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TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:
Monday,
September 25, 2017

Next Meeting September 11, 2017

Dayton FOP Shelter /
Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

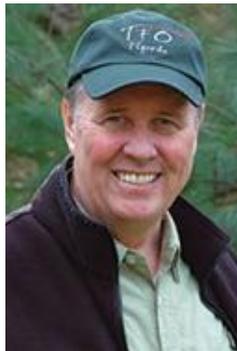
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our next outdoor meeting and
enjoy a grilled meal, camaraderie, and the
casting competition!

October Speaker & Casting Clinics

It may only be September and you're looking forward to the upcoming outdoor meeting, but plans are already being made for our indoor meeting season.

Our October speaker, Ed Jaworowski, is a writer, photographer and an exceptional caster with a passion and a desire to share his skills with others. In addition to teaching casting and fly fishing for more than 30 years, Ed has authored four books – *The Cast*, *Troubleshooting the Cast*, *PopFleyes*, and *Essential Saltwater Flies*. He also served as consultant and contributor to *The Complete Book of Fly Fishing* and his writings have been featured in more than 200 publications and more than 20 angling periodicals here and abroad since 1977. Ed was the first recipient of the *Izaak Walton Award*, presented by the American Museum of Fly Fishing. He has more than 50 years of fly tying experience, has



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President's Thoughts



It has been said that if given the opportunity, and you don't speak up for what you want, you don't have the right to complain about what you get. So here's the deal... we have a great

opportunity staring us right in the face in regard to letting the planners and decision makers know what we want and what we need when it comes to access on our local waterways.

Currently there is a push to get input on the Dayton Riverfront Plan. A few of you were able to attend a meeting at the downtown library recently. There are more opportunities coming to learn more about it, with another larger meeting scheduled for October 26th at the main library. It is also a time to put your comments in on access to all our waterways. Visit DaytonRiverfrontPlan.org for a survey.

Construction is winding down on the Harshman Road bridge over the Mad River and focus will turn to the access underneath. This is a time to really dial in some thoughtful and constructive ideas that will not only help us gain access in a way that is beneficial to ALL users of the rivers, but also give the leadership a good view of what the fishing community has to offer in the way of good concepts and development. We can't just go running in there waving our arms saying, "We want access! We want access!" We need to really step back and think about what **kind** of access, what it needs to look like, what it needs to accommodate, how we can make it a sustainable, conservation/education based area that does more than just allow access,

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October Speaker/Casting Clinics (cont'd)

fished and conducted casting clinics around much of the western hemisphere, and is in demand as a speaker.

Lefty Kreh has summed it up nicely by saying: "Ed is a well-rounded freshwater and saltwater fly fisherman who understands fly casting techniques and principles better than any man I have ever met." Ed recently retired from Villanova University, where he was on staff for more than 40 years and rose to the position of Department Chair/Classical Studies. He and his wife, Michele, have been married for 23 years and reside in Chester Springs, PA, near Philadelphia. Ed was a bachelor for 51 years, but says, "I have had the unspeakable joy of inheriting Michele's three wonderful children and three beautiful granddaughters."

Ed will speak on "Fishing a Trout Stream with Dry Flies and Nymphs".

Special Opportunity - Ed Jaworowski Casting Clinic

Ed will conduct two casting clinics for MVFF. The clinics will focus on casting and presentation techniques for dry flies. One clinic will be held on Sunday, October 8th and one on Monday, October 9th, both starting at 1:00 p.m. (location to be determined). The clinics will run about 3 hours each. Each clinic session is limited to 10 people to allow for extensive one-on-one instruction. Cost of the clinic is \$20 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to improve your casting skills and learn new techniques with one of the best casting instructors in the world.

Contact John Young via phone (937-470-1211) or email (jyoung29@woh.rr.com) to sign up - first come first served.



