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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,

June 25, 2016

Next Meeting

June 13, 2016

Dayton FOP Shelter /
Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Meal Price - \$10.00

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

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

Ohio Power 2016

There is still time to join fellow MVFF members at the Ohio Power Trip on June 3-5. Ken Hudak and Everett Vanatta went over on May 31st to secure the campsite (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 go to the Links page at mvff.us and you will find the link under Resources. The permit will have all the rules for use of the land. Just fill it out and have it with you.

All the detailed directions can be found in the May Tightlines. (BTW: if you only get a USPS-mailed Tightlines you probably won't see this until Monday.)



President's Thoughts

Hello friends,

It's June and the year is close to being half done. The outdoor meetings are underway and we are getting geared up for the Ohio Power trip.

I must say it's gonna be nice to get out and fish a little. My day/day night/all the time or so it seems job has been running interference with my attempts to leave the city. All in all, this has not been my best year for getting out, so the AEP trip will be a highlight of 2016.

That being said, Thank you V.P. Kelly Kingery for officiating last month's meeting. As always, your vice-president stepped up and filled the gap at the last second when I called to let her know I was unable to make the meeting. You are always great Ms. Kelly!!!

The board and I have been struggling with the decision to continue paying dues to the International Federation of Fly Fishers. At the next meeting, we will discuss the cost of dues and examine what the organization has done. From my personal perspective, I am at a loss to find anything the IFFF has done for MVFF or any benefit to maintaining our membership. I am not attacking IFFF, I am merely suggesting the outreach and programs we at MVFF provide are well run and DO have a direct impact supporting the mission we

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

undertake. Is our money better spent when applied to our programs?

This being said, I believe we should discuss this at the next meeting, then table the idea for a month and allow the membership to decide if we stay members of IFFF.

Please pay attention to the website and Facebook this month. Steve Hamilton is again going to host the TNT's. For those who are new, the TNT is a prescheduled night of fishing that is open to all club members. The location may be the river, lake or even a pond. Most of the time, the outing will be on a weeknight, but there are no rules, so weekends are open as well. Dates and times will be announced online. If you have a suggestion for an outing, please contact Steve or me.

Stay safe, be grateful and I will see you on the 13th.

Nathan A. Via
MVFF President

Project Healing Waters Update

The vets finished the building of their rods in April and they were sent in to the PHWFF national office for judging. While none of those from the Dayton VA group won a national award, it was clear they were proud of their accomplishment. One of our participants included this letter with his rod submission.

"This was my first experience building a fishing rod. I chose to modify a few things on this rod to make it unique. This kit did not come with a fighting butt, so I made one and embedded it with my Army Veteran pin. The junglecock feather was added for two reasons. I think that it is very decorative plus it is placed 12 inches from the top of the cork handle. I did that so I can measure the fish I plan on catching. My initials were added to the lower section along with the year it was built for my children and grandchildren. The Roman numeral I is for this the first rod I built and I'm hoping to build more rods in the future. The Viking emblem is for some of my ancestors. The wrapping of the guides were with two separate color of threads, blue and green. The color appears to change from blue to green. This is not one thread that changes color but two separate threads.

I hope to catch many fish."

Rod built by J. Rodney Rothweiler

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Mad River CleanSweep '16

Over the Winter, both intentionally, and unintentionally, debris of all sorts has found its way into the Mad River. We are going to fix this, so please clear your calendar.

June 18, 2016 is the next scheduled bi-annual Mad River CleanSweep, and we need your help. Please plan on attending for all or part of the CleanSweep as every donated hour counts.

June 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Route 36 Bridge in Urbana, Ohio

Bring work gloves and dress appropriately for the weather.

Last year's effort was an overwhelming success and this year we should be able to do more in less time after previously learning a few lessons.

There will be food and drinks along with some door prizes.

Thank you all for what I am sure will be another successful year of giving back. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Ron Lewis at 937-608-7183. Thank you!

The best way to stay informed on Mad River current events and conditions is via Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter on Facebook.

See you there!

- Ron Lewis



Last year's CleanSweep was a huge success!



June Fly of the Month



WOOD DUCK SCUD

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....	Emerger/Curved Caddis, size 12-16
Thread.....	Fluorescent Orange, 8/0
Tail.....	Wood Duck
Rib.....	Small gold wire
Body.....	Sow Scud dubbing, Smoky Olive
Head.....	Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise with the hook eye down (to make tying-in the tail easier), then tie-in the thread at the beginning of the hook bend and take 5-6 wraps down the hook bend. Remove the thread tag and let the thread hang.

2. Select a large wood duck feather and remove 15-20 long fibers, keeping the tips even. Measure the tail to be a hook gap in length and tie it in on top of the hook shank where you left the thread. Take 5-6 touching thread wraps over the feather butts toward the hook eye, then take the hook out of the vise and re-orient it to a more normal position in the vise. Taking care to keep the feather butts on top of the hook shank, continue wrapping over the feather butts to slightly behind the hook eye. The remaining feather butts should be pointing out over the hook eye. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THESE BUTTS.**

3. Now take touching thread wraps back to over the hook point. Let the thread hang.

4. Cut a 6"- 7" piece of ribbing wire and tie it in by one end where you left the thread (The length of the wire should be going out over the hook bend). Wrap over

the wire with tight touching turns back to the front of the tail. Let the thread hang. Do not cut the wire.

