

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,  
May 24, 2013**

**Our First Outdoor Meeting  
Of the Year!**

## Next Meeting

**May 13, 2013**

**Dayton FOP Shelter  
4275 Powell Road**

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**New Meeting Location!**  
(Directions on Website)

**Join us for our first outdoor meeting of  
the year, for a grilled meal,  
camaraderie, and casting competition!**

## Casting Competition News!

It's time for the outdoor meetings, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. Guess what??

**\*\* NEWS FLASH \*\***

We have REAL water this year!! Woot-woot!! Say good-bye to the faux water (aka, the big blue tarp). The outdoor casting event will be hosted this year by the team of Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level.

The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod (although, if you do, you can cheat by practicing at home – just don't tell the judges; they might, no – they will – give you a hard time). There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Everyone is welcome!

**Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 - 7:15 PM.**  
**No casting will be allowed after 7:15 PM.** The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early.

## This Month: The Dry Fly.

A maximum of 3 false casts will be allowed per target. We will have you start with the fly in target 1 or in your hand. (Judge's decision on meeting night.)

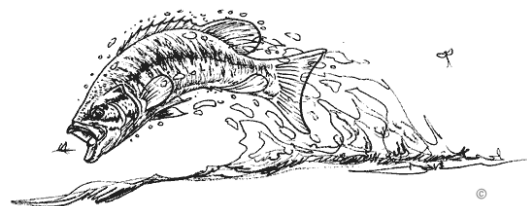
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## President's Thoughts



I want to start by thanking everyone who came out to April's meeting. We had a very full house and it was great seeing all of the new faces. I hope everyone enjoyed the Spring Fling raffle along with Ron Lewis' Mad River fishing presentation which closed out our indoor meeting season. I'm really excited for everyone to see our new outdoor meeting location at the Dayton FOP. This is truly a huge upgrade from where we were over the last few summers. Be sure to bring your gear because I have heard there are some big bass and panfish in that pond just waiting for a nicely presented fly. Grilled chicken and steaks will once again be served up by our grillmasters, Bernie & Shawn. We will also be having our annual casting contest again this summer. I really encourage everyone to at least give the casting completion a shot. Since we have three divisions, everyone from novice to expert casters will be in the hunt for both the individual prizes and overall competition trophies. Bill Bennett will be on hand to provide casting instructions for anyone that wants to fine tune their cast or even learn a new one.

Another big event going on throughout the summer is the "Try Fly Fishing" program that is being put on by Five Rivers MetroParks. As a club we have become highly involved with this program and will be setting up our banner and tent along providing access to the club rods at each monthly event. The first event on April 23rd was a great success as a lot of people got their hands on a fly rod, and even a few fish, for the first time. We had four club members out at Cox Arboretum to provide fly fishing instruction along information about the club and we got to meet a lot of great people. If anyone is interested in helping out with the next event on May 21, 2013 please let me know.



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I want to thank Paula Smith for all of the work that she has done putting on our monthly raffles. Unfortunately, Paula can no longer be at meetings as early as she used to be to sell tickets, therefore she will be stepping down as our raffle chair. Please let a board member know if you would like to take over this position. We are also in need of volunteers for our TNT program starting on Thursdays in June. If you are interested please let me know.

Until next time, remember...spring is here and the fish are hungry so get out on the water.

Brian Furderer  
MVFF President

## Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

**Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:**

### **First Flight**

Those that have never won a casting event or new casters.

### **Seniors**

Casters who have previously won a First Flight casting event or former winners of the First Flight casting division.

### **Masters**

Former winners of the Seniors casting division.

### **Competition Guidelines:**

Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using the club rod. One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's competition. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

Here's how we are scoring. All casters will start with 100 points. Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points. Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point. If the fly lands outside all the rings, 2 points will be deducted. The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered. Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall winner of your division (it's happened before!). So come on over and cast.

