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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:

Tuesday,  
October 24, 2017

## Next Meeting October 9, 2017

Kohler Room  
4572 Presidential Way  
(Directions on website)  
DINNER RESERVATIONS  
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)  
671-2780 or [toflyfish@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfish@woh.rr.com)  
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming  
Monday meeting (October 5th).

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

## October Speaker & Casting Clinics

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. He has more than 50 years of fly tying experience, has fished and conducted casting clinics around much of the western hemisphere, and is in demand as a speaker.

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**A Simpler Way to Pay Your  
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## President's Thoughts



It's a great thing to be able to get out and spend the day fly fishing in our favorite spot where we know every nook and cranny, every holding spot for a fish and where they move to depending on time

of day, current flows, rain events and so on - or maybe discovering a new favorite spot so that we can become as intimate with it as we are with our "old favorites". The simple fact that we are outside enjoying the beauty of the surroundings should be enough. But then there's all the preparation that goes into making the first cast, being sure we have studied our water, placing the line and fly in the perfect location, and the anticipation of the first bite - the sip or the slam, playing it carefully to bring it to the net... ALL of it is what drives us to make the time to wet the line.

But, for some, it goes a little beyond that. We want to share the love of the sport with others. This is how we perpetuate the fly fishing traditions by teaching others and by teaching the younger generations so that they in turn will teach theirs. I was asked by a friend to teach him how to fly fish and that is what got me to thinking about all of this. When I started the lesson, I asked him if he had ever fly fished before. He made the comment, "A little, but I'm no fly fisherman."

So that is the question I have rolling around in my head these days is, "What is the difference between someone who fly fishes and someone who is a fly fisherman?" This is what, I think, I think about it, and of course it is subjective and based on my own personal observations and growth into the sport. It by no means is judgmental, discrediting or all

**Outdoor Experience is coming!  
October 7-8 . . . see page 2**

## October Speaker/Casting Clinics (cont'd)

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. The clinic to be held on Sunday, October 8th is filled, but the one on Monday, October 9th still has several openings. Both start at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at Mertensia Springs. Cost 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](mailto:jyoung29@woh.rr.com)) to sign up - first come first served.

## Mad River CleanSweep

The next Mad River CleanSweep is October 14th, We will meet at the Rt. 36 Bridge at 10:00 a.m. No experience is necessary. Bring work gloves and dress appropriately for the day. Consider bringing along a friend or two. There will be food and beverage provided and lunch at about Noon.

Everyone will have a good time and contribute to keeping the river as pristine as possible.

Thanks.

~ Ron Lewis



The poster features the Wagner Subaru logo at the top, with a stylized fish graphic. Below it, the text reads "OUTDOOR experience" in large, bold letters. A circular badge on the left says "DAYTON, OHIO OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CAPITAL OF THE MIDWEST". The main event dates are "OCTOBER 7 & 8" with times "SATURDAY 11 AM - 10 PM" and "SUNDAY 11 AM - 4 PM". The location is "2017 EASTWOOD METROPARK, DAYTON, OHIO". At the bottom, it lists activities: "Try more than 20 outdoor activities. Competitions. Demos. Live Music. Camping. Exhibitor Village. Craft Beer & Food." and the website "METROPARKS.ORG/OUTDOORX".

## President's Thoughts (cont'd)

inclusive. (I did the same thing with "someone who owns a horse and someone who is a horseman" – turns out, I own a horse)

A person who fly fishes picks up the fly rod and proceeds to emulate what he sees on television or maybe what a friend does with little or no concept of the balance, design and function of the fly rod. They don't understand a good cast from a bad one, bad form from good and why it matters. They may or may not have a general concept of presentation or good drift. They have the very basic understandings of the stages and life cycles of insects that matter to the fish they are targeting, and can get the fly in front of the fish to entice them to strike. They usually have no desire to invest in all the trappings necessary to begin the arduous journey deep into the fly tying world that will bring them infinitely closer to understanding the foraging needs and desires of the targeted species. Their shelves are not laden with various books on casting, flies, tying recipes, rods, streams, trip maps, techniques, and famous fly fishermen that have contributed to the history of the sport down through the ages. Their vehicle has not logged untold extra miles simply looking for possible spots or quick runs after work with the intention of being home in time for dinner, only to find the lights out and dinner in a Tupperware container in the fridge when they finally make it back. They most likely do not have a bulging stack of business cards rubber banded together that they have gathered from numerous fly fishing expos, tying workshops, and clinics with hand scribbled notes on their backs of bucket list trips they want to take. They may have heard of, but do not know the top names in the industry or speak of them as if speaking of old personal friends – which many most likely could be. They don't insist on keeping that one rod and small box of flies they perennially stow in their vehicle, just in case they see a spot that looks promising. Every other conversation does not revolve around fly fishing in some aspect. Every fishing opportunity is not an open invitation to teach someone the nuances of the sport. They don't join the local fly fishing club so that they can be part of a greater good that gives back to the sport and to the local waters that make that sport even possible.

