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# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,  
January 23, 2016

#### Next Meeting

January 11, 2016

Kohler Banquet Hall

4572 Presidential Way  
(directions on website)

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**DINNER RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED**

Meal Price - \$15.00

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)  
667-9392 or [toflysh@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflysh@woh.rr.com)  
by Thursday, January 7th.

#### January Speaker



Tracy McClain is the Marketing Manager of Elk Springs Resort and Fly shop in Monteverville, WV. He lives for catching big Brook Trout. Tracy has spent much of his adult life traveling mountain states such as Colorado, North Carolina, California, Montana, Wyoming and has been in West Virginia since 1996 chasing Brook Trout up small mountain streams mainly in Pocahontas and Randolph Counties. When not fishing or marketing the resort Tracy enjoys scouting the local small streams, mapping out trips, writing and publishing Sulphur Magazine and stream restoration. If Brookie fishing and

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#### President's Thoughts

Hello friends,

Hopefully everyone had a fantastic holiday season. Karen and I feel extremely thankful and gracious for so many things this year. One thing in particular is the amount of members who donated their time. Please check out the list in the lower portions of this newsletter. The amount of people donating time just gets bigger every year.

On December 20th, Paula Mann-Smith, Dale Stephens and Karen Via represented the club when they all spoke on the Classic Country Outdoors program featured on 100.03 FM Classic Country Radio. If you tuned in from 12 to 1 PM, you heard our spokespeople field questions from hosts Larry Moore and Dave Linkhart. I was truly impressed to hear how well Paula, Dale and Karen all fielded questions about our sport and this club. Great job guys and special thanks to Noel and Berenice Baldwin for facilitating the contacts with Classic Country Radio.

Upcoming events -

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing/BUFF show will take place this year on Saturday February 6th at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland,

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Ohio. This show is extremely well run and promises to be one of the best in the country. The BUFF club president, Ken Dixon, has asked me to present the following offer to our membership. Each year, BUFF hosts a workshop for some of their show presenters who offer small class instruction. I attended the classes last year with Orvis's Tom Rosenbauer and had a great time. This year, workshops are offered by Mike Schmidt and Kelly Gallop.

Ken writes . . .

*As you are probably aware, BUFF will be hosting the 2016 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, February 6 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio (the same venue as the 2015 Show). The featured presenter this year is Kelly Galloup. We are also bringing back professional tier and owner of Angler's Choice Flies, Mike Schmidt, who moved from Ohio to Florida earlier this year. We are bringing both of these gentlemen in early to hold tying workshops prior to the show. I would like to extend an offer to you and your members the opportunity to join our members in these workshops. Attendance is limited, but we do currently have openings available on a first come first served basis.*

*On Thursday, Feb. 4, Mike Schmidt will host workshops at 2:00 PM and at 6:00 PM. In Session 1, he will be showing us how to tie his Maraceiver, Double Deceiver & Red Rocket. In Session 2, he will be tying his Drunk and Disorderly and Modern Deceiver. On Friday, February 5, Kelly Galloup will host three Workshops at 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM & 4:00 PM. In Session 1, he will tie his Cougar, in Session 2, the Sex Dungeon and in Session 3, the Nancy P.*

*All tying materials other than thread will be provided. Participants will need to bring their vise, light, magnifier (if desired), tools and thread. To participate in these workshops, you should be a solid intermediate level tier with good basic knowledge of tying tools, techniques and handling materials. Cost to tie at the Clinics are: Mike Schmidt: \$30 for one Session / \$50 for two Sessions, and for Kelly Galloup: \$30 for one Session / \$50 for two Sessions / \$75 for three Sessions. There are also options available to just audit the sessions at the lower cost of: Mike Schmidt: \$15 for one Session / \$25 for both sessions, and for Kelly Galloup: \$15 for one Session / \$25 for two Sessions / \$35 for all three sessions.*

*For any questions or to enroll for whatever sessions they may be interested in attending, have your members send an email to me at [krjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krjdix@outlook.com). I will either respond to the questions or get them enrolled and return a confirmation to them. Payment may be made by sending a check, payable to Buckeye United Fly Fishers, to:*

*Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
P.O. Box 42614  
Cincinnati, OH 45242*

*or, to me at my home address  
9764 Ronbet Drive, Loveland, OH 45140*

*Best regards and tight lines,*

*Ken Dixon  
President  
Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc.  
Cell: 513.787.2408*

Please check it out.

On February 12th – 13th, The Five Rivers MetroParks Adventure Summit will take place at Wright State University. We will have two booths this year.

With the record setting temperatures across the state this year, many of us who don't usually fish the cold months can enjoy a once in a life time chance to fish for steelhead up North. Seriously, my friend Don Matthews of Dfishinfol guide service claims record numbers of fish in Steelhead Alley.

