

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



May Meeting Canceled

In keeping with guidelines limiting the size of assembled groups and social distancing the May meeting is canceled. We will communicate with the membership through email as conditions change. Watch for those emails and monitor the website as well.

Library List and Mailing Option

A reminder that the new MVFF Library List has been posted to the website. You can learn more about this in the Notes from the Library article in the [April](#) issue of Tightlines.

A new capability we have added for this very unusual time is the mailing of DVDs. If a club member sees a DVD they want in the new library listings they can email me or call with their address and we will mail it out to them at no cost to them. They would return the DVD at a future club meeting.

Thank you. Jeff & Cindy

Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events

They just aren't happening



Obviously, with things being the way they are, we need to avoid large gatherings. Some might say that our mid-weeks have never qualified as large gatherings. However, in the current situation, any gathering is possibly deadly, so I have an alternative in mind. If you should find it necessary to wander into the outdoors to relieve a bout of cabin fever, and if the site of your sojourn should happen to take you near one of our local bodies of water, you might have an urge to snap a quick

picture showing where you went. If one of the local fish, rascals that they are, should choose to photobomb your picture, we won't be put off by their pranks, especially if you should post the proof of their hijinks on our Facebook page or send them along to Tom Arnold to add to the next Tightlines. In the meantime, remember to practice your social distancing by wading to midstream or paddling your kayak well offshore, and remember that the only lines you should be involved with should be connected to fish!

Be well and keep your sense of humor,

Ken Davy

President's Thoughts ...



Hello again fellow members,

I hope this news letter finds you all well. I really am missing the club and everyone at the meetings. Times are tough and the Governor has once again issued a limit on the number of people who can be in an area to 10. This has caused MVFF to cancel May meeting. Hopefully we can get together in June.

We had a board meeting last week via video. A first for me. A few things we discussed were Spring Fling, the auction, sending the auctioneer a thank you gift, volunteers, lanyards for member ID badges, member turnover, and Cedarville girls' outing July 23- 24. As of now they are still planning on having the event. Contact Kathy Williams if you are able to help.

I have been fishing with a few members as time allows. One Saturday Jim Calvert, Mike Wolford and I did a short float down the Mad River. They both hooked several fish and landed a couple decent fish. Met up with JD Dukes and John Raisbeck for an outing at a local trout club where the trout were very eager to eat what we offered them. On a Friday Kathy Williams, Barry Schroeder and I did a longer float. The conditions were not ideal but fish were put in the boat. I'm starting "Fishing with the Pres". Anyone wanting to float or wade a local river get ahold of me and we will see what we can do as time and conditions allow. I ask that you have a partner and have your own equipment and flies. Sometimes this requires that there will only be a day's notice before conditions are ideal and a trip is scheduled. This is something I am doing on my own at

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Notes from the Library

May 2020

It seems impossible, as slow as the days are passing, that it is already the fifth month of the year. If you have had time to go through the new library listings and have found some interesting reading or "How To" information call or email us and we will get it out in the mail to you at no cost to you. The Library was given a budget for 2020 and we cannot think of a better use than sending out materials to members especially during this time when we are all housebound. Perhaps we can consider this an overextended winter; as Thornton Wilder called it "...the winter of our discontent...".

Here are a few online resources shared by members who responded to our questionnaire.

From YouTube: [Tightlinevideo](#), [InTheRiffle](#) (these have been added to our [Links](#) page.

Nathaniel Crossman added these YouTube addresses for specific flies to be tied:

Streamers & Poppers for Browns and Bass

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLicnrsezD8d_CA9DBhJmpBnNULzDT7RRf](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLicnrsezD8d_CA9DBhJmpBnNULzDT7RRf)

Streamers & Poppers for Pike and Muskies

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?
list=PLicnrsezD8d8qGXKAwua0wRxcAP_mFia](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLicnrsezD8d8qGXKAwua0wRxcAP_mFia)

Nymphs & flies for the Mad River

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLicnrsezD8d-
q6EnCZNiZFmHlnp4Lb5Xc](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLicnrsezD8d-q6EnCZNiZFmHlnp4Lb5Xc)

It is your library. Check it out. J.W.

