

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## March Meeting

The March 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 March with a link to the meeting.

**As an added bonus**, a door prize will be given away to a randomly selected participant in the March meeting. Join the meeting on March 8th.

## March Speaker

*Curt Wagner*

Curt became interested in the fisheries field by working summer seasonal positions for both a private pond management company in southcentral Pennsylvania and then for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission while completing his B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at Penn State University. Upon completion of his undergraduate work, Curt relocated to Illinois where he completed his M.S. in Fisheries Management and Ecology at the University of Illinois. In 2008, Curt joined the Ohio Division of Wildlife as a Fisheries Biologist in District Three (northeast Ohio). He was in that position for about 10 years before being promoted to Fish Management Supervisor in District Three where he coordinates fisheries management activities in northeast Ohio. Curt will speak on brook trout restoration in Ohio.

## Keep Your Membership Active

Hello my wonderful fishing friends! I hope you are well and looking forward to sunnier days. If you have not made your 2021 membership dues payment of \$35, it is now time. Dues need to be paid before our next meeting, Monday, March 8th, to remain a member in good standing. While this has been a difficult year for all of us, and we have missed gathering in person for monthly meetings and other activities, we still need to collect dues to conduct Club business. Your support is genuinely appreciated.

Please remember that if you or another member have trouble making your payment we have a benevolence fund to cover the

## President's Thoughts ...

A week ago sitting in my home office I could hardly see the small pond a hundred yards away because of the snowstorm raging outside.

There was a dark figure on the ice, and I had to strain to see who or what it was. Turns out it was the high schooler from down the street. He had chopped a hole in the ice and was sitting on a five-gallon bucket ice fishing! I had done the same thing when I was much younger, but times have changed.

Yes, times have changed. Last year at the March meeting we were having the annual auction. This year, due to CDC and State of Ohio mandates, we are going to be meeting via Zoom in March. It is the plan of the board to still hold the auction, however, it won't be until the second outdoor meeting this year. We are hopeful that with vaccinations progressing we will be able to start meeting outside again this summer.

And speaking of changes, it is 55 degrees outside today. There is still a little snow on the ground, but not enough to keep me from taking a little time this afternoon to wet a few flies in some of my favorite water. Spring is right around the corner. Time to dust off the fly rods and hit the water. Happy fishing and tightlines!

JD Dukes  
MVFF President



cost. A member of our Board can help you discreetly access these funds.

We will eventually make our way out of this pandemic and when we do, it will be great to see all of you in person! Remember to wear your name badge when we do get together as some of us are a year older and a lot more forgetful since this all started!

This Club has been a source of great friendships and outstanding adventures, and I look forward to what else we will do together!

Take care and see you all soon!

Karen Via, Club Secretary

# Notes from the Library

March 2021

This month this space is dedicated to two passionate fly fishers whose lives crossed paths nearly fifty years ago. As I was working my way through the small collection of books that Mary Stuart donated from her husband Bill Clutter's library, I came to a two-volume collection simply entitled *Trout*. The author passed away in 2005 after a long life of passion for fly-fishing and writing. What makes this recounting remarkable is the hand written note and signature on the flyleaf of the first volume. You will recognize the author from other books in our library, Ernest Schwiebert. The note was to his great friend and fellow fisher, teacher, and photographer, Gerald (Jerry) Schrader, who died in September 2014.

Here is Ernest's note to Jerry written in 1984.

"For Jerry Schrader, who has seen the magic bright rivers tumbling towards the sea, the choreography of swifts and swallows working to a hatch of fly, and the quicksilver poetry of fish themselves."



## 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 Vandebrook		
Outstanding Member Award	-	Sam Brown

## ReelFlyRod – New Location

ReelFlyRod has moved. We will send some information on our Grand Re-opening which we are hoping will be early to mid-March. Right now, we are doing just curbside pickup only or you can order online and we can ship. Thank you.

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My mother gifted me early in life with the joy of books and reading. The pleasure I found in finding this heartfelt note from one friend to another reminds me of bonds that form for years, perhaps a lifetime over a common passion.

Allow me to share one more word from Mr. Schwiebert. It is the dedication of this seminal writing:

"For all those fellow anglers throughout the world who have shared our sport, particularly for my son Erick, still only ten years old, who remains free to choose or not choose the pastime that has possessed his father since childhood.

"This past spring he took his first good trout with fly, a strong eighteen-inch fish at the Ledge Pool in the Brodheads, and gently released it. Perhaps Erick will also come to understand that storied French angler of the eighteenth century, the almost legendary Duc de Choiseul, who wrote...

