

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



February Meeting

The February 8th meeting will be via Zoom. The increased community spread of Covid-19 dictates that we suspend in-person meetings that would place our members and their families at risk.

You will receive more information by email in early February with a link to the meeting.

February Speaker

Kevin Feenstra

In his early 20's, Kevin began guiding in West Michigan as an alternative to graduate school. Now more than 20 years later, he has never looked back. Kevin's passion is swinging flies for steelhead and lake run brown trout, but he loves to fly fish for any predator that swims. He resides in Newaygo, Michigan, guiding many days each year on the Muskegon River System (and fishing whenever he can). The Muskegon is a large and diverse fishery so he guides for migratory fish, resident trout, and warm water species. His steelhead, smallmouth, and trout flies have been published in books, magazines, and online.



Recently, Kevin has released a new book, entitled "Matching Baitfish—Patterns and Techniques for Great Lakes Steelhead and Lake Run Browns". In addition, he has written articles for international, national, and regional fly fishing magazines. He has had cover photos published on issues of various magazines, including *Midwest Fly Fishing Magazine*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Michigan Trout*, and *Ontario Out of Doors*.

Kevin is featured in a handful of DVDs and has authored current DVDs for steelhead and smallmouth bass. His most recent title is "Striking Steel" a DVD about Midwestern steelhead fishing. Other current titles are "Searching for Steelhead" and "Big Appetite, small mouth".

Kevin frequently is featured at fly fishing shows throughout the Midwest. During the off season, he speaks at fly shops and clubs around this region. He speaks on fly fishing topics and gives

President's Thoughts ...

Hello fellow club members. I would like to thank Eric Rice for writing the President's Thoughts for the January issue of *Tightlines*. I was still in the hospital at the time. I was pleased that I had recovered enough from a serious bout with Covid-19 and was able to take over my presidential duties to run the January meeting.



As most of you know, we have gone to a Zoom meeting format until the CDC and the State of Ohio give us the green light for in-person meetings again. The January meeting went very well, with very few technical glitches. We had 43 members sign into the meeting. Jerry Yates gave an interesting talk on the different uses of Frog's Fanny double duty fly treatment. I have used this product for years but did not know about some of the potential uses. One more thing to add to my bag of tricks when on the water.

The February meeting will again be via Zoom. An invitation and a reminder will be sent out in early February. We will start the meeting at 6:30 and it will run until about 7:45. I hope to see even more of you log in this month. Thank you for your patience as we try to conduct meetings as safely as possible. I hope that by May we will be able to resume meeting in person at our outdoor venue.

There are two other items of interest to club members. First, the BUFF show in Cincinnati scheduled for February 6th has been cancelled. BUFF will instead hold a virtual meeting on the 6th. The keynote speaker lined up for the show, Rick Hafele, will hold two virtual sessions. More information can be found on the BUFF website and in this issue of *Tightlines*.

Second, I hear great reports about winter fishing. The fish are hungry and active! Why don't you take a break and get out on your favorite body of water for a day?

Tight Lines,
JD Dukes
MVFF President

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photography related programs focusing on West Michigan rivers as a whole.

In addition to fly fishing, Kevin has developed a passion for outdoor photography. Through photography he hopes to capture the special character of Midwest fish, rivers, and wildlife. Websites: <http://www.deenstraguideservice.com>

<http://www.kevinfeenstra.smugmug.com>

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Notes from the Library

(Or overtures in the key of F)

February 2021

"Like many simple minded fisherman I see myself as a problem solver..."