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

### **Good Luck!**

Jeff Warden

## Project Healing Waters Update - May, 2013

On Saturday, April 27, we held a Fly-Fishing 101 at the Dayton VA at 10 am. Assisting at the event was John Young, Bill Bennett, Bill Grimpe, Matt Mullins, Jerry Redford, and myself.

We also have our first event planned at Mertensia Springs on May 11th. Additionally, another event is planned at Caesar's Creek June 8th.

Fly tying has been going great. Every week we get more and more vets joining us. Our newest member, who joined us this last class, made a breakthrough. We were informed he rarely talks but after the first fly, he talked the rest of class.

PHW is more than just a gathering of common ground, it's life changing!

For information on volunteering, donations, or upcoming events, please feel free to contact me any time.

See you soon,

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**Woody (center, facing the direction of the camera) leads a group of vets through fly tying in a recent class at the VA.**

# This Month's Fly – May 2013 Edition

## GREEN DRAKE NYMPH

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain



### Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3906B, sz 10 - 14  
Thread.....Black, 6/0 or 8/0  
Bead.....Black brass or tungsten bead  
Tail.....Black pheasant tail fibers  
Body.....Black wire, med or small depending on hook size  
Thorax.....Peacock herl  
Collar.....Cape or saddle hackle, dark green or green grizzly

### Instructions:

1. Place the bead on the hook and place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the bead and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook.
2. Select 8-10 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. Wrap over the fiber butts with thread to slightly behind the bead. Remove any excess fiber butts. The tail should be about 1 to 1 ½ times the length of the hook shank in length.  
*(At this point we are trying to create an even underbody for the wire body, so fill any irregularities with thread to keep things even.)*
3. Cut a 5"- 6" piece of copper wire and place one end inside the back of the bead, then, keeping the wire on the near side of the hook shank, wrap a tight thread base over the wire back to the hook bend. Now reverse the thread and wrap a tight thread base back to behind the bead. Let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the wire and wrap it toward the bead in tight touching turns and tie it off slightly behind the bead, forming a tight wire body. Remove any excess wire.
5. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in by their butts about ¼ of the hook shank behind the bead, then wrap them toward the bead forming a thorax. Make sure to not have any gaps between the wire body and the thorax. The thorax should be thicker than the wire body. Be sure to leave a small space behind the bead for the hackle collar.
6. Select a hackle feather with barbs slightly longer than the hook gap and tie it in by its tip behind the bead. Take 2-4 wraps of hackle behind the bead, then tie it off and remove any excess hackle.
7. Whip finish behind the bead, cut the thread, and cement the thread wraps behind the bead, if desired.  
**(Be careful to avoid getting cement in the hackle.)**

# Ohio Power 2013

Could it be, maybe it is, ah spring, the flowers are blooming and the bees are buzzing, the snow is gone. The days are growing longer, this could only mean one thing, the Ohio Power trip is coming up! So get out the fly lines and get them clean, and dust off the fly box, fill it with foam bugs and bead heads. The Blue Gills are ready to suck them up and give you a good fight. The dates are May 31st- June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be there the Tuesday (28<sup>th</sup>) after Memorial Day if you want to come early. Saturday afternoon we will have a pot luck fish fry. We will be in campsite C.

Two items you MUST bring with you are a current Ohio fishing license and an American Electric Power (AEP) Recreation Land Permit. The AEP permit is required for camping, fishing, or hunting on the AEP Recreation Land. There is no fee for the permit and it is good for life.

To obtain an AEP Recreation Permit, go online at, <http://www.aep.com/environment/conservation/recland/permit.aspx>. or contact ODNR Division 5 Office at 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio, (937) 372-9216. Permit will have all the rules for use of the land.

The American Electric Power (AEP) Recreation ground has nearly 380 campsites and more than 350 lakes and ponds. The campsites are primitive with only a well (hand pump) for water nearby as well as pit toilets for bathrooms. Some of the larger lakes have unimproved boat ramps but a 9 hp limit applies to all boat motors. The lakes are plentiful with mostly bluegill and bass. You might also see carp and beavers.

