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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Wednesday,

January 24, 2018

Next Meeting January 8, 2018

Kohler Room
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Woford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (January 4th).

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

January Speaker

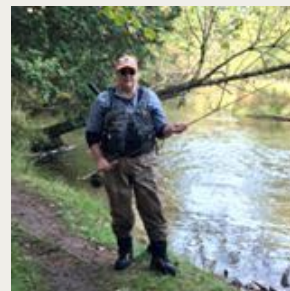


KEVIN HOWELL

Growing up as the son of a nationally known fly tier and fisherman, Kevin was fortunate enough to have fished in 2 foreign countries and 38 of 50 states before heading off to college. Kevin earned a BS in Technology and a BS in Education from Appalachian State University. After college, Kevin returned to the area and took a teaching job so that he could have his summers free to fish. While nearing completion of his Masters in Engineering, Kevin left his teaching job so that he could design houses for a living and have even more time for fishing. In 1997, Kevin took a job as Manager of Davidson

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President's Thoughts



Happy New Year to all of you and your families. It's 2018 already! The more years go by it feels like a roll cast, a flip of the wrist and there it is. Let's hope the weather

and rain give us a great fishing year.

I am excited to be President this year, it is very much an honor. Looking back from when I started at the club, I have some big shoes to fill. Our outgoing President, Kelly Kingery handed over that tiller, she sharpened the blades last year and did some fantastic things. It was fun working beside her, I learned so much. We also have new board members, Sam Brown - Vice President, Kathy Williams - Treasurer, and Karen Via - Secretary. Looking forward to working with them and seeing what positive things can happen for the club. Please feel free to contact me or the Board, we welcome your ideas and what you would like to add.

Winter is here and we all know in Ohio you never know what you're going to get. So, it is time to tie up some flies that will stock you up for the remainder of the year. If you have not tied your own flies before it's a wonderful time to meet other club members and show some artistic flair. You just might make the fly that is everyone's go-to fly. I have created a few and they do well at Ohio Power on the bass and bluegill and the rivers around here. I will be making some for the auction by special request.

See you at the meeting, we will hopefully be able to give out the remaining awards from 2017 and honor those that help to make the club by volunteering their time.

Paula Smith
MVFF President

January Speaker (cont'd)

River Outfitters. He was also helping his father run Dwight and Don's Custom Tackle. After his father passed away in 1998, Kevin took over the operation of Dwight and Don's Custom Tackle while remaining the Manager of Davidson River Outfitters. In 2000 Kevin purchased Davidson River Outfitters and combined the operation of the two businesses. Kevin has been guiding the streams of western North Carolina since the early eighties and knows most of the fish on a first-name basis.

While trout fishing has a special place in his heart, Kevin spends the majority of the year fishing and guiding for smallmouth bass. Kevin has also put his vast knowledge of the sport into developing the Davidson River Outfitters school curriculum, and is also a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. Kevin is also a nationally known fly tier and is currently the Fly Tying Editor for Fly Fishing the Mid-Atlantic States. He has also had several of his original patterns published in various magazines as well as being produced by some of the national tying companies. When not guiding or tying flies, Kevin can be found off in the far corners of the world hosting a trip or looking for the next great fishing location.

Be sure to join us for what should be a very good presentation.

Please make your dinner reservation by January 4th.



Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 3, 2018. 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.

Get all the information you need at . .

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>.

December Awards Meeting

A great evening of honoring our members who gave of their time and talents in volunteer service throughout the year. As a token of our appreciation, they were given this fishing towel (see below), designed by myself and embroidered by Paula Smith.

Presentation of the following awards were made, with plaques to be received next month:

Dick Matson Award - Frank Cox
Jake Jaeger Award - Steve Hamilton
Outstanding Member Award - Mike Redmond
Founder's Award - Ken Hudak
President's Award - Tom Arnold

Casting Competition Division Winners:

First Flight - Eric Rice
Seniors - Steve Hamilton
Masters - Jeff Warden

It was a wonderful experience. One I highly recommend. MVFF rocks!
Kelly Kingery



Proud winners Eric Rice (left) and Steve Hamilton



Preview: Upcoming Speaker

February Meeting -
Steve Coomer will speak on smallmouth fishing in our local streams.

