

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



June Meeting Canceled

In keeping with guidelines regarding social distancing and making every effort to keep members safe the June 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 (updated May 18th) 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 (our contact information is on page 2)

The GREAT Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge

Register now for the first ever GREAT Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge on the Great Miami River. Hosted by the Great Miami Riverway and the National Association of Professional River Anglers (NAPRA), this is a family-friendly, virtual fishing tournament. The Challenge runs the entire month of June.

This is a catch and release tournament only. Anglers can fish anywhere on the Great Miami River from Sidney to Hamilton, Ohio. Fishing is a great way to social distance and still get outside. There is no better river for smallmouth bass fishing than the Great Miami River. Win prizes for your record catch!

During the tournament, anglers will use the iAngler Tournament app to photograph their catch and record basic information while on the water. All Ohio fishing regulations apply. Unlimited number of fish entries.

Registration Fee: \$25.00

More information and challenge rules can be found at <https://mailchi.mp/greatmiamiriverway.com/smallmouthbassfishingchallenge?e=ba1220fa83>

President's Thoughts ...



Hello again,

I trust everyone is doing well at this time. I haven't heard from anyone who is sick or in need of anything. That being said, in a 1 to 3 vote, the board has decided to not have a meeting in June. I am hopeful that in July we will be back to somewhat normal and restart our monthly meetings up again.

The trip to Canada has been cancelled at this time. Everyone involved should have received notice by now. Please contact Jim Calvert with any questions. The trip to Wyoming is still on track. Per my contact there, everything has been cleared by the State of Wyoming to proceed as planned. I can hardly wait to check out a few of the rivers there. I will be sending everyone that signed up an email soon. The trip is full at this time. The trip to Baldwin is still on track at the moment. We are waiting on the State up north to finalize everything.

Thanks to everyone with whom I have had a pleasure to fish with this past month. A special thanks to Greg Ogdan for the day on the boat at Caesar Creek.

Tightlines,

Eric Rice
President MVFF

Eric had a great day on the Mad recently . . . netting a 26" brown! Here's the post on the Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter FB page - <https://bit.ly/2XGI4yj>

Notes from the Library

June 2020



From Patagonia Press, Mark Kurlansky's *Salmon: a Fish, the Earth, and the History of Their Common Fate* comes to our library. An uncommon writing of the relationship of one of the world's most widely dispersed species, the effects of mans' altering of their common environment, and the hopeful survival of both. Anyone who fishes responsibly also cares for the physical world in which they work and /or sport. Written skillfully to encourage reading and comprehension, Mr. Kurlansky mixes history and common-sense insight to bring the life cycle of the salmon in focus with the effects our changing environment causes its decline and restoration in rivers and oceans, its place in our food chain, and its status as a harbinger of our future.

Alaska is the only state to have protections for its fish hatcheries written into the state constitution, though there are salmon hatchery rivers in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, and the New England states. The idea of a sustainable natural hatchery through use of a maximum sustainable yield count first was used in New Jersey in the 1930s. The thought then being that more salmon would be hatched than was necessary to keep the entire returning population large enough to continually reproduce a sustainable population. This allowed biologists to determine how many salmon commercial fishermen could harvest each year without diminishing the hatchery.

Mr. Kurlansky weaves an honest web of personal stories from fishermen, scientists, sportsmen, and legislators who all have been touched by involvement in preservation, from a livelihood of fishing, or the sport of fishing salmon. We are fortunate to add such quality scholarship to our MVFF Library.

If you have twenty minutes to enjoy a video of a simple trout fisherman in the Italian Alps fishing with a homemade horse hair line, hemlock pole, and mockingbird feather flies, *Il Pescatore Completo* is online at Patigonia.com. Check it out. J.W.

New to the Library: *Guide to Trout Streams in the Catskill Mountains*

"You consider something complete not when you can add nothing more, but when you can take nothing away." Casey Sheahan

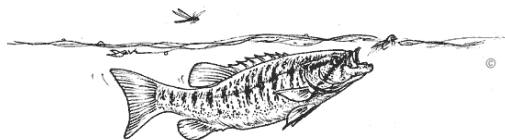
Check it out. J.W.

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There's been a lot of activity on the FFI site this year. The Dispatch for FFI HQ email campaign has kept FFI members informed -

<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational/the-dispatch-from-ffi-hq-991490?e=51dfa68568>

The FFI Live Online series has been very popular and the previously recorded sessions are now available. Fly fishing, casting, and tying experts provided entertaining and instructive live online discussions and fly fishing talk. Below are the previously recorded sessions of FFI Live Online.....

https://flyfishersinternational.org/Events/FFI-Online/Previous-Webcasts?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=FFIOnline

MVFF is an Affiliate Club of [Fly Fishers International](#) and there are some of us individual MVFFers who have been FFI members for years. You might consider supporting this great organization by becoming an individual member.

Tying Videos Added to Our Facebook Page

Frank Cox has added another fly tying video to our Facebook page. You really need to check this out. Frank is doing a great job on these videos.



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

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

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

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

Then he did Scotty's McFly.

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

His latest is the Flashback Wiggle Stone.

<https://www.facebook.com/225886330815316/videos/885085921960299/>

We're guessing there will be more. Keep it up Frank!