The Longest Silence: Thomas McGuane

Recently a very good fisherman said to me "So we have a library full of books." Yes, but they are all about fishing, fly fishing in particular. But there is much more to a library than physical books, videos, and maps. Each represents someone else's experience. With age comes (hopefully) experience and thus knowledge, yet as with my grown children I am more and more drawn into their experiences and how it is molding their lives. A joy to be sure, but a nod to nostalgia that my knowledge becomes less required. So, then the library is a repository that holds wisdom and insights until the epiphany "I need that", and it is here. And yes, they still occasionally knock on my door with the obscure question. (Thank you Jeopardy)

Opus 1/movement 1.... Videos to order:

Fly fishing Eastern Freestone Streams: from Georgia to Maine with Ian and Charity Rutter

Steelheading Outside the Box: Scott Howell

Fly-tying with Bob Jacklin

Guide Patterns for Steelhead-eggs and Nymphs: Jerry Darkes

2020 Awards

The 2020 member awards were announced at the February Zoom meeting. Thank you for all you have done for the club. And thanks to the many others who helped throughout the year to support the club's efforts.

The following are the recipients of the major awards . . .

Dick Matson Award	- Rich Blankenship
Jake Jaeger Award	- Bob Zitney
Founder's Award	- John Young
President's Award	- Jim Calvert
Marty Vandenbroek	
Outstanding Member Award	- Sam Brown

M 2...Books to work from:

Fly Tying made Clear and Simple: Skip Morris

Tying Nymphs: Randall Kaufmann

Tying and Fishing Fuzzy Nymphs: E. H. "Polly" Rosborough

M 3...Maps, local and regional

Looking at the number and diversity of maps we not only have local and state river maps, but maps of regional rivers from Michigan to Montana.

Finale'...

"The pond was perfect. Some dead trees stood ghostlike in its middle, and the pond itself inundated small bays around the water tolerant cedars. Best of all, big, easy rises were in numerous places, slow takes that produced an actual sucking noise." T. McGuane

And the world was right again. Check it out, J.W.



Treasurer's Report

Your Board has been busy trying to plan 2021. We have estimated a scaled back budget with optimistic hopes for this summer and beyond.

The year 2020 ended with a surplus of +\$4,631, as expected due to COVID-19 adjustments. Fund balances have increased to \$19,917. Included, is \$230 in Hardship Support and \$135 in Veteran's Programs. The donations collected for Project Healing Waters-National \$360 and Casting for Recovery \$85 were paid out in 2020.

In our current 'virtual' environment, please remember to submit any expenses to my email (justmekw@gmail.com) or by text (937-623-8283). This is faster and more efficient than regular mail. The Expense Reimbursement form is linked on our webpage (<https://mvff.us/reference-articles/>) and a receipt should still be copied with it. I will respond promptly when I receive your communication. For the next several weeks I will be in Florida with cell access most of the time.

Be safe and stay warm!

Kathy W

February Fly of the Month



Instructions by Bill
"Woody" Woodward

Photography by
Bob Cain

1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread about 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to slightly less than halfway down the hook bend. Remove any thread tag and let the thread hang.
2. Select a small/sparse bundle of Antron and tie it in at the end of the thread base as a trailing shuck. The shuck should measure about 1/2 the hook shank in length. Remove any excess Antron and return the thread to the shuck tie-in point.
3. Select 4-5 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in as a tail tightly on top of the hook shank at the same point as the Antron. The tips of the fibers should reach back to the tips of the Antron shuck. Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, wrap thread forward over them to the thread tie-in point. Trim off any excess fiber butts and return the thread to the tail tie-in point.
4. Cut another bunch of 5-6 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in at the base of the tail. Twist the fibers together for 4-5 turns into a "rope" then wrap the "rope" forward for half the length of the hook shank, creating the abdomen. Tie off the rope and remove any excess fiber.
5. Cut an 8" piece of Gel Spun thread and fold into a loop. Tie the loop in tightly against the front of the abdomen. This loop will be the post for the paraloop wing. Trim off any loop butt and pull the loop back over the abdomen out of the way.
6. Now select an ostrich herl and tie it in tightly by its butt at the base of the paraloop post. Remove any excess herl butt.
7. Now for the awkward part--this may take some practice (and patience!). Grasp the paraloop post and insert the second finger of your left hand (for right hand tyers--opposite for left-handers) into

