

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

**Friday,
September 23, 2011**

**The Last Outdoor Meeting
Of the Season!**

Next Meeting

September 12, 2011

Deeds Park Casting Pond

(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The fun begins at 5:30

2011 Casting Competition News!

The outdoor casting event will again be hosted by the team of Ken Hudak, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. But don't let that scare you! 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!

September will be the last competition for 2011. Will anyone break the 90 ft distance barrier this year? Mike Wolford came very close last year with the longest cast of 89 feet. Come on Mike! Thanks to everyone for coming out and having a little fun.

Here are the results for the August Bass Bug Competition (Winner and runner-up for each division):

First Flight

Winner: Willie Morris (86) New guy, first time – Great Job!

Runner-up: Brian Peters (83)

Seniors

Winner: Joe Gilmore (92)

Runner-up: Brian Furderer & Dan Matousch (90)

Masters

Winner: Jim Calvert (95)

Runner-up: Marty Vandebrook (90)

– NEW THIS YEAR – CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM. No casting will be allowed after 7:15 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.

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President's Thoughts

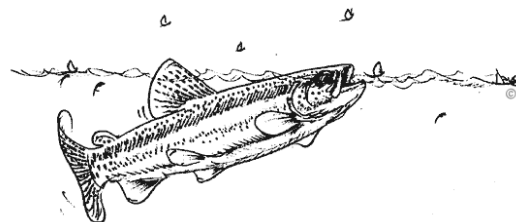


Now that school has started I hope each of you had a nice vacation and a great summer. September brings about our last outdoor meeting for this year and I encourage all of you to attend. The food and fellowship are great not to mention your odds of winning the raffle are greater as we have fewer members attend the outdoor sessions.

As I write this article, I am excited as the club has been invited to two more events within the past twenty four hours. With more groups desiring our involvement, we have a better chance of promoting not only fly fishing, but also our club which was one of my goals as president this year. This cannot occur without all of the help from our members who show up and donate their time and knowledge of the sport we love so much. To all who have helped so far this year, I wish to say a very sincere "thank you". If you have not been able to help so far this year, perhaps you will be able to at one of the upcoming events.

Some of the upcoming events include:

- 1) **Sep. 30-Oct. 1---Gear Fest**
- 2) **October 15 ----Troy, Ohio Boy Scout – 9 am - ?**
Fly tying and casting
- 3) **October 15 ----Caesars Creek's 8th Annual Watershed Festival** 11am - 4pm
- 4) **October 22 ----Greene County ODNR—Fly Fishing Expo, 10 am -2pm (Fly tying and casting.)**



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September is also the month in which we select the nominating committee to search for members who would like to serve on our Board of Directors for next year. In October we will find out the names of those members who will run for Vice President and Treasurer for 2012. Speaking of 2012, the club has again been invited to the Buckeye United Fly Fishing (BUFF) Expo for February 4, 2012. September is also when those of us who like to fly fish for salmon will adventure to Michigan to try to outsmart these magnificent fish. I am sure there will be many "fish tails" coming soon.

If you have not paid your dues for next year I encourage you to contribute an extra dollar, or two, to help our "hardship fund" so we can help keep members in our club that have fallen on hard times. Also, remember that the cost of meals at our indoor meetings will be \$13.00 this year. Please be sure to update your email and phone numbers when you pay your dues.

Rick Hurni, President of the Central Ohio Fly Fishers wants to have somebody from our club represent us on a joint effort committee to work together to help preserve our waterways. If you are interested in being on this committee, along with representatives from BUFF, TU and the Mohican Fly Fishers, contact Rick at: rhurni@columbus.rr.com.

On a final note, Dave Oertel was contacted about helping out with the Miami Valley Combined Federal Campaign on October 5, 2011. Donations can be earmarked for Project Healing Waters. Contact Dave for more information.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Tom Courtney

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Casting Competition – This Month is the Distance Competition. (No water needed)

Here are the rules for this month:

Make **5 casts** (in 5 minutes). While we may not enforce the 5 minute rule, we do want to give everyone a chance to cast and still have time to eat dinner. No fly, just a piece of yarn.

Tip: While there are no rules about how many false casts you can make, the fewer you make, the better your results will be. And don't rush the cast – give the rod time to load.

