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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Thursday,
August 24, 2017

Next Meeting August 14, 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!

FFI Grant Approved

As you may know, for the past few years, Ron Lewis has been spearheading periodic clean-up sessions on the Mad River. This year, we recently submitted a Conservation Grant Request Proposal to Fly Fishers International (FFI), requesting funds to assist in these efforts.

The grant proposal was a true team effort by Ron, myself (Joe Nagel) and Ken Dixon of B.U.F.F. Ken and I are both officers of the Ohio Council of FFI - I am the VP of Conservation, and Ken is the Council Secretary and VP of Fly Tying.

The grant was written and submitted as follows:

1. The proposal was submitted to cover the cost of 2 Mad River cleaning sessions - the first to be held in the spring, the second in the fall.

2. The estimated total cost of both cleaning sessions was calculated to be \$1,600.00.

Items needed include:

- A roll-off dumpster for all trash collected (this alone was responsible for the majority of the project's cost)

- Gloves, trash bags, litter grabbers, etc.

- Food and refreshments for the volunteers

3. Grant funds contributions were broken down as follows:

- \$100.00 contributed by the FFI Ohio Council

President's Thoughts



Happy August to all! This hot, sticky summer is quickly waning and soon fall will be upon us - but let's not rush things and dream of cooler fishing days just yet. Right now we have some more

sweating and deeper fishing to do. Speaking of which, some nice pictures have been appearing on our Facebook site of member's fishing excursions and catches. Be sure to check them out. I receive Weekly Facebook Page Updates and they have really boosted the site visits, so let's keep posting those fish and beautiful scenery. People love that stuff!

For some of you who may not have heard yet, Shawn Johnson now serves as our official club Chaplain.

I looked up some references for the office of Chaplain to share, instead of sharing what I believe the role of Chaplain should be, and found the average qualifications to be these:

1. A willingness to serve the office.
2. A sense of spiritual maturity.
3. Committed to providing a Chaplain's ministry.
4. A caring person.
5. A desire to help people.
6. The ability to keep things confidential. (Extremely important.)
7. Willing to be neutral and objective when settling disputes.
8. Voice projection and the ability to read well in public.
9. Should have a positive self-attitude.
10. Chaplains should be proud of their office and determined to do a good job.

Some of the duties of the Chaplain listed:

1. They are expected to be the spiritual advisor to their organization and its members.

PA Trip Led by Dale Stephens

Dale Stephens led a great trip to the Loyalsock State Forest area in central Pennsylvania (6/27-7/4/17) with a group of eight. Most of us arrived mid-day and were overwhelmed by the amazing view off the back deck of the cottage - the Loyalsock Creek with a waterfall on the far side! I won't mention who enjoyed fishing out back with a spinning reel and worms. The cottage was an older vintage and had been flooded to eyeball height in 2011 (then partially rehabbed). We had a few complaints about mold and the leaky roof, but the kitchen was remodeled and nice.

Fishing was challenging because the main trout season was over. I caught two bass, a brook and a rainbow for the week. Barry, Bill, Robert and Eric did somewhat better. Dale kept us informed of the best places to go. We spent one day at The Dunwoody Club, fishing the ponds and enjoying dinner. A couple 'tiger' trout were caught, as well as brookies and rainbows. But, this was nowhere close to how it was in past years when lots could be netted. We all tried many, many flies! Dale and Mike Browne were our mentors, but again, they were also challenged to catch fish.

Barry (another Barry and a member of Dunwoody) was our link to Dunwoody and a good friend of Dale's. He was full of stories about his international travels. One evening he took Robert for a drive on his 4-wheeler and they came back with snake skins. Four of us ate lunch one afternoon and spoke to a retired game warden. He suggested other spots to fish, including Muncy Creek and Mill Creek. We took off with Bill following, but he disappeared after a few minutes. It turns out he was following the wrong car. Eric noticed before too long that the car was not Barry's and had a PA license. Fun times.

My favorite fishing spot was the Sandy Bottom area of Loyalsock Creek on the last day (Little Bear Creek was the prettiest). We walked down a trail, across some water and an island to the best side for fishing. We had the place to ourselves. Going a different path to the left was also good, and I caught my rainbow there. These rainbows were more colorful than I remember at places like the Smokies.

Since fish were sparse, some of us stayed out into the evening or started very early. Robert and Bill tried fishing from kayaks. We all got a good workout. The other option for part of a day was sightseeing. There was World's End State Park, High Knob Overlook, a covered bridge, small lakes, waterfalls, and beautiful



streams. Many bridges were still being repaired from the 2011 flood and detours were plentiful.