POP (Pheasant/Ostrich/Peacock) Emerger

Recipe

Hook Curved Nymph or Scud, size 12-18
Thread Black 6/0
Shuck White Antron or Zelon
Tail Pheasant tail fibers
Abdomen Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax Peacock herl
Legs Brown hackle fibers
Wingpost Black or Brown Gel Spun thread or equivalent
Wing Ostrich herl, tied paraloop style 5
Head Thread

the loop and stretch the loop taut (not tight). (This should leave your index finger and thumb free to handle material and help wrap it around the post.) Next, take the ostrich herl and wrap it up the post for 5-6 open spirals, then reverse direction and wrap it back down the post to the loop base and tie it off. (The idea is to produce a thick herl brush the length of the abdomen.) Remove any excess herl and lay the wrapped paraloop brush back over the abdomen out of the way. (If you think you might like to use the paraloop technique frequently, the purchase of a paraloop tool to attach to your vice might be worth consideration.)

8. Cut two bunches of 5-6 stiff hackle feather barbs each and tie one bunch in as legs on each side of the abdomen in front of the paraloop post. The legs should reach back to the hook bend. Trim off any excess leg butts.
9. Tie in 2-3 peacock herls at the base of the paraloop and wrap them forward to slightly behind the hook eye to form a thick thorax and tie them off. Be sure to cover any thread wraps at the base of the paraloop. Remove any excess herl.
10. Now grasp the paraloop by the top of the thread loop and pull it straight up. Open the loop and pull the thread apart carefully. This will compress the herl downward as you spread the loop. Spread the loop enough to visibly see the herls start to compress, then stop. Do not pull too hard as this will cut the herls and destroy the paraloop. Now let the loop close again and pull the tightened paraloop forward over the top of the thorax and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove any excess paraloop thread.
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head and shell back, if desired.

The MVFF Flybrary

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 (when they start happening again) 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:	<input type="radio"/> Dry	<input type="radio"/> Wet	<input type="radio"/> Nymph
	<input type="radio"/> Streamer	<input type="radio"/> Terrestrial	
Fish Species: _____			
Location used: _____			
Donated by: _____			

Get Your MVFF Emails

A number of members have had club emails blocked by their email applications. The best way to prevent this is to “whitelist” the club email address. The most common way to whitelist an email address is by adding it to your contacts or address book. Some email applications might have you add the email address to a safe list. There is no standard method and it might differ from application to application.

If you haven't already done so, add mvffemail@gmail.com to your contacts. In many cases that will do the job.

2020 Casting Competition

There were only three meetings and three casting events this year. Here are the winners of the individual events . . .

July Roll Cast

First Flight	JD Dukes
Seniors	Sam Hudak

August Bass Bug

First Flight	Chip Sutton
Seniors	John Young
Masters	Eric Rice

September Distance

First Flight	Robert Byrd
Seniors	Ken Davy
Masters	Jeff Warden

The overall season winners are . . .

First Flight	Jeff Davis
Seniors	George Sutton
Masters	Nathaniel Crossman

~ Bob Zitney

Pay Now



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>



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>

Gearing Up for Zoom

Since we're meeting via Zoom for the next few months, those of us who are unfamiliar with this technology might want to do a little prep work. We had 43 members signed on to the January meeting. It went extremely well. We had a great presentation, with members able to ask questions and add comments. So if this is new to you, take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with Zoom. Then you'll feel comfortable in joining the next meeting.

Here are a few resources . . .

<https://support.zoom.us>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362323-Changing-the-video-layout-Active-Speaker-View-and-Gallery-View->

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/115002262083-Joining-a-Test-Meeting> (try this out!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRK_3z1dhps

An invitation to the February 8th meeting will be sent by email. Again, please add mvffemail@gmail.com to your contacts/address book to help make sure our emails do not go to your junk or spam folders.

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.