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Another Resource

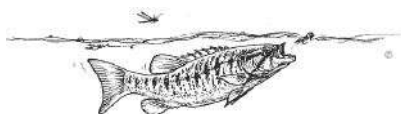
Dustin Harley (you may remember he was a speaker some time back) at Ripple Guides has posted a number of good webinars on fishing the St Joe river area in Indiana.

Check them out at <https://www.youtube.com/user/RIPPLEGUIDES>

or on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rippleguideservice>.

~ John Young



President's Thoughts (cont'd)

this time and not considered a club outing.

The white bass are starting to run at Caesar Creek. I will be hitting it in the next couple of weeks. After that they will run at Buck Creek/CJ Brown. The smallmouth are starting to warm up and should take off in the near future. Also largemouth and bluegill are starting to produce a decent bite.

Wishing you all good health and tightlines,

Eric Rice

MVFF President

Opinion

New York Times Editorial Board

April 25, 2020

How to Save Summer 2020

A balance can be found to be both safe and outdoors.

The full article can be found at <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/25/opinion/summer-parks-covid.html>. While there are a variety of outdoor activities and venues highlighted in this piece, we've highlighted the section below.

"Go Fish!"

Few businesses beyond Amazon and toilet paper manufacturers are booming right now — but in Memphis, Eric Beene, the owner of Catch'em Lakes and Walnut Grove Bait and Tackle, has found that the lake and bait shop are busier than ever.

"Fishermen don't like to sit next to each other anyway," Mr. Beene said. He said that a local policeman recently came out to observe the social distancing at the lake and was pleased to see people fishing 50 feet apart.

Most current state public health guidelines don't interfere with people's ability to fish, so long as they wear masks and refrain from sharing equipment. Several states have even waived licensing requirements and fees for anglers."

May Fly of the Month



Instructions by Bill "Woody"
Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Place the bead head on the hook, then make 10-11 wraps of lead wire behind the bead. Push the lead into the back of the bead. Tie in the thread behind the lead and build a thread ramp against the back of the lead wire. Cover the lead with thread for a smooth body, then wrap the thread back to 1/2 way down the hook bend.
2. Tie in a 3-4" piece of gold wire and 3 strands of krystal flash with the length of them going out past the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to behind the bead, covering the wire and krystal flash butts. Trim off any excess butts.
3. Take the three strands of flash and wrap them forward to behind the bead and tie them off. Remove any excess flash material. Move the thread back to 1/8" behind the bead.
4. Cut a 1" piece of chenille and singe one end with a lighter or match so that it tapers to a point. Tie this chenille in 1/8" behind the bead on top of the krystal flash underbody so that the singed end of the chenille extends 1/8" to 1/4" beyond the hook bend. Trim off any excess chenille butt.
5. Take the gold wire and wrap it over the chenille body in 3-5 evenly

Fox Poopah

Recipe

Hook.....Nymph 2x long, size 12-18 (Daiichi 1260/Tiemco 200/Tiemco 2312)
Thread.....Brown 8/0
Bead.....Gold 1/8 or 3/32, depending on hook size
Weight.....Lead wire, size .15
Underbody....Pearl Krystal Flash
Rib.....Gold wire, fine
Body.....Olive/Tan/Orange Ultra chenille, Med (Do not use rayon chenille)
Legs.....Partridge fibers
Antennae.....Wood duck fibers
Head.....Ostrich herl, brown

spaced wraps to behind the bead and tie it off. Trim off any excess wire.

6. Strip the fuzz from the butt end of a partridge feather. Stroke the fibers back and cut the tip out of the feather, creating a "V" shape in the end of the feather. Place the "V" over the top of the hook shank at the end of the chenille body and tie it in. The feather fibers should be pointing down and back. Trim off the excess feather butt.

7. Cut 2 fibers off a wood duck flank feather. Ensure that you keep the fibers even. Tie them in on top of the body at the same point where the legs were tied in. The fibers should extend back over the top of the body to slightly beyond the singed tip of the chenille. Trim off any excess fibers.

8. Tie in two ostrich herls by the butt end at the same point where the legs and antennae were tied in. Wrap the herls forward together to behind the bead and tie them off. Remove any excess herl. Do a whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread.