If anyone would like to consider a trip up North in the next couple of months, Please let me know. I have some connections and real-time reports to put us on the fish.

See you in January.

Nathan A. Via  
MVFF President

## **December Meeting Recap**

The Annual MVFF Awards Banquet was a time to recognize member contributions and accomplishments.

There were many, many members who did so much to making 2015, our 40th anniversary year, so successful. Thank you to all!

The major awards were as follows . . .

Jake Jaeger Award - Ron Lewis & John Young  
Marty Vandenberg Outstanding Member Award - Bill Grimpe  
Dick Matson Award - Dale Stephens  
Founder's award - Joe Nagle  
President's Award - Karen Via

Casting Competition Winners for 2015 were . . .

First Flight: Amy Aspenwall  
Seniors: Nathan Via  
Masters: Ken Hudak

Karla Riste of the Dayton VA presented an excellent slideshow that highlighted the many PHWFF outings this past year.

# January Fly of the Month



## CREAM SNOWSHOE SPINNER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook..... Dry 2xl, size 12 -14

Thread..... Cream, 6/0 or 8/0

Tail..... Microfibetts

Body..... Cream/snowshoe dubbing

Wingpad..... White foam, 2mm

Wing..... Snowshoe rabbit foot fur

Head..... Thread/foam

1. Put the hook in the vise, tie in the thread, and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend. Remove the thread tag, dub the thread lightly, and wrap a small dubbed ball at the beginning of the hook bend. Remove any excess dubbing.
2. Select four microfibtets and tie in two on each side of the hook behind the dubbed ball, then wrap the thread forward to the dubbed ball which will split the tails. (The tails should be approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the length of the hook shank.) Now wrap the thread back over the butts of the microfibtets toward the hook eye to the middle of the hook shank. Remove any excess microfibtets butts and return the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a dubbed body forward to about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. Let the thread hang.
4. Cut a piece of foam approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and 3" long and cut a spear-like "V" in one end. Tie the foam in on top of the hook shank in the middle of the "V" tight against the dubbed body with the length of the foam going back toward the hook bend. Bind down the remaining part of the "V" tightly to the hook shank. Ensure that the foam is tied down tightly against the front of the dubbed body so that there is no gap between the body and the foam when the foam is pulled forward. The thread should now be back against the front of the body.
5. Now cut a good bunch of snowshoe fur to use for a wing and clean it well. The fur fibers should be about the length of the hook shank. Tie the fur in tightly against the foam on top of the hook shank with the tips going forward over the hook eye. Trim away any excess fur butts tight against the foam.
6. Divide the fur equally into two wings, one on each side of the hook and make figure eight wraps through them to keep them separated. (Do not pull the wraps too tightly or it will cause the wings to slope downward.)
7. Dub the thread lightly and make one wrap behind the wings, then figure eight it through the wings and continue to wrap it forward in front of the wings to behind the hook eye and tie it off. This creates the thorax. Remove any excess dubbing. The thread should now be slightly behind the hook eye.
8. Grasp the foam and pull it firmly forward over the wings to behind the hook eye and tie it off tightly. Trim off the remaining foam closely behind the hook eye so that the foam does not block the hook eye. Bind down the remaining foam butt with tight thread wraps forming a thread head.
9. Whip finish and cut the thread.

### MVFF CALENDAR

Jan 5	Beginner's Fly Tying Class begins
Jan 7	Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins
Jan 11	MVFF Indoor Meeting (Reservations are Required - see page 1)
Jan 23	Deadline for Articles for the February Issue of Tightlines
Feb 13	Rod Building Classes begin

Also, be sure to put the B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on your calendar - Feb 6th

### January Speaker

back country streams are your thing, then Tracy will satisfy your appetite. Tracy will give a presentation on fishing the Elk River in West Virginia.

His website is . .

<http://www.wvangersandguides.com>

## **PHWFF Update**

Recently we received a donation of a Cortland 7/8 weight rod with large arbor reel and line and another donation of over 300 professionally made dry flies. These donations will be used to support our PHWFF efforts.

Karla Riste, of the Dayton VA, put together a very nice slideshow of photos taken at the many outings over this past summer and showed it at the December MVFF meeting. The presentation, set to music, was a touching reminder of the good times the vets (and ourselves) shared on these occasions.

In 2016 MVFF volunteers will work with veterans at the Dayton VA who have elected to participate in the Annual National PHWFF Rod Building Program and Contest. The purpose of this fly rod building program and contest is to give the participants the experience of building their own fly rods to further their physical and mental rehabilitation through the sport of fly fishing. It also gives them the possibility to win prizes for their rod building abilities to include the opportunity to further their rod building experience by attending a



bamboo rod building school or attend a PHWFF National fly fishing trip. The Rod Building Contest is a way for PHWFF program participants to showcase the skills, talents, and creativity garnered from program classes, meetings, and independent study in a casual, fun contest.

