

Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,

February 23, 2018

## Next Meeting February 12, 2018

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 (February 8th).

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

## February Speaker



### STEVE COOMER

The author of *Little Miami River: Fishing, Facts & Folklore Galore*, Steve describes himself as just an old guy who fishes an awful lot. In truth Steve has probably caught more trophy smallmouth out of Ohio rivers and streams than anyone and spends countless hours every year studying, reading about and chasing big smallies.

Steve will be discussing catching trophy smallmouth throughout the year based on the latest science and designing a fly selection for your particular section of stream that you fish.

~ John Young

## President's Thoughts



In January as Ohio received a few inches of the white powder others were stranded by ice. Unfortunately Kevin Howell, our scheduled speaker, was not able to come

and speak due to the inclement weather. I would like to thank Ethan Smith who stepped up, presented and shared his trip to Scotland with us. The fishing photos were incredible. Learning of the different culture around trout fishing was very interesting, I'm adding that trip to my bucket list for sure.

I would also like to thank Rick Wentz and Shawn Johnson for donating flies to put in the new member packets. Please give any donations to Karen Via or myself. We welcome new members and hope to give them some tools to get started on their journey with Miami Valley Fly Fishers. Let's increase the reach out to the community this year. We hope to share our dream and dedication to improving and preserving fly fishing now and for future generations to come. Share your knowledge to let others experience the thrill of catching that fish on the fly.

The Board was presented with a request to support Casting for Recovery, we would like to help to raise enough donations so that at least one woman with breast cancer can attend the fly fishing camp. From the pamphlet: The mission of Casting for Recovery (CfR) is to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer through a unique program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. This is a great cause. Thanks to Barry Schroeder for making pink flies to assist in raising funds for this. There will be a representative

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# 2018 MVFF Annual Auction



The 2018 MVFF Annual Auction will soon be here (March 12th), so it is not too soon to begin preparing! The importance of the auction 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 of our awesome club. Many of our members are familiar with this annual event. For the new members and those not familiar, here are a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - NO JUNK, if you would not pay money for it no one else will either. You may request a donation voucher for tax purposes this year now that we are a non-profit 501(c)(3).

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 (so start tying some collections for inclusion in this year's event). This is also a wonderful time to go through all of your gear, 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 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. We have had some spectacular trips in the past that have been very popular in recent years. Whatever it is you can donate to the auction truly helps support the club. Secondly, be sure to show up and bid on the items! This would be an excellent meeting to bring along a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. We will be extending the opportunity for other clubs as well to join us. They will have an opportunity to pick up many quality items at a fair price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds will be generated for the club. If anyone needs to drop off anything early or cannot make it to the auction, you can get in contact with Eric Smith at 937-215-2046.

## 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 or two of members tying flies and promoting the club.

Get all the information you need at . .

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

## President's Thoughts (cont'd)

coming with more information to present in a future meeting.

As March 12th approaches and the Auction is near, please gather things to donate. Remember you can request a voucher for your taxes. This is to continue to pay for our expenses, speakers, fly tying classes, Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery and more activities for the club. Feel free to share the event from the Facebook page.

It's an honor to be President this year. I'm looking forward to seeing what this year brings to the club.

Paula Smith  
MVFF President

## Chaplaincy Program for MVFF

Most of us know by now that Shawn Johnson has graciously taken on the role of Chaplain for our Club. The primary role of the Club Chaplain is to provide genuine care and compassionate response on behalf of the Club to members and their families who have experienced medical and emotional hardships. Shawn has agreed to take on this role and is asking for our help in identifying members in need of Chaplaincy support.

If you become aware of any member in good standing, or his/her family member experiencing a challenging health issue, extended illness, hospitalization or death, we ask that you contact Karen Via, our Club Secretary as quickly as possible. Karen will need to know the name of the member, contact information, hospital or funeral home location, and any information regarding memorial donations. From this information, Shawn will make contact with the Club member and/or family to provide compassionate care and comfort as only he can!