~ John Young

Great Miami Outfitters has Relocated

This great shop moved in early November from downtown Miamisburg to Cross Pointe Shopping Center, 101 E Alex Bell Rd #140, Centerville, OH 45459, (937) 938-5009. They are loaded with tons of great high-quality gear . . . camping, hiking, outdoor clothing and of course kayaks galore. Friendly, helpful staff and well worth a visit.



January Fly of the Month

Little Brown Trout Streamer

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook..... Streamer, long shank, size 8 - 4
 Thread..... Black, 6/0 or 8/0
 Rib..... Gold wire or oval tinsel
 Body..... Pearl or opal mylar tinsel
 Body finish... UV resin
 Underbelly... Bucktail, white
 Underwing... Bucktail, white
 Flash..... Flashabou accent, rainbow
 Wing..... Fox squirrel tail
 Back..... Peacock herl
 Head..... Thread
 Eyes..... Stick-on

1. Put the hook in the vise, then tie-in the thread at the middle of the hook shank and wrap a thread base back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 5" piece of ribbing and tie it in at the hook bend on the side of the hook nearest you. The length of the ribbing should be going out over the hook bend. Wrap over the rib butt with tight thread wraps, then return the thread to behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 6" - 8" piece of mylar tinsel and tie it in by one end of the hook shank behind the hook eye. The length of the mylar should be going out over the hook bend. Wrap the mylar back to the hook bend in tight slightly overlapping turns, then reverse direction and wrap it back in slightly overlapping turns to about a 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess mylar.
4. Now palmer the ribbing forward over the mylar body for 9-10 turns and tie it off tightly. (The first wrap of the ribbing should be around the hook shank behind the body to keep the mylar from sliding down the hook bend.) Remove any excess ribbing.
5. Coat the body and rib with UV resin and cure it. The thread should be at the front of the body.
6. Cut and clean a small batch of bucktail and measure it so that that the tips reach to slightly behind the hook bend. Tie it in at the front of the body on the bottom of the hook shank with tight thread turns. Trim off the excess bucktail.
7. Now cut and clean another small batch of bucktail and tie it in on top of the hook shank tight against the front of the body. Cut off any excess bucktail at an angle toward the hook eye and cover the remaining butts with tight thread wraps. Let the thread hang.
8. Cut six full length strands of flash and tie them in with tight thread wraps by their middle on top of the hook shank at the front of the

body. (The back half of the tinsel should be going back over the underwing.) Now fold the front segment of flash back over the wing as well and tie it down at the fold so that both halves of the flash go back over the wing. Trim the length of the flash so that it is slightly longer than the bucktail.

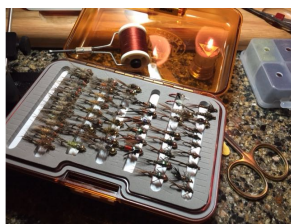
9. Now cut and clean a small batch of squirrel tail and measure it so that the tips reach back to the tips of the bucktail, then tie it in with tight thread wraps on top of the hook shank at the front of the body. Trim the hair butts at an angle toward the hook eye and cover the remaining butts with tight thread wrap. (You should be building a fairly thick head at this point, so don't get carried away with too many thread wraps.)

10. Select 6 - 7 peacock herls, roughly align the tips and remove the waste butts. Tie the herls in by their butts on top of the hook shank at the front of the wing so that they go over the top of the wing. The tips of the herls should reach back to the tips of the wing. Remove any excess herl butts and form a neat thread head. Whip finish and cut the thread.

11. Select two stick-on eyes and place one on each side of the thread head. Now take the UV resin and cover the head and eyes, taking care not to get any on the body of the fly, and cure it.

Fly Tying Classes

The 2018 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 2nd. The Intermediate class will be on Thursdays starting on January 4th. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks. The classes will be held at Fellowship Hall at Rona Community Church, 1082 Rona Parkway Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324 (new location). Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. There is a map on the Meeting Sites page of our

website (http://mvff.us/meeting_location.html).

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. 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@sbcbglobal.net

Go to <http://mvff.us/flytying.html> for all the info you might need.

2018 Fly Fishing Trip to Canada

If you haven't gone on a fly fishing trip to Canada you are missing out on a great opportunity that is not far from home. The Canada fishing really spoils you a bit with the great water and plentiful fish that are available. Ontario alone has over 400,000 lakes and streams to fish and the choices are limitless.