Scoring is TBD. (I don't remember how we scored it last year, but I do have last year's Tightlines! I think we used #4). It will most likely be one of the following methods:

- 1) Best cast of the 5 will be used for scoring,
- 2) The worst and best cast are dropped and the rest of the casts are averaged for distance score,
- 3) All 5 casts are averaged for distance score, or
- 4) The average of the longest 3 out of 5 casts

Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

- First Flight:** Those that have never won a casting event or new casters.
- Seniors:** Casters who have previously won a First Flight casting event or former winners of the First Flight casting division.
- Masters:** Former winners of the Seniors casting division.

General Competition Guidelines:

Everyone will cast the club rod. One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's competition. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered. Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall winner of your division (it's happened before!). So come on over and cast.

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!

This Month's Fly – September 2011 Edition

EASY EXTENDED BODY FOAM HOPPER

Instructions Bill "Woody" Woodward /
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, size 8-12
Thread.....6/0, color to match foam body
Extended Body.....2mm foam, color of choice
Wing.....Deer hair, natural
Overwing.....Pearl Flashabou Accent (Optional)
Legs.....Round Rubber, color of choice
Thorax.....SLF Prism dubbing, color of choice

1. Now we will form an extended foam segmented body. Cut a 4"-5" strip of 2mm foam about 2/3ds the width of the hook gap and set it aside. Take a large sewing needle at least 4" long and insert it straight into the vise jaws by the butt end so that the point extends forward. Tie-in the thread about 1/4" behind the needle point and wrap a thread base back about 1/4". Let the thread hang. Take the foam strip and fold it in half to determine the center of the strip, then stick the needle thru the middle of the fold so that there are equal lengths of foam strip on each side of the needle. Slide the foam back to the front of the thread base. Fold the lengths of foam back along the sides of the needle (**Do not let the foam slide back on the needle**). The thread should be hanging about 1/8" to 1/4" inch back from the fold of the foam. Now wrap the thread around the foam 2-3 times and pull it tight forming a segment. Wrap the thread under the foam and wrap it forward on the needle a distance to measure the length of the first segment. Fold the foam against the needle again and wrap the thread around it forming a second segment equal in size to the first segment. Continue to form segments until you have 4-5 segments, then whip finish the body where you tied off the last segment. Cut the thread. **DO NOT CUT OFF ANY OF THE REMAINING FOAM STRIP.** Grasp the segmented foam body firmly and slide it off the needle and set it aside.
2. Place the hook in the vise and tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to over the hook point, forming a solid thread base.
3. Take the foam body and, placing the foam butts on each side of hook shank over the hook point, wrap the thread around the foam similarly to the way you formed the segments, attaching the extended body to the hook shank. The foam body should be **angled upward** from the hook shank. Bind the butt ends of the foam body down securely to the hook shank for about 1/8" and trim away any excess.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small to medium bunch of deer hair. With the tips facing back over the foam body, tie-in the hair as a wing right in front of the tie-in point of the extended foam body. (**Keep the hair on top of the hook shank and do not allow it to spin**) The wing tips should extend back to just short of the tip of the extended foam body. Bind down the hair butts to slightly behind the hook eye, then trim away any excess. Return the thread to the wing tie-in point.
5. Cut 3-4 pieces of long flashabou as an overwing and tie them in by their middle on top of the wing at the wing tie-in point, then fold the front of the pieces of flashabou back over the wing as well and bind them down. Trim the flashabou to equal the length of the wing.
6. Cut two pieces of leg material about 3" long. Tie one strip in *by its middle* on the near side of the hook shank then repeat this procedure for the far side of the hook. Keeping the forward pieces of the legs on their respective side of the hook shank, wrap thread over them to slightly behind the hook eye. Be sure to keep the leg pieces on the sides of the hook shank, as they will form the front legs of the hopper. **Do not trim any of the legs at this time.** Wrap the thread back to the front of the wing.
7. Now dub the thread and wrap it forward between the back and front legs to form a thorax. Be sure to wrap the dubbing back tight against the front of the wing, covering all the thread wraps. When the dubbing reaches the front legs, take one wrap between them and one wrap in front of them behind the hook eye and tie off. Remove any excess dubbing.
8. Do a whip finish behind the hook eye and cut the thread. Now trim the rear legs so that their length reaches back to slightly behind the hook bend (but shorter than the end of the extended body) and then trim the front legs so that they reach back to the hook point. GO FISH!!!

MVFF Requested Events

September 30-Oct. 1, 2011

GearFest – See Ad on Page 5

October 15, 2011

Troy, Ohio Boy Scout Jamboree---possibly 75 scouts but number desiring to learn about fly fishing is unknown at this time----the club would demonstrate fly tying and how to cast. 9 am-?