Fish this fly as an emerger, allowing it to rise from the bottom to the top at the end of the drift.

Tying Videos Added to Our Facebook Page



Frank Cox has been busy lately. He has been making videos of him tying flies with his elaborate camera system and posting those to Facebook. You really need to check this out.

The first one he did was Ken's Crazy Ant - Modified.

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/videos/2010256089120080/>

He also posted another video of him tying Kelly Galloup's BWO Nymph.

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/videos/680824475986771/>

His newest is Scotty's McFly.

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/videos/641919159982011/>

We're guessing there will be more. Great job Frank!



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

The 2020 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program kicked off on February 19th with the start of the very popular rod building class. We completed three of the classes before they needed to be canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Some of the vets were making great progress on their rods. We'll just have to figure out what to do when we get back to any state of normalcy. While we would like for the fishing outings to take place, it's probably going to be dependent on infection rates after the restrictions have been relaxed. The fishing outings are educational in nature and often require close contact between members and vets. So there are inherent problems to consider in going forward. In the meantime, here's some information below on how vets can participate in virtual classes.

From ProjectHealingWaters.org

SGT Lee Barbee Broadcasts Live Fly Tying Class for Veterans

On Wednesday April 15, 2020, veteran ambassador and professional fly tier SGT Lee Barbee, U.S. Army (ret) of Red, White and Blue Flies broadcasted a virtual fly tying class live on the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Facebook Page.

This special virtual class was attended by over 3,500 people and disabled veteran participants from Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, South Carolina, Florida, Washington, Oregon, Pennsylvania, New York, Wyoming, Montana, Texas, North Carolina, Maine, New Jersey, Virginia, California, New Mexico, Connecticut, and more! Lee taught (and tied) one of his signature patterns, "The Wood Duck Chuck" and shared his experiences with the PHWFF program.

There are other virtual events you may want to join so check them out . . .

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/announcements/sgt-lee-barbee-broadcasts-live-fly-tying-class-for-veterans/>

Recent Catches

As Eric mentioned on page 1, he and some other members have been out for some spring fishing. Here are a few shots of their adventures. You can also view them and others on our [Facebook](#) page.



Little Miami River Clean Sweep

The Little Miami River Clean Sweep scheduled for June 13th has been canceled.

Many events for 2020 will be either canceled or modified due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus on our communities. While we are unable to conduct the Little Miami River Clean Sweep as we have in years past, we are presenting a modified version that will allow us to clean the river and comply with the social distancing requirements of the state.

Between June 6 and June 20, we are asking families to clean a section of the river on their own and report their success back to LMRK.

You may choose to clean on the river in a canoe or kayak, next to the river on public lands, or on a tributary of the Little Miami River.

We are requesting that you register for the Clean Sweep on the LMRK website (lmriverkleeners.org) to provide us with information on where you plan to clean the river and register you for a drawing to win a prize.

Registration will not open until May 15. At that time, we will have more details on how the cleanup will work and safety guidelines required by the state of Ohio.

We will be in touch with more information.

Jess

lmriverkleeners.org



ODNR Division of Wildlife

Find a Place to Go Fishing

Headed fishing this weekend? Choose some close-to-home locations!

The link below will take you to an interactive map on the Ohio Division of Wildlife website of Ohio lakes and reservoirs. You can easily access each location's webpage and get directions. Take a look.

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/public-hunting-fishing-wildlife-viewing-areas/lake-and-reservoir-fishing-maps>

There are many other resources available on the ODNR site that are worth exploring.



Schultz Outfitters

Mike Schultz has many videos that may interest you. Check them out . . . <https://www.youtube.com/user/SchultzOutfitters/feed>

He has also been doing some Zoom sessions. So take a look at his site and Facebook page to find out about any new sessions and how to sign up at <http://schultzoutfitters.com/>

New Link Added

I just added a new link Tightlinevideo (<https://www.youtube.com/user/tightlinevideo>) to our [Links](#) page. I often use this site for tying videos. This and [InThe Riffle](#) (already on our site) are among my favorites. ~ Tom Arnold

Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events (canceled until further notice)

While they are canceled as club-sponsored events we have left the schedule here and on the website. The outings were all being held at area parks and many of those parks remain open. Individual members can still elect to fish.

