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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Monday,
July 24, 2017

Next Meeting July 10, 2017

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 the casting competition!

Another Amazing Ohio Power Trip!

This year makes the 6th time I have made the trip to Ohio Power. If you have ever thought of going, put it on your bucket list for next year.

Our favorite gathering place is Sand Hollow, Campground C, 9290 St. Rte. 284, McConnelsville, Ohio 43756. This year they even placed a sign. Planning a long weekend with family or friends anytime during the summer would be a wonderful time, but not as fun as the MVFF gang of course. It is always an adventure, the scenery is beautiful, friends come from all over, and memories are made. It's always fun to hear the laughs and that wonderful sound of "FISH ON!"

I arrived about an hour after Ken Hudak. He and Everett Vanatta are usually the camp coordinators and parking assigners and have been for years. Also present, Jeff Warden, Dan "Jersey Fly" Matousch, Sam Hudak, Steve "Pappy" Hudak, and Josh. They found a spot just right for all the campers and tents that trickled in as the week went on. Kathy and Barry surprised us and came a day early. John, Mike, Rod, Steve Rader, and then the

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President's Thoughts



Welcome to summer, folks! Hard to believe the year is half way over already, but it indeed has been a very busy half.

I have had something on my mind since the last club meeting and

I'd like to take this time to share some thoughts, if I may. I was very impressed with the membership vote last month regarding the partnering with Sweetwater Brewing Company. We were able to witness the epitome of what a democratic process should be like. I knew it was going to be an emotional and passionate discussion, but it was done with respect and open mindedness and in the end the vote was cast and the majority carried with the decision to partner with Sweetwater.

But what I want to focus on is the idea of the process. It has taken me well into my adult life to understand the fact that we really don't want to go into a situation where a decision needs to be made expecting everyone to be in agreement - unless your car is stalled on the railroad tracks with a locomotive bearing down on top of you, black smoke billowing, horn screaming, and need to decide if everyone should exit or not. Some things are just that obvious. But let's think about this a moment... if everyone ended up being an automatic "yes man" (for lack of a better word), you would never see the bigger picture. You'd never have that person that says, "But what about..." or the one who says, "I saw once where (this) happened when they did that." Or that kid that always is saying, "Why?" All of the sudden a bigger picture opens up and we see things from different perspectives. It brings awareness to possible pitfalls, or maybe other better opportunities, things that we might not know simply because of our focus. Experience is a wonderful teacher, as is simply speaking up. Others may feel the same way you do, but are too afraid to speak up for feeling they either are

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Ohio Power (cont'd)

Hudak other half showed up eventually as well. Later in the week I acquired a camp roommate, Amy; that girl can cook. Captain Steve can brew some morning coffee and makes a mean beer cheese. Some did not make it this year due to work, weddings and prior commitments and you were missed.

It was time for me to venture out with my new truck "Bad Juan". It came in handy hauling Kathy, Barry and my kayaks as well as bringing down my camper for the first outing and trial run. Sure beats a tent and a five gallon bucket if you know what I mean. No matter if you decide to have a tent or bring down a camper, when you come to camp if you have a small boat, canoe, pontoon or kayak it is good to bring it along. There are over 300 lakes to fish for bluegill and bass. The map is opened, a lake is spotted and the caravan begins. Always read your safety rules and bring and wear that life jacket, it comes in handy some days if nature feels you may need an extra bath. Yep, I may know a little something about that.

If coming down for the whole week isn't your cup of tea or drink of choice, plan on coming Friday night for the tradition of fishing tales, campfire, and wake up to the smell of Ken's griddle of pancakes and bacon. It's "FISH ON" and then back to camp for that awesome fish fry, and homemade sides from all the Fly Friends. The invitation is open, you'll never have a better group of folks to hang out with . . . hope to see you next year.

~ Paula Smith, Vice President



Check out the 2017 Ohio Power Trip Photo Album on our Facebook page

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

President's Thoughts (cont'd)

singular in their thinking or they are too shy to do so.

In a later discussion regarding the conduct and content during our meeting, I made the comment, "We need the bear growling in the woods to keep us on our toes." And that is exactly how I feel. There was some growling that happened regarding the partnership, but along with that came new perspectives and hopefully some sensitivity to feelings of some members about the partnership that we are kind and understanding to in the future.

We are a passionate lot, I believe. We love our sport. We love our waters. We love our club. And we show it in our actions. I want to thank everyone who came to the June meeting and had input, as well as participated in the vote. It is the deepest desire of my heart as well as the rest of the Board, I'm sure, that everyone felt validated and respected for having been heard. If anyone has further comment or would like to discuss anything with the Board members, I hope you know that the door is always open. You elected us to represent you.

