

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
November 23, 2012**

**More Indoor
Meeting Fun!**

Next Meeting

November 12, 2012

**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: toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, Nov 8, 2012.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

This Month: Michael Wlosinski

Originally born in Dearborn Heights, MI (outside of Detroit), Mike spent his younger years growing up and fishing the rivers of Northern Michigan, the Great Lakes, and continues to spend some time visiting family and fishing the smaller in-land lakes near Brooklyn, MI.

Moving to Lexington in 1992, Michael started fishing the Cumberland after meeting Brandon Wade (a fellow guide) and others from Russell County and quickly fell in love with the Cumberland River. He has been on the river ever since. As he states, "The beauty and experience of fly fishing the Cumberland is something that you can't quite put into words. One of the best trout fishing waters in this area of the country and I'm lucky enough to get a chance to share it with others."

Other than the Cumberland, Mike has had the opportunity to fly fish for trout in Oregon and Northern California, fly fishing for Spinner Sharks in Florida, Steelhead fishing in Ohio, and looking to do some Bone Fishing in Mexico this Spring.

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President's Thoughts



November is here, the weather should be getting cooler, which will help get the Steelhead runs started. This Ohio weather cannot make up its mind if it is going to be hot or cold. When it does cool down it should bring around some great fishing opportunities on our local water ways. So get out there, wet a fly or two, and have great day on the water.

November also brings around a wonderful opportunity for you to make a difference in the club and the nation; that's right, its election time!

For us as a club, this is our annual election, when we elect two new board members for 2013. The two positions that will be filled are that of Secretary/Membership and Vice President. Thanks to Phil Clay, for the outstanding job he has done as Secretary/Membership. Brian Furderer will be taking over my position as President; I believe he will do a great job. Thanks to Carl Markstrom for his dedication in the treasurer position.

You must be present at the November meeting to vote, so make sure you're there to select your next leaders for the club. Remember - **your vote does count.**

Call Mike Wolford and make your reservations for dinner.

See you at the meeting on the 12th!



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For his "real job", Michael works for the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation in Lexington where he serves as a teacher and as an Educational Technology Consultant. He lives in Lexington with his wife Cari, dogs Kona and Sasha, and their two horses.

Other than fishing, Mike spends any found time in his ever-continuing quest to successfully play ice hockey as well as training and participating in local triathlons.

Mike is a guide with Cumberland Drifters. You can check them out at:

<http://www.cumberlanddrifters.com/>



Michael Wlosinski

2013 Fly Tying Classes

Now that summer is over and school has started back up, it is time to think about the 2013 Beginner and Advanced Fly Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as a part of the many benefits of membership in our club.

The Beginners class will start on **Tuesday, January 8, 2013**. The Advanced Fly Tying class will start on **Thursday, January 10, 2013**. Classes will be held at the Lodge at Gander Mountain starting at 6:00 pm.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$70.00 for the newer kits and \$35.00 for the older kits. The rental fee is returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. If you desire to purchase a tool kit, one option for you would be to go to the Fisherman's Headquarters in Dayton as you will receive a discount for being a club member. You may also purchase kits on-line or from other fly shops.

Registration for both classes is now underway. You may register via email by contacting Tom Courtney at: Tcourtney4@sbcglobal.net or by signing up at the November and December MVFF meetings. Information needed is as follows and must include accurate information: Name, email and home address, phone number--home and either work or cell phone, and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one.

This year we averaged 24 members in our Beginners class and about 21 in the Advanced class - so the earlier you register, the better your chance of being in the class (this also helps us plan on our budget request for next year, which needs to be sent to the Board of Directors prior to the budget meeting).

You may attend both classes; however, if there is space needed in the Beginners class (and you have previously taken that class), then you will be asked to take the Advanced class in order to make room for new students. For new students: it is best if you can make all classes, but is not required, as you will learn new techniques each week that help to build your skills. We will also be incorporating some new features with the classes this next year that all members of both classes should find very helpful.

If you have any questions please either email me at the address listed above or call me at: **1-937-219-1925**.

Thank you,

Tom Courtney

TU Madmen 2012 Water Monitoring Results

The Madmen recently finished their final round of monitoring on the Mad River for 2012. Here are the results of all 4 sessions.

Pollution Tolerance Index Rating (PTI)

23 or more **EXCELLENT**
17 - 22 **GOOD**
11 - 16 **FAIR**
10 or less **POOR**

Location	Survey Date			
	04/22/12	06/24/12	08/26/12	10/21/12
Rt 36	30	26	32	40
Rt 29/296	35	34	31	30
Watson	33	32	33	38
Pimtown	28	28	28	28
West Liberty	35	29	34	31
Mac-O-Chee	33	36	40	38

This Month's Fly – November 2012 Edition

STENOCRON

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3906B, size 12-16, or equivalent
Thread.....Brown or rusty brown, 6/0
Tail.....3 Moose hair fibers, splayed
Rib.....Tying thread
Abdomen...Coyote dubbing
Wing case..Brown mottled turkey quill segment
Thorax.....Coyote dubbing
Legs.....Guard hairs brushed from thorax
Head.....Thread

Instructions:

1. Tie-in the thread behind hook eye and wrap it back to the hook bend making a good thread base. **(Be sure to have a long thread tag as it will become the rib for the fly.)** Wrap a small ball of thread (2-3 turns) at the hook bend. Move the thread tag out of the way for the time being. Let the tying thread hang.
2. Select 3 moose hair fibers, even the tips, and tie them in as a tail on top of the hook shank just behind the thread ball. Wrap the thread tight against the front of the thread ball and this should splay the fibers. If not, then maneuver the fibers around with your fingers then take another tight thread wrap over their base. **(The tail length should be about the length of the hook shank.)** Trim off any excess fiber butts and return the thread to tight against the front of the tail.
3. Dub the thread (*you can pinch dub or use a dubbing loop at your option*) and wrap it forward to slightly past the middle of the hook shank, forming a tapered abdomen. Do not be concerned if a lot of guard hairs are sticking out of the body, coyote fur has a great amount of spiky guard hairs and they help make the fly. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the thread tag we left in step 1 and palmer it forward over the abdomen in 5-6 turns and tie it off in front of the abdomen. Remove any excess rib (tag). Let the thread hang.
5. Now take a turkey quill feather (that has been treated with Dave's Flexament or other material to stiffen and connect the fibers) and cut a segment about the width of the hook gap. Trim the bottom of the segment so that the bottom is straight and, with the shiny side down, tie the segment in at the end of the abdomen with the segment end pointing toward the hook bend. Tightly wrap the butt end and trim off the excess. Wrap the thread back to the end of the abdomen.
6. Dub the thread and wrap it to a point about 1 hook eye width behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. **(Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case is pulled forward.)**
7. Pull the quill segment wing case over the thorax with enough tension to keep it positioned straight on top of the thorax. Tie it off right behind the hook eye and remove any excess segment.
8. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement to the head if desired. You can also coat the wing case with UV resin to improve the fly's durability if desired, but be careful to keep it on only the wing case
9. Brush the thorax to pull down fibers to simulate legs.

MVFF at Area Events

PHWFF Outing at Spring Run



On Sunday, September 30, several MVFF members assisted some of our veterans in their first fly fishing at Spring Run. Though not many fish were brought to net, some were. And, all of the vets had a great time, fishing on a pleasant fall afternoon!

2012 Midwest Outdoor Experience



We also had several members represent the club at The MetroPark's 2012 Midwest Outdoor Experience (formerly known as GearFest) at Eastwood MetroPark on October 5 & 6. Members tied flies, gave casting instruction, and spoke to the public about our fine club.

A Big "Thank You" to All Members Who Participated in These Events!!!

MVFF CALENDAR For November, 2012

- 3, 10, 17** **Bamboo Rod Restoration Classes**, Jim Corbin's Shop (Pre-registration Required).
- 8, 20 -** **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 12 -** **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 18 -** **TU Madmen Workday** - Meet at the Rt. 36 Parking area at 9:00 am.
(See <http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html> for details.)
- 26 -** 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

Miami Valley Fly Fishers is trying to improve communication with members by making greater use of email. To be sure our messages reach you, please put the following address in your email address book:

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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ALL CLUB PURCHASES MUST RECEIVE PRE-APPROVAL IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED. AMOUNTS OVER \$50 REQUIRE BOARD PRE-APPROVAL. AMOUNTS UNDER \$50 CONTACT TREASURER, CARL MARKSTROM, FOR PRE-APPROVAL. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FORM, WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

October Meeting Re-Cap

Our speaker for the October meeting was Dave Allbaugh. Dave's presentation was entitled "Wet Flies - Equipment and Techniques".

Dave is the owner of **Wet Fly Waterguides** (<http://www.wetflywaterguides.com>) out of Johnstown PA. His home waters are the freestone and limestone streams in Central and North Central PA.

Dave specializes in fishing multiple wet flies in the top 1/3 of the water column, usually 8"-10" under the surface. He favors a 5 wt. 8 1/2 " or 9' medium action rod. He uses a floating, intermediate sink, or full sink line depending on the water flow. Higher flows require the heavier line. He switches line weight to put the flies in the 8"-10" zone. He uses the intermediate sink most frequently. He does not use split shot, instead a special short sink tip (1' or 2') is attached to the fly line ahead of the leader. Dave uses special leaders (available on his web site) to which he attaches 2 to 3 flies on 4" to 6" tippets. Dave explained in detail how the leaders are made and how the flies and tippets are attached.

The tactics for his method are:

1. Cast a quarter up-stream to directly across and swing your flies downstream. Mend for a drag free drift.
2. Line control - maintain a slight belly in the line from rod tip to water. This acts as a shock absorber for those hard hits.
3. Jigging the flies - in addition to a dead drift try jigging the flies with the rod tip. Use short quick movements to give the fly's action.
4. Stripping - short (6"-8") strips of the flies is also effective.

Dave uses typical un-weighted wet flies, often referred to as "soft hackle". If you are tying these, use the softest hackle possible. Build a slight collar behind the hackle to make the hackle stand up in the water and impart lots of movement. Some of his fly patterns and instructions are on his web site. Dave showed a variety of videos that were a testimony to the effectiveness of his techniques. More information is available on his web page - <http://www.wetflywaterguides.com>.

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