Dinners out were very enjoyable. Pier 87 had a white sand beach in back and a carved tree combining eagles, bears, a

kayaker, and a fisherman. Some of us ate in, but I won't say who left the window open for tons of bugs to coat everything in the kitchen! I stayed out of the way until the guys cleaned them

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

2. In a non-sectarian manner, they should be prepared to listen to their fellow members and provide aid and spiritual comfort in times of stress, sickness, or bereavement.
3. Remember the privileged communication they are having is for their ears only. Uphold the high ideals of the organization in any advice they offer.
4. Being a chaplain will provide an opportunity for contact with the grieving family and thus provides a caring ministry to them.
5. Use the persuasion of their office to promote harmony and unity in the club.
6. Send cards and or flowers to sick and bereaved.
7. Visit sick, bereaved and hospitalized.
8. Generate respect for the office of Chaplain.

I personally believe that Shawn fulfills these lists quite nicely and has a humble and service-oriented heart. Unfortunately, part of the service the Chaplain provides is contacting the families in the event of a member or member's loved one passing. When this happens, it is imperative that Shawn be notified **immediately** upon hearing of the passing so that a quick and timely response can be made. It is an awkward position to be in when having to approach a person who has been mourning for a time and say, "I'm sorry, but we just heard" because it took a while to get through the grapevine to the appropriate person.

We have set up a process to serve our members during a troublesome time, so we need to utilize it to its potential. Even if you think Shawn might already know, please contact him. He would rather hear from several people than none of you and have that family think that we don't care. Thank you for any assistance you can provide in helping us keep a finger on the pulse of the health and well-being of our MVFF family.

You can find Shawn's contact information listed on our website homepage under the Contacts tab with the rest of the officers.

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President

FFI Grant (cont'd)

- \$100.00 contributed by the Buckeye United Fly Fishers
- \$100.00 contributed by the Miami Valley Fly Fishers
- \$1,300.00 requested via the Conservation Grant from FFI National

4. The proposal was presented during the May meeting of the FFI Conservation Committee (comprised primarily of all the Council VPs), and it was accepted. From there, it was presented for consideration and final approval by the FFI Executive Committee, who, upon recommendation by the Conservation Committee, approved the grant as submitted.

5. The funds awarded by the Fly Fishers International for this grant will be dispersed via the FFI Ohio Council.

This is a significant accomplishment that further supports a MVFF goal of "cleaner water and brighter streams". Thanks to Ron and Ken for making our first attempt at securing a grant a success.

~ Joe Nagel



August Fly of the Month

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base to just above the hook barb.
2. If using a rib, tie in the copper wire above the hook point and return the thread to above the hook barb.
3. Select a suitable prepared hackle feather and tie it in by the butt end over the hook barb. Return the thread to over the hook barb and tie a half-hitch.
4. Now sparsely dub a section of thread and wrap it forward forming a small body to within two hook eye lengths of the hook eye and tie off.
5. Grasp the hackle feather and palmer it over the body then tie off and remove excess feather.
6. If using a rib, grasp the copper wire and counter wrap (counterclockwise) it over the body, carefully wrapping it through the hackle to avoid tying down any hackle barbs. Tie off the wire and trim any excess. Tie two half-hitches.
7. Cut a small section of elk hair and clean out any underfur with a comb or bodkin. Using a hair stacker, align the hair tips. Remove the

Elk Hair Caddis

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 10 – 20
Thread....Black 6/0 or 8/0
Rib.....Optional, copper wire
Hackle....Black or brown, palmered
Body.....Black, gray, or tan dubbing
Wing.....Elk hair

hair from the stacker and, with the tips facing rearward, tie in the hair on top of the hook shank with a couple of soft loops in front of the dubbed body.

The wing should be the length of the hook shank or slightly longer. If it looks right, hold the wing and press down while applying several tight wraps. (The trick is to get the thread wraps as tight as possible without breaking the thread.) Tie a half-hitch and let the thread hang.

8. Now take your scissors and, while resting the blade against the hook eye, cut the hair butts at a backward angle forming a small hair head. Whip finish over the previous thread wraps, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Painted Rocks

If you have been in this world a while you may remember the pet rock craze. This spring Mark, my husband, and I spent a weekend in Tennessee. While we were there we found a pretty painted rock. I took a picture of it having not a clue what it meant. I recently found there is a group called Dayton Ohio Rocks (check out their Facebook page) - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/763065333860857/>).

