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# TIGHTLINES

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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR  
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,  
August 27, 2016

## Next Meeting August 8, 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!

## Mad River Clean Sweep

The most recent Mad River Clean Sweep on June 18th was another successful effort in protecting and improving this treasured fishery. Many thanks to the volunteers and particularly our own Ron Lewis who has spearheaded this project.

Check out the video link below courtesy of  
Tight Lines Entertainment.

<http://bit.ly/2akqED6>

## PHWFF Update

We've held two fishing outings so far this summer, the first at Silver Lake followed a few weeks later at Spring Run Farms. Both were very enjoyable and well-attended events. There are more to come from August into October. Many thanks to Silver Lake and Spring Run Farms for their generosity in offering their facilities in support of the veterans.

In case you may have missed it, NBC Nightly News had a nice piece that aired on July 4th, *Wounded Veterans Find Peace Through Serenity of Fly Fishing*, that showcased the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program.

<http://nbcnews.to/29spHqS>



## President's Thoughts

Hello friends,

I wish I had some new club-related information or some update, but alas there is nothing new. Oh well, I guess you have to put up with another one of my life observations. (:

A few weeks ago, I decided to fish the pond at Lincoln Park in Kettering. I am no stranger to fishing in an urban environment and even though it is not my first choice, I take my fishin' where I can get it.

The pond is small and built within a nice retaining wall encasement that is encircled by a running track. There were a number of walkers and runners using the track that day and all appeared normal OR SO I THOUGHT.

I chose my 2 wt. Hook and Hackle rod because I was certain I would need to use short casts with all of the walkers and surrounding trees. No problem, again, I am no stranger to urban fishing.

As I began to fish, I noted the population of people using the track began to increase. THEY first came in subtle increments and then began to amass in double followed by triple amounts. Along came the couples, the singles, the dog walkers and even a herd of nerds.

Webster or so I believe, defines a herd of nerds as a group of three or more highly intelligent, socially inept persons who live in their parents' basements well into their 30's. They commonly wear dark colored tee-shirts adorned with pop culture sayings and are completely unable to

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### **President's Thoughts** (cont'd)

resist anything even remotely related to Star Wars. As personal hygiene is not a focus, they tend to socialize in same sex groups despite an overwhelming wish to hook up with just about anyone. They sustain themselves on a diet of pizza, Doritos and Mountain Dew.

Because they tend to be nocturnal and despise ANY FORM of physical exertion, imagine my delight in finding this herd outside of their normal habitat. Seeing wildlife is always the best part of city fishing, don't you think?

Again, no stranger to urban fishing but, this was getting really weird. I made the following observations:

1: Every single person using the walking track was completely fixated in the use of their cellphone.

2: Every person had almost no personal interaction with anyone around them. (Even the herd of nerds stood together without talking. Weird, I know!)

3: Experience tells us most track walkers, 98% in fact, walk in a clockwise manner in unison with other walkers. Please allow for the 2% who have to obstruct the masses. BUT, on this day, people would start walking in one direction then suddenly change course without warning.

4. Everyone was facedown staring into their phones and totally oblivious to everything around them.

I literally watched a young couple and their dog, walk over a hill and make their way to the walking track. Neither person looked up from their phones to see where they were headed. The male half took off in a separate direction from his wife. While facedown in his phone, he walked into a large collection of Canadian Geese who promptly attacked and beset upon him like a street gang. Apparently not all Canadians are passive.

The female, who was also facedown in her phone, struggled to walk with her large dog. The poor yet sensible dog tried to walk the track using the clockwise 98% rule only to have his master change her direction without warning and body check him off the retaining wall into the pond.

The male, who somehow managed to escape winged Yukon death, ran to help his wife and pull their dog to safety. I could not believe my eyes as I watched him check his phone three times before the dog was pulled from the water.

By now, I had had enough. I felt like throwing my line with total abandonment in the hope of face-hooking a self-absorbed VIDIOT. (Term created by a friend of mine to describe phone-addicted people.)

