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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,

December 23, 2017

Next Meeting December 11, 2017

Kohler Room
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

**DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP to Mike Woford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (December 7th).

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

Annual MVFF Awards Banquet

An annual tradition, the MVFF Awards Banquet on December 11th is a time to meet and greet friends, share a good meal and recognize the contributions and accomplishments of members.

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating many of those who made significant contributions to the club this past year.

Make your reservation now!

RESULTS OF BOARD ELECTIONS

The election of MVFF Board Members for 2018 was conducted at the November 13th club meeting. Sam Brown, Kathy Williams and Karen Via were elected.

Our officers for 2018 -

PRESIDENT: Paula Smith will move into the President position after having served as Vice President in 2017.

VICE PRESIDENT: Sam Brown will serve as Vice President for 2018 and become President in 2019.

TREASURER: Kathy Williams will be our new Treasurer.

SECRETARY: Karen Via will fill the office of Secretary.

President's Thoughts



Fishers.

Sitting in the tree stand gives one lots of time to think. Thinking this time of year often turns to reflection. This is the case today as I try to put together my thoughts for my final column as president of the Miami Valley Fly

It has indeed been a great year, full of lots of new faces coming into the membership, great speakers at the meetings, lots of fun at the competitions during the summer meetings, new ways of doing things that better the processes, challenging decisions to be worked through and made – some good, others maybe not as good, but not bad either. All in all, it has been a good year for the club, and for me.

I knew when I decided to throw my hat in the ring it was going to be a challenge for me. And I also knew that challenging one's self brings possibilities for growth and new understanding so I was willing to tackle the task. I am ever so glad that I did.

You see, when you lead, you have a whole different view. Everything is wide open. There are opportunities you don't get to see when you follow behind someone else. But, being in the lead, you also take the brunt of whatever comes. There is no one there to deflect or block for you. And I find that that's ok, too. Everyone should test their mettle once in a while. And what better way than to step up and lead an organization like MVFF where the mission is for the betterment of fly fishing, the fishing environment and the fish in it. The club is full of passionate people and they have no qualms about letting you know it if they feel you step out of line.

But with good leadership comes the wisdom of looking to others for knowledge and guidance along the way. And this year I have had a lot of good

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opportunities to look to others for that. I have had a great team in the officers of the MVFF Board, and other committee leaders as well. For that I am most grateful.

This month we will celebrate those who have stepped up beyond the bounds of general membership and given a little more. A little more time and effort and heart to others, to endeavors, and to themselves, for when we give of ourselves, we always get something in return. So the December meeting will honor all those members who have helped out and we hope you all will come and share in this special time saying thank you.

This morning I harvested a small doe. It wasn't what I was hoping for, but she will be good meat in the winter. I didn't get to fill my 2nd tag, but there is still time for that, more fun to look forward to. My husband and his buddy did not fill either of their tags, but when the day was over, we all agreed it was a great hunt. It's not about pulling the trigger, but about being out there, trying to do everything right so when the time comes, you are ready. Enjoying the day, the obnoxious squirrel and his antics, the songbirds waking up in the early dawn of morning, the wren that lands on the limb beside you, the owl that hoots as dusk begins to settle. It's about enjoying every moment until it's done.

At the end of the evening on December 11th, I will hand over the tiller to Paula Smith as she takes the helm as the new President of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers. I have enjoyed all of you nutty little squirrels along the way! Thank you and may God richly bless you throughout the coming year.

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President

ROD BUILDING CLASS 2018

THIS LONG-RUNNING CLASS (SINCE 1981) IS OFFICIALLY READY FOR SIGN-UPS!



WHEN: Rod building classes will begin Saturday, February 10th and continue the following three Saturdays (four in all: February 10, 17, 24, and March 3rd). This first beginner's class will begin at 9:30 a.m. with subsequent classes starting at 10:00 a.m., lasting until noon.

WHERE: AT MY SHOP (165 MIAMI DR.) IN YELLOW SPRINGS.

HOW TO ENROLL: If you're at all serious about securing a position in these classes, send a deposit of \$100 immediately! It's a first come, first served basis. Don't wait a month and then find out we're filled up. A phone call or e-mail (see below) will buy you one week to get your deposit in. You're not in until you've paid!

TOTAL COST?: The course fee is \$10.00 – covers thread, glues, and finishes, etc. Rod parts (reel seat & insert, cork rings, & guides) run about \$50. This is using the lower end of the best components – we don't tolerate junk! Of course you can crank this figure up with nickel-silver seats, burl-wood inserts, tic guides, etc. I offer St. Croix, Pac/Bay, Sage, & Temple Fork blanks. These blanks can run from 50 to 400 dollars. Rod bags & cases of various types are also on hand.

