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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Monday
JUNE 26, 2015

Next Meeting

JUNE 8, 2015

Dayton FOP Shelter
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00

The fun starts at 5:30pm

Join us for our next outdoor meeting
and enjoy a grilled meal,
camaraderie, and casting competition!

MVFF HELP WANTED: Club Quartermaster

Quartermaster needed for the months of July, August and September. Mike has commitments during the summer months this year and is in need for coverage of the Club Quartermaster duties.

This is a great opportunity for members to step up and take part in the running of the monthly meetings. If interested, please contact Mike or Nathan Via, directly.

Training will be provided.

President's Thoughts



Hello all,

Hopefully all of you have been able to take advantage of this beautiful weather and the great fish-bite since last month.

Karen and I were able to enjoy a wonderful trip to Hazel Creek in North Carolina this past month with Club members Sam Brown, Barry Schroeder and his wife, Kathy. It was so good to be in the remote forest with wild rainbows and browns challenging everything you think you know about fly fishing. Our guide, Steve Claxton, has been guiding fisherman on Hazel Creek and other waters of the Smokey Mountains for more than 30 years.

While he has a vast knowledge of the fishery, his true passion is the preservation of this beautiful region and his intimate knowledge of its history. We hope to bring Steve as a guest speaker to one of our winter meetings.

Our first outdoor meeting was held at the FOP Lodge in Huber Heights last month, with a great turnout, including a number of new members and guests!

As predicted, a discussion among our members about ODNR's plans regarding the Mad River and other Ohio fisheries was lively. It was good to hear folks share their opinions, ideas and experiences about fishing in our region. will be shared at our next meeting.

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Even as I write this letter, we are packing for our trip to join other Club members for the annual Ohio Power camping/fishing trip. Hopefully the bluegill, bass and perch bite will be good and the weather will remain favorable. I'm sure we will have lots of stories and pictures to share with all of you at our next meeting.

Oh, and for those of you who are not headed out east, don't forget that our resident carp experts have reported that the mulberry drop is upon us, and *the carp should be getting their freak on!*

Look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on June 8th. Get out and enjoy some fishing!

Nathan Via
MVFF President

2015 Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings have begun, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. This year's hosts of judges are none other than Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. It's great having REAL water to cast on!

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 COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No casting will be allowed after 7:00 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. It should hopefully allow us enough time to eat dinner too.

Here are the results for the May Dry Fly:

First Flight Winner: Paula Smith (92)
Seniors Winner: Nathan Via (97)
Masters Winner: Bill Bennett (97)

Casting Competition – this month (JUNE) is the Bead Head Nymph.

Here are the rules for casting the nymph.

1. You will start with the fly in target #2.
2. You will pick up the fly and have unlimited false casts to target #1.
3. You will then only be allowed 1 (one) false cast to each remaining target.

Casting Competition Guidelines:

The monthly competitions, Divisions, and scoring guidelines can now be found on the club web site at the following link: http://mvff.tripod.com/Reference/MVFF_Casting_Competition_Guidelines.pdf

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

This Month's Fly – June 2015 Edition —

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

EXTENDED BODY MAYFLY

Recipe

Hook.....Dry/Nymph, size 10-12
Thread.....Brown/Tan 6/0
Tail.....Deer hair
Body.....Deer hair
Post.....White/Olive/Yellow Polypropylene yarn
Hackle.....Brown/Olive, dry
Head.....Thread



Note: *You will need a fairly stout and long sewing needle, dubbing wax, and Flex-seal to properly assemble this fly.*

1. Select a long, stout needle and place it the vice by its eye. Then coat the shaft of the needle with dubbing wax.
2. Tie-in the thread about ¼" behind the needle point and wrap back in fairly firm touching turns for about 1" or whatever size extended body length you desire. (**Note: You will need to try to keep the thread wraps firm, not tight, as too tight of turns will make it difficult to remove the body from the needle when the body is finished.**) Wrap the thread back to the tie-in point. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair. Lay the hair on top of the hook shank where you left the thread with the hair tips extending about ¼" past the thread tie-in point toward the needle point, then tie-in the hair at the thread tie-in point with 3-4 tight thread wraps. Allow the hair to spin around the hook shank.
4. Pull the hair butts tightly up against the needle shank creating a hair cover around the needle shank. Now wrap the thread in fairly tight but evenly spaced wraps (5-6) down the needle shank for around an inch creating a segmented extended body. Make several tight wraps at the end of the body, then wrap the thread back to the hair tie-in point in evenly spaced wraps matching the first set of wraps coming down the body to the original tie-in point. Make a whip finish over the last thread wraps and cut the thread. You should now have the shape of an extended body with the hair tips making a short tail and, at the other end of the body, a length of hair butts. **DO NOT CUT OFF THESE BUTTS AS THEY WILL BECOME THE BODY OF THE FLY.**
5. Remove the needle from the vise and coat **only the segmented section** of the body with a light coating of Flex-seal and allow it to dry. **DO NOT GET ANY FLEX-SEAL ON THE HAIR TIP TAIL FIBERS OR THE HAIR BUTTS.**
6. After the Flex-seal has dried, use a pair of pliers to grasp the eye of the needle, then using your hand, firmly grasp the segmented body at the base end and pull it off the needle.
7. Put the hook in the vice and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back down the hook shank for about 1/8", then let the thread hang.
8. Now cut a 2-3" length of polypropylene yarn and divide the strand in half. Tie-in one half of the strand at its middle on top of the hook shank about 1/8" behind the hook eye with 3-4 tight wraps. Pull both ends of the strand straight up and make several tight wraps around the base of the strand creating a wing post. Now wrap the thread back down the hook shank for about 1/8" behind the wing post. Let the thread hang.
9. Take the extended body, divide the butt ends in two even batches and slide them along the sides of the hook shank until the base of the extended body reaches the hook shank. Now tie them in (starting from the base of the extended body) in 3-4 evenly spaced segmented wraps. Make several tight wraps behind the hook eye, then make a whip finish and cut the thread. Trim off the hair butts at the hook eye, leaving the eye clear.
10. Select a brown/olive dry fly hackle feather with barbs about 1½ times the width of the hook gap and strip the fluff from the base of the feather. Re-tie the thread in around the base of the wing post and tie the hackle feather in standing straight up along side the wing post by making several thread wraps (6-7) going up from the base of the wing post around both the hackle butt and the wing post together. About one wrap of bare hackle butt should extend above the thread wraps. This will help in making the first wrap of hackle. The shiny side of the feather should be facing toward you. Trim off any excess hackle butts.
11. Starting at the top of the thread wraps on the wing post, wind the hackle feather counter-clockwise down the wing post for 4-6 wraps. Try to avoid tying down the hackle barbs. Tie it off at the base of the wing with several tight wraps **around the base of the wing post** and remove any excess hackle. Do a whip finish around the base of the wing post. Cut the thread.



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Outdoor Meeting
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