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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:

Wednesday,

January 25, 2017

## Next Meeting January 9, 2017

Kohler Room

4572 Presidential Way  
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS  
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)  
671-2780 or [toflyfish@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfish@woh.rr.com)  
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming  
Monday meeting (January 5th).

Meal Price - \$15.00  
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.



## President's Thoughts

Happy New Year!

Wow, a *brand new year* - a *new* opportunity to make a difference in people's lives, to promote the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio, and continue to grow the membership of this fine organization. I'm excited to be following in the footsteps of a great leader and mentor such as Nathan Via who had the vision and commitment to accomplish so many great things during his term. I know he still has those visions and is ready to help in any way he can to continue to achieve and expand on those goals he so eloquently mentioned in the last newsletter. But it will take all of us working together to reach our goals. Water that does not move becomes stagnant and unhealthy.

It is expected of new leadership to state the goals they have for their time in office, and I feel I am obliged to follow suit. We have so many things that we are already doing. I want to make sure that we continue to do them, and do them well. But some of those things can be improved a little. I'd like to see a more consistent effort made to photographically chronicle our events, do more social media pushes, update and renovate our website making it more user-friendly, offer live feeds to our tying classes for those members who cannot make it to

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## January Speaker



Mike Schultz (known as "Schultzy" to most) is the Owner of Schultz Outfitters Fly Shop & Guide Service specializing in Southeastern Michigan angling, instruction, and destination travel. Born and raised in the Great State of Michigan, Schultzy has enjoyed the outdoors his entire life. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, he started guiding and working in the fly-fishing industry full-time.

Logging countless hours on the water each year, Schultzy has developed a vast knowledge of Midwestern waters and beyond. The bulk of his guiding and angling takes place on his home waters of Southeastern Michigan; The Huron, Flint, Shiawassee, Raisin & Kalamazoo Rivers offer world class warm-water fishing. His angling travels have taken him from Alaska to Patagonia and many

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### **President's Thoughts** (cont'd)

the class, and a short list of other small ideas.

However, there is one major project with which I would like to see our club become involved and that is the Casting for Recovery (CfR) program - <https://castingforrecovery.org>. There are several things we can do to support the effort from fundraising to hosting an event and more. My hope is to involve some of the wives or ladies that are not currently active, and find a niche that might fit them within the club, even though they may not fly fish. They may bake, or sew, or craft and could support a fundraiser for CfR.

We love our involvement in Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and we are proud of the work that is being done there. We have heard the many wonderful stories of the benefits of our veterans who have participated, as well as the blessings it has been to the members who volunteer. I think we can find that same sense of accomplishment with Casting for Recovery.

In my short time as a member of MVFF I have come to realize that we are a great group of wonderful people with a passion for our sport, and deep desire to protect the environs which support it. People's ears perk up when they hear the name Miami Valley Fly Fishers because they know we have a purpose and a mission. We make things happen. I am so excited to be working with our new Vice President Paula Smith, Secretary Phil Clay, and Treasurer Bill Grimpe. I encourage you to submit ideas, comments or concerns to any one of us as this is a way to address them and make us a better club. Thanks – now get out there and do some fishin'!

Kelly Kingery  
MVFF President

### **December Meeting Recap**

We had a super turnout for the evening. The Annual MVFF Awards Banquet is a time to formally recognize member contributions and accomplishments. There were many, many members who did so much to making 2016 so successful. Thank you to all!

The major awards were as follows . . . .

- Jake Jaeger Award - Paula Smith**
- Marty Vandenbrock Outstanding Member Award - Bernard Fritz & Shawn Johnson**
- Dick Matson Award - Woody Woodward**

### **January Speaker** (cont'd)

places in between.

Over the years with the help of the Huron River Watershed Council, he founded the Huron River Single Fly as well as the Huckin for the Huron. Both are annual fundraisers that take place on his home waters of the Huron River; Michigan's Blue Ribbon Smallmouth stream. In the spring of 2014 Schultz was honored with the HRWC Partner of the Year award.

Schultz is a member of the Simms Fishing Elite and YETI Ambassador programs, and is a member of the Scientific Anglers, Costa Del Mar, Clackacraft, and Regal Pro Staff. His signature fly patterns are available through the ORVIS Company.