President's Thoughts (cont'd)

but also can be used for a place of purpose. Can it have a boot wash station to educate fishermen about controlling invasive species? How about a prep table with shelter overhead for laying your gear out while you prepare to hit the water? Some type of sustainable seating for putting waders on, or waiting for your fishing buddy to arrive would be beneficial perhaps. Solar powered lighting for those evening jaunts down the river. There may be grants for that kind of thing.

Start thinking about what we can do to contribute and make a difference for the fishing community and for the Dayton region and its waterways. We have a great opportunity to be associated with a very meaningful project.

If you have ideas that you would like to discuss, there will be a meeting following the regular September monthly meeting where thoughts can be brought to the table and ideas shared. It won't be a long meeting, but I think it is a good time to do it since everyone will already be there. If you cannot attend, please send your ideas to kkingery004@gmail.com and I will bring them to the meeting. All ideas are welcome! They may not all fly, but they are welcome.

Dayton's focus is on the biggest asset she has right now – and that is her rivers. Development is focusing on creating exciting places to work, live and play along the rivers. Over the next 10 years things will be changing dramatically and we have a chance to be a part of it and help create what we need for better access for the fishing community. Most of the development thus far has benefited a lot, but has primarily had a kayaking focus. But let's face it, there are more fishermen than kayakers, and we need to make our voice heard just as loud.

Will all this guarantee that we will get what we are asking for? No. But I can guarantee we will get exactly what we ask for if we ask for nothing at all.

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President

SEEKING NOMINEES FOR MVFF OFFICERS

Nominees are being sought for the MVFF annual election of officers to be held at the regular November meeting. Positions to be voted on include the following:

VICE PRESIDENT: This position is for one year as Vice President followed by one year as MVFF President.

TREASURER: The Treasurer position is a two-year position.

SECRETARY: The Secretary position is normally a two-year position, but the 2016 election was for a one-year term to allow time for completion of the "house cleaning" of the club roster. Therefore, the 2017 election for Secretary is for a one year period. The 2018 election for secretary will return to the normal two-year term of office. (Approximately one thousand contacts and attempted contacts with the 365 "members" on the roster in 2014 has produced a current validated roster of 196 members including paid members, honorary members, and youth members.)

Names of potential nominees and those interested in assisting with the creation of a nominee list should contact a Board member.



September Fly of the Month

1. Take a bead and slide it on the hook to behind the hook eye. Then place the hook in the vise so that the hook eye is angled slightly down. This will help keep the bead at the front.
2. Tie in the thread behind the bead and wrap it back to the hook bend.
3. Select 6 long fibers from a pheasant tail feather, cut them off and align the tips as a tail.
4. Tie in this tail at the bend with several tight overlapping thread turns. (The tail should be approximately half the hook shank in length.) Do not trim off the excess fibers.
5. Now take a 2-3" inch piece of copper wire and tie it in at the same point as the tail.
6. Lift the butt ends of the pheasant tail fibers and wrap the thread 2/3rds of the way up the hook shank toward the hook eye. Be sure to cover the tag end of the copper wire as you wrap forward. Let the thread hang.
7. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and loosely twist them into a rope, then wrap this rope 2/3rds of the way up the hook shank as an abdomen and tie off. Do not trim off the excess fibers. Let the thread hang. Ensure the excess tail fibers are on top of the hook shank.
8. Grasp the copper wire and wrap it counterclockwise over the fiber body in 4-5 evenly spaced concentric turns. Tie it off at the end of the abdomen and trim excess wire.

Pheasant Tail Nymph Bead Head

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

- Hook.....Nymph, size 12-18
Thread.....Black or Brown 6/0
Head.....Brass or gold bead
Tail.....Pheasant tail fibers
Rib..... Copper wire
Abdomen..Pheasant tail fibers, wrapped herl style
Wingcase..Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax.....Peacock herl
9. Lift the remaining pheasant tail fibers and lean them back over the top of the abdomen. Tie them down at the base of the abdomen to keep them in position. Let the thread hang.
 10. Take 3-4 peacock herl fibers, align them by the butts then trim off the bare base. Now tie them in by the base at the front of the abdomen. Twist them into a loose rope and wrap them to just behind the bead to form a thorax and tie off. Trim off the excess herl. The thorax should be thicker than the abdomen.
 11. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and pull them firmly but gently over the top of the herl thorax and tie off just behind the bead. Do not trim excess pheasant tail fibers.
 12. Split the remaining pheasant tail fibers into two equal parts and tie one part down behind the bead on each side of hook as legs. Whip finish, cut the thread and apply head cement.
 13. Trim the legs to a length reaching to the back of the thorax.

