

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## January Meeting

Our next meeting is January 13, 2020, at the Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way (Directions on Website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (Meal Price - \$15.00)

Make your dinner reservation online . . . [HERE](#) by January 9th

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

## January Speaker

Brad Redmon is the founder and operator of Redmon Fly Fishing and an Elite Ambassador for Temple Fork Outfitters. He is an avid fly fisherman with a particular interest in small stream fishing; having spent much of his life in pursuit of trout in the Appalachian Mountains (NC, TN, WV, and VA) and Kentucky streams. When not guiding, fishing, or tying, Brad also works with EcoGro/Ridgewater as a Field Superintendent performing stream and wetland restoration. He has been fortunate enough to couple his passion for fly fishing, entomology, knowledge of streams and hydrodynamics with his Environmental Science education. Brad also served as Project Superintendent and assisted in the design and lead construction of Hatchery Creek, which gave him the



unique opportunity to meld his perspective on a trout's ecosystem with his career. He has a particular interest in teaching the technical skills required for successful angling and currently offers guided trips on Hatchery Creek and other small streams around the state. One of Brad's true passions is to help others become better anglers.

He will be speaking about stream restoration.

~ John Young

## December Awards Meeting

A great evening of honoring our members who gave of their time and talents in volunteer service throughout the year. There were many, many members who did so much to make 2019 so successful.

Presentation of the following major awards were made as follows . . .

- Dick Matson Award - Tom DeRoss
- Jake Jaeger Award - Jeff Davis
- Founder's Award - Bill DeShurko
- President's Award - Nathan Via
- Marty Vandenbrock
- Outstanding Member Award - Jim Calvert

## President's Thoughts ...



Greetings fellow fly fishers,

What a year we had in 2019! The club's new website is up and running. The non-profit changes have been completed. Several advances have been made with youth programs. Many awesome trips with great memories are now in the past. Sam Brown has left the club in great shape. I hope I can do half the job he did this year.

I would like to welcome JD Dukes to the board as our new Vice President, thank Kathy Williams for stepping up and running for Treasurer again, and let Karen Via know what a great job she does as our Secretary. My goal is to keep the club moving in a positive direction. With great people like this behind me how can I not succeed this year?

New hats will be available at the January meeting for a \$20.00 donation. There will be 5 colors to choose from in limited quantities. Also considering tee shirts if there is enough interest.

There is an opportunity for a club trip to the Yellowstone area. Boy Scout camp Buffalo Bill in Wyoming has decided to open up to fly fishing groups in August. NKFF took the trip last year and have booked the second week already. In talking with Tim Guilfoile from NKFF it sounds like it is a great place to fish for wild browns, rainbows, brookies, and native cutthroat. More info at January's meeting.

Fly tying classes still have room if anyone is

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## Casting Competition Winners & Other News

The annual winners of the casting competition have been tabulated, at long last. Two of the trophies were presented at the December meeting, but one of the winners was not able to join us that evening.

The winner in First Flight was Nathaniel Crossman. Given his score this year and his booming distance casts, the Seniors Division folks had better watch out in 2020!

The Seniors Division winner was yours truly, Ken Davy. This was almost entirely due to persistence rather than quality, since I was the only member of the division to cast in all five contests.

The Masters Division winner, and well-deserved, was Ken Hudak. His big move was in the roll cast, scoring a 98 while using only 8 casts, to yield a bonus of 14 points. Those extra points came in handy at the end as he shaded his nearest competitor by only six points. Hopefully, Ken will be able to make the January meeting and receive this big, beautiful trophy.

Going into 2020 Mr. Bob Zitney will be taking on the role of casting competition leader. I appreciate him setting me free to pursue the other things I do for the club. Things will go much more smoothly if someone will step up to help him out over there.

One other item to consider is that the casting competition could use some more flies. We are running short of nymphs, dries and bass bugs, so the next time you're at the vise, tie one or two extras for Bob to use for the competitions. Just remember that, when it comes to the casting competitions, the only point is to have fun, so please cut the points off the flies you donate to Bob.

### Facebook Events Page

Beginning this week, I will be renewing my efforts to keep the events page up to date. If you have events you want the club to know about and participate in, please get them to me on the Facebook page or send them to [tiggr75@gmail.com](mailto:tiggr75@gmail.com).

### Mid-Week Fly Fishing

If you are interested in providing input for

## President's Thoughts *(cont'd)*

interested. They start before the next meeting so check the website if you want to attend.

We encourage members who have not registered on the new website to do so. I believe in doing so you will gain access to better fly fishing experiences and greater camaraderie among members.

I look forward to the upcoming year serving the club. If anyone has a concern or suggestion please reach out so we can keep this club awesome. Board meetings are always open to members. Anyone wanting to attend needs to let the board know so we can let you know when they are scheduled.