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President

Fly Fishing Trip to Ontario, Canada

We just returned on June 10th from our Canadian fishing trip this spring. I'm pleased to report that our trip went quite well this year. Our group of six MVFF members and a few assorted relatives (brothers, sons, etc.) went to Waterfalls Lodge in Ontario for a week of lake fishing.

When they invented the fly rod, they must have had smallmouth bass in mind because the fly rod is the perfect weapon to battle the aggressive smallmouth with and these lakes were loaded with them. Then throw in some northern pike, a few perch and rock bass and you have the recipe for a fun fishing trip. These lakes also offer lake trout and walleye fishing as well.

We had great success throwing shallow swimming flies like Clouser minnows, Woolly Buggers and Scotty's McFly. As the week went on the top water bite was on and balsa poppers and divers as well as deer hair poppers were really calling up the smallmouth.

Waterfalls Lodge is a drive-in lodge facility about 2 hours N.E. of Sault St. Marie, Canada. They are a full-service lodge with great cabins and dock facilities and a bait and tackle shop. We were on the evening dinner plan and their lounge and dining facility did not disappoint in any way. The food was simply great and the dining staff service was outstanding. My hat is off to the owners Rob and Kathy and their crew for making us feel right at home.

The lodge sits on a chain of 5 large lakes with the option of 2 more remote lakes to fish. Every 2 fisherman have use of a nice 17' Starcraft Pro Fishing boat with a depth finder and an electric start 25 HP Yamaha engine. These boats were great fishing platforms with high deck casting platforms and pedestal seats. You can bring your own trolling motor or rent a foot-controlled motor there. There is a lot of water to cover and these boats did a fine job. The lakes are clear and deep and the scenery is beautiful. You think there is a fish behind every rock.

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July Fly of the Month

Prince Nymph Bead Head

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Nymph or Scud, size 16 -10
Thread.....Tan/Brown/Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Head.....Gold bead
Weight.....Sm/Med lead wire (optional)
Tail.....Brown Goose Biots
Wing.....White Goose Biots
Collar.....Brown Wet Hackle
Rib.....Fine Gold Mylar or Tinsel
Body.....Peacock Herl

1. Crush barb on hook and position bead on hook.
2. Take the lead wire and make 4-5 wraps behind bead. Trim off excess lead and then push lead forward tightly into back of bead.
3. Tie in thread behind lead and make several tight wraps of thread behind lead to hold it in place and form a taper. Wrap the thread back to the bend in the hook and form a small ball of thread.
4. Take a two brown biots and tie them in separately on top of the hook using the thread ball to split them into a "V" shape. Trim the biot butts.
5. Now take two white goose biots and tie a split wing on top of the fly at the end of the body. Tie the wing in behind the bead with the tips pointing over the hook eye (we'll fold them back later) curving upward. The wing should be sized to extend back to the end of the body when folded back over the body. Trim the biot butts.
6. Select a hackle feather with a barb length of 1 1/2 to 2 times the length of the hook gap. Strip the webby fibers off the bottom and then strip the fibers off one side. Tie in the hackle feather, stripped side toward you, behind the bead. Trim excess hackle butt and wrap the thread back to the tail tie-in point.
7. Tie in the rib and return the thread to the tail tie in point.
8. Now take 5-8 strands (depending on hook size) of peacock herl

and line up the tips. Trim off the top 1/2" of the herl and tie them in. Wrap all the herl forward approximately 3/4 of the way up to the bead to form the body and tie off. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THE EXCESS HERL!!!**

9. Wrap the rib forward in 4-5 concentric wraps over the herl body and tie off. Trim the excess rib.
10. Now take the peacock herl butts and trim off half of them leaving the best. Wrap the remaining herl forward to tightly behind the bead. Tie off and trim excess. This should create a nice flat base for the hackle collar.
11. Wind the hackle 1-2 times behind the bead and tie off. Trim excess hackle and stroke the hackle fibers on top of the hook to the sides.
12. Now carefully bend the wing back over the body of the fly and wind thread over the "bend" to hold it down. Use just enough thread to make a neat collar, whip finish, and trim thread.



Ontario Trip (cont'd)

They also offer guided fishing to the remote lakes with fly fishing guides. I highly recommend taking advantage of these lakes as they are catch and release only lakes and are "loaded" with nice smallmouth and pike. Your ride to the lakes in an off-road ATV is an adventure in itself, and they have boats and motors waiting for you at these locations.