A fly fisherman does.

Kelly Kingery  
MVFF President

## 2017 Outdoor Experience

The Outdoor Experience is one of the greatest events of the year. If you haven't attended in the past you have really missed out. MVFF has been a participant throughout the years, but this year we are a Zone Sponsor. We voted at the September meeting to take on this elevated sponsorship and it will give us much more visibility. It also makes it even more critical that we have a good turnout and volunteers. So come join your fellow members.

Contact Steve Hamilton if you can help in coverage at our display in any way . . . . [akhammy67@gmail.com](mailto:akhammy67@gmail.com).

See you there!



## October Fly of the Month

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to the hook bend, then return the thread to behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 5"-6" piece of chenille and tie it in by one end behind the hook eye. Keeping the length of the chenille on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over it back to the hook bend.
3. Take the remaining length of the chenille and fold it to create a loop about the width of the hook gap (see picture). Tie the base of the loop down tightly at the hook bend. (Make sure that the loop stands upright.)
4. Wrap the remaining chenille forward in tight touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess chenille and form a thread head.
5. Do a whip finish and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.

## Green Weenie

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook.....Wet/Nymph, size 10-16

Thread.....Chartreuse or red, 6/0

Weight.....(Optional) .10 lead wire or gold bead

Tail.....Chartreuse or green ultra chenille, micro or standard depending on hook size

Body.....Chartreuse or green ultra chenille, micro or standard depending on hook size

Note: If you wish to weight this fly, you can use a bead head or lead wire. If using the bead head, put it on the hook first then follow the instructions above substituting the bead head anywhere they say hook eye. If using lead wire, put the hook in the vise and make tight touching thread wraps from the hook bend to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess wire. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap thread over the wire all the way back to the hook bend and then wrap it back to the hook eye. Then follow the rest of the instructions as above.

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

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## YES, I AM FLY FISHING

Granted, I am not a "Trout Bum" of any sort. In fact, I can just about count the times I've gone fishing specifically for trout. I don't have a secret spot, nor have I manifested my very own, "never fail," "match the hatch" fly imitation, that succeeded in landing a world record. I can't cast the entire length of fly line on my reel. The experts say you catch most of your fish within 30 feet of where you happen to stand. I know a couple of knots. I am not too proud to use a foam spider as opposed to an authentic dry fly to entice my prey to leave its protective lair to attack an unexpected morsel. All too often, as I go about casting a line, enjoying the outdoors, I am approached by a curious observer who asks the question. My response: "Yes, I am flyfishing."

I am generally amused by the inquiries. They are often accompanied by the declarations of, "My grandfather used to take me fishing and we used his rod." Or, "I've always wanted to try flyfishing, but I just don't have the patience." "I've got one of those [a fly rod] in my garage, but I just haven't had the chance to take it out." Certainly I've heard, "I thought you had to do that [flyfishing] on a river." Occasionally, I am questioned about what I was fishing for. "Can you really catch fish other than trout with a flyrod?" "How do you catch fish on a hook that small?" Just the other day someone said to me, "I thought you had to have some kind of current [water] to do that?"

It could be because of where I choose to go to pursue this avocation of mine. As I said before, I am not a "Trout Bum." As a result, there are no hidden mountain streams, no donning of wading boots, no visits to remote fly shops, with payoffs, eye winks, or secret handshakes to the local gurus who know the hot spots and hatch times by heart. I frequent the parks in the area. We are blessed to have an abundance of them in southwest Ohio, and most, conveniently contain a body of water. I find them easy to get to and after parking and a short walk, a few casts later, I am watching the end of my rod dance in the air due to the rise of a hungry fish. A-h-h-h, true bliss!

So, if not trout, what do I fish for? I guess you could call me a warmwater fisher. My goal, and I'm not ashamed to say it, is to catch the omnipresent, yet elusive *Lepomis macrochirus*. That's Latin for Bluegill. The reward for the presentation of a terrestrial in the direction of a shadow that lurks just below the surface, and to have the water violently explode while your fly disappears is just as moving an experience as you could have. With a lighter rod, you frequently endure the fight as suddenly, hunter becomes hunted. And yes, bluegill do jump after

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## ***Casting Competition News - The Last Cast . . .***

Here is the last of the Casting Competition reports for this year from your team of Ken Davy, Bob Zitney and Bryan Spink. 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 Winner: David Leitch** - average 69 ft.

**Seniors Winner: Ron Lewis** - average 63 ft.

**Masters Winner: Greg Kiddon** - average 68 ft.



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 Bryan Spink at 937-286-3372 for other arrangements. We would like to have plenty of time to get them to the engravers.