Now let's get out there and catch some fish!!

Eric Rice  
MVFF President

locations and scheduling for this year's mid-weeks, please feel free to join me for a planning meeting on January 9th at 5:30 p.m. at VFW Post 2800 at 808 Highridge Avenue, Dayton, OH 45420. <https://goo.gl/maps/PvzMZfrHdeHb7LSQ7>.

~ Ken Davy

## Notes from the Library

January 2020

We are by the nature of our pursuit of fishing careful of the environment in which they live. We even endeavor in creating artificial flies to imitate "the hatch" meaning that not only the waters that the fish swim in, but the air above, the plants around all are in our purview for a healthy and sustainable environ. There was acknowledgement in the last Notes of the improvement of the water quality of Ohio streams and rivers (*Wild Ohio* magazine). From the North and South branches of Paint Creek to the Little and Great Miami, the Stillwater, the Mad, and more. All benefit from our support of the ODNR through license fees, legislation controlling industrial and communal waste, and involvement in organizations that volunteer time and monies to supplement ODNR's efforts. MVFF annually is involved in schools, Five Rivers MetroParks events, and sister organizations to insure generational efforts in sustainability. ODNR Division of Wildlife, Fisheries Management..." manages the fisheries of 124,000 acres of inland water, 7,000 miles of streams, 2 ¼ million acres of Lake Erie and Ohio's portion of 481 miles of the Ohio River. For the benefit of 2 million anglers [by license] and other resource users...". Each body of water, lake, stream, or river requires its own management plan and cadre. Information is available through the ODNR website on each body of water with links to supporting data and literature. If you have a favorite website or Podcast about the care and management of Ohio waters please share it through the Library. Our passion is also our pride.

Some websites of interest . . .

[Buckeyesportsman.net](http://Buckeyesportsman.net)

[Ohiogamefishing.com](http://Ohiogamefishing.com)

[Wildlife.ohiodnr.gov](http://Wildlife.ohiodnr.gov) > Fishing > Fishing Forecasts and Reports

In coming days there will be a survey (yes, a survey!) on the MVFF website encouraging you to be involved in what subjects, literature, and format you wish to see or have access to. Please take two (2) minutes to help us help you. Check it out. J.W.

# January Fly of the Month



## Little Green Stonefly

### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 14 - 18

Thread.....Lt Green 8/0

Body.....Fine and Dry Brite Green Dubbing

Wing.....Creme or Transparent Swiss Straw

Hackle.....Creme or White Cock Hackle

1. Flatten barb on hook and put it in your vise. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to the start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base.

2. Lightly dub the thread and wrap it back toward the hook eye covering a little more than 2/3 of the hook shank and forming a slim body. Remove excess dubbing.

3. Spread out and flatten the Swiss straw and cut or burn two stonefly wings, sized for your hook. Tie in the wings at the front of the body, keeping them flat along the back of the body. Trim off excess wing material.

4. Tie in the hackle at the end of the wing tie-in point and make 3-4 tight touching turns to right behind the eye. Tie off the hackle and remove the excess.

5. Form a neat small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

6. Apply a small drop of head cement, if desired.

**Comment:** The Little Green Stonefly hatches from early June to October, with the best times being in July and August. During the evenings, the females return to the water to lay their eggs and it is at this time that this fly is most effective.

Instructions by: Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

## New MVFF Canopy

This new purchase will leave no doubt as to who we are at events and will provide some protection from the elements as well.



## 2020 Fly Tying Class Sign-up

There is still room for more members in both the **Beginners and Intermediate Fly Tying Classes**. These classes are free to members as one of the many benefits of MVFF membership and they are a great winter activity.

The **Beginners class** will be on Tuesdays starting **January 7, 2020**. The **Intermediate class** will be on Thursdays starting **January 9, 2020**. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks.

Classes will be held at Rona Community Church in Fairborn.

It is easy to sign up and registration for both classes is now underway. You may register by telephone or by email (**email is preferred**), by contacting either of the following persons or by signing up at the January MVFF meeting even though classes will have already started by then (not a problem):

Tom DeRoss at 937-367-7146 (cell) or by email at [tomcdeross@gmail.com](mailto:tomcdeross@gmail.com)

Frank Cox at 937-603-1312 (cell) or by email at [fcx@woh.rr.com](mailto:fcx@woh.rr.com)

Class sign-up information needed is as follows: name, email and home address, phone number - and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one.

The classes have been a popular mainstay of the club for decades and something many take part in each year because they are so enjoyable.

## Dues!

It's time to pay your 2020 dues. Membership dues of \$35 must be paid in full by March in order to retain active member status.

Dues can be paid at club meetings, online through our PayPal account (see website) or by check, made out to "MVFF",

and sent to our P.O. box.

