

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



Next Meeting November 9th

Presidential Banquet Center
4548 Presidential Way, Kettering

PLEASE NOTE: The room we will be meeting in will depend on how many dinner reservations we have for this upcoming meeting. So please make your reservation as soon as possible. We will let you know where we will meet on our website and by email. Masks are required when entering and leaving the facility and as you move about the room.

(Directions on Website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
(Meal price is \$15.00)

NOTE: If you had a standing reservation for the outdoor meetings, that is no longer valid. If you want a standing reservation for the indoor meetings you must make a new one.

Make your dinner reservation at <https://mvff.us/reservation/> by 8:00 p.m. on November 5th. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

November Speaker



Our November speaker will be Jonathan Horn who will be presenting "The Wisconsin Driftless: Coldwater stream restoration best explored with flyrod in-hand".

The Coon Valley in western Wisconsin was the site of one of the first soil and water conservation projects in the U.S. (1930s).

Since that first success, the region's spring creeks have been gradually restored, resulting in hundreds of little creeks with 1000's of fish per mile! Even better, many farmers invite you to fish their property! The fishing is consistent all summer long without crowds or drift boats to contend with and the terrestrial fishing can be downright incredible! You owe it to yourself to experience it at least once.

Fishing Bio: Jon is an avid outdoorsman and biologist - whose love of fly fishing trumps all other pursuits. By the age of 10 he had read the entire Trout (The Hunting and Fishing Library) and fell in love with the aesthetic of trout streams. With the help of a few other books, he taught himself (and his older brother) how to

President's Thoughts ...

Howdy friends,

I have been sitting here looking through all the pictures of the salmon trip



to Michigan. WOW! We all had a great year this go around. Lots of fresh fish and lots of laughs with the group. Both Jim Calvert and Paula Smith have articles this month telling more.

The first indoor meeting of the year went off without any problems. It was a little different with a Zoom speaker, but all in all went well. We were well-spaced with tables further apart and fewer seats at each.

The Flybrary has been going well. Any additional flies that you want to share would be greatly appreciated.

Elections will be held at the November meeting. Anyone interested in running for vice president please let me know.

Anyone interested in going on the Yellowstone trip in 2021 please get me a deposit of \$200.00 by the December meeting if you can. They are asking for a down payment to reserve the camp for the first week in August. I've had quite a few inquiries and it will be first come first reserved. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those interested or you can send me an email at edrconstruction@yahoo.com.

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Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Eric Rice, MVFF President

fly fish, and they spent summers catching local warmwater species, studying stream ecology, and eventually learning the Clear Fork trout fishery. He now has degrees in biology and environmental science and works for the Biology program at Ohio State. He also teaches fly fishing each term at OSU and serves as a board member for Central Ohio Fly Fishers. When not working or teaching, he travels with family and friends to fish, hunt, bird, hike, taste wines, enjoy craft brew and is an avid budget-minded explorer.



2020 Michigan Salmon Trip

How many fishing trips have you been on where the story is that you should have been there the previous week or you were too



early for the best fishing. How about the weather turns bad as soon as you arrive. Then sometimes the fish can't be located or the ones you find have 'lockjaw'. All the above has happened to all of us from time to time.

Well I'm pleased to report none of the above happened to us on the salmon trip to Michigan a few weeks ago. As a matter of fact we had pretty much the perfect trip this year. Our 24 fishermen checked in to Barothy Lodge on Sunday, October 4th and everything fell into place. We also had 6 of our Club Ladies camping in Baldwin as well. The weather was beautiful and got nicer every day we were there. The rain hit the previous week which brought a fresh run of migrating salmon upstream to meet us and more fresh salmon arrived every day.

I have been going up to fish the 'run' on the Pere Marquette River for almost 25 years now and have only seen more fish in the river once or twice, but have never seen more 'big' fish in the river before. The average fish this year was probably over 20 lbs. and there were more fish pushing 30 lbs. than you could count. Good hookups were plentiful and breakoffs and straightened hooks were

frequent. Just like the great line in *Jaws* when they see the shark and say "we need a bigger boat", I heard it said more than once this year that "We need a bigger net!" to land some of these fish.

If you have not experienced this fishing, I can only tell you that you are missing a great time fighting and trying to land big fish in a natural river environment on the fly rod. While fishing for the salmon we also caught a good number of brown trout that hit our flies and one or two steelhead that were feeding on the salmon eggs. I would love to tell you how many Kings we landed for the week, but we did not keep track of the numbers. I know we landed well over a hundred salmon for our group.