He currently resides in Dexter, Michigan on the banks of The Huron River with his wife, Allie, and son Tanner.

### **Special Free Tying Session**

Our speaker for the January 9th meeting, Mike Schultz of Mike Schultz Outfitters will conduct a fly tying instructional session before our meeting. Schultz is an experienced tier and his signature fly patterns are available through the ORVIS Company.



This session will start at 3:00 PM in our regular meeting place, the Kohler Room. The session is free and open to any MVFF member. Bring your vise, tying tools and white and black 140d thread.

Contact John Young at 937-470-1211 with any questions.



- Founder's award - Kelly Kingery**
- President's Award - Frank Cox**

Casting Competition Winners for 2016 were . . . .

- First Flight: Steve Hamilton**
- Seniors: Everett Vanatta**
- Masters: Jim Calvert**

And thank you Jim Calvert. The raffle of his special Christmas tree deer hair fly brought in more funds in support of our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program.

## January Fly of the Month



1. Attach the thread about 1/8" behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the middle of the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 3-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end at the middle of the hook shank with several tight thread wraps. The length of the ribbing should be extending back over the hook bend. Wrap back over the ribbing to just over the hook point. Let the thread hang. DO NOT CUT THE RIBBING.
3. Cut a 9-10" piece of black floss and tie it in over the hook point by one end. The length of the floss should extend back over the hook bend. Wrap the floss forward in overlapping turns to just past the middle of the hook shank to form an abdomen. Trim off the remaining floss and let the thread hang.
4. Now grasp the ribbing and palmer it forward over the abdomen in 5-6 turns and tie it off. Trim off any excess ribbing. (The first wrap of the ribbing should be around the hook shank behind the abdomen. This wrap of ribbing will ensure that the floss doesn't slip down the hook bend.)
5. Cut a 8-9" piece of thorax floss and tie it in by one end tight against the front of the abdomen. The length of the floss should extend back over the hook bend. Wrap the thread forward in touching turns over the floss tag to about 1/8" behind the hook eye. Grasp the floss and wrap it forward in overlapping wraps to about 1/8" behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess floss. (You may need to wrap the floss forward and backward over the thorax to build up a little bulk in the thorax.) Wrap the thread back to tight against the front of the thorax.
6. Cut a small batch of rabbit fur or hackle fibers to serve as a

### Preview: February Speaker

Our February meeting speaker will be Hank Patterson of Idaho. Hank is a very unique fisherman, guide and comedian. His humorous presentations on fly fishing are not to be missed.

Check out some of his work on YouTube - just search for Hank Patterson Fishing.

~ John Young

## Sweeny Todd Streamer



(VARIANT WITH HACKLE WINGS AND DUMBELL)

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Hook.....Salmon, size 8 - 2

Thread.....Black 6/0

Abdomen....Floss, black

Rib.....Silver wire

Thorax.....Floss, Red/Pink/Cerise

Wing.....Black Squirrel/ Black silver fox/Red hackle

Head.....Thread

throat and tie it in by the butts under the hook shank in front of the thorax. (The tips of the throat material should reach back to just in front of the hook point.) Trim off any excess butts and cover the remaining stubs with tight thread wraps. Return the thread to the front of the thorax.

7. Cut and clean a small to medium batch of wing hair and measure it so that the tips reach back to slightly past the hook bend. Tie the hair in on top of the hook shank tight against the front of the thorax. DO NOT LET THE WING HAIR COME DOWN THE SIDES OF THE HOOK SHANK AS YOU WANT THE THORAX COLOR TO SHOW BENEATH THE WING. Trim the wing butts close and cover any remaining stubs with tight thread wraps.
8. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Cover the head with thread cement being careful not to get any cement on the wing or throat.

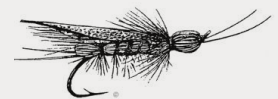
### Help!

I need material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions.

Or if you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on page 1.

Thanks.

~ Tom Arnold



## 2017 Rod Building Class Opening

As of press-time there was one opening in the beginners rod building class. So if you are interested, act now!

