

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,  
September 27, 2013**

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

## Next Meeting

**September 9, 2013**

**Dayton FOP Shelter  
4275 Powell Road**

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**New Meeting Location!**  
(Directions on Website)

**More Summer Fun at Our  
New Outdoor Meeting Location!**

## Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings have begun, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. This year's host of judges are none other than Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. This year we are at a new location with REAL - No Kiddin' - WATER! I think the wind gave the casters more problems last month than trying to get used to real water.

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 will be held ONLY from 5:30 - 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.

## Here are the results for the August Bass Bug Competition:

**First Flight, Winner: Sam Hudak (93)**

**Seniors, Winner: John Young (95)**

**Masters, Winner: Bill Bennett (96)**

Congratulations!

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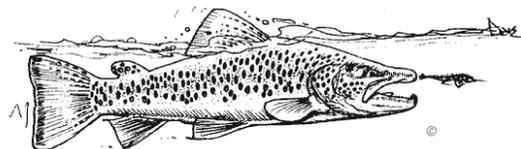
## President's Thoughts



The fall changeover is always a little of a bittersweet time for me. Part of me gets excited for football season, cooler weather, and the start of steelhead season. The other part of me misses the long summer days, warm evenings on the river, and all of the great pond and lake fishing close to home.

Fall also means changes for our club. This September will be our last outdoor meeting of the year. I hope that everyone enjoyed our change of venue this year. I, for one, loved having water for both fishing and casting competitions, and I look forward to many more summers at the Dayton FOB.

We will also be holding our annual elections soon and we need volunteers for our nominating committee. This year we will be electing a Treasurer and a Vice President as Carl Markstrom and I are both completing our two year terms. Please let a board member know if you are interested in running for an upcoming board position or helping out with the nominating committee.



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Finally, be sure to see the details on page 4 about the upcoming swap meet that MVFF is sponsoring along with Sugarcreek Fly Shop (Reel Fly Rod) on **Saturday, September 7th, 2013**. This is a great chance for beginning fly fishers to pick up some gear at a great price. For those of you who have a ton of exorbitant gear in your basement or garage this a chance to clear some of it out.

See you all on September 9th.

Brian Furdere  
MVFF President

## Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

**Casting Competition – This Month is the Distance Competition.**

**Distance Rules: (No Water Needed!)** 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:** Will be based on 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.

**Competition Guidelines:**

Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using 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.

Here's how we are scoring. All casters will start with 100 points. Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points. Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point. If the fly lands outside all the rings, 2 points will be deducted. The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

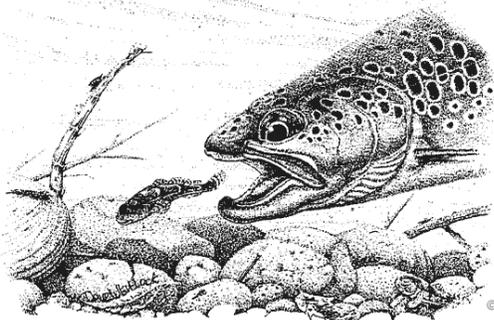
At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered. Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall 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!**

## Project Healing Waters Update - September, 2013

Currently, no announcements. Please be sure to check the club's Facebook page and message board for PHWFF updates!



## STILL Wanted: Raffle Chair-Person

Folks, we are still in need of a new coordinator for our monthly raffles.

If we do not fill this position soon, **RAFFLES AS THEY ARE TODAY CANNOT CONTINUE.**

What that means exactly, we cannot say for sure - but things **will** have to change, and this change will not be for the better.

So please, consider stepping up to fill this important position.

Thank you!

- The MVFF Board

# This Month's Fly – September 2013 Edition

## GONGA STREAMER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook.....Streamer, 4-5XL, size 6-2  
Thread.....6/0 color to match body  
Eyes.....Painted dumbbell, yellow or red  
Tail.....Marabou, your choice of color  
Hackle.....Long Schlappen feather, your choice of color  
Dubbing.....Prism, Ice Dub, or equivalent, your choice of color  
Wing.....Neer Hair, Polar Fibre, or Craft Fur, your choice of color  
Legs.....Sili legs or equivalent, your choice of color  
Head.....Same material as wing, spun in a dubbing loop and wrapped