My estimation is that the most fish were landed by Eric Rice, followed closely by Phil Ritter. I netted fish for both of them that probably topped 30 lbs. You might check out the many great pictures posted on our MVFF Facebook page.

After fishing all day long, the evenings at the lodges were a great time. Our evening dinners were fabulous and the stories and laughs were plentiful. I was with the group of 14 at Long Lodge, but I stopped by to check on the 10 guys at Turkey Lodge a couple of times and have a "cup of coffee" with them after dinner, and I believe they spiked my coffee as I staggered back to Long Lodge to plan for the next day's fishing.

I know it will be a stretch to expect to top the trip next year, but we can always hope. I also know it can't get here soon enough!

~ Jim Calvert



The MVFF annual trip to fish for salmon was one of the best ever. Ccheck out the photos on this Facebook album - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set?vanity=MiamiValleyFlyFishers&set=a.4577256309011608>

Pere Marquette

For the last several years the MVFF ladies have gone to Salmon Camp in Baldwin, MI. There is nothing else like catching a big hog on the Pere Marquette River. The salmon just keep getting bigger each year.

This year was a bit different with the COVID-19. Luckily the only fever we had was to go catch some big salmon. We like to start the week off getting a guide boat to see where the fish are holding up and of course being in the boat gives us better access to those spots where wading is difficult. Plus, you have the guide to run and net that beast you just fought for 20 minutes.

There were several of us who brought significant others and who shared the excitement and already are discussing coming back next year. Ken French built a 10 weight rod for my trip, not only was it "purdy", but I landed some 25-30+ pounders. He had the first fish on to start off the trip. It's exciting for everyone when there is "fish on". Sam and TJ landed some big fish in their boat as well.

Kathy and Karen, they seem to have the skill down, those fish find that hook as soon as it hits the river. You know why it's called chuck and duck, when that line breaks off one of those strong salmon you better duck, it might just knock you out.

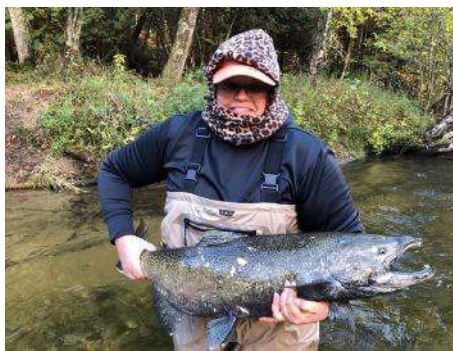
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~ Paula Smith

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.



One of the best years on the Pere Marquette River. 30 MVFF members had a great week.

October Raffle

Our first fall indoor meeting yielded a successful October Raffle. Eight items were awarded to the following masked attendees:

- Mike Browne opted for a Redington Butter Stick 3 Pc. Rod, 8 Ft./6 Wt. & Case
- John Warner chose the Redington Sand 5/6 Reel
- Jim Calvert got a Fishpond Blue River Chest Pack
- Greg Ogdan chose a Simms Back Saver Wading Belt
- Jennifer McIntosh decided on the Classic Fly Fisher Tankard filled with Whiting Grizzly Hackles, Short-Fine Deer Hair, Rabbit Tan Dubbing & 50 Daiichi Dry Fly Size 14 Hooks
- Eric Rice took the Royal Wulff Fly Trail Mug and a package of Grace Fish Tea Soup Mix
- John Young nabbed the Orvis Tactical Nymph Taper Line & bag of Orange Foam Flies
- Dave Williams was awarded a new MVFF Club Hat

Thanks to all who participated. Looking forward to November's raffle, which promises to produce a cornucopia of quality items for your future fly fishing adventures! Stay safe one and all.

~ Jana Champ

Notes from the Library

November 2020

Sitting here in the MVFF library closet I am aware of how vast amounts of writing and video are available today for the fly fisherman, even to the extent that if standing in a not so remote stream he/she could actually acquire information on the local weather, suggested guide to local flies and hatches, to reading what local fishermen suggest (that one may be touchy) just by pressing a few buttons on the smart phone. All of us would prefer the action to the summation.

Shawn Johnson has, as previously noted in *Tightlines*, come up with a unique idea on sharing effective fish-catching flies via the Flybrary. This collection of flies submitted by members, which includes the old standards and variations of those reliable flies, but also member-created flies, are now part of the monthly library display at MVFF meetings. Your contributions to or use of these flies is encouraged. Keep them coming. Ken Norton has

contributed a Foam Ant on a #14 hook, John Young a John's Zonker on a #4, and we are certain that this is what Shawn uses at the summer meetings at the F.O.P., a Bungee-Legged Spider on a #18. (Shawn says inventors of that particular fly were former MVFF members, Anthony & Jeffrey Back. Anthony used the material from bungee cords for the legs which he found quite effective for bluegill [as has Shawn]. Become a part of this fun and interesting challenge.