June Fly of the Month



Instructions by Bill
"Woody" Woodward

Photography by
Bob Cain

1. Cut a short (approximately 3/4") piece of tubing. Push a bobbin threader through the hollow tubing and insert a small clump (4-5 strands) of midge flash through the end of the threader. **(NOTE: Use the smallest wire threader you can find to avoid problems pulling the flash through the tubing.)** Pull the flash back through the tubing. Once the flash has exited the tubing a short distance, cut the flash between the threader and the tubing so that a small clump remains projecting out of the tubing. **This clump will form the tail** at the end of the Sac Fry's body. Trim the excess flash at the other end of the tubing flush with the end of the tubing.
2. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and form a **short** thread base behind the hook eye.
3. Tie in the preformed "body" from step 1 on top of the hook shank on top of the thread base just behind the hook eye. **(The tubing will probably have a natural curvature to it, so tie in the body so that it curves upward.)** Ensure that the tail clump of the "body" is projecting out over the hook bend.
4. Cover the butt end of the tubing with tight thread wraps forming a somewhat bulky thread base behind the hook eye.

Sac Fry

Recipe

Hook.....TMC 2457, size 12
Thread.....White 6/0
Body Tubing.....Clear or Tan Ultra Lace Tubing (Hollow)
Body Insert and Tail...Pearl Midge Flash or Pearl Angel Hair
Egg Sac.....Glo Bug Yarn or equivalent, your choice of color
Eyes.....Silver primatic 3-D stick-on eyes
Epoxy.....Devcon 5 Minute Epoxy or equivalent

5. Now take a short length of egg yarn and fold it over creating a teardrop shaped loop with no open space in the middle. **(If the egg yarn is too thick, you may wish to divide it in half and fold just one half to create the loop.)** Tie the loose ends of this loop in beneath the hook shank at the **back end of thread base from step 4**. Ensure that the folded end of the loop faces toward the hook point. **(The yarn loop should be long and bulky enough to cover the remaining bare hook if it is pushed upward against the hook shank.)** Trim any excess yarn butts behind the hook eye and repeat the thread build-up of step 4 as you bind down and cover the butts of the yarn. This should form a bulky thread head.
6. Whip finish and cut the thread.
7. Attach a stick-on eye on each side of the thread head. Make sure that there is a slight bit of the thread head showing between the hook eye and the front edge of each eye. **(It is suggested that you use super glue, epoxy, or some similar cement to help hold the eyes in place.)** Let the eyes dry in place.
8. Now use a bodkin or needle to apply a coat of epoxy to the entire head of the fly. Be sure to turn the fly until the epoxy sets to avoid any sagging. **YOU'RE DONE!!**

Little Miami River Clean Up

Little Miami River Kleeners (LMRK) is excited to present our 2020 version of the June River Clean Up.

Due to the virus and the continually changing guidelines by state and local health officials, LMRK has decided on a "Do It Yourself" River Clean Up for 2020. We request that between June 6 and June 20, families and small groups go out to the river and pick up trash. Please report back to LMRK the amount of trash you pick up and send us photos to info@lmriverkleeners.org

To register, please click this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfAb_Ua4QF4GmXjCASYJ-ZKL_3f_h_x6sDf-VltfpycuHCSA/viewform

You may register through June 18 for the clean up. For more information and guidelines on the clean up, please click this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xEvSgpEkHIQQ--8bV6-VCRZN3XHpl8yhGS0imJWzQb8/edit>

As state and local requirements change, we will update our guidelines and send out an email to those who have registered with the new information. Please email info@lmriverkleeners.org if you have any questions.

We appreciate all the help and support you can give LMRK to keep our beautiful river clean.

LMRK Board Members
lmriverkleeners.org





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, check out ProjectHealingWaters.org. There's lots of good information to find in exploring this site including virtual classes.

ODNR Division of Wildlife

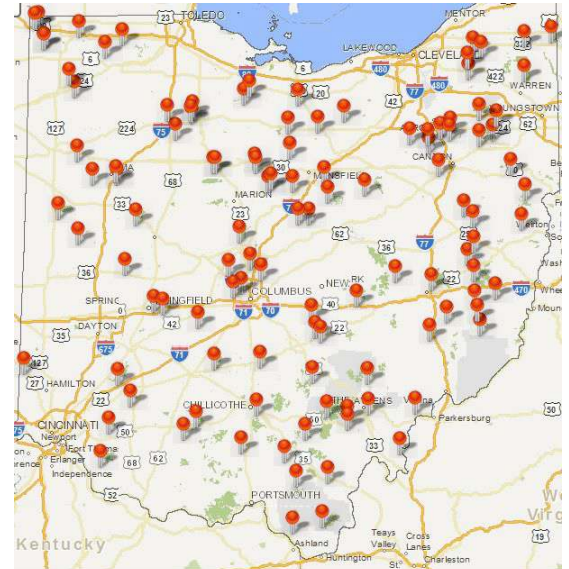
Find a Place to Go Fishing

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.



MVFF Website Stuff

We now have 107 registered members, representing nearly 65% of the adult membership. 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.

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 or go to the Club Contacts page to get in contact with board members and other key club contacts.

Forum

The forum was included in the new design of the website as some members had expressed an interest in this capability. However,

there has been almost no activity on the forum to date. It's there for those who want to communicate among members and can become more useful as more members register on the site. Only registered members have access to the forum.

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

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



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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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.

Help!

We have had some very good articles from members in prior issues. It would be great if more of you would submit materials. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment

tips or some other knowledge you would like to share. Or you have run across interesting websites you think others might also enjoy. We would welcome the contributions.

Also, If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact info is on this page. Thanks.

~ Tom Arnold

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