"La peche est ma folie!"

The fish is my folly!

## The MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is an idea I stumbled upon while reading a fly fishing 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>. Complete some of these during this down time and bring them to the first in-person meeting, hopefully, not far away.

~ 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# March Fly of the Month

# Bluegill Bomber



Instructions by Bill  
"Woody" Woodward

Photography by  
Bob Cain

## Recipe

Hook . . . . . Wet, size 8 - 14  
Thread . . . . . Black 6/0 or 8/0  
Body . . . . . Brown or Olive rayon chenille, medium or  
Peacock Krystal Flash Chenille, medium  
Rib . . . . . Copper wire  
Wing . . . . . Pheasant body feather (aka: Church window)  
Hackle . . . . . Hen, brown

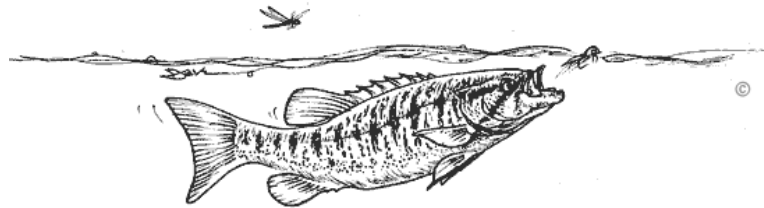
1. Attach the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the middle of the hook shank and remove any thread tag.
2. Tie in a 3"-4" piece of copper wire by one end (the length of the wire should extend back over the hook bend where you stopped the thread base). Keeping the wire on top of the hook shank, wrap over it with tight thread wraps back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 3"- 4" piece of chenille and strip one end to the core. Tie the chenille in by the stripped core at the hook bend and wrap it forward in touching turns toward the hook eye covering the rear 3/4s of the hook shank. Tie it off and remove any excess chenille.
4. Wrap the copper wire forward in evenly spaced turns as a rib to the front end of the chenille body and tie it off. Remove any excess wire.

5. Select a pheasant body feather and remove the fluff. Strip off the fibers from the base so that you are left with a feather tip that is as wide as the fly body. Trim the top of the remaining tip so that it is flat across the top. Tie the feather in by its butt as a wing case **on top** of the hook shank at the front end of the body. (Note: This is similar to the wing case for a Zug Bug.) Trim off any excess feather butt.
6. Select a brown hen hackle feather with barbs that will reach from the hook eye back to slightly past the hook bend. Strip off the base fluff and tie it in by its butt at the front of the body. Wrap it forward toward the hook eye for 4-5 turns then tie it off and remove any excess. (**Be sure to stroke the fibers back with each wrap.**) Wrap the thread back over the fiber butts **slightly** to ensure that the fibers lay back over the body.
7. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread head, if desired.

## Project Healing Waters Earns 2nd Consecutive 4-Star Rating

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing's strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the second consecutive time that Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing has earned this top distinction.

[Read more](#)



## Yes! You Can Still Fish. From ODNR . . .

Fishing is great for individuals, and staying 6 feet apart is easy to do, so it remains one of the best ways to get out and enjoy Ohio's natural beauty. Children under 16 years old do not need a fishing license which makes this a fun activity to do in small family units. We encourage you to fish locally, rather than traveling across the state.

Covid info from ODNR . . . <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/home/additional-resources/odnr-covid-information>

Fishing guidance from the Ohio Department of Health . . . <https://bit.ly/3uekmc7>

# Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2021

Ken Davy has put together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October. Ken has included info on the fishing potential of these waters and there are links to a map for each location. They will not happen as a club activity until it is appropriate to do so.

They are on the club Calendar page of our website as well and there is a link on the Home page to get a [pdf file](#) of the schedule.

While there are many activities that must be limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we can still fish. It is still advised to adhere to all Covid-19 protocols such as social distancing (kind of a natural characteristic of fishing unless you're in a boat), wearing a mask when close to others, refraining from sharing equipment, etc. There has never been an issue of crowds at MWFF events! Lots of fishing spots and links to maps here. Go on the scheduled date and you might see a member or two. Or just check out places when you choose.

