

TIGHTLINES

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

**Friday,
November 21, 2014**

**This Month:
Brian Flechsig
And Club Elections!**

Next Meeting

November 10, 2014

**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, Nov 6, 2014.**

(NOTE - New Dinner Price is now **\$15.00**)

This month:

Brian Flechsig



Brian Flechsig tied his first fly and caught his first fish on a fly rod when he was seven years old. Today, from his fly shop in Columbus, Ohio, which he founded in 1994, Brian outfits sportsmen, teaches classes and guides groups on fishing trips to some of the world's best places to fish. He has been in the fly fishing business for most of his adult life. Brian is one of America's new generation of fly fishing personalities and has been featured in a series of fly fishing instructional videos from Mad River Media, including the new title, Carpin' with good friend Dave Whitlock.

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President's Thoughts



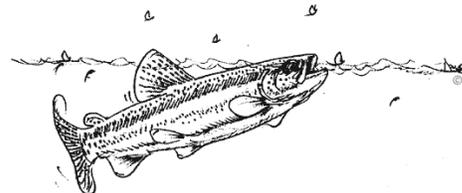
I can't believe another month has come and gone. But, busy months are like that, and October was exceptionally busy for the club.

We participated in three events in October, on three consecutive weekends. The month began with the Midwest Outdoor Experience at Eastwood on October 3 & 4. The following weekend, on the 11th was the Grand Opening of the Field and Stream store at Austin Landing. And, a week after that was the Little Miami Watershed Festival a Caesars Creek.

I believe these are the last of the scheduled events for the remainder of the calendar year. It's great to have opportunities like this, to get out and talk to people about our club. To all of the members participated in these events throughout the year – Thank You! We could not do this important work without you.

I hope you all enjoyed the October meeting – I know I did! Charlie Craven's tying presentation was both entertaining and educational.

And we continue along that same theme (education and entertainment) for the November meeting as well. I'm happy to announce that our friend **Brian Flechsig** of **Mad River Outfitters** is making the trip west on I-70 to teach us a thing or five about Tenkara. You won't want to miss this.



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November is also the time for our annual club elections. This year, we will be electing our next Vice President and Secretary. Be sure to come to the meeting to cast your vote, and have your say in the future leadership of the club. You must be present to vote!

As the weather cools, it's also time to start thinking about fly tying classes. Bob Cain has put together an announcement about the upcoming 2015 classes, which can be found on page 4. Class schedules can be found in this post on the club's message board:

<http://mvff.proboards.com/thread/1200/2015-fly-tying-class-schedules>

We'll try to get a copy of the schedule in the December newsletter as well.

Some of our fellow fly fishing clubs have upcoming events you may be interested in attending:

- The **2014 NKFF Banquet** – Saturday, November 1.

More information can be found at <http://mvff.proboards.com/thread/1201/nkff-2014-banquet>

- The **2nd Annual Mystery Fly for Cancer Event by DCFE** – Saturday, November 8.

Details are here: <http://mvff.proboards.com/thread/1202/derby-city-fishers-mystery-cancer>

Finally, our friends with the **North Coast Fly Fishers** are planning the **13th Annual Fly Fishing Expo** on January 31. They have again offered us a table to have fly tiers represent our club. If you would like to make the journey north to this show and represent the club (and get free admission in doing so), please contact me as soon as possible. (If you are interested in attending, but perhaps not tying at the event, that's OK too. We'll have details about the event in next month's newsletter.)

That's all for now. See you at Kohler on the 10th!

Tight lines,

Joe Nagel, President

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Regular guest appearances on the popular television show "The Walker's Cay Chronicles" with Flip Pallot, have made Brian one of the most recognized names and faces in mid-western fly fishing arena.

He is the author of "The Fly Fisher's Guide to the Mad River", Ohio's premier trout stream and is active in many conservation activities and efforts to bring the sport of fly fishing to everyone.