5. Dub the thread and wrap a body that is tapered at both ends forward to behind the feather butts. Clean off the excess dubbing, then wrap the thread forward to the front of the feather butts and make a few tight wraps against the front of the feather butts to lift them slightly.

6. Now, keeping them on top of the body, fold the feather butts back over the body and secure them with a wrap of ribbing wire, then take more evenly spaced turns of wire forward to behind the hook eye and tie it down with several tight thread turns. Keeping the thread taut, helicopter the remaining wire stub off.

7. Now do a whip finish and cut the thread.

8. Go the rear of the fly and, taking care not to cut off the tail, cut the feather butts off straight at the end of the fly.

9. If desired, you can coat the top of the fly with head cement, clear nail polish, or RV resin.

Casual Fly Tying

Have a fly tying question? Need help with a specific technique or fly pattern? Have a suggestion for a new fly? These sessions are intended to offer an informal and helpful time and place to dialogue, tie flies and help each other!

The Casual Fly Tying sessions meet twice a month through November 22nd. There is no agenda and you must bring your own supplies. But you get expert advice free of charge! We meet at Gander Mountain at 6:00 p.m. The schedule is posted on the Calendar Page, Message Board and there is a link to a printable version on our web site mvff.us as well.

See you there!

Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings have started - time to dust off those casting skills! This is the seventh year your judges - Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden have been running the Casting Competition. 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, and - Please - show up **EARLY!** 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 no later than 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 help allow us enough time to eat dinner too.

Judges Comment: If NO Participants are at the casting location, at our discretion, we may close up BEFORE the 7 pm deadline.

Here are the results for the May Dry Fly:

Apparently, the cold and rainy weather affected the scores this year – about 2 points lower in Seniors and Masters divisions than last year. Seniors and Masters still have the same winning score like last year.

First Flight Winner: Kelly Kingery (93)
Seniors Winner: Karen Stokes (95)
Masters Winner: Jim Calvert (95)

Casting Competition – this month is the Bead Head Nymph.

Here are the rules for casting the nymph.

You will start with the fly in target #2.

You will pick up the fly and have unlimited false casts to target #1.

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_Guideli...

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

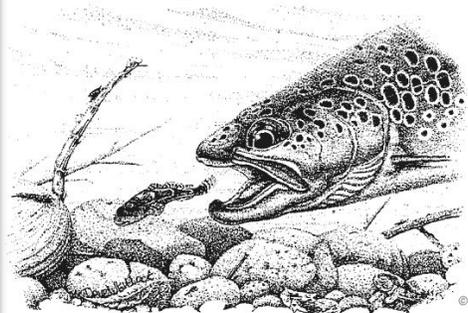


Help!

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. 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



Project Healing Waters Update *(cont'd)*

With the rod building class ending in April, we took a 3 week break before kicking off a new round of fly tying and casting instruction beginning May 5th. We've had some veterans join this activity for the first time, along with some prior participants. Bill "Woody" Woodward is again our fly tying instructor and we are so appreciative of his commitment and sharing of his expertise.

After four weeks of tying instruction we'll be hitting the grass on the grounds of the Dayton VA Medical Center (weather permitting) on June 2nd to do a little casting instruction. Of course Bill Bennett will be there to guide much of this. (As always I will pick up some tips along the way!)

Bill Grimpe, MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

Chair, already has some of the fishing outings planned. The first will take place on June 11th. The locales for the outings so far include Spring Run Farm, Mertensia Springs Trout Club, Rainbow Lakes, Silver Lake, Zainsfield Rod and Gun Club and a very productive (but secret) private pond. In all, Bill has about 10 events planned over the summer.

As you can imagine the interest in these will be extremely high and now we'll have about 10 veterans who will be fishing with rods they have built themselves. Should make a good time even better!

With an expected increased turnout for the outings we'll also have to make sure we can field a good contingent of volunteers. So you may be getting a call!

~ Tom Arnold

CALENDAR

June 3-5	Ohio Power Outing AEP Recreation Land, Campsite C	June 14, 30	Casual Fly Tying Gander Mountain 6:00 - 8:00 p.m .
June 11	Mad River Monitoring/Sampling (see tumadmen.org for details)	June 18	Mad River CleanSweep 10:00 a.m. Route 36 Bridge Urbana, Ohio
June 13	MVFF Outdoor Meeting Dayton FOP Shelter/Casting Pond 4275 Powell Road (Directions on Website)		

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 (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.

Quote of the Month

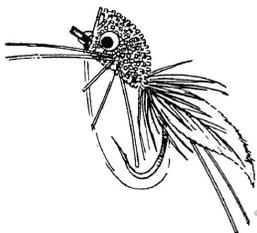
I consider him, inch for inch and pound for pound, the gamest fish that swims.

James Henshall
Book of the Black Bass (1881)

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