**When:** The class will begin Saturday, February 11th and continue for about 4 weeks total. The class meets from 10:00 a.m. (**Note:** first class starts at 9:30 a.m., remaining sessions start at 10:00 a.m.)

**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 \$100.00 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. (no tattoos!).

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. Answers are generally free (correct answers are .05 ea.). You're welcome to test cast my personal rods.

This year I will be assisted by the talented Joe Nagel. He will serve as both my eyes & brain - what could be better! The legendary Ray Lee may also appear.

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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Yellow Springs, OH 45387  
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[jicorbrods@aol.com](mailto:jicorbrods@aol.com)



## Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 4, 2017. The event is from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road in Loveland. This is one great show right in our backyard.

There is always a good turnout of MVFF members for this event and we will as always have a table of two of members tying flies and promoting the club.

## Fly Tying Classes

The 2017 classes are about to begin and there is still room for more participants, but we suggest you sign up now!



The Beginner's class will be on Tuesdays starting on January 3, 2017. The Intermediate/Advanced class will be on Thursdays starting on January 5, 2017. 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:

- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or at Fisherman's Headquarters, 937-222-2224 (work), or
- Dale Stephens at 937-233-5134 (home) or by email at [dalebea65@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dalebea65@sbcglobal.net)

Go to <http://mvff.tripod.com/flytying.html> for all the other information you might need.

So consider taking advantage of this membership benefit and great winter activity. You'll learn a lot and get to know fellow members.



Get all the information you need at <http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>.

There are fly tying workshops on both Friday and Saturday. If you are at all interested it is a good idea to sign up early as possible as these will fill up. You can register for these workshops online.

## Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Update



Activities for the 2017 PHWFF program are about to commence. The first rod building class session begins in January (exact date TBD). As reported previously there are nine veterans signed up. All the equipment, including the rod kits donated by The Hook & Hackle Company, and new rod dryers are lined up.

The most recent contribution was from last month's raffle of the Christmas tree deer hair fly tied by Jim Calvert. Thank you Jim!

If you would like to get involved in MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program, contact Bill Grimpe - his contact information is on page 1.

### DVD Library

The club has an extensive library of DVD's. There is a link to the list on the Home page of our website ([www.mvff.us](http://www.mvff.us)). Take a look and I bet you'll find something of interest . . . there have been some recent additions. If you have questions contact Richard Quigley at [quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net).

### Quote of the Month

*"Some act and talk as though casting were the entire art of fly fishing, and grade an angler solely by the distance he can cover with his flies. This is a great mistake and pernicious in it's influence. Casting is but a method of placing a fly before the trout without alarming it and within it's reach. It is merely placing food before a guest. The selection of such food as will suit, and so serving it as to pleasure a fastidious and fickle taste, still remain indispensably necessary to induce it's acceptance."*

Henry P Wells "Fly-Rods and Fly Tackle" 1885

### CALENDAR

January 3	Beginners Fly Tying Class begins
January 5	Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins
January 9	MVFF Indoor Meeting, The Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m. (Directions on website) Speaker: Micke Schultz. Free tying session with Mike Schultz at 3:00 p.m. before the meeting.
January 25	Deadline for February Tightlines articles
February 4	B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
February 11	Rod Building Class begins

### 2017 MVFF MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE

It's that time of year again!

Membership dues must be paid by the end of January 2017 for full participation in club activities. Paid membership is needed to participate in all club activities including:

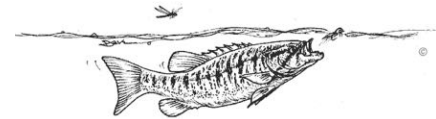
- ✓ Receiving the monthly edition of TIGHTLINES.
- ✓ Participation in FLY TYING CLASSES.
- ✓ Participation in the CLUB RAFFLES.
- ✓ Participation in our ANNUAL AUCTION.
- ✓ Participation in SPRING FLING.
- ✓ ETC.

The roster of current paid members will be strictly followed, so get your dues into the club NOW so that you don't miss out.

Dues can be paid at the door when you attend our monthly meetings or sent to:

MVFF  
P.O. Box 151  
Wright Brothers Station  
Dayton, Ohio 45409

Thanks!



### MVFF ANNUAL AUCTION

Not too soon to start thinking about the 2017 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.

### 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)



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