WHAT ELSE?: If you've got questions, need advice on choosing what's best for you, or whatever, give me a call. Answers are generally free (correct answers are .05 ea.). You're welcome to test cast my personal rods.

I will be assisted by the talented Joe Nagel and the legendary Ray Lee. They serve as my eyes (& brain - they claim).

Rod wrapping jigs are also available as well as the turning motors for curing finishes. A modest rental fee is charged.

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December Fly of the Month

Serendipity

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Scud, size 12-18

Thread.....Color to match body

Body.....Z-lon, Antron yarn, or Wool yarn

Wing/Head.....Deer hair

1. Place the hook in the vice and tie in the thread 3-4 hook eye lengths behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back down the hook shank for a short distance and let the thread hang.
2. Take a 5-6" section of Z-lon or yarn and tie it in by one end about an 1/8" behind the hook eye, then keeping the yarn on top of the hook shank, cover it with thread wraps back to a point about half way down the hook bend. Make several tight thread wraps to tie off the yarn, then wrap the thread back to the yarn tie-in point.
3. Twist the remaining length of Z-lon or yarn into a very tightly twisted cord, then wrap the twisted yarn back toward the hook eye in tight touching turns back to the yarn tie-in point and tie it off with tight thread turns and remove any excess. It is suggested that you also tie a half hitch or whip finish at this point so that there is no chance of the twisted body coming loose. (Note: You will find that as you wrap

the yarn forward it will start to untwist, so with each wrap, it is suggested that you retwist the yarn to keep it tight. The yarn must be tightly twisted to make the Serendipity's tightly segmented body.)

4. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair. Tie the batch of hair in by its middle at the end of the twisted body. (The hair tips should be pointing toward the hook bend and the hair butts going out over the hook eye.) Lift the hair at the hook eye and tie a whip finish right behind the hook eye. Cut the thread.

5. Remove the fly from the vise, and carefully using a razor blade or scissors, trim the hair to form an elk hair caddis style head. Trim the wing hair to equal the length of half of the body. (See the picture.)

2018 MVFF FLY TYING CLASSES

The 2018 Beginner and Intermediate Fly Tying Classes, free to members as one of the many benefits of MVFF membership, begin January 2nd (first Beginners class) and January 4th (first Intermediate class). Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks.

We have a different location this year - Fellowship Hall at Rona Community Church, 1082 Rona Parkway Drive, Fairborn, OH 45324. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. There is a map on the Meeting Sites page of our website (http://mvff.us/meeting_location.html).

You may register by phone or by email, by contacting either of the following persons or by signing up at the December MVFF meeting:

- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or at Fisherman's Headquarters, 937-222-2224 (work), or
- Dale Stephens at 937-233-5134 (home) or by email at dalebea65@sbcglobal.net

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. The earlier you register, the better your chance of being in the class. Knowing how many members will be participating helps us to plan for materials and our budget request to the MVFF Board for the classes.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$75.00. The rental fee will be returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. Please let

us know if you plan on renting a tool kit.

If you desire to purchase a tool kit, one option for you would be to go the Fisherman's Headquarters on Keowee Street 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.

Go to <http://mvff.us/flytying.html> for all your information. There you will find links to the flies and instructions that are planned.



Think you know your tying threads?

There are so many threads that can be used in fly tying. And there are different ways in which their weights and strength are depicted. Frank Cox sent in this link that is pretty neat and might be helpful to you . . .

<http://globalflyfisher.com/tie-better/fly-tying-thread-table>

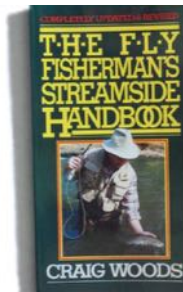
It may be more information than you ever wanted to know (aught, denier, splitability), but the table is actually very interesting. Click on the bold column headings and you can sort and filter the information.

Have fun.



The Fly Fisherman's Streamside Handbook

Originally published in 1981, this book is an excellent primer for individuals wanting to know what fly fishing is all about. This is a quick read and the author suggests carrying it as a reference in your pocket when you head to the water. It covers the basics:



Book Review by Jeff Warden

The Fly Fisherman's Streamside Handbook

Author: Craig Woods

Edition: Revised (07/07/1987)