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Painted Rocks

If you were at the August meeting you might have picked out some of the rocks that were painted by Paula Smith, Kelly Kingery and Karen Via. We understand that some of our rocks have been found and posts to Facebook have been made. And, if you are not sure what this is about please see the full article in the August *Tightlines* - <http://mvff.tripod.com/Tightlines/MVFF0817.pdf>.

Paula originally came across the group called Dayton Ohio Rocks (check out their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/763065333860857/>) and pursued the idea of getting MVFF involved in the activity as both a fun thing and to spread our name around.

Thanks Paula, Kelly and Karen for giving this a great kickstart by painting all those rocks for our members. Great job!

Casting Competition News!

This will be the last casting event of the year and the end of our outdoor meetings. This is your last chance to come on over and cast a bit... regardless of your skill level. No water required this month, just grass. Hopefully the wind will cooperate.

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. The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early.

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 August Bass Bug competition:

First Flight, Winner: Kelley Kingery (95)
Seniors, Winner: Amy Aspenwall (92)
Masters, Winner: Bill Bennett (94)



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:

Scores will be based on the average of the **longest 4 out of 5 casts**.

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



Upcoming TNT Events

We've got TNT events scheduled clear to November. 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 possibly learn about a new spot you haven't fished before.

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

"It may be worthwhile to caution the less experienced fly fisher that no matter how excellent an artificial fly may be, no matter how well it may imitate the natural on the water, skill in presenting it to the fish is still essential."

Eugene V. Connett, 3rd, 1935



PHWFF Update

We only had one fishing outing in August and that was at the Dayton FOP Pond on the 22nd. This event began at 8:00 a.m. with near perfect weather and great anticipation. However, the fishing gods must have not been working on our behalf. Or maybe it was the aftereffects of the prior day's eclipse on the fish (or the fly fishers!). There just were no fish to be caught despite the best of efforts. Then about 11:00 a rain storm began brewing and we had to close it down. The majority of the group

went to lunch at a nearby local restaurant and we had a lot of laughs and good conversation. It's not all about catching fish as you know.

There are still more outings and activities coming up . . . more opportunities for you to get involved (see the Calendar below). 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.

~ Tom Arnold

Battelle Lake Crappie

Our own Jim Corbin and Joe Nagel have been making periodic visits to Battelle Lake in Columbus. Joe has often talked about the crappie they catch there. Joe posted a video from their recent trip in August . . . <http://bit.ly/2wbBSAd> Here's a chance to see Jim's winning technique with the bonus of Joe's color commentary. Sorry folks, but this is a private gem.



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

September 7	PHWFF Casting Clinic, Dayton VA 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
September 11	MVFF Outdoor Meeting, Dayton FOP Shelter/Casting Pond 5:30 p.m.
September 13	TNT - Possum Creek MetroPark 5:00 p.m.
September 25	Deadline for October Tightlines articles
September 28	PHWFF Outing, Camp Birch 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Check our Facebook Events page for updates & details

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

Fly Tying Matters

As you may know our usual fly tying class location for a good many years is no longer available to us. A number of possibilities have been discussed and those locations are being checked out. We expect that a decision will be made not too far in the future. It may be September, but the first week of January and the kickoff of the 2018 classes will sneak up on us.

Frank Cox came across a very nice website that may interest you - www.catskillanglingcollection.org.

Some great information - hatch charts and matching patterns, but also some rich history. Although it may be about the Catskills there is a ton of information on many of the traditional flies. Just a very nice site.



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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