A Reading List:

Lake Fishing with a Fly - Ron Cordes & Randall Kaufmann
Trout Tips - Kirk Deeter
The Reel Sisters - Michelle Cummings
Slack Line: Strategies for Fly Fishing - John Judy
Ten Classic Streams of Michigan - Gerth Hendrickson

We have a selection of VHS tapes on all things fly fishing. If there is a club member who has a VHS player who would like this collection, we will donate it to your good health and improved fishing skills. Check it out. J.W.

2021 MVFF Beginner Fly Tying Class

It is now time to sign up for the 2021 Beginner Fly Tying Class. The class is free to members as one of the many benefits of MVFF membership. This is going to be a basic class for those new members and members that would like to learn how to tie flies that missed out on some previous classes.

The class will be on Tuesdays starting January 5, 2021 and will be held weekly for 8 weeks. The class will run from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (Past classes have run 12 weeks, but it was the consensus of those who have assisted in previous classes that 12 weeks was too long and we kept losing people in the classes. So we will try the 8 week version this time.)

Classes will be held at Rona Community Church, 1082 Rona Parkway Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324 as in recent years.

There are several changes that must be made to conduct fly tying classes. We are trying to adapt to the current conditions so we can continue to provide on a limited basis what has been provided in the past years. We currently have fewer volunteers to assist in class due to Covid-19 and health concerns this year and must adjust to accommodate this new reality.

- All members and guests must wear a protective face covering in class.
- If you have a cold, a temperature or feel sick in any way it is recommended that you do not attend class that day.
- We will have hand sanitizer available.
- We will maintain a protective distance as much as possible while helping or assisting individuals that need help.

It is easy to sign up. You may register by telephone or by email (email is preferred) or by signing up at the November or December MVFF meetings. Call me at 937-603-1312 (cell) and leave me a voicemail or email at fcx@woh.rr.com (again, this is the preferred means of contact). Class sign-up information needed is as follows: Name, email, home address, and phone number - *and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one.*

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$75.00. The rental fee is returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. Please let me 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 to Fisherman's Headquarters on Keowee Street in Dayton or Reel Fly Rod in Bellbrook, where you can receive a discount for being a MVFF member. You may also purchase kits online or from other fly shops.

If possible, we will try to provide some intermediate classes via Facebook Live or some other virtual option.

On the next page is a class schedule so you can see what we will cover to help you decide if this class is for you.

~ Frank Cox

November 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 to the middle of the hook shank.
2. Cut a 3" to 4" piece of gold oval tinsel and tie one end in at the middle of the hook shank. Keeping the tinsel on top of the hook shank, wrap over the tinsel back to the beginning of the hook shank. Let the thread hang. Do not trim off the remainder of the tinsel as it will become the rib of the fly.
3. Lightly dub a section of the thread with dubbing, then wrap the dubbed thread forward to slightly behind the hook eye forming a slim body. Let the thread hang.
4. Now wrap the tinsel rib forward over the dubbed body in evenly spaced wraps to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess tinsel. Let the thread hang.

March Brown Spider

Recipe

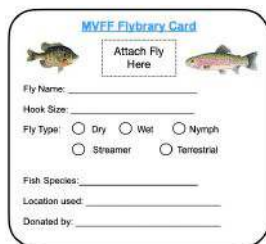
- Hook Dry, size 12-18
 Thread Black, Brown, Red, or Orange 8/0
 Rib Small Oval Gold Tinsel or Small Gold Wire
 Abdomen Hare's Mask Dubbing, Natural or Dark Brown
 Wing Mottled Brown Hen or Partridge Feather

5. Select a suitably sized hackle feather (the barbs should reach back to either the hook bend or the hook point, at your option), strip off the fluff and stroke the barbs back toward the base of the feather. Tie the feather in by the tip at the front of the dubbed body and make 2-3 wraps moving toward the hook eye, then tie off the feather and remove any excess. (It is suggested that you stroke the barbs back toward the hook bend with each wrap to avoid tying down any barbs.)
6. Form a small thread head, whipfinish, and cut the thread. Apply a small drop of head cement at your option. (When forming the thread head, stroke the hackle fibers back toward the hook bend and wrap over their bases slightly to ensure that the fibers bend back over the dubbed body.)

The MVFF Flybrary

No, this is not a typo.