I knew it was time to go so I left in a state of total disgust before I had a chance to inflict pain upon my fellow man.

Days later, I learned what I had experienced was the release of a phone video game called Pokémon Go. I guess the object of the world's most popular game is to catch a video character while walking around and integrating a video environment with your natural surroundings.

I embrace technology and marvel at how it can enhance our lives, but there is so much to be thankful for right here in front of our eyes.

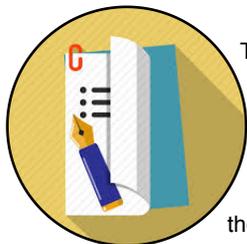
Video games and alternate forms of reality are a nice distraction, but I choose to experience the beautiful and completely natural environment that surrounds us every day. I thank my father, David Via, for introducing me to the sport of fishing and I thank my uncle Paul Miller for teaching me to fly fish. I am thankful my wife loves to fish and I can be a member of a club with like-minded people.

I say Pokémon Go-----away.

See you in August,

Nathan A. Via, MVFF President

## **Mad River Creel Survey**

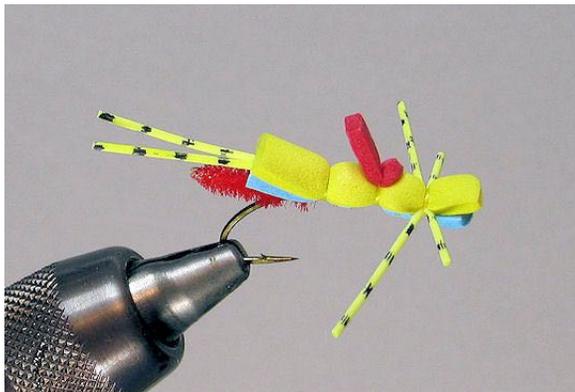


The Mad River is the most popular of three cold water streams managed for brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) in Ohio. The fishery is maintained through annual stocking of yearling brown trout at a rate of approximately 500 per river mile. Fish are stocked in early October and are typically 6-8" in size, but can range from 4-12" at stocking. A brown trout research project was initiated in 2011 and ended in 2014 to assess survival, growth, and movement of stocked brown trout in the 3 program streams including the Mad River. Although this research was extensive and very valuable toward understanding the brown trout population, it was missing a crucial component - angler use and harvest of the fishery. The most recent creel

survey conducted was in 1994. During that survey, the trout regulation was a daily limit of 5 fish with a minimum length of 10". That regulation was changed in 2000 to a daily limit of 2 fish with a 12" minimum length which is still in effect. In addition to a regulation change, we believe the angler preferences and harvest rates have likely changed over the past 20 years to include more catch and release fishing. In order to bridge this knowledge gap we are conducting a creel survey during the 2016 fishing season. We hope to gather angler satisfaction, harvest/catch

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## August Fly of the Month



1. Place the hook in the vise and tie in the thread behind the hook eye, then wrap it forward a couple of wraps, remove the thread tag, and let the thread hang.
2. Cut a card width segment of chenille and tie it in by one end behind the hook eye. Keeping the chenille on top of the hook shank, make tight thread wraps over it back to over the hook point, then wrap the thread back to behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang. Trim the chenille to be a hook shank in length and burn the end similarly to a San Juan worm.
3. Cut strips of foam in both colors about a hook gap in width and the length of the entire hook. Tie in the blue segment on top of the hook shank behind the hook eye with the foam going to the front edge of the hook eye. With the length of the foam lying on top of the hook shank, make one single wrap of thread over the top of the foam to a point about half way between the hook eye and the hook point, then bind down the foam creating a body segment.
4. Repeat step 3, making another single thread wrap back over the foam to over the hook point and tying it down with several thread wraps. Let the thread hang. You should now have roughly four equal body segments.
5. Cut a full segment of rubber leg material, fold it in half, then cut the fold into two equal segments. Fold one of these two segments in half and tie it in by the fold on top of the hook shank over the thread wraps at the back of the blue segment where you left the thread.
6. Now take the yellow foam segment and place it on top of the hook shank over the blue segment. Align the back edge of the yellow segment with back edge of the blue segment and tie it down over the