Bank fishing is rather limited, but can be done, especially if you know how to roll cast. Swimming and wading are strictly prohibited. Your best bet is to bring a belly boat, canoe, kayak, pontoon boat, john boat, or drift boat. If you don't have a boat, come any way – some one is usually looking for a paddle partner for their canoe. Remember to get that boat license before you come. Just about every kind of boat requires a valid license – yes that includes the pontoon boats! Belly boats are about the only one that does not yet require a license. Make sure you have your safety gear on the boat so that you won't get a ticket from the Division of Watercraft. At a minimum, you will need one life jacket per person on the boat. For more information consult the following web site – Ohio DNR Division of Watercraft <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/watercraft/tabid/2062/default.aspx>.

## Questions?

Contact Ken Hudak at (937) 673-8869, or Everett Vannatta at (937) 835-3621.

**Directions:** I-70 to Zanesville, go south on Route 60 to Gaysport, go east on 376 to just across the Morgan County Line, go left on C-91 (you will come to a fork in about ¾ of a mile – take the fork to the left to stay on C-91), go right on C-11 for 2.2 miles (C-91 will end at C-11 or Cloud Hollow Rd), then go left on T-944. You will cross 284 and the entrance to Campsite C will be on your left.

Alternate directions: If you want to stay on paved roads follow these directions. I-70 to Zanesville, go south on Route 60 into McConnelsville, go east (left) on 78 (also N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in town – if you go past the cemetery you missed your turn), go north east (left) on 83 to 284, take 284 north to sign for campsite C and turn right – the entrance to the campsite will be on your left.

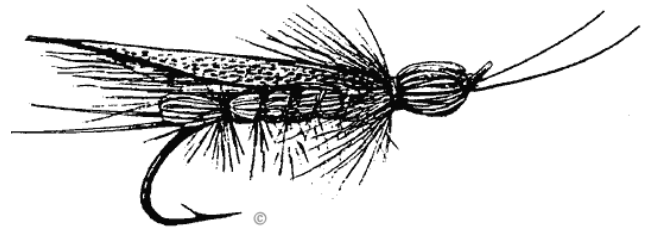
The link to obtain the AEP Permit has been posted on the MVFF web site, along with a link to the AEP Recreation Land.

## MetroParks Fly Fishing Events

Here is the complete schedule of the Fly Fishing events offered by Five Rivers MetroParks:

- April 23: 4 – 7 pm Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- May 21: 4 – 7 pm Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- June: 5 – 8 pm Carriage Hill MetroPark Cedar Lake
- July 23: 5 – 8 pm Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- August 27: 5 – 8 pm Possum Creek MetroPark Argon Lake

For more information, or to register, call the MetroParks at **(937) 277-4374**.



## April Re-Cap

Club member Ron Lewis was our speaker for the April meeting.

In his informative presentation, Ron spoke about the different aspects he considers to maximize his success on the Mad River:

- Location
- Water conditions
- Weather
- Presentation
- Casting ability and accuracy

Though Ron's program focused mainly on the Mad River, the methods he described can be applied to just about any fishery.



**Ron Lewis (right) speaking with members after the April meeting.**

# MVFF CALENDAR For May, 2013

- 4 - **MVFF at Orvis Days, at the Orvis - Dayton Store**
- 11 - **PHWFF Outing at Mertensia Springs** (See the article on page 2 for more information.)
- 13 - **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 14, 30 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 21 - **MetroParks "Try Fly Fishing" Event at Cox Arboretum** (Registration required - see page 4 for more info.)
- 24 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

## MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **460** 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.



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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:

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## MVFF Out and About...



On April 13, several members made the trip to Cabela's in Columbus to demonstrate fly tying during Cabela's Fishing Classic event.

In attendance were (left to right): Heather Statt, Matt Mullins, Pat Becker, Jerry Beech, Carl Markstrom, Tom Courtney and Dale Stephens.



A picture from the PHWFF / Fly-Fishing 101 class on April 27. For more information, see the article on page 2.



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