Also, please remember to wear your name tag to all meetings and Club events to help new members, and old ones like some of us, to learn your name!

**Karen Via  
Secretary**





# MVFF Website Tips & Stuff

The newly-designed site is up and running. We have 75 members, nearly 40% of the membership, who have registered to date. I really encourage you to register.

## Registering

You can register by going to the Member Area menu and selecting Register. Just enter a username (at least 4 characters), an email address, a password (consisting of a digit, an uppercase letter, a lowercase letter, and at least 8 characters) and your first and last name. That's all that is required. Only current MVFF members will be able to register to see member-only content. When you first register your account status will be set to "Pending" (you will not be able to log in at that point). Once membership is confirmed the account will be set to "Active". You will be notified by email when that happens, at which time you will then be able to log in and access the pages that are restricted to logged in members.

## New

Google reCAPTCHA has been added to help protect our website against spam and abuse. It is designed to establish that a computer user is human. We were getting Russian automated bot spam registrations . . . . annoying to say the least. Setting up the reCAPTCHA seems to have solved that issue.

## Use of Contact Us Form

The use of the Contact Us form is really meant for non-members to

make inquiries. If you have questions you can just email the club at [mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com) or go to the Club Contacts page to get in contact with board members and other key club contacts.

## Following a Conversation on the Forum

On the Forum Topics be sure to use the checkbox "Notify me of follow-up replies via email" so that you will be alerted to new responses to a particular topic. We hope to see increased use of the forum as we get more members registered.

## Forgot Your Password?

Not a problem.

- Go to Member Login/Logout button or page (Member Area of menu)
- Select "Forgot Password?"
- Enter your email address
- Select "Reset Password"
- Temporary password will be emailed to you
- Use this temporary password to log in
- Then go to Edit My Profile (Member Area of menu) to set the password of your choice to replace the temporary one emailed to you. You will enter the password, enter it a second time and select "Update".
- You will then have to log in with that newly chosen password.

Please let me know if you are having any problems.

~ Tom Arnold

## December Raffle Winners

TFO BVK 4 pc.,9 ft., 6 wt. rod with case; SD II Reel, 5-7 wt.	Mike Browne
Lost Lake U-Shape Float Tube	David Williams
Cross Current Chest Pack	Terry Kutter
Fenwick Night Hawk 4 pc. rod outfit	Chris Taylor
Fisherman's Headquarters \$100 gift card	Ken Davy
No. 70 Hand-tooled leather, wool lined fly holder	Ken Davy
Crown Royal Special Reserve	Everett Vanatta
Fireball Mini Bottles	Mike Redmond
Dick Matson hand-tied flies	Eric Rice

## MVFF Mentoring Program

Just a reminder that MVFF offers a mentor service for any new, or established, members who would like help with becoming more involved in the club or assistance with some aspect of their fly fishing skills or knowledge. We have a number of members who have volunteered to serve as mentors, but we could always use more. Fly casting assistance is usually provided at our summer meetings at the FOP.

Text or call Phil Clay at (937) 206-3720 if you'd like to have a mentor or would like to become a mentor.

## Progressive Cleveland Boat Show & Fishing Expo

This is the largest boat show Cleveland has seen in over a decade. And, the return of a Fishing Expo that left Cleveland a long time ago. With the all new Fishing Expo this year over 50K visitors are expected over the 5 day show. The show runs January 16-20, 2020.

There will be a 5,000 gallon Berkley Tank, Trout Pond, Casting Lake, Kayak Stage and more! The goal is to inspire people to get out on the water, whether that is with a kayak, and paddleboard, or a large cruiser. This show will have it all.

Not sure there will be much for the fly fisher, but check out the website to see if there is anything that interests you - <http://www.clevelandboatshow.com/>

## Interesting Website

I got this link from reading the Little River Outfitters Fishing Report the day before Thanksgiving.

<https://troutbitten.com/2017/01/26/split-shot-vs-weighted-flies/>

There are a lot of other great articles on this site as well.

Enjoy.

~ Jeff Warden



## Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 1, 2020. The event is from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road in Loveland. This is one great show right in our backyard.

There is always a good turnout of MVFF members for this event and we will as always have a table or two of members tying flies and promoting the club.

Get all the information you need at . .

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>

## Women's Fly Fishing Open Forum at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Our own Paul Smith will be part of the panel. Women have been playing prominent roles in MVFF for a number of years and there has been an upward trend in their participation in this sport.

Although it is still the case that fly fishing is male-dominated, more women are becoming interested in the sport. One of the barriers to women joining the contingent of fly fishers is lack of knowledge.

Because many women are more comfortable learning this new sport from and with other women, women across the U.S. are organizing retreats, outings, educational seminars, youth outreach programs and other events to build a community of women anglers.