## Kintner Boy

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Hook.....	Hopper, 3xl, size 8
Thread.....	Yellow, 6/0 or color of your choice
Underbody/tail.....	Red Chenille
Body.....	2mm foam, blue and yellow or colors of your choice
Legs.....	Barred rubber legs, yellow and black or colors of your choice
Indicator.....	Foam, 2mm, red or color of your choice

7. Lift up the yellow segment and make a single wrap of thread over the top of the blue foam to the next set of thread wraps binding down the blue foam. Let the thread hang.
8. Fold the yellow foam forward over the top of the blue foam and tie it down where you left the thread with a few tight thread wraps. Let the thread hang.
9. Cut a small short strip of red foam to use as an indicator. Tie it in on top of the yellow foam where you left the thread. Tie it in so that the front of the indicator is shorter than the front. (See the picture)
10. Lift the yellow foam again and wrap the thread forward to the next set of thread wraps binding down the blue foam. Lay the yellow foam down on top of the blue foam and tie it down at the over the same thread wraps used to bind down the blue foam. (You should now have four yellow body segments and the thread should now be behind the hook eye at the point where you initially tied down the blue foam.
11. Now take the remaining segment of legging material and fold it in half. Cut the fold to create two equal length segments. Take one segment and tie it in with tight thread wraps on the side of the fly where you last tied down the yellow foam. Tie it so as to create a short leg at the front and longer leg at back. The legs should be positioned on the side of the fly where the two foam body segments touch together.
12. Lift both foam body segments and take a few thread wraps on the hook shank right behind the hook eye. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.

### Casual Fly Tying

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 (or at least some 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!

[http://mvff.tripod.com/Fly\\_tying/Casual\\_Tying\\_2016.pdf](http://mvff.tripod.com/Fly_tying/Casual_Tying_2016.pdf)

### Quote of the Month

I never lost a little fish -  
Yes, I am free to say.  
It always was the biggest fish  
I caught, that got away.

*Eugene Field (1850-1895)*

# Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings are well under way, which means it's time to test those casting skills. 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 pm deadline.

## Here are the results for the July Roll Cast:

**First Flight, Winner:** Steve Hamilton (All 5 targets in 12 casts)

**Seniors, Winner:** John Young (4 targets in 9 casts)

**Masters, Winner:** Bill Bennett (All 5 targets in 12 casts)

Interesting Note – These are the exact same winners as last year! Steve improved, and that's all the judges have to say... :-)

## Casting Competition – this month is the Bass Bug.

Bass Bug Rules:

Start with bug in hand and allowed unlimited casts to target 1.

Then only two (2) false casts to all remaining targets.

## 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](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



## Knot Sense

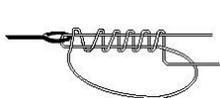
Improving your knot skills can result in your spending more time on the water. Don't know how many folks I've seen over the years who struggle with knots, particularly when changing flies. Because it poses a problem some forego the fly changes that might result in more catches.

There are a number of effective knots for getting that fly securely attached to your tippet. I've used several over the years, but have more recently been using the Uni-Knot or Duncan loop. A pretty simple, but effective, knot for tying on your fly. I find it easier to tie if I use plenty of line, tying "big" - getting my fingers inside the loop. This is helpful in maintaining control of the line at all times and dealing with the tag end so it is not just flying around crazily. Here is a good demonstration of the knot and the videos which follow really show the versatility of this knot . . . <http://bit.ly/2a7vQcb>

### The Uni-Knot

1. Run line through eye of hook, swivel or lure at least six inches and fold to make two parallel lines. Bring end of line back in a circle toward hook or lure.

2. Make six turns with tag end around the double line and through the circle. Hold double line at point where it passes through eye and pull tag end to snug up turns.