### ***Yes, I Am Fly Fishing (cont'd)***

striking your fly under the right conditions. From time to time, I've been privileged to extract from the depths, other species of sport fishes such as largemouth bass, green sunfish, or crappie. I admire the coloring, snap a picture or two, and return the fish to the water. Who knows? I just might have the opportunity to catch it again on a return trip.

With the accomplishment of fooling a fish comes a peace. Fish tend to live in beautiful places. Although the sweet aroma of evergreen can be interrupted by the rancidity of cigarette smoke permeating from a distance. Other than aquatic life, a discarded soda bottle may be seen floating in my peripheral vision. There are times when the tranquility of the moment is shattered due to the rantings of a agitated father who accompanied by his children, releases a series of expletives for one reason or another. Most times, it doesn't matter much to me. I'm usually catching more fish than they are, anyway.

In spite of the above-mentioned shortcomings, in my mind's eye, I see myself repeating this wonderful activity for many more years to come. Each new year brings forth an anticipation of a new fly to use, a different strategy to employ, or an alternate location to discover. I anticipate the questions that most certainly will be posed by those whose curiosity has gotten the best of them. And when they ask, my response will still be the same: "Yes, I am flyfishing."

*~ Shawn M. Johnson, MVFF Member*

## ***Upcoming TNT Events***

We've got two more TNT events scheduled this year. 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.

October 4: Carriage Hill, Huber Heights

November 1: Rosewood Pond,  
Centerville

Any questions, contact Steve Hamilton at [akhammy67@gmail.com](mailto:akhammy67@gmail.com).

## ***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.

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



## PHWFF Update

We conducted a casting clinic followed by some fishing at the VA pond September 7th. This was with a group of veterans who were new to the sport.

It didn't take long to establish some skills while on the grass and then we moved to the water. There was also some success in getting a few first fish on the fly. We hope to get the chance to work with this group in the future. We ended the month's activities with an outing at Camp Birch on September 28th, a beautiful day with many bluegill

landed, and then participating in the Outreach Recovery Fair on the VA grounds on September 29th where we demonstrated fly tying and casting, giving veterans a chance to try both. Thanks to MVFF member Bryan Spink for inviting us to Camp Birch.

The next outing will be to Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club on October 23rd.

### Rod and Reel Auction

A custom-built 6 wt. rod assembled by T. I. Johnson Custom Rods in Springfield, Ohio will be offered in a silent auction at the October 9th meeting. Proceeds will go to our own Healing Waters chapter. This rod was field tested at our last outdoor meeting by Bill Clutter, Ken Davey, Joe Gilmore, Shawn Johnson, Greg Ogdan, and John Young. All six experienced casters gave superior marks for ease of casting, distance and accuracy. This is a beauty . . . so bring your checkbook!

The TFO Prism 5/6 reel shown here is included, as well as a PHWFF hat.



### A Simpler Way to Pay Your Dues

We now have the capability for folks to make online payments to MVFF through the club's new PayPal account. This will make it more convenient for paying your dues, particularly since many of us are used to making online payments. For those members who have a PayPal account this process will be very familiar. However, you do not have to have your own PayPal account to make your payment.

There is now a PayPal "Pay Now" button on our website. That will take you into a Purchase Details screen where you will enter a Description such as "2018 dues for Joe Schmo", a Price per item (in this case "35.00") and Quantity (in this case "1") and select Continue. The next screen will allow you to login to your PayPal account or Pay with Debit or Credit Card. If you login to your PayPal account you obviously do not need any more guidance to complete the transaction. For those of you who select the Pay with Debit or Credit Card you will be taken to the PayPal Guest Checkout screen. Enter the required information and select Pay Now. That's all there is to it. You will get an email receipt and MVFF will be notified that a payment has been made with the description and amount. No financial information is shared. Just be sure that your description of what you are paying for is clear so we can properly credit your payment.

This whole process will make for less handling of checks and cash, as well as eliminating trips to the bank to make deposits. It also creates a good paper trail. We encourage you to take advantage of this new capability.

| CALENDAR    |   |
|-------------|---|
| October 4   | TNT - Carriage Hill MetroPark<br>5:00 p.m.  |
| October 7-8 | Outdoor Experience<br>Eastwood MetroPark  |
| October 7   | Mad River Monitoring/Sampling<br>Rt, 36 bridge, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.   |
| October 9   | MVFF Indoor Meeting<br>Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way<br>5:30 p.m.  |
| October 14  | Mad River CleanSweep<br>Rt, 36 bridge, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.   |
| October 23  | PHWFF Outing<br>Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club<br>8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  |
| October 24  | Deadline for November Tightlines articles<br><br>Check our Facebook<br>Events page for updates & details<br><br><a href="https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/">https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/</a> |

### 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 interested 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 interested in volunteering, please send the following information to Steve Hamilton ([akhammy67@gmail.com](mailto: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

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