Join us for a panel discussion on the future of women anglers in the SW Ohio/NKY area at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show this February 1st, 2020 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Paula Smith, MVFF Past President, will be there representing MVFF on the panel. Joining her will be Cari Vota, BUFF Director Women's Program, Katie Johnstone, TU Madmen DI/WI Coordinator, and Kerry Premec, NKFF Women's Outreach Director.

Be a part of a women-centered conversation on a range of topics for and about women anglers in our area. Ask questions, network, swap stories with other anglers and fly fishing enthusiasts. Each of these outstanding women will briefly tell the group a little about their club, mission, events/activities, and why they fly fish. There will be handout too – club brochures, membership forms, 2020 calendars of events, any women's activities – planned or future, etc.

## Tying Classes at BUFF Show

Associated with the 2020 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show (Saturday, February 1, 2020), Buckeye United Fly Fishers are offering a total of four 2-hour Fly Tying Workshops on Thursday, January 30th, and Friday, January 31st. On Thursday, Mike Schmidt, owner of Angler's Choice Flies, will be leading two workshops (2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.), tying a mixture of his signature flies and new patterns. On Friday, Gary Borger, the feature presenter for the Fly Show, will be leading 2 tying workshops (1:30 - 3:30 p.m., and 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.). Each workshop will have a maximum capacity of 24 tiers and will be held in Room Sandalwood "C" at the Oasis Conference Center (site of the Fly Show).

These workshops are open to members of all regional fly fishing clubs. Details of the workshops as well as on-line registration and payment can be found at:

<http://buckeyeflyfishers.com/expo2020/clinhome.asp>

Note that Gary Borger is also holding a casting workshop on Friday morning from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., but, at this time, the workshop is full. You can sign up for the "Waitlist" but will not be able to attend unless notified of an opening prior to the Workshop.

Please share this with your Club's membership. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
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Cell: 513.787.2408

## BUFF Show 2020 – MVFF Breakfast

Quite some time ago, a few MVFF club members starting meeting for breakfast before going to the BUFF show in Cincinnati. This breakfast has grown into somewhat of an unofficial club event. Everyone is invited to have breakfast at the Frisch's across from the Dayton Mall on SR741 south of SR725 at 7:00 a.m. and then caravan to the show, generally leaving between 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. (it's about a 30-45 minute drive to the current show location).

**When:** Saturday, February 1, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 - 8:15 a.m.

**Where:** Frisch's Big Boy – Dayton Mall area  
8181 N. Springboro Pike, Miamisburg, OH 45342

~ Jeff Warden



# MVFF

Miami Valley Fly Fishers Inc., established in 1975 and re-organized in 2016 as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

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The Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is an active affiliate club of Fly Fishers International, an international club promoting the benefits of fly fishing and conservation

## CALENDAR

January 7, 14, 21, 28	Beginners Fly Tying Class Rona Community Church 6:00 p.m.
January 9, 16, 23, 30	Intermediate Fly Tying Class Rona Community Church 6:00 p.m.
January 13	MVFF Indoor Meeting Kohler Room 4572 Presidential Way, 5:30 p.m.
January 24	Deadline for February Tightlines articles
February 1	Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Check the [MVFF Calendar](#) page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

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

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

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



The World  
Champ of Fly-  
Casting Just  
Wants to Be a  
Teen

(We had an article in the September 2018 issue (<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/MVFF0918.pdf>) about this young lady. This new article is on the "Outside" website and was passed along by Steve Hamilton. She is phenomenal! This is a great article and worth reading.)

Maxine McCormick is already a fly fishing legend. But how can a 15-year-old make her way through a world dominated by retirees?  
<https://www.outsideonline.com/2406922/maxine-mccormick-fly-fishing>



February 14-15 at Wright State University

Come out Friday and Saturday for an event filled with outdoor skill, culture and experience. Listen to local and national outdoor adventurers share their stories, visit with local clubs and retailers, and try your hand at paddlesports, climbing and more.

From endurance runners to long distance backpackers and the founding father of mountain biking to polar explorers, our featured personalities each year are sure to inspire and amaze. For 2020, we are proud to welcome National Geographic 2019 Explorers of the Year Heather Anderson and Maureen Beck, and solo climber Ryan Richardson as our featured speakers. <http://theadventuresummit.com/>

## Support Our Local Shops & Those Who Support MVFF

Fisherman's Headquarters

142 S. Keowee St.

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937.222.2224

[fishermanshq.net](http://fishermanshq.net)

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7635 Wilmington Pike

Dayton, Ohio 45458

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813 Bethel Rd.

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[greatmiamioutfitters.com](http://greatmiamioutfitters.com)

## Dinner Reservations

Worth repeating here - you now make your dinner reservations (by January 9th) online.

Make your dinner reservation  
online . . . [HERE](#)