3. Now pull standing line to slide knot up against eye.

4. Continue pulling until knot is tight. Trim tag end flush with closest coil of knot. Uni-Knot will not slip.



## 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](mailto:quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net).

# Lottery Underway For Beginning Fly-Fishing Clinics at Castalia State Fish Hatchery

*Drawing deadline is Aug. 13 for 10 clinics  
in September and October*

**FINDLAY, OH** - Anglers interested in learning the art of fly fishing and practicing their skills on a half-mile section of Cold Creek at the Castalia State Fish Hatchery in Erie County are encouraged to enter a lottery for beginning fly-fishing clinics, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

There are 125 slots available for the popular program. Sessions will be held on Fridays from Sept. 2 through Oct. 7, with the exception of Sept. 23. Submissions for the lottery must be postmarked by Aug. 13.

In addition to fly-fishing instruction by ODNR Division of Wildlife staff and volunteers, attendees will be able to test their newly acquired skills by fishing for rainbow trout found in Cold Creek. Anglers may also encounter an occasional brown trout.

Instruction will be from 8 a.m. until 12:00 Noon or 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 2, Sept. 9, Sept. 16, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7.

To apply, applicants must submit a postcard listing their: name, address, Customer ID number and phone number. The applicant may bring one guest. Only one postcard per applicant is allowed and no duplicates may be submitted. Postcards should be sent to: ODNR Division of Wildlife District Two, 952 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio, 45840 Attention: Beginner Fly Fishing Clinics.

Successful applicants will receive an assigned session date and time. Permits are nontransferable. All anglers age 16 and older are required to have a valid Ohio fishing license. Funds generated from the sale of fishing licenses go toward conserving and restoring habitat, enforcement of fishing regulations, hatchery operations, fish stocking in public fishing areas, and enhancement of research and educational outreach.

For more information on Ohio's fishery resources, call 1-800-WILDLIFE or visit <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov>.

The Castalia State Fish Hatchery is located in Erie County off State Route 269, near Castalia.



*Jim Calvert with a 20" Mad River brown caught several years ago. Photo courtesy of Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter*

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## **Creel Survey** (cont'd)

numbers, fishing pressure among other important factors to help fisheries managers make more informed decisions with regards to the Mad River fishery.

The creel survey runs from April 1, 2016 – November 6, 2016. Surveying the river over this period should give us good temporal coverage throughout the year during periods of perceived high and low fishing pressure. Data from the 1994 survey, as well as input from the county wildlife officer, suggest that there is a high amount of fishing pressure beginning in March and April. The summer months are a period of low water levels and higher water temperatures typically resulting in fewer anglers and less angler success. The fall season will allow us to look at how stocking influences angler use. With this timeframe the creel survey will hopefully answer four key questions: 1: How much total angler effort takes place on the Mad River; 2: What is the peak season of trout angling; 3: How much harvest takes place; 4: Does the stocking attract new angling pressure?

The data will be collected through interviews and postcards. On weekends and randomly selected weekdays, a creel clerk will be driving a route along the Mad River counting anglers and interviewing them. He will be driving an Ohio Division of Wildlife truck with "Angler Survey" decals. During interviews, he will ask a series of questions about the angling trip and some supplemental questions regarding satisfaction. At the end of the survey he will leave each angler with a few postcards to complete and fill out at the end of their future trips. The creel clerk will leave postcards on the windshield of parked vehicles if no angler is viewable from the access site. We hope that anglers will find the postcard when they return to their car and will mail the completed card back to us. The cards do not require postage so there will be no expense for the angler. ~ Ohio Department of Natural Resources - <http://ohiodnr.gov>

## **CALENDAR**

August 8	MVFF Outdoor Meeting, Dayton FOP Shelter/Casting Pond 4275 Powell Road (Directions on Website)	August 27	PHWFF Outing - Huber Pond
August 9, 25	Casual Fly Tying, Gander Mountain 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	August 27	Deadline for September Tightlines articles
August 13	PHWFF Outing - Silver Lake	TNT Event	Watch both the Message Board and the MVFF Facebook page for an August TNT event



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