Thank you, Shawn, for agreeing to take on this very important role within our Club, and thank you to our membership for recognizing the importance of caring for one another!

~ MVFF Board





## February Fly of the Month

# The Usual

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10 - 16  
Thread.....Tan/Camel/Brown/Pink 6/0  
Tail.....Snowshoe Hare  
Body.....Beige, Tan, or Amber Fine & Dry or Poly dubbing  
Wing.....Snowshoe Hare  
Head.....Thread

1. Crush the barb on the hook and place it in the vise. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread foundation over the front half of the hook shank. Return the thread to the 1/4 position on the hook shank and let it hang. This is the location where you will tie in the comparadun style hair wing.

2. Clean a bundle of snowshoe hare hair about 1/2 the hook gap in thickness. (This hair is from the bottom of foot of the snowshoe hare and is short and coarse, making it very hard to work with.) Position it on top of the hook shank and tie it in so that the tips extend forward beyond the tie-in point (the 1/4 point on the hook shank) by one hook shank length. (This is very similar to tying in a bundled fiber wing post.) Bind down the butt ends with thread back to the halfway point on the hook shank, keeping the butts on top of the hook shank. Trim off any excess butts. Return the thread to the hair tie-in point.

3. Now lift the hair upright and build a thread ramp in front of the hair to make it stand upright. Hold the hair tightly with your left hand while you build the ramp to keep it on top of the hook shank. When you release the hair, it will start to flare to the sides of the hook shank. Use your fingers to preen the hair to the sides, forming a 180

degree arc over the top half of the hook shank. What will result is a "fan" of snowshoe hair over the top of the hook shank with no hair under the hook shank.

4. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend and tie in another bundle of hair as a tail. Ensure that the hair stays on top of the hook shank. Bind down the butt end of the tail back to the butt of the wing. Trim off the excess tail butts. (The tail should be one hook gap in length.) Return the thread to tail tie-in point.

5. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered abdomen and slightly enlarged thorax. When you reach the wing, crisscross the dubbed thread under the wing (do not pull the dubbed thread too tightly when crisscrossing under the wing, as this will distort the wing fan), then continue wrapping the dubbed thread to within 3 thread wraps of the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing from the thread.

6. Form a small thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement (optional).

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## Adventure Summit at Wright State

The club will have a table at the upcoming Adventure Summit, which is held at Wright State on February 9 and 10, 2018. This event is a joint venture between Wright State University and Five Rivers Metroparks, and a great chance for us to highlight our efforts at connecting people with the outdoors through fly fishing in Ohio!

The schedule for the exhibitors is from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Our booth has seating for two people to sit and tie, so we would like to have one or two volunteers for Friday night, and then between 4 and 6 people for shifts on Saturday.

Please reply back and let me know what day and times work for you, and I will put a schedule together. Once I have the volunteer schedule put together, I will send out additional information about the event to the volunteers!

Thanks all!!

Steve Hamilton

Email - [akhammy67@gmail.com](mailto:akhammy67@gmail.com)



# Hooks, Lines and Sinkers

Nine *million* miles of fishing line. That's enough to wrap around the earth 360 times.

Unfortunately, it's also the amount of discarded line that has wrapped around trees, rocks and aquatic life in our country's waterways in the last 30 years. Since 1990, the Berkley Conservation Institute has recycled these miles of line to help keep lakes, streams and rivers clear and healthy for plants and wildlife.

Five Rivers MetroParks is launching a local Fishing Line Recovery Program to collect old fishing lines, tackle and lures and to educate the public about the harmful effects of these items when they're discarded. Most fishing line is not biodegradable and won't be recycled if placed in standard household bins.

MetroParks is rolling out 35 collection bins throughout its parks and recruiting volunteers to help collect and dispose of leftover fishing gear. Collected material will be sent to the Berkley recycling facility.

The program will be launched in March and comes after MetroParks staff received numerous calls about wildlife snagged in old fishing line. It's often difficult to catch and assist the animals, but the program will help make fishing an outdoor activity that's not hazardous to the wildlife we love.