White River Trip - one spot available

The Ohio Trophy Trout Hunters 2021 White River trout trip hosted by Kelly Neuman, of Streamside Guide Service, still has one opening.

It's a great trip and the best bang for your buck in fly fishing, aside from your MVFF dues. You will literally be fishing for a Brown Trout of a lifetime on the waters of The White.

The trip is all inclusive that's your meals, a bed and 4 nights lodging in a very comfortable A-frame on the banks of the White River, and 3 full days guided from a boat all for \$1250 it's an unbeatable bang for your buck in fly fishing.

We arrive at the lodge on Sunday, February 14th around 5:00 p.m. and depart the morning of February 18th.

To join us or get your questions answered, get in touch with Ron Lewis at (937) 608-7183.



News from Buckeye United Fly Fishers

As you are likely aware, due to the COVID pandemic, the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, which Buckeye United Fly Fishers (BUFF) has held for over 30 consecutive years, will not occur.

However, on Saturday, February 6th, BUFF will host three presentations as the "BUFF Virtual Fly Fishing Show". Two will be by Rick Hafele, who was to have been the headliner had the in-person show been held. The third presentation will be a tying demonstration by Jeff McElravy, a BUFF member and recognized tyer. The schedule for these events, which are free, is listed below.

BUFF Virtual Fly Show

Saturday, February 6th, 12 PM – 4:30 PM

Presentations:

**Rick Hafele, - Presentation - "Anatomy of a Trout Stream",
12 PM – 1 PM**

**Jeff McElravy, - Fly tying demo – “Parachute Dry Flies”,
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Rick Hafele – Presentation - "Seasonal Hatches and Patterns",
3 PM – 4 PM**

Program Emcee – Bob Miller

These events will be held as Zoom conferences which can be accessed from a computer. Further details and Zoom link will be on the BUFF website - <http://buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/index.asp>

Ken Mandel, for the BUFF Virtual Fly Show Team

Annual Meeting

LMWN leadership has the Annual Members Meeting scheduled for February 9. This is a new event for 2021. The meeting will include meeting the leadership team, reviewing the 2021 programs and events, and giving out awards. We have a special guest speaker, Mike Fremont, who was inducted into ODNR's Conservation Hall of Fame in late 2020.

Please sign up to become a member by February 5, and you will receive the invitation.

Sign up at <http://littlemiamiwatershednetwork.org/memberships.html>

Thank you!



Charlie Craven's Wisdom

(This is from a post Charlie made on a TU site we believe . . . Lew Hofmann passed it along to JD and JD to me. Charlie was a speaker at our October 2014 meeting. I've got several of his books and really like his tying tips and style.)

I'm 50 now... here's the sum total of the knowledge I've collected. I've been saving this up for a while.

Buy a good rod and learn to cast it. Find the one that works for you. No one else's opinion matters on this subject. Only yours.

Buy a good reel too, because no one likes crappy stuff and frankly, you're gonna spend way more time NOT fishing than fishing. Might as well own one that makes you happy all the time.

If you're gonna be a cheapskate, don't do it on the fly line. It's what you're actually fishing with and a good line casts, floats and mends better than a cheap or worn out one. The only reason people don't replace their fly lines more often is they forget how nice a new fly line is.

Buy good waders once every 5-7 years. They're worth it. There's no degree to waterproof and warranties don't keep you dry. And yes, get good boots, too. If you work in Alaska or someplace else that you wear them every day, think of them as jeans and buy them in twos.

The type of pack, bag or vest you decide on is temporary because none of them are perfect. Know this going in.

Hats are sort of up in the air. You definitely need one and it should shade your eyes well and offer some sun protection, but keep in mind, if things go well you're very likely to have your picture taken in it.

You probably need a net. It's easier on the fish, but good luck figuring out a way to carry it without looking and feeling like a fully rigged Navy Seal. Better yet, find a fishing partner who carries a net and you'll never be encumbered yet still always have it handy. Same goes for boats.