From Five Rivers MetroParks: Following directives from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Public Health, Public Health - Dayton and Montgomery County and the CDC to limit public gatherings, all Five Rivers MetroParks events, programs, shelter and camping reservations and rentals are cancelled **through June 7**. Registered program participants, permit holders, and those with facility rentals and reservations will be notified of the cancellations and full refunds will be issued in the coming days. All volunteer activities also are cancelled. Although all indoor spaces have been closed to the public (**including restrooms**), Five Rivers MetroParks' outdoor parks and trails remain open.

It is recommended visitors take preventative action when visiting the park system, such as self-monitoring and practicing social distancing.

For the most up-to-date information on MetroParks operations, [please visit the MetroParks COVID-19 update page](#).

There are parks that are not part of Five Rivers MetroParks on this list so also watch for any postings that might indicate the park is closed. In all cases take care.

Again, all the outings that were planned are still posted on the [Club Calendar](#) where you will see further information and they are on the MVFF Facebook page in [Events](#).

3/11/2020	Possum Creek Ponds	4790 Frytown Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
3/25/2020	Carriage Hill Park	7800 Shull Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424
4/9/2020	Deer Meadow Park	4321 Pinnacle Rd, Moraine, OH 45439
4/15/2020	Madison Lakes	81 Olive Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
4/22/2020	Eastwood Lagoon	4347 Springfield St, Dayton, OH 45431
4/30/2020	Lofino Park	640 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45430
5/6/2020	Deer Meadow Park	4321 Pinnacle Rd, Moraine, OH 45439
5/14/2020	Rosewood Park	475 Roselake Dr, Centerville, OH 45458
5/20/2020	Wellfield Park	612 River Rd, Union, OH 45322
5/28/2020	Argonne Lake (kayaks)	4790 Frytown Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
6/3/2020	Indian Riffle Park	2900 Glengarry Dr, Kettering, OH 45420
6/10/2020	Lofino Park	640 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45430
6/18/2020	Arthur Fisher Park	5661 Dayton-Liberty Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
6/24/2020	Miami View Park	5911 Munger Rd, Dayton, OH 45459
7/1/2020	Stubbs Park	255 W Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458
7/9/2020	Rip Rap Road Park (wading)	6858 Rip Rap Rd, Dayton OH
7/15/2020	New Park (kayaks)	Old Springfield Road, Vandalia, OH 45377
7/23/2020	Oak Grove Park	1790 E Social Row Rd, Dayton, OH 45458
7/29/2020	Delco Park	1700 Iron Horse Trail, Kettering, OH 45429
8/5/2020	Rosewood Park	475 Roselake Dr, Centerville, OH 45458
8/12/2020	Oak Grove Park	1790 E Social Row Rd, Dayton, OH 45458
8/19/2020	Eastwood Lake (boats)	1385 Harshman Rd, Dayton, OH 45431
8/27/2020	Arthur Fisher Park	5661 Dayton-Liberty Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
9/9/2020	Dr. Michael Bowers Lake (kayaks, long portage)	Wenger Road, Englewood, OH 45322
9/23/2002	Delco Park	1700 Iron Horse Trail, Kettering, OH 45429
10/8/2020	Carriage Hill Park	7800 Shull Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424
10/21/2020	Kiser Lake (Boats, no motors)	4889 OH-235, Conover, OH 45317



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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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CALENDAR

All events are canceled for the time-being. We have left those events, such as the Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings, on the schedule. They will not happen as a club activity until it is appropriate to do so. They are left there in case you want to individually go out to a park to fish. Ken Davy has included info for each outing on the fishing potential at these waters and there are links to a map for each location.

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/>

Membership List & Directory Updated

The member list has been updated. Members who have not paid their 2020 dues have been removed from the roster and from the club's email notification list.

Members who have not paid their 2020 dues and who had registered on the website have had their accounts deleted so they cannot log in to the site. If your account was deleted and you subsequently renew you will have to re-register.

If you have questions about your membership status contact Karen Via, Secretary.

Badges and Lanyards

Many of the newly designed member badges were distributed at recent meetings and those who have not received them will have to wait until we eventually resume meetings.

Karen Via reports that she will have lanyards for the badges, again to be available once we get back to the meetings.

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