They place painted rocks all over in parks, bridges, statues, malls, etc. People find them, take a picture and post on the sight. This sparked an idea for the club. I have made a few rocks, and hope to make more before the meeting to hand out. Anyone wanting to make some and join in the fun is invited.

On your next outing or fishing trip leave it by the dock or river where people will see. Take one along outside of the state on vacation. That is what makes it fun, to see someone found your art rock. You may find one yourself. I chose to put flies and fish on the rocks, but it really can be painted with anything you like. The one who finds it may show a picture of it and where they found it. They can keep it and have the option to re-hide it or make a new one to share and be found.

It will be a great way to get the club name out there and have some fun in the community. It will promote our Facebook site, share our passion to keep our lakes and waters clean and promote fly fishing. If you have any questions about this endeavor, let me know. My contact information is on the Contacts page of the MVFF website.

~ Paula Smith, Vice President

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 7pm deadline.

Here are the results for the July Roll Cast:

First Flight, Winner: Ken Davy (All 5 targets in 10 casts)

Seniors, Winner: Ron Lewis (5 targets in 12 casts)

Masters, Winner: Jeff Warden (All 5 targets in 7 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

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!

Bob Zitney
Ken Davy
Bryan Spink



PA Trip (cont'd)

up (I hate bugs!)

Overall, there were great and memorable experiences. We all got along well together. Next year the date will be set earlier when more fish should still be available. Lodging may also be researched again, but I will be the first to sign up!

~ **Kathy Williams**

Check out the 2017 PA Trip Photo Album on our Facebook page

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

Upcoming TNT Events

We've got some TNT events scheduled. Unless notified differently on our Facebook page or message board we will be meeting each time at 5:00 p.m. Just show up and join other members for some fishing and maybe learning about a new spot you haven't fished before.

August 9: Lincoln Park, Kettering
September 6: Possum Creek MetroPark, Germantown
October 4: Carriage Hill, Huber Heights
November 1: Rosewood Pond, Centerville

And, watch our Facebook page and/or message board (the TNT Series forum) for any changes and specific meeting details if necessary?

Any questions, contact Steve Hamilton at

akhammy67@gmail.com.

Quote of the Month

"When you are next complaining about the selectivity of trout, bear the thought in mind: were it not for this fortunate trait, how long would our stream fishing last?"

Art Flick

Art Flick's Streamside Guide (1947)



PHWFF Update

We had three outings in July. Mertensia Springs was the destination on July 8th (thank you Sam Brown for the invite). Fishing was tough due to heavy rains the night before that resulted in the creeks dumping a considerable amount of muddy water into the ponds. Despite that there were a few nice catches, including this crappie by Chris (right).



James also got a similar sized crappie in the same spot earlier in the day.

Our second July event was at a familiar place - the Dayton FOP Pond on the 18th. We began around 4:00 p.m. and it was a beautiful afternoon and evening. Quite a few fish were caught including one catfish. Karla Riste of

the VA was fishing on the far side of the pond and was quite excited. I watched as she started hauling the fish in. To my surprise she put the rod down, whipped out latex gloves and gloved up as though preparing for surgery! Then finished getting the fish to shore and removing the fly. Wish I had a picture of that!

And, on July 30th we visited Rainbow Lakes. Beautiful afternoon and evening. Saw beaucoup bass lounging in the waters, but despite everyone's best efforts only two small bluegills were caught. We at least got to work on our casting skills and all seemed to have a good time with plenty of laughs.

Again, we still could use some more volunteers; this is particularly the case when it comes to the outings. 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.



J.R. and Wes with nice bluegills from the FOP pond

~ Tom Arnold

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

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| August 9 | TNT - Lincoln Park, Kettering - 5:00 p.m. |
| August 12 | Mad River Monitoring/Sampling
Rt. 36 bridge, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| August 14 | MVFF Outdoor Meeting,
Dayton FOP Shelter/Casting Pond
4275 Powell Rd.
5:30 p.m. |
| August 22 | PHWFF Outing
Dayton FOP Shelter/Pond
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| August 24 | Deadline for September Tightlines articles |

Check our Facebook Events page for updates & details

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

Articles & 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 Kathy Williams, Paula Smith and Joe Nagel. These contributions are 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

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

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 (www.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.

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