Judges use a 10 point scale for categories that include "Neatness" (evenness of the thread wraps, no excess glues or finishes on blank/grip/seat, "Functionality" (guide spacing, components in line, etc.), "Creativity" (open to interpretation of the judges) and so on. The totals are tallied for each participant and the winners in each category with the highest overall scores are the winners.

The program will begin in January and run through early April. The national office of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing will shortly send out rod building kits for the 10 veterans who have currently signed up for the competition. The rod kits are provided by The Hook and Hackle Company of Homestead, PA, at no cost to the veterans or MVFF.

We're looking forward to working with the vets on this new endeavor.



### **2016 Dues**

There are still plenty of "unpays" as of the December meeting.

The membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.00. Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget.

Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (e.g. - PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

If you have already renewed your membership for 2016 - thank you! If you have not, please bring your membership dues with you to the January meeting.

The club is counting on you!

### **Quote of the Month**

*Between them, the old men must have created hundreds of trout flies, insect mutants as bizarre and seductive as any ever to drop from a fly tier's vise. With perhaps two exceptions, none of their titillating offerings ever stirred a trout's interest, a fact that didn't bother them at all.*

Harry Middleton  
*The Earth is Enough* (1989)

### **Going Electronic!**

We're still mailing about 120 issues per month and that costs about \$1.00 each for printing, plus a stamp cost of \$.49 (there is no bulk rate for our size mailing) and the cost of labels. It adds up to about \$2,200 per year. Please consider getting your issue electronically . . . it's in color at no extra charge!

To "opt out" email us at [mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com) and tell us you want to get your Tighlines by email or off our web site.

## ROD BUILDING CLASSES

As of publication there are still spots available in both classes.

**When:** Rod building classes will begin Saturday February 13 and continue for about 4 weeks total. The morning class (5 new students only) are from 10-12 am (see note at bottom of page).. The afternoon class (5 old grads only) are from 1-3 pm.

**Where:** At my shop (165 Miami Dr.) in Yellow Springs.

**How to enroll:** If you're at all serious about securing a position in these classes send a deposit of \$100 immediately! It's a first come, first served basis. Don't wait a month and then find out we're filled up. A phone call or e-mail (see below) will buy you one week to get your deposit in. You're not in until you've paid!

**Total cost?:** The course fee is \$10.00 – covers thread, glues, and finishes, etc. Rod parts (reel seat & insert, cork rings, & guides) run about \$50. This is using the lower end of the best components – we don't tolerate junk! Of course you can crank this figure up with nickel-silver seats, burlwood inserts, tic guides, etc. I offer St. Croix, Pac/Bay, & Temple Fork blanks. These blanks can run from \$80 to \$400. Rod bags & cases of various types are also on hand.

**What else?:** If you've got questions, need advice on choosing what's best for you, or whatever, give me a call. You're welcome to test cast my personal rods. This year I will be assisted by the legendary Ray Lee & the talented Joe Nagel. They serve as both my eyes & brain - what could be better! Rod wrapping jigs are also available as well as the turning motors for curing finishes. A modest rental fee is charged.

Jim Corbin  
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**Note:** first class for beginners starts at 9:30, remaining sessions start at 10 am



## Buy / Sell / Trade

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here for you as well as on the Message Board. Please let us know when to remove the listing.

Send your request to [tarnoldjr@me.com](mailto:tarnoldjr@me.com)

## Fly Tying Classes

The 2016 classes are about to begin and there is still room for more participants, particularly in the Beginner's class.



The Beginner's class will be on Tuesdays starting on January 5, 2016. The Intermediate/Advanced class will be on Thursdays starting on January 7, 2016. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks. Classes will be held at the Lodge at the Huber Heights Gander Mountain starting at 6:00 pm. The dates are on the Calendar page of the website.

If you haven't signed up, you can still do so. If you are new to this great activity and don't have the equipment you can even rent a tying kit and get a full refund at the conclusion of the classes.

These classes are free to members as a part of the many benefits of MVFF membership. Contact the following members to sign up and/or get your questions answered:

Richard Quigley at 937-298-9614 or by e-mail at [quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net)

"Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or 937-222-2224 (work)

So consider taking advantage of this great winter activity. You'll learn a lot and have some laughs as well.



## MVFF ANNUAL AUCTION

Not too soon to start thinking about the 2016 MVFF Annual Auction in March, whether that be . . . .

- identifying equipment/items you might want to donate,
- tying flies to put into the auction, or
- setting aside funds to spend at the auction!

It is our major fund-raising event and lots of fun to boot. And it will be here before you know it.



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