

Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:
Monday,
October 24, 2016

Next Meeting October 10, 2016

Kohler Banquet Hall
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (October 6th).

Meal Price - \$15.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for the kickoff of the
indoor meeting season.

October Speaker

Nathan Perkinson is a frequent contributor to *Eastern Fly Fishing* and *American Angler* magazines, and the author of the Lyons Press publication, *The American Angler Guide to Warmwater Fly Fishing*. In addition to writing, he moonlights as an occasional fishing photographer and illustrator. Along with his wife, photographer Kyra Perkinson, Nathan travels around the Midwest fly fishing for trout and warmwater fish wherever they're found, though his real passion is wading streams for smallmouth bass on the fly. The Perkinsons live in Columbia City, Indiana with their two sons.



Nathan with a Chain O'Lakes Bass



President's Thoughts

Hello friends,

Welcome to October! The weather is just starting to turn cool. The year's best fishing is upon us! This also means our next scheduled club meetings are back inside on Presidential Way.

We had great outdoor spring and summer meetings this year and it's time to thank some folks.

Kelly, your VP, who covered for me when I had a callout or work issue.

Bernie and Shawn, for cooking awesome steak and chicken dinners.

Mike and Rod, our quartermasters who kept the beer flowing and the food coming.

Amy, for orchestrating the club raffle each month.

Steve, for the TNT outings.

And last, but not least, Jeff, Dan and Ken for setting up and conducting the casting contests.

You may be wondering why I didn't include last names. I am sending you a challenge because if you were at the outdoor meetings, you most likely would have met them and already know (-:

As most of you know, MVFF will be seeking club review of our status with the International Federation of Fly Fishers. There was a call within our club for review of why we are members of the Federation and if there is any benefit for us. This being the case, The VP of Education for the Ohio

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, Jeff McElravy, came and answered many questions at last month's meeting. The questions and challenges from our membership were direct, on point and passionate. I consider Jeff to be my friend and thank everyone for being respectful. I appreciate Jeff's no BS/ straightforward approach and will be issuing a memo in next month's *Tightlines* to show the benefits he outlined in his presentation.

Please remember to support the Fiver Rivers Outdoor Experience October 1st and 2nd at Eastwood MetroPark. I look forward to seeing many of you on the Pere Marquette club fishing trip next week. And if you don't make it to these events, I'll see you on October 10th.

Nathan A. Via
Your MVFF President

Department of Veterans Affairs Awards Adaptive Sports Grant to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

September 7, 2016 La Plata, MD - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald today announced the awarding of grants for adaptive sports programs for disabled Veterans and disabled Servicemembers of the Armed Forces. We are honored to announce that Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was selected as a \$248,000 grant recipient to fund on-going programmatic activities, fly fishing outings, and volunteer training.



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

"We are honored to partner with so many organizations across the country to provide adaptive sports programs where our Veterans live," said Secretary McDonald. "Adaptive sports gives freedom to those who have fought for our freedom, and empowers Veterans to believe in themselves and to let go of what others may see as limitations."

The Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for disabled Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces (ASG Program) provides grant funding to organizations to increase and expand the quantity and quality of adaptive sport activities disabled Veterans and members of the Armed Forces have to participate in physical activity within their home communities, as well as more advanced Paralympic and adaptive sport programs at the regional and national levels.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) will utilize this grant to continue providing their top-tier therapeutic program to over 200 Programs across the United States. The PHWFF program provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes, along with clinics participants ranging from beginners who have never fished before, to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. In 2015 alone, 3,516 Program Volunteers served over 7,000 injured and disabled veterans by dedicating more than 200,000 hours of service by offering 3,460 Fly Tying Classes, 944 Rod Building Classes, 1,082 Casting classes, and 1,316 fishing outings.

PHWFF is unique in that their volunteers are teaching classes on an on-going, long term basis. It is much more than a one-time fishing trip. For many participants, particularly disabled veterans, the socialization and camaraderie of the classes are just as important as the fishing outings, and provide them a new activity and community.

You can learn more about the VA Adaptive Sports Grant by visiting: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2816>

See a complete list of recipients by visiting: http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/docs/2016_Adaptive_Sports_Grant_Recipients.pdf

The Miami Valley Fly Fishers Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program has in the past been a recipient of funds from these grants and Bill Grimpe, our PHWFF Chair, will soon be submitting the request for 2017 funding. Funds from the grants have been used for the purchase of equipment as well as costs related to the outings and classes we have conducted over the years.



