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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
October 25, 2013**

**Our First Indoor Meeting
Of the Fall!**

Next Meeting

October 14, 2013

**Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way,
Kettering, Ohio**

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. ,
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or
E-Mail him at: toflyfsh@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, October 10, 2013.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

This Month's Speaker:

**Terry and Roxanne Wilson
Fishing for Bluegills**

Terry and Roxanne Wilson's articles about fly fishing for warmwater species have appeared in numerous national magazines in the past twenty-five years. They are regular contributors to Midwest Fly Fishing, the Federation of Fly Fishers' magazine, The Flyfisher, and staff writers for the St. Louis-based Outdoor Guide Magazine. Their first book, *Bluegill Fly Fishing & Flies*, was published in 1999 and their second book, *Largemouth Bass Fly Fishing: Beyond the Basics*, appeared in fly shops and bookstores in 2001.

Their latest book, *Crappie Fly Fishing: A Seasonal Approach*, will reach bookstores in late December or early January. Their book *Smallmouth Bass Fly Fishing: A Practical Guide*, was released in May of 2007. Terry's original flies for bluegills, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass have been featured in Fly Fishing and Tying Journal and Fly Fish America and were included in the Federation of Flyfishers Fly Pattern Encyclopedia and Innovative Flies and Techniques. Roxanne's photos appear in their magazine articles, books, and slide shows.



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President's Thoughts



I want to start by once again thanking all of you for a great outdoor meeting season. Our team of casting judges - Ken Hudak, Jeff Warden, Dan Matousch, and Lash LaRue - put in a lot of hard work getting all of the targets in and out of the water each month. Mike Wolford and Rod McFarland brought all of the food and drink and the crack culinary team of Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson grilled it to perfection. And of course there was Bill Bennett, who provided first-class casting instruction to any and everyone who had the desire to learn. Now it is time to take the show back indoors to Kohler Banquet Center and kick off our 2013-2014 speaker program. I have been speaking to John Young and Ron Lewis and I think that everyone will be very impressed with some of the experts from the fly fishing community that we have upcoming.

Speaking of upcoming events, I want to remind everyone about the Midwest Outdoor Experience (formerly known as Gearfest) being put on by Five Rivers MetroParks. This year's event will be Oct. 4th-5th and will once again be held at Eastwood MetroPark. This event has grown each and every year I expect that this will be the best offering yet. If you would like more information about the Midwest Outdoor Experience then follow this link:

<http://www.metroparks.org/outdoorx/ThingsToDo.aspx>

We will once again be taking part with our booth offering up fly tying demonstrations, fly fishing insight, and casting instructions. Please let a board member know if you are interested in volunteering.

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On the fishing front, I've been hearing mixed reports from the rivers over past month or so, due to all of the low water in the area. Things have started to pick up recently though after the recent rains moved through. I have been swamped at the office and tied up with other obligations so I haven't had a 'real' day of fishing in over a month now. Needless to say I am itching to get my feet wet and chuck a few bunny strips for some fall fish.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting on October 14th. Don't forget to make a reservation with Mike Wolford if you plan to attend.

Brian Furderer
MVFF President

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The Wilsons are active life members of the Federation of Fly Fishers as well as members of the Missouri Smallmouth Alliance. In addition, they are members of Whiting's Pro Team, Pacific Fly Group's Fly Tyers, and their original patterns are distributed by Orvis.



Terry and Roxanne Wilson

(Note - Bio information and portrait pictures are from Terry and Roxanne's website. Please visit their website at: <http://www.thebluegillpond.com>.)

Project Healing Waters Update - October, 2013

On Saturday, September 7, Heather Statt, PHWFF Program Manager for MVFF, took a group of our Vets for a day of fishing at Castalia. Looks like a great time was had by all! More pictures are available on the club's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>.



This Month's Fly – October 2013 Edition

LITTLE BLACK STONEFLY - GUIDE STYLE

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, long shank, 3-4XL, sizes 18-8
Thread.....Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail/Antenna.....Black round rubber leg material or equivalent
Abdomen.....Black stretch tubing or similar material
Wing Case.....Pheasant tail fibers, natural or black
Thorax.....Dark Hare's Ear dubbing (Natural fur is best)
Head.....Thread

Instructions:

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook, then wrap it forward again to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any thread tag.
2. Cut a 4" to 5" piece of legging material and fold it half. Form a small loop (at least a hook shank in length) at the fold point and tie the legging material in behind the hook eye, on top of the hook shank, with the loop projecting **in front** of the hook eye. Keeping the butt ends of the legging material **on top** of the hook shank, wrap a tight thread base over them back to the hook bend, then wrap the thread forward again to about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING LEG MATERIAL** as it will become the tail. Trim the remaining butts so that they are about the length of **the hook**. Insert your scissors into the material loop at the hook eye, stretch the loop forward, then cut it apart creating two antenna. Trim the antenna so that they are a little less than a hook shank in length.
3. Cut a 5" piece of tubing and tie it in by one end about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye, then, keeping the tubing on top of the hook shank, make tight thread wraps over it back to the hook bend. Return the thread to the 1/3rd point, then grasp the tubing and, maintaining a little tension, wrap it in touching turns forward to the 1/3rd point and tie it off. Trim off any excess tubing.
4. Now cut about 8-12 fibers from a pheasant tail and tie them in on top of the hook shank by their butt ends at the front of the tube abdomen. Trim off any excess butts. Wrap the thread over the butts back to the 1/3rd point of the hook shank, then return the thread back to behind the hook eye. The pheasant tail fibers should now be on top of the hook shank stretching back toward the hook bend.
5. Dub the thread creating a **thin** dubbing noodle and wrap it back to the wingcase tie-in point (be sure to cover all the wing case thread wraps) and then back to behind the hook eye creating a small thorax. Remove any excess dubbing. The thread should now be behind the hook eye.
6. Grasp the pheasant tail fibers and pull them over the top of the thorax and tie them down tightly behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess fibers.
7. Form a small thread head, do a whip finish (*be careful not to tie down the antenna*) and cut the thread. Take a dubbing brush and brush down legs from the thorax. If desired, coat the wing case with a drop of head cement for added durability.

Casting Competition News - The Last Cast...

Here is the last of the Casting Competition reports for this year from your team of Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Thanks for all your participation, and another great turn-out this year. Overall Division winners will be announced at the December Awards Banquet and will be presented their floating trophy.

We had a great turn out last meeting, especially from the First Flight Division. They had as many casters as the Seniors and Masters divisions combined. We had many first-timers. Welcome and great job!

Here are the results of the September 2013 Distance Competition (Average of 4 casts):

First Flight

Longest Cast: Chuck Kruse, 80 feet

Winner: Chuck Kruse (73')

Seniors

Longest Cast: Joe Gilmore, 81 feet

Winner: Joe Gilmore (75')

Masters

Longest Cast: Ken Hudak, 84 feet

Winner: Ken Hudak (77')

We hope everyone had a good time and picked up a pointer or two. See everybody next year.

Special Note to last year's winners:

Please bring your floating trophy in to the October meeting. If you cannot make the October meeting, please contact Jeff Warden or Ken Hudak for other arrangements. We would like to have plenty of time to get them to the engravers.

Cane Rod Rebuilding Class 2013

These have been popular for the past few years, and back and we've had requests for more. For example, 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.

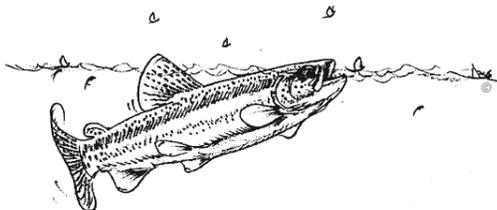
You might have an old rod in mind, or obtain one at a garage sale. Be aware that all old cane rods are not fishable. They may have separated glue joints or the tips may have "gone soft" (deformable). Correctable problems include broken/missing ferrules, missing guides, wraps, warped tips, or bad varnish. 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 (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM) at my shop, beginning **November 2**. Two more sessions (**Nov. 9, 16**) 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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MVFF CALENDAR For October, 2013

- 4, 5 - **The Midwest Outdoor Experience** (See the Ad at the bottom of this page.)
- 10, 24 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 14 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 20 - **TU Mad River Water Monitoring Session**, Meet at the Rt 36 Parking lot at 9:00 am
- 25 - 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:
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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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October 4 and 5, 2013
Eastwood MetroPark

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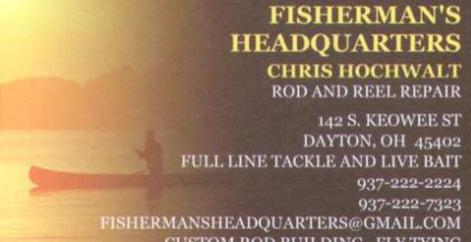


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