I am working on finalizing our plans for the return to Waterfalls Lodge in Ontario this spring. The trip dates are June 2nd through June 9th. If you are interested in outstanding fly fishing water for Smallmouth and Pike on the fly, this trip is one you should consider. I have cabins reserved for 12 fishermen and can add more to the group as necessary. I have to finalize our reservation by Feb. 1st, so if you are interested in joining our group, let me know.

This is a drive-in fishing camp located just a few hours Northeast of Sault Ste. Marie. We have a chain of 7 lakes to fish for Smallmouth, Pike, Walleye, etc. from the camp, and 2 additional outpost lakes for day trips. (You might bring a spinning rod along for deep water walleye or lake trout fishing)

The 7 day trip runs about \$ 695 per person and includes a "Great" evening dinner at the dining room every night for the group. Every 2 fishermen have a 17 ft. fishing boat included. The cabins are nice with mini kitchen and a casual room for lounging.

This was a great fly fishing trip last year (see my article in July 2017 Tightlines) and I am looking forward to it again. This is really a perfect trip to bring a son, dad, or you fishing buddy along for a great time together. It is not necessary that they are club members, or fly fishermen.

Call me for additional details, or check out the website for the Lodge at www.waterfallsloodge.com.

Jim Calvert
Cell: 925-1211

Time-Limited Discount Offered

Matt Parker at ReelFlyRod.com / Sugarcreek Fly Shop is offering MVFF club members 20% off fly tying materials during the 2018 January-March fly tying class season. You must present your club membership badge to receive the savings.

It's a good excuse to visit the shop you'll probably find something else you "need" as the place is chock full of gear and goodies!



Optimum Water Temperatures for Fly Fishing

<http://www.dummies.com/sports/fishing/optimum-water-temperatures-for-fly-fishing/>

Got the above link off the Little River Outfitters fishing report (Smokies).

If you Google this title, you will find other articles out there as well. I found one on the Missouri river that included temperatures for trout spawning and various insect hatches.

Enjoy,
Jeff Warden



Fly Fishers International Code of Angling Ethics

The following is a shortened version suitable to be carried by the angler:

- Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.
- Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility.
- Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.
- Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.
- Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed.
- When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.
- Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.

View the full text here -

<http://bit.ly/2l6KYdk>

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Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Update



Our 2018 PHWFF program activities will be kicking off in the near future according to Bill Grimpe, MVFF's PHWFF Chair. Rod building classes will be first on the agenda. The 2017 class was a great success and we are expecting another

group of veterans to join the next class. We have 10 rod building kits on order and the start date of the classes will not be established until we have those kits in hand. We estimate the end of January or early February for the first class session. The classes will run about six weeks.

Also, we now have rod wrapping jigs and motorized dryers for each vet which will be a big help. These purchases were made with funds provided by the National Office of PHWFF.

If you would like to get involved in MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program, contact Bill Grimpe - his contact information is on the [Contacts](#) page of our website.

Quote of the Month

" . . . fly tying is the next best thing to fishing; it is the sort of licking of the lips that eases a thirsty man in the desert."

Arthur Ransome
"Fly Tying in Winter"
Rod and Line (1929)



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 arnoldjr@me.com

CALENDAR

January 2	Beginners Fly Tying Class begins
January 4	Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins
January 8	MVFF Indoor Meeting Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m.
January 24	Deadline for February Tightlines articles
February 3	B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
February 9 - 10	Adventure Summit - Wright State
February 10	Rod Building Classes begin

Check our Facebook Events page for updates & details

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>

Time for 2018 Dues...

Yes it is that time already. 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 (such as PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

So please renew your membership now. And it is easier than ever. Just go to <http://mvff.us> and use our newly added PayPal capability. Click on the *Pay Now* button. You do not need your own PayPal account to do this. It is easy and really does reduce paperwork, the handling of cash/checks and those annoying trips to the bank for deposits or checking our P.O. box for mailed checks. So please consider this option. It has proven to be popular as many members have already renewed for 2018 in this way.

For more guidance on how to pay using this method see the [October](#) issue of *Tightlines*.

You can of course pay at the upcoming meeting or mail your check to:

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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). 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.



Facebook Photo Albums

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF events on our Facebook page. There you will see pics of the Mad River CleanSweep, the most recent PHWFF event at Zanesfield and the Pere Marquette River trip, as well as many others. Check them out at . . .

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>

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