Our October speaker Nathan Perkinson in Traverse City, Michigan.

You'll want to hear what he has to say and find out about other very productive waters that are not so far away.

See you October 10th at Kohler Banquet Hall as we kick off the indoor meeting season. Please remember to make your meal reservation.

PHWFF Update

There were two Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing outings in September. The first was a visit to Mertensia Springs Trout Club in West Milton and then a September 24th visit to the Duck Pond (private ponds owned by TRIDEC Technologies) in Huber Heights. Fishing was slow at both locales, but that didn't seem to phase the enjoyment of the vets in getting out into a different setting, enjoying the day and the food.

Many thanks again to our club volunteers and the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center staff for making these and the other activities throughout the year so successful.

The next outing is at Spring Run Farms on October 1st where the vets will get to test their skills in the stream! This is always a highly popular event.

Later in October there will be a trip to Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club in Zanesfield, Ohio. That date has yet to be determined.



October Fly of the Month



Shakey Bealy

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Hook.....	Nymph/Hopper, size12
Thread.....	Rusty Brown, 6/0-8/0
Tail.....	Orange Flashabou Accent/Wood Duck
Rib.....	Thread
Body.....	Awesome Possum Dubbing, Amber or Yellow stone
Thorax.....	Ostrich Herl, Orange
Hackle.....	Hungarian Partridge or Speckled Hen
Head.....	Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise. Cut a 4-5' piece of thread and set aside to use later as a rib. Now attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap 3-5 turns toward the hook bend, then wrap it forward to behind the hook eye. Trim off the thread tag and let the thread hang.

2. Select 4-5 strands of flash and fold them over at the middle and cut them to create 8-10 strands. Tie them in behind the hook eye with about 1½" extending forward over the hook eye. Keeping the remainder of the flash on top of the hook shank, make tight thread wraps over them back to over the hook point. Using the back of the hook bend as a guide, trim the flash even with the back of the hook bend to create a small undertail. Let the thread hang.

3. Snip about a dozen fibers from a Wood Duck feather and, keeping the tips as aligned as possible, tie them in on top of the flash tail over the hook point. Use the natural curve of the feather to make the fibers curve upward. The feather tail should be at least twice as long as the flash undertail. Make several tight thread wraps to secure the fibers, then cut off the butts.

4. Now tie-in the thread rib by one end where you tied-in the feather fibers. Return the thread to back tight against the tail.

5. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward to about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. Let the thread hang.

6. Take the rib thread and counter wrap it in evenly spaced turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess rib material. Let the thread hang.

7. Now grasp the flash in front of the hook eye and fold it back over the top of the body. Trim the flash so that its tips reach back to the middle of the tail, then stroke the flash back over the top of the hook eye. The thread should be at the front of the body.

8. Select an orange ostrich feather, clean off the fluff at its base, and tie it in by its butt in front of the body. Take tight thread wraps over the butt ending with thread about a hook eye length behind the hook eye. Grasp the herl and make touching turns forward to where you left the thread and tie it off. Remove any excess herl.

9. Grasp the remaining flash and pull it back over the herl so that half of it is on each side and tie it down. Make a few thread wraps back over the flash so that it lays back over the thorax.

10. Select a hackle feather and remove the fluff at its base. Tie it in by its tip and then, sweeping the fibers back, take two full turns of hackle forward to behind the hook eye and tie it off. You may have to take a few thread wraps over the hackle butts to make the fibers lay back over fly body. Remove any excess hackle.

11. Do a whip finish and apply head cement, if desired.

Casual Fly Tying

The Casual Fly Tying sessions meet twice a month through November 22nd. There is no agenda and you must bring your own supplies. But you get expert advice (or at least some advice) free of charge! We meet at Gander Mountain at 6:00 p.m. The schedule is posted on the Calendar Page, Message Board and there is a link to a printable version on our web site mvff.us as well. See you there!

http://mvff.tripod.com/Fly_tying/Casual_Tying_2016.pdf

Quote of the Month

Stalking along from log to log, or plunging their long legs in the oozy swamp, [two large herons] paid no attention to my presence, but occupied themselves with their own fishing arrangements, as if their wilderness were their own.