The "Flybrary" is an idea I stumbled upon while reading a flyfishing website this Spring. What it involves is a manner in which members and/or guests can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. I can't tell you how many times someone has given me a fly and they have no clue the name of the fly, or how it's used, or the actual effectiveness of the fly. By sharing flies using the "Flybrary," all of those hurdles are overcome.



How the Flybrary works is by establishing a box displayed at our monthly meetings with cards in it. A person wishing to share a fly with others, gets a card, fills out some information about the fly, attaches the fly to the card, and returns it to the box. When another person sees a fly they might want to use, they can take the fly and the card out of the box. Now they have a fly that has been effective in catching fish, some information about how to use the fly, and they have the name of a MVFF member they can contact if they have questions about the fly, or the recipe to make it themselves.

You can get cards at the meeting or on the website at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>.

~ Shawn Johnson

2021 Beginner Fly Tying Class Schedule

January 5 - Slide show, tools, use of whip finishing tool / Green Weenie & Wooly Bugger if time allows

January 12 - Ken's Crazy Ant Modified & Partridge and Orange Soft Hackle

January 19 - Pheasant Tail Nymph Bead Head & Bluegill Bomber

January 26 - Lil Foam Spider & Brown Hackle Peacock Nymph

February 2 - Higa's SOS & Antron Bug

February 9 - Barr's Copper John & Clouser Minnow

February 16 - Elk Hair Caddis & Madam X

February 23 - Zug Bug & Quigley Cripple



2021 Dues and Membership Reminder

Members are reminded that payment of your 2021 Club dues in the amount of \$35 is being accepted. Dues must be paid in full by March of 2021 in order to retain active member status. Any new member paying dues between September 1 and December 31st will receive credit for the last months of 2020 and the payment will also be applied to the 2021 membership! 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 PO box.

As mentioned previously, we do have a membership opportunity specifically for an independent youth. This membership is designed for a young person under 18 who wants to join the club but does not have a parent/guardian joining as the primary member. We hope to conduct educational service projects in local high schools and vocational programs again this year, and we expect some of these students will want to join our club. The cost for Independent Youth Membership is \$10.00 per year.

Keep Up with the Trout Unlimited Madmen Chapter

Mad River Drift, the quarterly publication the TU Madmen Chapter, is a good way to keep up on this great club's activities and projects. You might want to participate in their stream restoration, river cleanup or monitoring efforts. There are a good number of MVFF members who also belong to this club. The link below will take you to the most current issue of *Mad River Drift*. From there you can go to the "Subscribe" tab on the upper left.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=3e9466b8b8>

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.

We're hoping that sometime in 2021 we will be able to get back to our important PHWFF activities. In the

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

All members of MVFF receive an email copy of the newsletter – *Tightlines*, with new members receiving a badge, patch, window decal, lapel pin and flies donated by club members. Membership also includes access to a number of club activities and programs at no cost, including fly tying classes, mid-week fishing outings and the opportunity to make friends you will never forget!

We also have several memberships that were donated by other members of the club that can be extended to those who may be struggling with making their annual dues payment. Please talk to one of the board members should you or someone you know be in need of this benefit.

If you have any questions, about dues or your membership, please call or email me. Thanks for helping support the Club through your dues, donations and attendance.

Karen Via, Club Secretary
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FFI Online is back! As the COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, it fundamentally

changed what it meant to be part of the Fly Fishers International community and stewarding the legacy of fly fishing for All Fish, All Waters. In our effort to keep you connected to the sport you love and the people who are part of it, FFI stepped up to bring the FFI experience to you through **FFI Online**. Now FFI Online is back with updated virtual content on casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, conservation, FFI Women Connect, episodes on global fly fishing travel, and more.

See what's coming at <https://flyfishersinternational.org/FFI-Online>

Also, consider subscribing to The Dispatch from FFI HQ. It's free . . . <https://tinyurl.com/yxp7hdnj>

Dues!

Time to renew and it could not be easier. Just pay using our PayPal portal. Either pay with your PayPal account or by credit or debit card as a guest. Click the Pay Now button on our Home page . . . <https://mvff.us>



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CALENDAR

All events except the monthly meeting are canceled for the time-being.

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/>

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

Membership List

The member list is kept as current as possible. But we know that people move, change email addresses, etc. If you have had any of these changes please let Club Secretary, Karen Via know.

Also, if you have questions about your membership status contact Karen.

Buy / Sell / Trade

Fishing gear for sale. Former member Bob Guehl has a variety of items for sale. Prices are reduced as he is clearing out his old equipment. You can contact him at 937.479.5598.

The items can be seen here - <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/202011-SALE-ITEMS.pdf>.

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here. Send your request to tarnoldjr@me.com

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