

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



Next Meeting July 13th

Dayton FOP Shelter /
Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (Meal Price - \$10.00)

Make your dinner reservation online . . . [HERE](#) by July 8th

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for our next outdoor meeting and enjoy a grilled meal, camaraderie, and the casting competition!

Library DVD Mailing Option

The new capability we have added, the mailing of DVDs, for this very unusual time is still available. 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.

Jeff & Cindy (our contact information is on page 3)



There's been a lot of activity on the FFI site this year. The Dispatch from FFI HQ email campaign has kept FFI members informed. Sign up for email notifications at the bottom of their home page - <https://flyfishersinternational.org>

Also, the FFI Live Online series has been very popular and the previously recorded sessions are now available. Fly fishing, casting, and tying experts providing entertaining and instructive live online discussions and fly fishing talk. You can view previously recorded sessions of FFI Live Online at

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/FFI-Online>

(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.)

President's Thoughts ...



Fellow Members,

Good news!! As many of you have requested we are going to have a meeting July 13th at the FOP in Huber Heights. Reservations are going to be required if you wish to have a meal. Make your dinner reservation at <https://mvff.us/reservation/> by July 8th. Show up even if you don't wish to have dinner. We plan on a normal raffle and casting competition. Rods will be wiped down between casters.

The following guidelines will apply for the meeting:

1. If you are or have been sick, had a temperature, or traveled out of state in the previous 2 weeks prior to the meeting please refrain from attending.
2. We recommend you wear a mask.
3. If you are not comfortable with being out and about we understand.
4. Respect others – practice social distancing.
5. Bring a lawn chair if you can so we can spread out for dinner and the meeting. Picnic tables will be available and set 6 feet apart at minimum. A max of 6 people per table. We will have a few canopies set up as well.

The Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience in October has been cancelled. Also the Cedarville girls outing in July has been postponed till next year.

The fish are still biting regardless of what's going on with the human race. I was fortunate to get out with a few new people this last month. Hope you all have as well.

The Yellowstone trip is still on schedule. There may be a few openings for Michigan. Get with Jim Calvert if you are interested.

Tightlines,

Eric Rice
MVFF President

FFI Issues Updated Guidance on COVID-19 & Safety

BY FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL IN ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The world has changed dramatically since March 16th when Fly Fishers International issued guidance on Covid-19 to members, clubs, and councils on official FFI meetings, events, and workshops. At the time, there was tremendous uncertainty about the trajectory of the pandemic, only a small handful of states had issued restrictions on activities, and the Center For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had just announced blanket guidance on a national level. FFI leadership felt it was the most responsible action to postpone or cancel official FFI events until further notice. We have learned a lot since then.

During the intervening time, states have taken varying approaches to deal with the pandemic, the outcomes of these distinctive measures have had differing effects, and there has been extreme variability on the impact to communities around the country and the world. CDC guidance has evolved to the point where it is now challenging to view blanket guidance as applicable to all states and communities around the country. It would not be reasonable to provide the same restrictions for rural Montana as metropolitan New York.

WHAT'S NEXT

So where do we go from here? We know that people are excited to get back together with friends at club and council meetings, spend time on the water, and enjoy social events, but we need to be cautious. FFI is now providing updated guidance that reflects the variability of circumstances based on geography, considers human health, and allows FFI members to find ways to safely engage within their communities.

- FFI clubs and councils must defer to health experts, following official, location-specific state and local regulations provided by respective health departments. This may include recommendations regarding acceptability and size of gatherings, travel restrictions, use of personal protective equipment, social distancing guidelines, and other precautions.
- It is further recommended that all FFI club and council event organizers wait at least 15 days from the announcement of relaxed restrictions to assess impacts before moving forward with activities. This allows time to assess whether these new restrictions adversely affect the Covid-19 case rate, and reduces the likelihood of planning an event only to cancel it due to adverse outcomes.
- FFI will continue with the current policy to cancel or postpone all international and centrally sponsored events through July 31 (International Expo, exam, and exam preparation events). Such events already scheduled after July 31st can be evaluated on a case by case basis, again deferring to local health and safety recommendations.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are some additional safety recommendations regarding local fly fishing, casting, tying or administrative events:

- Please remember that all face to face gatherings carry risk, regardless of size, and assess that risk against the importance of the event. Airline travel to and from events may pose risk for many travelers and as well those in the destination community. Gatherings that can be accomplished by telephone and videoconferencing remain preferred.
- Please request that potential participants exclude themselves if they have or may have been exposed to Covid-19 within 2 weeks prior to the event, have a pending Covid-19 test, or have symptoms such as fever or cough.
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet apart from one another and wear facial coverings, even outside. Facial coverings really do reduce the spread of infectious respiratory droplets transmitted by speech (especially loud speech), cough and sneezing.
- Frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizers, and disinfectant wipes are an important part of reducing infection.
- Equipment, such as fly rods, fly tying materials, etc. should not be shared. If gear is shared for some unavoidable reason, it and the user's hands should be disinfected after use with disinfectant wipes or 70% alcohol solution.
- Participants at gatherings should bring their own snacks, food, and water. If a meal must be served, individual packaging ("box lunch") is far safer than a buffet or "grab and go" scenario.