Brian oversees the entire operations of Mad River Outfitters (MRO) along with his sister companies Mad River Media and Patagonia Trouters USA. He is versed at many aspects of fly fishing....and holds a special passion for saltwater. He served as our head guide at the Wilds for 8 seasons and is also passionate about largemouth on the fly. He also still finds time for a few days on the Mad River in his AuSable River boat.

Brian's presentation will be about **Tenkara Fly Fishing**, which uses only a rod, line and fly. Although it originated in Japan over 200 years ago, Tenkara has only recently become popular in the US. Brian will go in-depth about Tenkara, and demonstrate some of the gear used in this unique style of fishing.

For more information about Brian and MRO, visit their website at <http://www.madriveroutfitters.com/>.

Club Elections This Month

The November meeting is the time when we hold the elections for our new Board Members. This year, in addition to a new Vice President, we will be electing a new Club Secretary.

Every member in good standing is eligible to vote; however, you must be present at the meeting to do so!

So be sure to attend the November meeting. Come vote, and let your voice be heard!



This Month's Fly – November 2014 Edition

Wonder Bugger

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Streamer/Nymph, size 2-12
Thread.....Suitable color 6/0
Head.....Bead, sized for the hook, color of choice
Weight(optional)....Lead wire/bead/cone
Tail.....Marabou, color of choice
Rib (optional).....Fine wire/tinsel
Body.....Pearl chenille, med, color of choice
Hackle.....Long Schlappen, color of choice
Legs.....Legging material of your choice



1. Place the bead on the hook, tie-in the thread at the middle of hook shank and wrap it back to the bend of hook. (If using optional lead wire, first wrap a short length of lead wire forward in tight spiral turns from mid hook shank forward to approximately 1/8" behind the bead. Then tie-in the thread behind the bead and wrap it over the lead wire to lightly cover it, then wrap the thread back to the bend of hook. You may optionally apply cement to lead wire if desired.)
2. Select 1-2 marabou feathers and join them together as a tail. Measure the tail to equal 1-1½ the hook shank length.
3. Holding the tail at the hook bend, tie it in with 3-4 tight turns of thread then wrap the thread over the butt ends of the marabou to slightly behind the bead head. Trim off the butt ends of the marabou.
4. (If using a rib, tie-in 4-5" length of wire or tinsel at same point as you tied-in the tail.)
5. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in tip first at same point as you tied-in the tail.
6. Cut a 5-6" piece of chenille, clean one end to reveal a short section of core, then tie it in by the exposed core end at the same point as you tied in the tail.
7. Now wrap the chenille in tight touching turns from butt of tail to one hook eye length behind the bead head. (You should brush back the chenille fibers with every wrap to avoid tying down too many fibers and maintain a bushy body.) Tie off the chenille and let the thread hang.
8. Now palmer the schlappen forward in **closely spaced** turns to end of the chenille and tie it off. Let thread hang.
9. (If using a rib, counter-wrap the wire/tinsel between the schlappen wraps to behind the bead head and tie it off.)
10. Select 1-2 pieces of legging material about 5-6" long and tie them in tightly by their middle right behind the bead head so that there are legs of equal length on each side of the fly.
11. Whip finish behind the bead head over the legging material tie in point to cover any exposed material, cut the thread, and apply head cement. Trim the legs to reach back to the rear of the tail or to the length you desire.

October Meeting Re-Cap

Our guest speaker for the October meeting was none other than **Charlie Craven**.

Charlie tied several of his flies during his presentation, including:

- The Charlie Boy Hopper
- The Jujubee Midge
- And the Baby Gongga

While tying, Charlie also shared many of his tying tips and tricks, which can make us all better tiers. What an enjoyable and educational presentation!

For more information about Charlie, be sure to check out his website:

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



Charlie Craven at the October meeting, tying his hopper pattern.

2015 MVFF FLY TYING CLASSES

It's now time to sign up for the 2015 Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as a part of the many benefits of MVFF membership.

The Beginners class will be on Tuesdays starting on **January 6, 2015**. The Intermediate/Advanced class will be on Thursdays starting on **January 8, 2015**. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks. Classes will be held at the Lodge at the Huber Heights Gander Mountain starting at 6:00 pm.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the required deposit 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 the Fisherman's Headquarters in Dayton where you can receive a discount for being a MVFF member. You may also purchase kits on-line or from other fly shops.