W. C. Prime
I Go A-Fishing (1873)



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 La Rue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Thanks for all your participation and another great turnout this year. Overall Division winners will be announced at the December Awards Banquet and presented their floating trophy.

Here are the results of the September 2016 Distance Competition (average of 4 casts):

First Flight

Longest Cast: Tie between Steve Hamilton and first timer Brandon Guingrich, 74 feet
Winner: Steve Hamilton (67')

Seniors

Longest Cast: Nathan Via, 71 feet
Winner: Nathan Via (64')

Masters

Longest Cast: Tie between Greg Kiddon and Dan Matousch, 70 feet
Winner: Jim Calvert (66')

Longest cast of the night overall came from the beginners in the First Flight Division. Look out Seniors and Masters Divisions - some new competition is coming your way!

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 or NO LATER THAN THE NOVEMBER 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.

Jeff Warden

She Needs Your Help!

The Mad River is in desperate need of your help!

Fortunately there are plans. However, these plans rely heavily on your participation. So, if you can make it out all day for one of the following events, that's great. The Mad will be most appreciative. If an hour or two is all you can spare, she will be equally as appreciative.

The point, volunteer whatever and whenever you can so this exceptional resource can be maintained as pristine and functional as possible.

The following two are on the same day. Feel free to participate in a little of both if you wish!

Fishing Access Trail Maintenance

Sunday, October 9, 2016

0800hrs

Meet at the 36 Bridge

***Bring work gloves and dress for the weather and brush clearing.

In-Stream Monitoring

Sunday, October 9, 2016

0830hrs

Meet at the 36 Bridge

***Bring waders or wet-wade, gloves if desired

Mad River CleanSweep Fall 2016

Saturday, October 15, 2016

1000hrs

Meet at the 36 Bridge

***Dress for the weather; bring work gloves, pickup trucks, drift boats, and canoes needed.

Smoked ribs, Mother Stewart's beer, and great company provided!

Check in at Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter on Facebook, or call Ron Lewis at 937-608-7183 for all the details.

Most Getting Tightlines Electronically!!!

Many thanks to those who have responded to our efforts to reduce the publication and mailing costs for *Tightlines*. We've got the number receiving mailed (USPS) copies down to just 52.

If you really enjoy getting your *Tightlines* mailed to you we fully understand and you'll keep on getting it that way. But, if it isn't that important to you please consider getting your issue electronically . . . it's in color at no extra charge!

To "opt out" email us at mvffemail@gmail.com and tell us you want to get your *Tightlines* by email.

Thanks.

Knot Sense

Ran into a challenge while on the water recently when the welded loop on my fly line broke. Having no nail knot tool I fumbled around with a toothpick as my tool. That wasn't successful so I reverted to one of the other few knots I can manage and it worked out well!

The Albright Knot is one of the most reliable knots for joining lines of greatly unequal diameters or different materials such as monofilament to braided line. Many experienced fly fishermen prefer the Albright to attach their fly line to leader material, some even going so far as to cut off a factory welded loop to use the Albright! It certainly is the go-to choice knot for tying dacron backing to fly line for most fly fishermen. It is easy to tie and should be in every angler's knot arsenal.

<http://bit.ly/2dd19zt>



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25 other outdoor activities!

FIVE RIVERS
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CALENDAR

October 1	PHWFF Outing - Spring Run Farms
October 1-2	Outdoor Experience Eastwood MetroPark http://outdoorx.metroparks.org
October 2-7	Pere Marquette Trip
October 9	Fishing Access Trail Maintenance & In-Stream Monitoring (see page 4)
October 10	MVFF Indoor Meeting, Kohler Banquet Hall 4572 Presidential Way (Directions on Website)
October 11, 27	Casual Fly Tying, Gander Mountain 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
October 15	Mad River Clean Sweep Rt. 36 bridge, 10:00 a.m. (see page 4)
October 24	Deadline for November Tightlines articles
TNT Event	Watch both the Message Board and the MVFF Facebook page for an October TNT event

Buy / Sell / Trade

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here for you as well as on the Message Board. Please let us know when to remove the listing.

Send your request to tarnoldjr@me.com

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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