Publisher: Penguin Books

Paperback 128 pages

List price: \$7.95

- Tackle – Rods, Lines, reels, leaders, waders, and accessories.
 - o It discusses fiberglass and graphite rods and has a table of suggested rods for different types of streams.
 - o It has a table of “suggested line weights for fly size and type.”
 - o It discusses line weight and how the weight is determined as well as covering the different types of lines. There is also a table of line weights from 1-15 and their weight in both grains and grams.
 - o The author includes a table for which line type to use for different depths.
 - o The section on leaders is very good and would be of interest to all fly fishers. The author has tables on how long of a leader to use on a particular type of stream as well as suggested fly size for the various sizes of tippet. It is very good at explaining and showing you what to do to have your fly where the fish is. For instance, it pictures the effect of using a short leader verses a long leader with a sinking-tip line.
 - o The author covers accessories you should carry to be a well-equipped fly fisher (not like yours truly who used to carry everything but the kitchen sink – but who did they come to if they didn't have something). Besides your rod, reel, and line the most basic of accessories would be fly box, clippers (aka nippers), forceps, leaders or tippet material, hat, polarized sunglasses, and a net.
- Knots – covers several knots and when you would use them. Some of the knots I have never used, but might try some after reading the book. In MHO, the basic knots you need are nail knot (for attaching leader to fly line if you don't have the loops on the ends), double surgeons (for attaching tippet to leader), and improved clinch knot for tying on flies.
- Flies and Trout Food – the book has several color plates of flies.
 - o Covers the basics categories of dry fly, nymph, streamer, and attracter patterns.
 - o There is a table depicting the various sizes of hooks you would use, printed in their actual size.
 - o There are several good tables printed that cover the following for each – “Fly Pattern”, “Description” (what kinds of materials are used), “Recommended Sizes”, and “What it imitates”. All great information for beginners.
 - o Covers the basic trout food – Mayfly, Caddis, Stonefly, Midge, and bait fish.
 - ♣ Very briefly discusses the life stages of the basic trout food showing pictures and talking about what types of flies imitate them.
 - o Also covers terrestrials.
- Casting – the basic cast, roll cast, and mending.
 - o The book discusses and has drawings of the various casts and when and how to use them.
 - o It talks about the effect of mending both up and downstream.
- Tactics – how to:
 - o Fish a stream
 - o Fish to rising fish
 - o Fish when there are no rising fish
 - o What to do when even the rising fish aren't taking your fly
 - o Playing and releasing a fish (the quicker you can land or un-hook a fish you plan to release the better.)
- Stream Etiquette
 - o This is the last chapter of the book. We should all practice good stream etiquette being mindful of private property and our fellow anglers when trying to navigate near and around others already fishing.
 - o Pack out everything you pack in.

Asian Carp

There definitely is a concern about the Asian carp invasion. Here is an interesting article by Jim Morris of the Dayton Daily News on November 5th. Thanks to Jeff Warden for passing this along.

<http://bit.ly/2k39YEn>

Online Shopping & Supporting a Charity

Since you are already doing all that online shopping this holiday season, why not also secure a benefit for a charity at the same time. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

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Your shopping can support Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1518154>

Great Miami Outfitters has Relocated

This great shop moved in early November from downtown Miamisburg to Cross Pointe Shopping Center, 101 E Alex Bell Rd #140, Centerville, OH 45459, (937) 938-5009. They are loaded with all sorts of great high-quality gear . . . camping, hiking, outdoor clothing and of course kayaks galore. Friendly, helpful staff and well worth a visit.

Quote of the Month

"A man who fishes habitually for carp has a strange look in his eyes."

Arthur Ransome

"Carp"

Rod and Line (1929)

CALENDAR

December 11	MVFF Indoor Meeting Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m.
December 23	Deadline for January Tightlines articles
January 2	Beginners Fly Tying Class begins
January 4	Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins
February 3	B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
February 10	Rod Building Classes begin

Check our Facebook
Events page for updates & details

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>

Preview: Upcoming Speakers

January Meeting - Kevin Howell of Davidson Fly Fishing in North Carolina. Kevin has been guiding the streams of western North Carolina since the early eighties and knows most of the fish on a first-name basis. While trout fishing has a special place in his heart, Kevin spends the majority of the year fishing and guiding for smallmouth bass. Kevin has also put his vast knowledge of the sport into developing school curriculum, and is also a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. Kevin is also a nationally known fly tier and is currently the Fly Tying Editor for Fly Fishing the Mid-Atlantic States.

February Meeting - Steve Coomer will speak on smallmouth fishing in our local streams.

~ John Young

Time for 2018 Dues...

Yes it is that time already. The membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.00. Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget. Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (such as PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

So please renew your membership now. And it is easier than ever. Just go to <http://mvff.us> and use our newly added PayPal capability. Click on the *Pay Now* button. You do not need your own PayPal account to do this. It is easy and really does reduce paperwork, the handling of cash/checks and those annoying trips to the bank for deposits or checking our P.O. box for mailed checks. So please consider this option. It has proven to be popular as many members have already renewed for 2018 in this way.

For more guidance on how to pay using this method see the [October](#) issue of *Tightlines*.

Thanks.



Facebook Photo Albums

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF events on our Facebook page. There you will see pics of the Mad River CleanSweep, the most recent PHWFF event at Zanesfield and the Pere Marquette River trip, as well as many others. Check them out at . . .

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>

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