Get yourself a really good pair of polarized sunglasses. Go all out. Your eyes are important and you're not a kid anymore...if you need cheaters, get the kind with the built-in bifocal. Don't be the guy who can't tie his own flies on or stands on the bow saying, "I don't see them".

Try different leaders and see what length you like for different methods. Don't try to get away with one length or size. They vary for a reason.

Good tippet makes a difference too. There have probably been more advancements in tippet in the last few years than any other product. Take advantage of it.

Learn to tie a few important knots at home on your couch. Practice them until they're second nature. Don't wait until you're fishing to figure it out; it's not the time or the place.

On that note, pull that pair of budget five dollar nippers off your pack and throw them away. Get a pair that cuts clean and close and will last more than fifteen minutes. One of my least favorite things is watching someone chew through a piece of 4X with bad nippers.

If you give a mouse an indicator, chances are you're gonna want

some split shot to go with it. Quit crying about casting it. No one else likes it either.

When all else fails, use logic and reason and see if you can't figure it out for yourself. That's a pretty handy super power.

You need a better understanding of the bugs. Learn what "emergence" is and what flies you might pick to imitate it. There's more to it than you think. Hell, there's more to it than I think.

Let's talk about car top rod carriers for a minute. I can kinda see the point of you're either A) a guide fishing the same water with the same rig everyday and don't want to re-rig every morning even though it's kinda your job and shouldn't take you that long or B) you're the guy that fishes the same river and same holes on that river every Tuesday all summer long. If you move from river to river and mix things up between rigs, I don't see the point; you've got to change the rig up too often to save it for tomorrow. All that thing is saving you is the time it takes to actually put the rod together. And yes, I have one on my truck too so I speak of this empirically. How else would the casual observer know I'm a super serious angler without it?

Don't get stuck on one method or one river or lake or stream because you get good at it. Mix it up. You have to suck for a while before you don't. Being an absolute stud on a fifty yard stretch of water helps very little anywhere else.

Don't be afraid to hire a guide on new water, regardless of your experience level. While guides sometimes get a bad rap, they're generally hard working people who love fishing even more than you do and are likely a lot better at it. You might learn a new trick, get a better understanding of what's happening out there and maybe even make a lifelong friend because a lot of these folks are just plain super cool people.

Respect others when you're out on the water. All of them, including the family that's going for an inner tube ride. Don't crowd in on other anglers even if they're in "your" spot or catching fish after fish and you're not. There's lots of good water, use these times as a chance to explore a little and break out of your comfort zone instead of ruining someone else's day.

Spend a little time every fishing day looking at bugs and observing what's happening instead of staring at your indicator. It's really pretty out there and looking up every now and then is highly advised. Maybe even walk up to the river and sit down for twenty minutes before making a cast. This little timeout will show you all kinds of things the young bulls miss and make your day more fun.

No one cares about your fish pictures, bro. This statement is true in almost all cases. Unless it's something truly unique, really pretty or in some way particularly special, don't offer it up unless someone asks. We've all seen 14 inch brown trout before.

Fishing reports should be short and to the point . . .

"How was it?"

"Pretty good"

"What'd they eat?"

"Caddis"

"Cool"

Not . . .

"How was it?"

"Well, my friend Pete and I weren't sure where to go so we

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Charlie Craven's Wisdom (Cont'd)

stopped for breakfast on the way, but Pete is a big pancake guy and I really like breakfast burritos so we had to drive around a bit to find someplace that serves both you know that place right near the hardware store in Woodland Park they have really good breakfast burritos....".

Ain't no one got time for every detail of your day.

If the mood strikes you, don't feel bad about sacking a fish from time to time. Don't do it every trip and don't kill the special ones, but where legal and sustainable, it ain't gonna hurt anything.

Learn to tie flies, it'll make you a better angler.

Buy the absolute best vise you can right off the bat and it'll last you the rest of your life. Buy the one you wished you had because you're gonna buy it sooner or later anyway. Don't buy it twice trying to save a few bucks.

