

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## December Meeting Canceled

The December 14th meeting is canceled due to the increased community spread of Covid-19 and our concerns about holding an event that would place our members and their families at risk.

We will reach out to members through email, the website and Facebook as circumstances and plans change.

## Donation Received

We wish to give a big shout out and thank you to Ken Davy for his company's contribution to MVFF! The \$500 was accompanied by this letter:

*Our company is holding a Pay It Forward campaign which allows our employees to nominate a charity that is near and dear to their hearts. We were excited to hear from our employee about the positive impact your organization has in society.*

*On behalf of KENNETH DAVY please accept this donation of \$500.00 to contribute to the impact your organization has on those it supports.*

*We hope this contribution will help your organization to continue to make a difference.*

*Sincerely,*

*Apogee Engineering, LLC*

## Online Shopping & Supporting a Charity

Since you are already doing all that online shopping this holiday season, why not also secure a benefit for a charity at the same time. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at <http://smile.amazon.com> and selecting the charity of your choice.

Your shopping can support Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. at this link . . .

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1518154>

## President's Thoughts ...

Howdy Friends,

It's that time again. I trust everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving with friends and family. I know I did. I took several nieces and nephews out to learn to fly fish this weekend. Everyone caught at least 1 fish and several really picked up the techniques involved with casting and fishing. I think the 5 year old enjoyed it the most!!

I want to congratulate Phil Ritter on being elected our next vice president. With JD Dukes moving up to president I feel the club is being left in more than capable hands the next couple of years. Thanks to Karen Via for agreeing to continue as club secretary and Kathy Williams for at least 1 more year as treasurer. It has been an experience, to say the least, to serve over the last year. There are a lot of opinionated and passionate members in our club. I urge everyone to treat the new board with respect and graciousness and remember this is a club of 200 different minded people. I trust the club will continue to flourish for years to come.

I am sad to say that MVFF meetings will be shut down at this time due to others' Covid concerns. Any questions or comments about the future meetings should be directed to our new president, JD Dukes.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas. Hope to see some of you out on the streams.

Eric Rice  
MVFF President



## 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>



# Notes from the Library

## December 2020

### Featured Video List:

1. *Guide Patterns for Smallmouth Bass* by Jerry Darkes & Chad Miller; 60 mins.
  - a. *Sugar Creek Crawdad*
  - b. *Tube Jig Fly*
  - c. *E-Z Minnow*
2. *Tying Tenkara Flies* featuring Dr. Hisao Ishigaki, C. Stewart, D. Galhardo; 2.5 hrs.
  - a. *Ishigaki Kebari*
  - b. *Amano Kebari*
  - c. *Punk Rock Sankasa Kebari*
3. *Flycasting Faults & Fixes* with Mel Krieger & Joe

Schmakapop;

- a. *Basic Mechanics*
- b. *Good Timing*
- c. *Curved Line Back Cast*

4. *Small Stream Brown Trout* hosted by Angie & James Marsh; 55 mins.
  - a. *Areas of the stream to fish*
  - b. *Types of presentations*
  - c. *Techniques and strategies*

As restrictions once again tighten and cause us all to control our movements more, we are again extending the ability of every member being able to select and receive by mail any book, video, or map from the MVFF library without cost. Each item will be cleaned before shipping and will be returned to the library at a future club meeting. You can contact us at [davis4994@gmail.com](mailto:davis4994@gmail.com). Check it out. J.W.

## November Raffle

The MVFF November 2020 Meeting's Raffle winners were as follows:

- John Young had the first winning ticket drawn. He chose the ORVIS CLEARWATER 9 FT., 5 WT. ROD/REEL COMBO.
- Sam Brown's number came up second, so he took home a pair of ENCOUNTER XL RAIN PANTS.
- John Warner's ticket was drawn third. He opted for the WAPSI DELUXE FLY TYING STARTER KIT.
- John Young, twice lucky this month, went away with a second prize of a METZ NECK COMBO IN GRIZZLY/ BROWN.
- Sam Brown, also with a second winning ticket, decided on the VEDAVOO MAGNUM FLY TYING TOOL WALLET.
- Greg Ogdan's prize ticket provided him the ORVIS HYDROS WARM WATER 90 FT., 6 WT. FLY LINE.
- Jim Calvert won 48 RUBBER SPIDER FLIES and 1 DOZEN BROWN TROUT & MOOSE DECORATED COOKIES.
- Kevin Fitzharris was awarded a NEW MVFF CAP.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our raffle. Special thanks go out to Mad River Outfitters of Columbus whose continued support is greatly appreciated.

~ Jana Champ

## 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 and Prevention 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.

## Rod Building Class Canceled

Jim Corbin has announced that the ever popular, and long-running, rod building class which would begin in February will not be offered due to Covid-19 concerns.

# December Fly of the Month

# Eastern Beetle



Instructions by Bill  
"Woody" Woodward

Photography by  
Bob Cain

## Recipe

Hook ..... Long shank dry, size 8 - 12  
Thread ..... Black 8/0  
Abdomen ..... Black floss  
Wing covers ..... Green deer hair  
Thorax ..... Peacock herl  
Thorax cover ..... Black plastic film  
Hackle ..... Black hen

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 start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base.
2. Tie in a 3"- 4" piece of floss at the hook bend on top of the hook shank with the length of the floss going back over the hook bend. **(This floss will be used to separate the wings.)**
3. Cut and stack by the tips a small bunch (**say 1/2 the hook gap in thickness**) of deer hair. Tie in this hair by the tips at the hook bend. **(Be sure to keep the hair on top of the hook shank and the piece of floss that you previously tied in.)** Wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
4. Tie in a 10"-12" piece of floss at the hook bend on top of the hair and then wrap the thread forward to about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Now wrap the long piece of floss forward to cover the rear 2/3rd's of the hook shank. Wrap the floss in such a manner as to form a football shaped abdomen, then tie off the floss and remove the excess.
5. Now pull the deer hair forward over the floss abdomen and tie it down tightly. Remove any excess hair. **(Be sure to keep the hair on top of the hook to simulate wing covers.)** Pull the short piece of floss over the deer hair and tie it off. Remove any excess floss. **(Be sure to keep the floss centered on top of the deer hair wing. This is to simulate the joint between the wings.)**

