail.
4. Cut a 2" piece of rubber legging and tie it in by its **middle** on the near side of hook shank at the same point as the thread wraps attaching the foam strips. Repeat this procedure on the far side of the hook shank. This should give you 2 legs on each side of the hook where you tied in the foam strips. The thread should be hanging at the leg tie-in point.
5. Lift both of the foam strips and wrap the thread under them on the hook shank forward to slightly behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
6. Fold the legs and the upper, darker foam strip back over the hook bend out of the way and use a scrap piece of lead wire or other material to hold them out of the way.
7. Now fold the tan foam strip forward on top of the hook shank and tie it down with a few tight thread wraps slightly behind the hook eye. Keeping the tan foam strip on top of the hook shank, spiral wrap the thread over it tightly back to the hook bend, creating several small body segments. Let the thread hang.
8. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather, clean the fluff off its butt end and tie it in by its butt end at the hook bend. The length of the feather should be extending back past the hook bend. Wrap the thread forward to just past the middle of the hook shank.
9. Cut 5"-6" piece of Krystal chenille and tie it in by one end in the middle of the hook shank. (The length of the chenille should go back past the hook bend.) Wrap thread over the chenille back to the hook bend, then wrap the thread back to where you tied-in the chenille. Let the thread hang.
10. Wrap the chenille forward in tight touching turns to where you left the thread (basically the middle of the hook shank). Remove any excess chenille.
11. Grasp the hackle feather and palmer it forward in 4-5 wraps over the chenille. Tie it off in front of the chenille and remove any excess hackle. Now trim the hackle barbs down to short bristles all around the chenille body (the hackle barbs should end up being slightly long than the edges of the chenille).
12. Now release the legs and foam strip that you folded back in step 6. Fold the darker foam strip over the top of the chenille body and tie it down in front of the chenille body. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING FOAM.**
13. Keeping the remaining darker foam strip on top of the hook shank, bind it down firmly with tight thread wraps forward to the hook eye. **Make sure the remainder of the foam strip is centered on top of the hook shank when you're finished.** Return the thread to the front of the body.
14. Cut a small 2" clump of flash material and tie it in on top of the hook shank by its middle in front of the body. Fold the forward half of the flash back toward the hook bend and wrap thread over its butt end to keep it leaning back. Trim the flash even with the end of the foam tails.
15. Cut, clean, and stack a medium sized clump of elk hair. Measure this clump of hair so that it extends from the front edge of the body to the back of the tail, then, keeping it on top of hook shank, tie it in at the front of the body as a wing. **DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN DOWN THE SIDES OF THE FLY.** Make several tight thread wraps over the hair butts forward to behind the hook eye. Remove any excess hair butts. The thread should be behind the hook eye.
16. Dub the thread and wrap a fairly thick thorax back to the front of the foam body. Remove any excess dubbing from the thread. The thread should be in front of the body.
17. Now fold the darker foam strip back over the top of the thorax and tie it down tight against the foam body to create a foam head. **DO NOT CUT THE REMAINING FOAM.** Let the thread hang.
18. Cut a 2" piece of rubber legging and tie it in by its **middle** on the near side of hook shank at the same point as the thread wraps binding down the foam head. Repeat this procedure on the far side of the hook shank. This should give you 2 legs on each side of the thorax where you tied down the foam head. The thread should be hanging at the leg tie-in point.
19. Whip finish the thread in the crease **between the head and the body**, then cut the thread.

Trim the remaining darker foam behind the head into a point (see picture). Trim the remaining tan foam level with the front of the hook eye.

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Dustan Harley was born less than a mile from the Saint Joseph River and can't remember a time when he wasn't on the river fishing. He grew up fishing on the rivers of Indiana and Michigan and is lucky enough today to spend most days on those same rivers. He founded **Ripple Guide Service** in 1999 to give fishermen an unforgettable experience. He guides the rivers of Indiana and Michigan for steelhead, salmon, trout, smallmouth bass, pike, and just about anything else that swims. Dustan has also spoken to fly fishing clubs from Tennessee to California. When not on the river, he can be found fishing with his children or designing new flies for the fish he loves to fool.

For more information about Ripple Guide Service, visit their website at:

<http://www.rippleguides.com>



Dustan Harley

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The 2014 Auction will soon be here, so now is the time to begin preparing! The importance of this meeting cannot be stressed enough; the club generates about **half of our revenue** from this single event, which helps support our speaker 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, here are a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - **NO JUNK**. A good 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, as well as camping and hunting gear. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are also 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 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! 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.

New Ideas for 2014

After the December meeting, the MVFF Board met to discuss the upcoming year. We wanted to see what we could do / offer our club members to enhance member participation. Here is a list of some of the things we would like to try in 2014:

Spring Tune-Up We are looking to offer an instructor-led session (possibly in March or April, on a Saturday) to work on casting skills that have not been used since last fall.

The "New" TNT Our summertime "**Thursday Night Tease**" (**TNT**) sessions have always been a great way to meet up with fellow members outside of our monthly meetings, and to learn about new places to fly fish. Over the last several years, however, the number of these events has greatly decreased. In 2013, we only had two. With our hectic schedules these days, it can be difficult to get volunteers to lead these Thursday night events, even during the summer.

So, our proposal for the "**New**" **TNT** is this- Events can be scheduled on **ANY** day of the week, at **ANY** time of day, and during **ANY** time of the year. We want to maximize the opportunity to get out and fish together, and this is a way to do so.

We will still utilize the TNT Forum on our message board to coordinate these outings. And, we will still call it **TNT** - because it's **dynamite!**

More Outings We are looking into the possibility of organizing additional multi-day outings (Kiser Lake, etc.). More information on this will follow when it is available.

If you have any ideas on things we can do to enhance club member participation, please contact a board member. We would love to hear your ideas, and we look forward to your help in making them happen!

Thank you,

Joe Nagel

MVFF CALENDAR For January, 2014

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - Intermediate Fly Tying Classes** at Gander Mountain, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- 7, 14, 21, 28 - Beginner's Fly Tying Classes** at Gander Mountain, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- 13 - MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 18 - Northern Ohio Fly Fishing Expo** (Details can be found at <http://www.ncff.net/>)
- 24 -** Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**
- 25 - Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show** (See <http://www.kyflyshow.com/> for more info)

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **470** 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

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.

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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 OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls



Adventure Summit 2014

Five Rivers MetroParks' **Adventure Summit** is returning to the Wright State Student Union on **February 14 & 15, 2014!**

Event Times:

Friday, February 14: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, February 15: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, visit <http://theadventuresummit.com/>.



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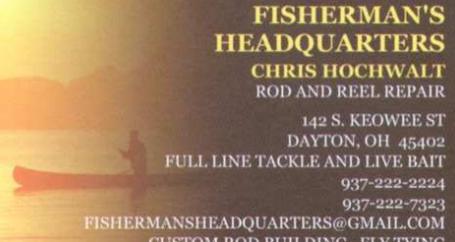


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