We are definitely going back next June and have 2 cabins already reserved. If anyone wants to come along for some outstanding fishing and a great time, let me know and I will provide you with more details. This is the perfect spot to spend some quality time with your dad, son, brother or MVFF fishing buddy.

~ Jim Calvert



Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings are here, as well as summer and 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. 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.

Judges Comment: If NO Participants are at the casting location, at our discretion, we may close up BEFORE the 7:00 p.m. deadline.

Here are the results for the June Nymph competition:

First Flight, Winner: John Davis (94)
Seniors, Winner: John Young (94)
Masters, Winner: Bill Clutter (95)



Casting Competition – this month is the Roll Cast.

Here are the rules for the Roll Cast.

Limit of 15 casts total.

Start with fly in target #1.

Cast to target #1 until scored (inside one of the rings).

Then on to the remaining four (4) targets or until a maximum of 15 casts are made.

Any target not scored is a demerit of “-2” points.

Highest score with fewest casts wins.

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!

Bryan Spink



Watch for TNT Events

Summer is here, and I know that we are all ready to hit the waters!

Stayed tuned for monthly TNT events throughout the summer. TNT events are held on an evening during the week at a local park and a chance to meet up with fellow club members for a nice evening of fishing. They are a great way to meet folks and to maybe find a new place to fish.

If anyone has a favorite local pond that has public access and wants to suggest it for a TNT event, please let Steve Hamilton (akhammy67@gmail.com) know, and we will get it on the schedule!

In Memoriam

Former MVFF member Bill Stalter passed away on June 24th. Bill had been a longtime member of MVFF and Spring Run Farms and well known to many veteran members of the club. Bill was an outstanding fisherman and a wonderful friend who shared good times with fellow members. He will be missed.

The club has communicated our condolences to Bill's family.

Quote of the Month

"Success begets confidence and confidence begets success - and that fine upward spiral is the best restorative of streamside sanity."

Howard T. Walden II
Upstream and Down (1938)



PHWFF Update

The fly tying and casting instruction concluded in early June and we have already had 3 fishing outings. Two have been held at private ponds and the other at Spring Run Farms. We have a great line-up of fishing outings planned from now till the fall and those dates will be announced as they are firmed up.



Again, we still could use some more volunteers; this is particularly the case when it comes to the fishing outings. As participation in the outings has risen so has our need for volunteers. So think about getting involved. Contact Bill Grimpe if you want to help. His contact information is on page 1 and also can be found on the Contacts page of the MVFF website.

July BUFF Meeting

We want to make sure MVFF members are aware of our upcoming July Buckeye United Fly Fishers meeting. July 12th is our combined meeting for area fly fishing clubs. Alex Bell from the Silva and Cherokee area of North Carolina will be our speaker. The title of Alex's talk is "Fishing the North Carolina Trout Trail and the Tuckasegee River".

It will be held at the Ronald Reagan Lodge in the VOA Park in the West Chester area. (7850 VOA Park Dr, Olde West Chester, OH 45069. You may want use 7847). Dinner starts at 6:45 p.m., preceded by a social hour. The speakers present their program at about 8:00. Anyone wishing to attend, needs to register online at our website after the 20th of the month.

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>

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Still Need Volunteers

As I am sure most of you know, MVFF has a lot of various opportunities throughout the year for members to volunteer their talents and time in outreach, education, and goodwill efforts. In an effort to make sure that we are putting the word out to all who are interesting in helping, we are creating a list of members that wish to volunteer and what they would like to volunteer for...

So, if you are interesting in volunteering, please send the following information to Steve Hamilton (akhammy67@gmail.com):

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Things you would like to volunteer for (fly tying, outreach, education, rod building, casting, etc.)

Thank you all for your time, your talents, and your commitment to the club and to the community!

~ MVFF Volunteer Committee

CALENDAR

July 10	MVFF Outdoor Meeting, Dayton FOP Shelter/Casting Pond 4275 Powell Rd., 5:30 p.m.
July 12	BUFF Monthly Meeting
July 24	Deadline for August Tightlines articles

Check our Facebook
Events page for updates & details

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

Got Photos?!

You've heard this before, but I will continue to remind folks. In addition to needing written material for this newsletter, we need photos. If you've been on a recent fishing trip, think about writing an article for Tightlines. As you've seen in this issue we have articles by Paula Smith and Jim Calvert. Very much appreciated!

At the very least send some pics (and give us some details we can post with them). We will get them on the club's Facebook page. We really want your contributions.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines or added to the website let me know. My contact information is on page 1. Thanks.

~ Tom Arnold

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