Trout Unlimited Guidance

Here's what Trout Unlimited recommends for responsible fishing, given what we know about the threats posed by the coronavirus outbreak and the COVID-19 disease:

- Practice appropriate social distancing. The Centers for Disease Control recommend keeping six feet between you and other people. We'll make it even easier — stay a rod's length apart.
- Wear a face covering when you come into contact with other anglers. A Buff or a mask can help keep you safe, and it's a sign of respect for others who are trying to stay healthy during these trying times.
- Avoid fishing from boats if you can — it's tough to maintain social distance in a boat. If you must fish from a boat, remember to cover your nose and mouth with a mask or a gaiter.
- Fish local. Stay close to home.
- Drive to the river separately if you're meeting a fishing buddy. Better yet, consider fishing alone (where that's safe, of course).
- If you don't feel well, or are running a temperature, it's best to stay home.

Notes from the Library

July 2020

Three books, two videos, one online course. As easy as 3-2-1. We are strengthened by the resources we keep available. *Smallmouth Bass and Streams* by John Tertuliani, *Fly Fishing Small Streams* by John Gierach, and the updated and expanded edition of *Trout Tactics* by Joe Humphreys. *Selectivity: Trout* (DVD), the theory & method of fly fishing for fussy trout by Matt Supinski, *Where the Yellowstone Goes* (DVD) produced by Trout Headwaters, Inc. "The Catch and the Hatch Entomology" course.

There that is the what! So let's turn things around and start with an online entomology course. Yes it costs (\$199 for the course and lifetime access through your favorite device including smart phone). Yes you will be amazed at what you learn and how it will help you see and fish your favorite stream better. No. Some things you have to invest in yourself. But we do have books and

videos in our MVFF library to help that are free to be checked out.

Where the Yellowstone Goes is as much about 30 days of extraordinary fishing as about the preservation of that fragile environment. *Selectivity: Trout* is the latest of Matt Supinski's videos on trout fishing. Matt was a guest speaker at MVFF. This DVD has been recommended by several members and is out on loan more than on the shelf!

Humphreys, Gierach, and Tertuliani, are authors that are world-renowned. Though each of these books can easily be read within an hour, the information will remain for a lifetime of fishing. *Trout Tactics* was bought and added to the library after several members who were familiar with an earlier edition suggested the expanded version. Thank you to all who regularly recommend new and updated materials. Check it out. J.W.

MVFF Librarian contacts:

Jeff & Cindy Davis

E-mail: davis4994@gmail.com

The Open Creel

If someone asked why there was fresh moss in my creel I would say for the fresh trout. The best moss grows uphill from the best streams and on the north side of the river birch; damp from the night dew, full and spongy, gray-green and smelling of the earth. I once asked, as a child, my grandfather why there was a hole in the wicker basket hanging at the back door with his rubber hip highs.

"A creel", was his reply, "has a hole to put fish in".

"But why don't they crawl back out" I persisted.

Taking a draw on his Cornish pipe and looking far off into the distance as the exhaled smoke wrapped around him in a sage's wreath, he squinted his gray eyes a couple of times, patted my foolish head and double jumped my checkers for a king's ransom.

(submitted by Jeff Davis)

Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings are starting up, which means it's time to test those casting skills. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod (you use a club rod). There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Everyone is welcome!

Casting Competition Cut-Off Time

Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No casting will be allowed after 7:00 PM. The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early. It should hopefully allow us enough time to eat dinner too.

Casting Competition – July is the Roll Cast

Starting with the fly in ring #1, each caster is allowed 15 casts to score in all five targets. Any target not scored is a demerit of 2 points. The highest score with the lowest number of casts wins.

Casting Competition Guidelines

The monthly competitions, Divisions, and scoring guidelines can be found on the club website in the

Club Documents section of this page - <https://mvff.us/reference-articles/>

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good Luck!

Bob Zitney



July 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. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back in tight touching turns to the start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base.
2. Cut a 3" or 4" strip of foam 1/8th inch wide, then cut a point on one end. Tie the strip in by the pointed end at the hook bend. Bind down the butt end of the foam point with tight thread wraps and return the thread to the hook bend. (The length of the foam should extend out over the hook bend.) Ensure the foam is on the top of the hook shank.
3. Wrap the thread forward to a point 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye and let the thread hang. Grasp the foam strip and pull it forward firmly and tie it down with several tight thread wraps at the point where you left the thread. This forms the abdomen of the spider. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THE REMAINING FOAM STRIP!** Advance the thread in 1-2 wraps to slightly behind the hook eye and let the thread hang.