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/10/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/d8KMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/d8KMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	3/24/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDiR9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDiR9uSaGiu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Deer Meadow Park	4/8/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLjXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLjXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Madison Lakes	4/14/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPOL9QdXuN9">https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPOL9QdXuN9</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers and Zoo Cougars for the bass.
Eastwood Lagoon	4/21/2021	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUaxz8fWwBoSu5">https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUaxz8fWwBoSu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares for the bass. Many SMB in this water.
Lofino Park	4/29/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Neis6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Neis6</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higgs's SOS.)
Arthur Fisher Park	5/5/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45zjDf6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45zjDf6FYLZvb36</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
Rosewood Park	5/13/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA</a>	Never had any luck here but I saw plenty of fish activity both times I was there. This year I'm going with a hopper and dropper.
Wellfield Park	5/19/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68">https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68</a>	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	5/27/2021	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/d8KMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/d8KMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Indian Rifle Park	6/2/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcww9mLcd9">https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcww9mLcd9</a>	Just a whole lot of bluegills!
Lofino Park	6/9/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Neis6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Neis6</a>	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning.
Deer Meadow Park	6/17/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLjXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLjXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning, although we may catch a few juveniles.
Miami View Park	6/23/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZip9aqVDj3uM8">https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZip9aqVDj3uM8</a>	Never fished this one, so you're on your own!
Stubbs Park	7/1/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/F8CESRGivzPQ7ru9">https://goo.gl/maps/F8CESRGivzPQ7ru9</a>	Never fished this one, either, so you're on your own!
Rip Rap Road Park	7/8/2021	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA">https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA</a>	Bring you waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in July. Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
New Park	7/14/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/1DUZia3Z85zSAmxy7">https://goo.gl/maps/1DUZia3Z85zSAmxy7</a>	This one is primarily for the kayak and boat crowd. The bank fishing here is very tough. Boats are allowed but these ponds are very narrow and shallow, so you'll want to stay with the trolling motor. I have fished here a little, but I have not been able to discern any patterns as of yet.
Oak Grove Park	7/22/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/1BV9FWIR2wJTxsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/1BV9FWIR2wJTxsR6</a>	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Delco Park	7/28/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	Tiny streamers or mayfly nymphs for the crappies. Foam beetles or beadhead nymphs for bluegills. Bushy marabou streamers or crawdad imitations for the bass.
Arthur Fisher Park	8/4/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45zjDf6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45zjDf6FYLZvb36</a>	Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Zoo Cougars or Clousers for the bass. Foam beetles and spiders for the bluegills.
Rosewood Park	8/11/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA</a>	No idea ... yet!
Eastwood Lake	8/19/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZVrd6SgYgb9">https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZVrd6SgYgb9</a>	Another kayak day! I plan to launch from the landing nearest Harshman Road. Fishing at the inlet pipe is strictly a roll cast proposition. Let's pile up some species this day! LMB, SMB, White bass, crappies, bluegills, perch and saugeye are all there for the catching.
Park across from Miami Valley Shooting Grounds	8/25/2021		<a href="http://bit.ly/3bdtVQQ">http://bit.ly/3bdtVQQ</a>	I don't know the name of this park, but it's close to Rip Rap Road Park in Huber. I have heard of crappies and bass here, but I haven't been able to validate either. I know these ponds get overflow from the Great Miami when it's up, so the available species should be the same.
Dr. Bowers Lake	9/8/2021	Kayaks (Long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjiz5">https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjiz5</a>	This lake has a lot of species. I have seen catfish, bluegills, crappies, carp, LMB and SMB. come out of this lake. I have heard of wipers and perch here, and I have seen a photo of a pike that was reported to have been caught here. In September, the shad are usually schooling here, and the bass are actively pursuing them. If you bring your kayak, bring your wheels, because it's a long way from the parking lot to the nearest launch. Be careful when parking! Even one wheel on the grass will get you a \$36 ticket.
Delco Park	9/23/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	Late season crappies should be the ticket this day. Depending on the weather, we might still get a few bass.
Carriage Hill	10/7/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTV9">https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTV9</a>	Late season crappies should be the ticket this day. Depending on the weather, we might still get a few bass.
Kiser Lake	10/20/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dbpEChSDnMBsXeh48">https://goo.gl/maps/dbpEChSDnMBsXeh48</a>	We may be able to catch the shad schooling. If so, this could be a real bonanza! Boats and kayaks are allowed, but no motors, so don't bring anything you can't row or paddle!

# Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International Formalize Conservation Partnership

Released February 2, 2021

Arlington, VA — Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International have entered into a formal conservation partnership, consummating the collective conservation focus of each organization to greater substantive effect.