6. Cut a 3" – 4" piece of plastic film (I like to use Thin Skin), remove the paper backing, and tie it in at the end of abdomen and wing case with the length of it laying back toward the hook bend and the shiny side down. (Be sure when tying it down that you wrap back over the wing case slightly so that there are no gaps.)
7. Select 3-4 strands of peacock herl and tie them in at the base of the abdomen. Twist them together into a loose rope and wrap the rope forward to slightly behind the hook eye, forming a thick thorax. Tie off the herl and remove any excess.
8. Select a hen feather with barbs about the length of the hook gap. Tie in the feather by the tip in front of the herl thorax. Take 2 turns of the feather in front of the thorax, tie it off, and remove any excess feather. Now stroke any feather barbs on top of the hook to the sides.
9. Grasp the plastic film and pull it forward over the thorax and feather barbs and tie it off right behind the hook eye. Remove any excess plastic.
10. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
11. Apply head cement to the head, wing covers, and abdomen. Multiple coats of cement may be necessary to adequately cover the wing covers and abdomen to achieve the hard case appearance common with beetles.

## 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 meetings or on the website at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>.

~ Shawn Johnson

MVFF Flybrary Card

Attach Fly Here

Fly Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hook Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Fly Type:  Dry  Wet  Nymph  
 Streamer  Terrestrial

Fish Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Location used: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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. 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 December MVFF meeting. Call me at 937-603-1312 (cell) and leave me a voicemail or email at [fcx@woh.rr.com](mailto:fcx@woh.rr.com) (again, this is the preferred means of contact). With only 8 spaces available you have to act fast. 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.



Below is a class schedule so you can see what we will cover to help you decide if this class is for you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Based on ongoing conditions, we will keep a close watch on what is happening in Ohio about Covid-19 and whether conducting a class is both feasible and prudent. We will post on our Facebook page about any changes in this planned class and will call the members who have signed up.

~ Frank Cox

## 2021 Beginner Fly Tying Class Schedule

**Learn more!**

- <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/trout/streammaps.html>
- <https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/opfl/>
- <https://www.iowadnr.gov/fishing/where-to-fish/trout-streams/trout-stream-map>
- [https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/trout\\_streams/south\\_mn\\_maps.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing/trout_streams/south_mn_maps.html)

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



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>

# Website Questionnaire Results

<b>Total completed questionnaires</b>	62	
<b>Have you registered on the site?</b>		
Yes	54	87.1%
No	8	12.9%
<b>Reasons given for not registering</b>		
Concerns about having my information on the site	3	37.5%
The public pages are enough for my use	5	62.5%
Other	3	37.5%
<b>Device most often used in accessing site</b>		
Computer	38	61.3%
Tablet	6	9.7%
Smartphone	18	29.0%
<b>Logged in within the past 30 days</b>		
Yes	25	46.3%
No	29	53.7%
<b>Do you find the site useful?</b>		
Yes	58	93.6%
No	4	6.4%
<b>Do you find the site easy to use?</b>		
Yes	58	93.6%
No	4	6.4%
<b>Are you able to find the info you are looking for?</b>		
Yes	55	88.7%
No	7	11.3%
<b>Is a forum something you might use?</b>		
Yes, I might	43	69.4%
Probably not	19	30.6%
<b>How often have you checked the site in the past 30 days?</b>		
0 times	28	45.2%
1-2 times	30	48.4%
3-4 times	3	4.8%
5 or more times	1	1.6%
<b>When you use the site what are your reasons for doing so?</b>		
Checking for updates	42	67.7%
Checking the club calendar	32	51.6%
Making a dinner reservation	24	38.7%
Wanting contact info on a member	12	19.4%
Looking for helpful links	20	32.3%
Paying my dues	13	21.0%
Getting info on fly patterns	33	53.2%
Other	10	16.1%

Thanks to everyone who completed the questionnaire. We had good participation with 62 members helping provide feedback.

The results are in the table shown here. Some highlights:

- 87.1% of respondents had registered on the site (while about 64% of all adult members are registered)
- The majority (61.3%) primarily access the site on their computer, although 29% primarily do so with their smartphone
- 46.3% had logged in over the past 30 days
- A large proportion of users found the site useful, easy to use and were able to find what they were looking for
- 69.4% said they might use the forum if there was more activity

There were good comments and questions. Here are a few . . .

*"How about a place to upload photos like a members photo gallery." As it is now individual members can post photos to our Facebook page and even create photo albums. We provide links to the albums on the website and in *Tightlines*. It makes for easier administration as there is no way to have members post photos directly to our website.*

*"Is there a way to set up an email alert when someone posts something new on the forum? I know you can have it email you when someone responds to your post." While it would be nice to have this feature we do not have the ability to send out such alerts for new items. You can follow a topic however.*

*"I went out to pay my dues today and it did not automatically fill in the cost. Does not seem very friendly and I usually see the price filled in when I click to pay through PayPal." The PayPal portal interface has been changed to reflect the pricing automatically.*

Again, thanks for participating.

~ Tom Arnold



# 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 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

## Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

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](http://ProjectHealingWaters.org). There's lots of good information to find in exploring this site including virtual classes.

## Support Our Local Shops & Those Who Support MVFF

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