Tying Materials for Sale

Long-time MVFF member Bob Cain donated quite a bit of fly tying material to the club. It is all good quality stuff too. I am planning on bringing it to the July meeting and set it out on a table - away from the crowds! We are asking that anyone who would like some of it would make a donation to the club in an amount that reflects the quality and quantity of what they take. They can make the donation by check or cash at the meeting. No IOUs!

~ JD Dukes

Tying Kit Returns

If you had rented a fly tying kit for the 2020 classes you can return it to me at the July 13th meeting and I will return your check at that time.

~ Frank Cox

Li'l Foam Spider

Recipe

Hook Dry, size 14
Thread Olive/Black/Brown/Red 8/0
Underbody..... Thread
Body 2mm Foam Strip, 1/8th inch wide
Legs Round White Rubber
Small Head Thread

4. Now pull the remaining foam strip forward to right behind the hook eye and tie it down with several tight thread wraps forming a thorax.
5. Trim off the remaining foam strip, form a small thread head, do a whip finish and cut the thread.
6. Reattach the thread on top of the thread wraps at the front of the abdomen. Cut two 2" pieces of rubber legging. Tie one strip at its middle on each side of the body in front of the abdomen, keeping the thread wraps on top of each other. This should give you 2 legs on each side of the fly. Whip finish the thread and cut it. Apply head cement to the thread wraps, if desired. Trim the legs so that they are no longer than the hook shank.

Note: Because of its small size, this fly will not always float on the surface but will instead sink to about 1-2 inches below the surface. Bluegill and crappie seem to find this aspect irresistible. Use a slow retrieve. Unless you're good at line watching, it is recommended that you use a strike indicator.

Tying Videos On Our FB Page

Frank Cox has put several of his fly tying videos on our Facebook page. They include Ken's Crazy Ant - Modified

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

Kelly Galloup's BWO Nymph

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

Scotty's McFly

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

Flashback Wiggle Stone

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

Great work Frank!

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



The MVFF 2020 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program has been on hold since March when the lockdown orders were instituted. We were in the midst of the rod building classes at the time.

There are still no plans for starting activities back up. 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 the spread of Covid-19. Given current trends that isn't likely to happen any time soon. The fishing outings, which we would normally be having, 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.



Little Miami River Clean Sweep picks up 2,000 pounds of trash

Event has been held annually since 2010

The coronavirus pandemic did not stop the [Little Miami River Kleeners](#) from continuing their annual efforts to protect the river.

The group pulled about 2,000 pounds of trash from the Little Miami River in a two-week period that ended Saturday. The annual Clean Sweep usually takes place on one day. But to allow volunteers to maintain social distance this year, the group asked families to sign up for specific areas of the river and to pick a day between June 6 and June 20.



About 171 people participated, and they spread over an area stretching from John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs south to Morrow. Some cleaned from canoes while others walked the banks of the river.

Read the full article in the June 28, 2020 Dayton Daily News.

<https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/little-miami-river-clean-sweep-picks-000->

Some serious fishing going on!

A number of members have been getting out on the water recently and it looks as though the fishing has been good. We've put the photos on Facebook for you to see and envy!

https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/?tab=album&album_id=4012277165509528



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.

MVFF Board

President

Eric Rice
(937) 215-2046
edrconstruction@yahoo.com

Vice President

JD Dukes
(410) 858-0440
sailing63@aol.com

Secretary

Karen Via
(937) 620-7863
karenbw@hotmail.com

Treasurer

Kathy Williams
(937) 623-8283
justmekw@gmail.com

Tightlines Editor

Tom Arnold
tarnoldjr@me.com

Website

mvff.us

Clipart courtesy of the artist,
Dave Whitlock.
davewhitlock.com



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 be able to get them at the upcoming meeting.

Karen Via reports that she will have lanyards for the badges, again to be available at 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

Support Our Local Shops & Those Who Support MVFF

Fisherman's Headquarters
142 S. Keowee St.
Dayton, Ohio 45402
937.222.2224
fishermanshq.net

ReelFlyRod.com
7635 Wilmington Pike
Dayton, Ohio 45458
937.434.8472
ReelFlyRod.com

Mad River Outfitters
813 Bethel Rd.
Coplumbus, Ohio 43214
614.451.0363
madriveroutfitters.com

SmithFly
211 E. Water St.
Troy, Ohio 45373
937.335.7400
smithfly.net

Great Miami Outfitters
Cross Pointe Shopping Center
101 E. Alex Bell Rd. #140
Centerville, Ohio 45459
937.938.5009
greatmiamioutfitters.com



FLY FISHERS
INTERNATIONAL
Affiliate Club

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