It is easy to sign up and registration for both classes is now underway. You may register via email or by telephone by contacting any of the following persons or by signing up at the November or December MVFF meetings:

Richard Quigley at 937-298-9614 or by e-mail at quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net
"Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or 937-222-2224 (work)

Class sign-up information needed is as follows: 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.

Last year we had excellent attendance at both classes - so the earlier you register, the better your chance of being in the class (this also help us plan on our budget request for the classes).

You may attend either or 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 Intermediate/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 flies and techniques in both classes that all members should find helpful.

NKFF 2014 Banquet

Our friends with the **Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers** will be holding their annual banquet on Saturday, November 1. This banquet is open to all!

The NKFF Banquet is know for its "*lightning fast*" raffles - and a lot of them! Several MVFF members have attended this event in the past, and had a great time.

For more information about the NKFF 2014 banquet, please see the following post on the our club's message board:

<http://mvff.proboards.com/thread/1201/nkff-2014-banquet>

MVFF CALENDAR For November, 2014

- 1 - **NKFF 2014 Banquet**, (See the Article on Page 2 for Details.)
- 4, 18 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 8 - **Mystery Fly for Cancer Event by DCFF**, (See Link in President's Article on Page 2 for Details.)
- 10 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 21 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **480** 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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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

The Bamboo Ballad

A Multi-Part Article About Bamboo Fly Rods, by Club Member Jerry Wallace

Part I – In the Beginning

Ballad - The traditional ballad has its roots with the wandering minstrels of late medieval Europe. A minstrel was a medieval European bard who performed songs whose lyrics told stories of distant places or of existing or imaginary historical events. Although minstrels created their own tales, often they would memorize and embellish the works of others. Ballads about Robin Hood were being sung from at least the late 14th century. Embellishing tales, imaginary events – hmm.... sounds like a fly fisherman! The storied history of bamboo can easily lend itself to embellished tales of classic makers.

Full disclosure – I am a bamboo addict. I have only been seriously fly fishing for about three years and the allure of bamboo rods has quickly become a passion. While I do enjoy tying my own and of course the fishing, bamboo has been at the forefront of my affliction. It all started in the distinguished Jim Corbin bamboo rod rebuilding class. My pursuit of a suitable candidate for rebuilding was found at a local auction, I picked up 2 rods for \$30! What a deal – this class was going to be a blast. Reality soon kicked in while Jim was examining my auction gold as he exclaimed, "well, on the bright side they will make good wall hangers". Where did I go wrong? Luckily for me Jim had a rod I could purchase and use to rebuild. My auction gold turned out to be a Japanese souvenir rod. You may have seen old bamboo rods in long wooden boxes. These were purchased by GI's and brought home sometime during WWII. The quality is not very good and they have many names or brands.

Jim's class was an excellent starting point for me. Jim took the time to go over the finer points of what to look for when buying a used bamboo fly rod and helped me with the process of new guides, cork, reel seats and a fresh finish on our projects. I finished the class, the rod and thus started my pursuit of bamboo. Like a vacuum I consumed all the online information I could find about bamboo fly rods, and there is a lot out there. Keeping in mind that a majority of the articles and information were written by fishermen – I took it all in with a grain of salt. You can find out much in a short period of time, a plethora of bamboo fly rod information exist on the web. Armed with my newfound knowledge, I again headed out to some local auctions with picked up a few bargain bamboo fly rods, or so I thought. It's probably better I didn't know then what I know now, or I would have had some explaining to do at home. Little did I know my education was far from over and continues to this day. I have purchased several books, two of them written by the "E.F. Hutton" of bamboo history – Michael Sinclair. Michael has done exhaustive research on bamboo rods in general, with specialty books focused on Heddon and Granger history and rods. Bottom line is that it has been a very enjoyable journey so far and it is far from over.

Next Month: Bamboo Rod History



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