Tie on the best hooks you can get. You'll never regret spending the money on good ones, but you'll be real mad about spending \$7 on crap when you're standing there holding a straightened hook and the fish you've always wanted to catch swims away. You'll be even more mad when you figure out you now have a boxful of flies tied on hooks you don't trust.

Don't fool yourself into thinking that true barbless competition style hooks are in any way easier on the fish. That long thin point makes TWO holes in 'em and goes in pretty deep. The elongated point is designed to take the place of a barb so think that through. Not saying you should fish barbed hooks at all, but pinch them down. You'll learn this the hard way when you find out just exactly how much meat a barbed size sixteen dry fly hook holds when it's stuck in your face.

Tying scissors. You almost certainly need new ones. If you can't make a clean, precise cut with the tips, throw them out. They don't last forever. They really don't.

Bobbins- don't fall for the latest and greatest iteration of what should be a really simple tool. Get one with brass feet and a ceramic tube. You don't need an adjustable drag, the dang thing

lives in your hand right next to your fingers and you already know how to use them.

Add a quality Materelli style whip finisher to your kit too. Old guys will tell you they whip finish everything by hand, what they won't tell you is doing that twists the thread and unless you use a gallon of head cement, their flies fall apart. The tool is always smooth too...unlike your fingers.

Buy the feathers you need as you need them. You'll be surprised how many you DON'T need. "Want", on the other hand, is a whole different story. Sometimes you just want to possess them and that's ok too.

Never pass up a pack of dubbing. They take up almost no space and the possibilities are endless. When you use it, take whatever amount you think you need and start with a third of that. You'll use too darn much. Everyone does. Treat it like you're about to run out and it cost fifty bucks. Ain't no reason anyone ought to ever have to buy a second bag of the same dubbing. It's pretty much a lifetime purchase.

Collect all the thread you want. There's more variations to it than you think and you'll only learn the nuances by tying with it. Treat yourself.

Beads should be tungsten and if they're super cheap there's a reason. You really think some guy in New Jersey has a corner on a Chinese bead factory?

Don't pigeonhole yourself by saying "I only tie nymphs". Everyone ties nymphs. Don't be afraid to get better at other things too. This sport will last your entire life, you'll never run out of things to master. Don't hold yourself back thinking you can't do it. Everything is hard when you start. It gets better.

Ask good questions and question the answers. Dumb questions are ok too.

And for heavens sake, wear sunscreen.

There's tonight's wisdom in a nutshell. Go forth.

TU Madmen Update

Hi everyone! There is a lot of work to do on the Mad River and we would like to develop a list of volunteers interested in assisting. Here are some upcoming activities related to logjams and in-stream habitat improvement:

1. clear path to work on the logjam above Pimtown;
2. clear logjam above Pimtown to open flow and limit erosion;
3. cut and move logs to repair in-stream habitat improvement at Pimtown;
4. cable in logs where repair is needed and fasten Christmas trees to limit erosion;
5. get logs and cobble in place for a potential NEW in-stream habitat improvement project.

This is what is on our radar currently, but through the year we may be addressing other down trees/logjams (there are 3 more currently), clearing paths and removing invasive honeysuckle.

We also are looking for volunteers to assist with picking up litter as part of the ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program. Most work on the river is done on Saturday or Sunday and conducted with Covid protection measures. Please let me know if you want to be a volunteer and notified of workdays and if you may also be available during the week.

Tom Allen

TU Ohio State Council and Madmen Chapter Conservation Chair

Latest issue of our Mad River Drift newsletter . . . <https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=dca23659ba>

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 in-person events 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/>

Dues!

It's time to pay your 2021 dues. Membership dues of \$35 must be paid in full by March in order to

retain active member status.

Dues can be paid through our PayPal portal (see website) or by check, made out to "MVFF", and sent to our P.O. box.

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



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

The MVFF 2020 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program has been on hold since last 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.

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