Caesars Creek's 8th Annual Watershed Festival---booth with fly fishing information and fly tying demonstrations-----11 am - 4 pm.

October 22, 2011

Greene County ODNR is holding a Fly Fishing Expo---will be 15 people ages 16 and up to learn how to tie some basic flies and how to cast. Fishing will be in the ponds that ODNR uses to raise fish for release in waterways. They will provide rods and fly tying vices/tools. We will assist in the fly tying and casting.

*******If you are interested in helping, or being in charge, with any of these events email Tom Courtney at:** tcourtney4@sbqglobal.net.

2011 Cane Rod Rebuilding Class Dates

We held several of these a few years back and now have requests for more. Take a heavy old 9 - 9.5' cane (split bamboo) rod and cut it down to make a lighter, more fishable version. Minimally, you'll need to make a new grip, add a reel seat, and maybe reposition a guide or two. Or you can totally strip the rod of guides & varnish and redo it completely. If so, you'll need to do the stripping before class begins. I can advise you on how to proceed with this.

You might have an old rod in mind, or obtain one at a garage sale. Be aware that not all old cane rods are fishable. They may have separated glue joints or the tips may have "gone soft" (deformable). Correctable problems include broken/missing ferrules, missing guides, wraps, warped tips, or bad varnish. I'll be glad to tell you if a particular rod is a suitable candidate for the class. Just bring it to me.

Classes will be on Saturday mornings (10 am-12 pm) at my shop, beginning November 5. Two more sessions (Nov. 12, 19) should be sufficient. I'll have room for 5 students, preferably graduates of the regular rod class as some rewinding ability will be needed. A course fee of \$25 plus parts will be charged. The older-but-talented Ray Lee will be assisting.

At this writing several of you have expressed interest, so be sure to let me know. Students should already be familiar with guide wrapping. However, a quick refresher on technique can be provided if needed

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TU Water Monitoring Results - August 14, 2011

Here are the results of the August water monitoring on the Mad River:

Pollution Tolerance Index Rating

23 or MORE = EXCELLENT
17 - 22 = GOOD
11 - 16 = FAIR
10 or LESS = POOR

State Route 36 Access	- 37
29/296/Kings Creek	- 29
Watson Property	- 31
Pimtown Road Access	- 39
West Liberty Park	- 36
Mac-O-Chee Creek / Piatt Restoration Area	- 31

As you can see, the ratings were all excellent! The next Monitoring will be **Sunday October 16, 2011**, and will start at 9:00 am at the Rt. 36 bridge. If you would like to participate, contact Don Boysel at: madriverbrown@yahoo.com.

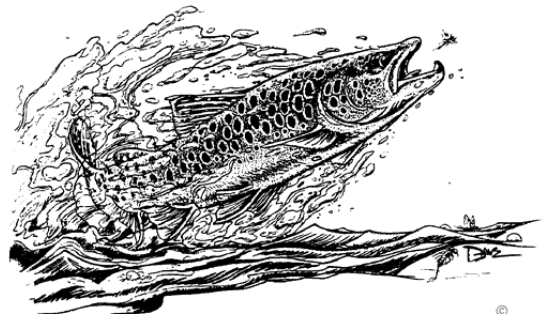
2011 ONDR Angler Survey

The Ohio Division of Wildlife's 2011 Angler Survey is currently online. The purpose of the survey is to gather information about fishing habits and opinions on several fishing-related topics.

You can access the survey via the following link:

<http://www.ohiodnr.com/CreelSurveys/tabid/19677/Default.aspx>

Note - The survey will only be available through **September 30**.



MVFF CALENDAR For September, 2011

- 12 - MVFF Outdoor Meeting - Deeds Park Casting Pond (See website for directions)
- 13, 27 - Casual Fly Tying - 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424
- 23 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**
- 30 - Deadline for ODNR Angler Survey (See info on page 4)
- 30, Oct 1 - GearFest (See Ad Below)

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **400** registered members!

Also, you can now read messages without registering or logging in. Just go to the club's web site at <http://www.mvff.us> and you will find a link to the board on the upper left-hand side of the home page.



MVFF Email

Miami Valley Fly Fishers is trying to improve communication with members by making greater use of email. To be sure our messages reach you, please put the following address in your email address book:

mvffemail@gmail.com

Then send us an email subject "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name.

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September 30, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm and Saturday October 1, 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

<http://www.metroparks.org/gearfest>



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