### **Instructions:**

1. Wrap the thread back down the hook shank for about 3-4 hook eye lengths and let it hang.
2. Attach the dumbbell eyes on the underside of the hook shank (where you left the thread using several tight x-wraps. Apply super glue to the thread wraps to secure them. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend and let it hang.
3. Select two marabou feathers for a tail and tie them in at the hook bend. The tail should be about half a hook shank in length. Keeping the marabou butts on top of the hook shank, wrap over them tightly to slightly behind the dumbbell eyes, creating an even underbody. Remove any excess butts. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
4. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in by the tip with the concave side against the Hook shank. The length of the feather should be extending back over the hook bend. The thread should be at the hook bend.
5. Dub the thread heavily and wrap a thick shaggy body forward to just behind the dumbbell eyes. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
6. Grasp the schlappen feather and palmer it forward in evenly spaced wraps to the front of the body. Remove any excess feather. (Be sure to stroke the hackle fibers back toward the tail with each wrap, as you want the hackle as shaggy as possible. Use a dubbing brush and comb all the fibers back toward the tail and blend in some of the dubbing.)
7. Now cut a long slim clump of Neer Hair to use as a wing (The wing clump should reach from the front of the body back to the tail.) and, with the tips of the clump going back to the tail, tie it in tightly on top of the hook shank at the front of the body. Trim the excess butts close to the shank and cover the butts with thread.
8. Cut three long strands (4"-5") of Sili legs and tie them in at their center on top of the hook shank at the front of the wing with three strands on each side of the fly. (The legs should be behind the dumbbell eyes.)
9. Cut a long clump of Neer Hair into 1" lengths (4-5 1" lengths should be enough) then form a 5" dubbing loop and insert the butt ends of the hair lengths into the loop. Spread out the hair evenly in the loop and trim arrange it so that the hair fibres are long on one side of the loop only (this will aid in spinning the loop and creating a long and shaggy hair dubbing brush.).
10. Spin the loop to create a shaggy dubbing brush, make 2 turns of the brush behind the dumbbell eyes, then figure eight the brush around the eyes. Brush the hair back with each turn to create a full head. Finish with several wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes and tie off the brush. Remove any excess dubbing brush.
11. Form a small thread head, do a whip finish, and cut the thread.
12. Brush the hair around the dumbbell eyes to straighten the hair fibres, then trim the hair into an elongated muddler style head. Be careful to avoid cutting into the wing or cutting the legs. Trim along the eyes to expose them and smooth out the overall shape of the head. Trim the legs so that they extend almost to the end of tail.
13. At your option, use a permanent marker pen to make black lines on top of the head and wing.

# UPDATE - Fly Fishing Swap Meet

The MVFF Board has finalized pricing for booth space at the Fly Fishing Swap Meet and Sale!

**For only \$5.00**, you can reserve a 6-foot table and two chairs to sell your fly fishing-related items at the sale!

The Fly Fishing Swap Meet and Sale is being held at ReelFlyRod on **Saturday, September 7, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**. Directions to ReelFlyRod may be obtained via the following link:

<http://goo.gl/maps/QHVXn>

We are also looking into having a food service truck on-site as well! Details to follow as they become available - be sure to check the club's Facebook page and message board for updates.

If you are interested in reserving a table, please contact Joe Nagel at [joe.nagel@gmail.com](mailto:joe.nagel@gmail.com) for details and payment information.

Space is limited, so hurry!

## Casual Fly-Tying South

Well, the first Casual Fly-Tying session at ReelFlyRod on Wednesday, September 14, was a hit, with a twist. Rather than a usual Casual session, this was more of a tying class. Matt Parker demonstrated how to tie three of his favorite smallmouth flies.

The next Fly Tying session at ReelFlyRod has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18**. This will be a combo-session; Matt will start the class by teaching us how to tie another one of his favorite seasonal flies (to be determined—see the club's Facebook page for updates). The rest of the time will be Casual-Tying. Also, if you have any tying-related questions, Matt would be happy to answer them for you during the session!

And remember - if you need any tying materials, be sure to check out ReelFlyRod's selection while you are there - MVFF members receive a 10% discount!

## Mad River Water Monitoring Results - August 18, 2013

On Sunday, August 18, the TU Madmen conducted their latest session of water monitoring on the Mad River. And, once again, the results were **EXCELLENT!**

Here are the results:

Site:	Score:
St Rte 36	37
St Rte 29/296	37
Watsons	36
Pimtown Rd	37
Pimtown Project	29
West Liberty Park	31
Mac Restoration Area	37

### Pollution Tolerance Index Rating Scale

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

The Madmen will be conducting another session on the Mad in October, and have offered to perform a monitoring demonstration for interested club members as well!

Details about the demonstration will be presented at the September meeting.



**Trout food!**

## MVFF CALENDAR For September, 2013

- 7 - **Fly Fishing Swap Meet and Sale**, ReelFlyRod, 7635 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45458, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(See the article on page 4 for details.)
- 9 - **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for details.)
- 18 - **Casual Fly Tying - South**, ReelFlyRod, 7635 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45458, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 26 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 27 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

### MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **460** 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 in the upper left-hand corner.



MVFF is now on Facebook! Follow us at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>

### MVFF Email

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[mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto: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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## IT'S COMING!

### Midwest Outdoor Experience

Friday and Saturday,  
October 4 and 5, 2013  
Eastwood MetroPark

For details, visit:

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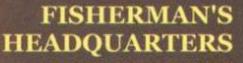


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