The agreement formally recognizes and acknowledges the shared conservation commitments of TU and FFI on behalf of the organizations' members, customers, and communities. It also establishes communication between the groups as they collaborate toward achieving mutual conservation goals.

The partnership has been approved by FFI's chairman of the board and president and CEO upon recommendation by the board's Conservation Committee.

Trout Unlimited President and CEO Chris Wood said the partnership makes good sense for both TU and FFI.

"Fly Fishers International is driven by the three fundamental pillars of conservation, education and community," Wood said. "That philosophy perfectly aligns with Trout Unlimited's vision.

"Because we share mutual conservation goals, we are natural allies."

Patrick Berry, President and CEO of Fly Fishers International, added: "FFI is dedicated to partnering with leading conservation organizations such as Trout Unlimited to ensure protection of our fisheries and their associated habitats for the benefit and enjoyment of the broader fly-fishing community. When we work together to achieve our collective missions, we are able to realize more success than working individually."

When a group of avid fly anglers formed Trout Unlimited on the banks of Michigan's Au Sable River in 1959, the founders envisioned an organization that would work toward shared goals of protecting and restoring trout, salmon and their watersheds. Trout Unlimited has over 300,000 members and supporters in more than 400 chapters throughout the U.S.

Fly Fishers International, based in Livingston, Mont., was chartered in 1964 and is home to almost 270 clubs and 16 regional councils around the US and parts of the world. In addition to focusing on conservation initiatives, FFI provides premier virtual and in-person programming for fly fishing education, featuring the online FFI Learning Center as a centerpiece of this effort.

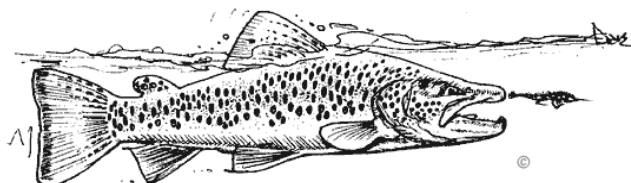
Further, like TU, FFI focuses on the importance of a thriving community of individuals who value the camaraderie of angling and appreciate that learning never stops.

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*[Trout Unlimited](#) is the nation's oldest and largest coldwater fisheries conservation organization dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon and their watersheds. Across the country, TU brings to bear local, regional and national grassroots organizing, durable partnerships, science-backed policy muscle, and legal firepower on behalf of trout and salmon fisheries, healthy waters and vibrant communities.*

*[Fly Fishers International](#) was formed by some of the most influential luminaries in the world of fly fishing and conservation, and actively works to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Since its inception, FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community, serving FFI members, clubs, and councils around the world.*

<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational/the-dispatch-from-ffi-hq-992465?e=82f4ac88e6>



## 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 42 members signed on to the February 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/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials>

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

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

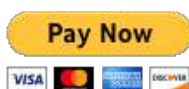
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRK\\_3z1dhps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRK_3z1dhps)

An invitation to the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be sent by email. Again, please add [mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com) to your contacts/address book to help make sure our emails do not go to your junk or spam folders.

**Also, please use your full name when you log onto the Zoom meeting. We are taking attendance and it is difficult match a name with a face.**



## Dues!



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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>

## 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](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com) to your contacts. In many cases that will do the job.

## 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. Contact me at [tarnoldjr@me.com](mailto:tarnoldjr@me.com). Thanks.

~ Tom Arnold

## 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.

# 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 8th 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.

## Buy / Sell / Trade

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here. Members have had success in listing their items in the past. And, of course, it's free.

Send your request to [tarnoldjr@me.com](mailto:tarnoldjr@me.com)

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

## Support Our Local Shops & Those Who Support MVFF

Fisherman's Headquarters  
142 S. Keowee St.  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
937.222.2224  
[fishermanshq.net](http://fishermanshq.net)

ReelFlyRod.com  
1908 N Lakeman Dr.  
Bellbrook, OH 45305  
855.434.8472  
[ReelFlyRod.com](http://ReelFlyRod.com)

Mad River Outfitters  
813 Bethel Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43214  
614.451.0363  
[madriverroutfitters.com](http://madriverroutfitters.com)

SmithFly  
124 N. Main St.  
Piqua, Ohio 45356  
937.335.7400  
[smithfly.net](http://smithfly.net)

Great Miami Outfitters  
Cross Pointe Shopping Center  
101 E. Alex Bell Rd. #140  
Centerville, Ohio 45459  
937.938.5009  
[greatmiamioutfitters.com](http://greatmiamioutfitters.com)



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