## How you can support the Fishing Line Recycling Program

- Don't discard fishing supplies. Take them with you or dispose of them properly.
- Replace used and worn-out line before it becomes a problem.
- Recover as much line as you can when it gets snagged on trees and rocks.
- If you see old line on the shore or in the water, grab it and put it in one of MetroParks' outdoor collection bins.
- Volunteer for the program by contacting Yvonne Dunphe at 937-275-PARK (7275) or [yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org](mailto:yvonne.dunphe@metroparks.org).
- Attend an upcoming volunteer orientation at Five Rivers MetroParks' headquarters, 409 E. Monument Ave., third floor, in downtown Dayton:
  - Thursday, Feb. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
  - Tuesday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.



## Tax Deductible Donations of Non-cash items for the Annual Auction

Remember, Miami Valley Fly Fishers Educational Outreach, Inc. is an approved 501(c)(3) and can receive tax deductible donations.

The annual auction is coming up on March 12<sup>th</sup>. You can get a tax deduction for your good quality fishing equipment and fly tying materials donated to the Club for the auction. We will give you a written acknowledgement, but assigning a Fair Market Value to the items for your tax deduction will be your responsibility. This works similar to donations to other charities like Goodwill and the Salvation Army. Just ask Kathy for an acknowledgement the night of the auction. She will be at the table collecting payments.

Remember we can receive tax deductible donations all year. Make your donation checks to: MVFFEO. Your cancelled check is evidence for your tax return deduction. If your donation exceeds \$250, we will send you a written acknowledgement for tax purposes at year end. Make sure you give us your name and address with your check to receive the acknowledgment.

If you have any questions on the new MVFFEO, please contact me or catch me at a meeting. I want everyone to understand the great opportunities we have for our organization.

Sam Brown, CPA

Sam Brown, CPA, Inc.

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## Time-Limited Discount Offered

Matt Parker at [ReelFlyRod.com](http://ReelFlyRod.com) / [Sugarcreek Fly Shop](http://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!

## Thanks

Thanks again to Ethan Smith for filling in as our speaker and giving a very enjoyable look at fishing in Scotland. Check out this article about Ethan in the DDN last year -

<http://bit.ly/2EkGHe8>

## Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Update



Our 2018 PHWFF program activities will be kicking off February 14th with the start of the rod building classes according to Bill Grimpe, MVFF's PHWFF Chair. We have received the 10 rod building kits we had ordered and we are expecting another group of veterans to join the next class.

As reported earlier, we are much better equipped for the classes with our now having rod wrapping jigs and motorized dryers for each vet. 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

"The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of something that is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope."

*John Buchan  
(1875-1940)*

### CALENDAR

February 1, 8, 15, 22	Intermediate Fly Tying Class
February 3	B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
February 6, 13, 20, 27	Beginners Fly Tying Class
February 9 - 10	<a href="#">Adventure Summit</a> - Wright State
February 9 - 11	<a href="#">Columbus Fishing Expo 2018</a>
February 10	Rod Building Classes begin
February 12	MVFF Indoor Meeting Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m.
February 23	Deadline for March Tightlines articles

Check our Facebook  
Events page for updates & details

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

### 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/>

## 2018 Membership Dues

Thank you to everyone who has made their membership payment for 2018. We rely on these funds to support a wide range of club activities, including speakers, community outreach and fly tying classes. If you think you might have missed making your payment, please contact me (Karen Via) Club Secretary at (937) 620-7863 or [karenbw@hotmail.com](mailto:karenbw@hotmail.com), and I will let you know if your payment has been received.

We anticipate sending out reminders in mid-February to those who have not made their 2018 membership dues payment. All members in good standing, with dues paid by the end of February, are invited to participate in the Spring Fling, and will continue to receive a monthly copy of TightLines.

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 and the hassels of handling cash and checks.

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](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).

### 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)

### Great Miami Outfitters: New Location

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.

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