

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



April Meeting

The April 12th meeting will be via Zoom. The continued risk of Covid-19 dictates that we suspend in-person meetings that would place our members and their families at risk. You will receive a link to the meeting in early April.

As an added bonus, a door prize will be given away to a randomly selected participant in the April meeting. Join the meeting on April 12th.

April Speaker

Bob Clouser

Bob's love of the outdoors, especially fishing, led him into the fishing business. He continues to teach and share his enjoyment with others.



Bob is also a prolific and highly regarded author of fly fishing and fly tying articles. His articles have been published in national and regional magazines. Bob Clouser is the innovator of many fine fly patterns, all of which gained worldwide popularity. His flies include The Clouser Minnow, The Half and Half, Clouser Crayfish, Swimming Nymph, Crippled Minnow, Mad Tom, The Darter, Hellgrammite, E-Z popper, Floating Minnow, Precision Frog and many others. Bob's Clouser Minnow is claimed to be the most effective underwater fly ever developed; rated as #1 by Field and Stream Magazine. He is on the advisory staff for Temple Fork Outfitters and has designed a line of Clouser Fly Rods. He is also on the staff of Rainy's Flies Inc., Chota Outdoor Gear, Renzetti Inc., Scientific Anglers Line Co, Ahrex Hooks and an affiliate with Hareline Dubbing.

Throughout his life, Bob has been presented numerous awards for his strong conservation work, especially work done to enhance smallmouth bass fishing in Pennsylvania. Most notable among his awards are his induction into the national Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame as Legendary Angler. In 2009 he was inducted into the Catskill Fly Fishing Hall of Fame, the Warm Water Committee Achievement Award, a national award presented by Fly Fishers International, the Dr. Henshall Award presented by Fly Fishers International, and National Angler of the Year 2000 by Fly Rod and Reel Magazine. He is a strong supporter of recreational fishing as well as conservation. He was awarded the 1995 Conservation Award of The Year presented by

President's Thoughts ...

April brings us to our fourth MVFF meeting held via Zoom. There have been many benefits to following a Zoom format. Members from as far



away as Alaska have been able to join in our monthly meetings. We did not have to drive in the bad weather to attend in-person meetings. And we have been able to get some speakers who might otherwise not have been able to arrange their schedules to meet with us in person. The April meeting is one such example.

At our April Zoom meeting we will have the honor of having Bob Clouser as our speaker! I know I have caught everything from striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay, smallmouths in Canada, and even trout in Ohio using a Clouser Minnow. I look forward to hearing what this legendary fly fisherman has to say to our club. You don't want to miss this one.

There have been a few drawbacks to the Zoom meetings as well. We miss getting together with friends who share a common interest. I miss Jim Calvert's stories – all of which are true of course! We miss the monthly raffles. I even miss having a meal together with you all. Hopefully we will be able to start meeting in person with the May outdoor meeting. Things certainly look like they are progressing in that direction. It all depends on if the CDC and the State of Ohio deem it safe to meet in person by then. The board will make that determination later in April, so stand by.

Until then, stay safe, and may we all get out on our favorite waters soon to catch the fish of a lifetime!

JD Dukes
MVFF President

the Susquehanna Smallmouth Alliance, and in 1997 the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Conservation Award presented by the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He was also inducted into the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum.

Please join us on April 12th for his presentation.

<https://clousersflyshop.com/home>

A Membership Update

I want to thank everyone for continuing to support our MVFF Club through payment of your 2021 dues. It was not an easy year, with many of us feeling cheated by COVID, and really missing time together to fish and spend time with good friends. As of the end of March, 80% of our rostered members have paid their dues, with everyone looking forward to resuming in-person meetings, fishing outings and special events that had to be cancelled in 2020. We even managed to add twelve new members when we weren't meeting due to the pandemic!

Considering what we have missed, I hope everyone will take more interest in club activities this year, including attending meetings and Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings, and making opportunities to fish with friends - all when we're told it's safe to gather together, of course! Lots of people might welcome an opportunity to get out and fish after being at home so long, and they might even be interested in joining our club if someone like you or me just asks!

If you do go on a fishing adventure, don't forget to share your pictures as a Facebook page filled with photos of people catching fish also catches new members!

Please remember to update your address, phone or email if it changes (by contacting me), and reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about membership or your dues.

I am truly looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

Fish On!

Karen Via, Club Secretary



Notes from the Library

April 2021

It isn't often that an article or publication grabs your attention and excites your enthusiasm for fly fishing such as Matt Supinski's new *Hallowed Waters Journal*, an online quarterly publication that rivals high end glossy magazines with spectacular photography and writing from local experts to international celebrities. A fifty-page wet your lips (or line) is available for free or for \$19 a year you can enjoy four issues which through services like Flipstack actually allow you to turn the pages as though you were actually holding the magazine. Mr. Supinski is no stranger to the new waters he is fishing bringing all the contacts and knowledge he has gathered over the last thirty years of fishing, speaking, and demonstrating fly fishing worldwide. Check it out at <https://hallowedwaters.com>.

She took her Bachelor of Science in biology from Edinboro State University in Pennsylvania, went on to earn degrees in nursing and surgical technology, taught herself layout and design in desktop publishing becoming the backbone of the family business. Nancy Borger specified that on her marriage certificate that her "spouse must hunt and fish". So it was that in 1965 she met Gary and years later they would have a son, Jason. Yes, those Borgers. But don't for a moment believe that this

young lass was a novice to the traits she sought in a husband. Over a lifetime together they have traveled the world fly fishing, teaching others the sport, and have authored, and yes edited and published dozens of books and videos on their passion. *Presentation* was first published in 1995, a collaboration of Gary's writing, Jason's drawings, and Nancy's editing skills. It now is in MVFF's library. Check it out. J.W.

Next month: the President of the United States who took his mother fishing and lost a bet!

Videos of Note:

1. *Flyfishing Eastern Freestone Streams; Successful Strategies* Hosted by Ian Rutter
2. *Tying Lunker Smallmouth Flies* Hosted by John Johnson
3. *Selectivity: Trout; The Theory & Method of Fly Fishing for Fussy Trout* ... book & video by Matt Supinski

Books of Note:

1. *Fishing the New River Valley* By M.W. Smith
2. *Encyclopedia of Insects & Arachnids* Edited by Maurice & Robert Burton
3. *Presentation* ... By Gary Borger

April Fly of the Month

Squirrely Nymph (Dave Whitlock style)



Instructions by Bill
"Woody" Woodward

Photography by
Bob Cain

Recipe

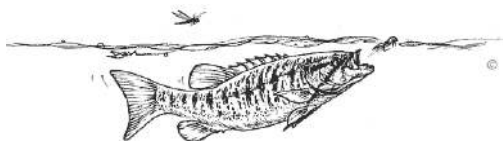
Hook Caddis/Wet Nymph (Mustad C67S), size 6
Thread Tan 6/0
Tail Golden Pheasant Tippets
Body Dubbing brush made with Dave Whitlock Red Fox
Squirrel (abdomen) dubbing and copper wire
(medium)
Thorax Peacock Herl (twisted in a dubbing loop)
Hackle Hungarian Partridge

1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select a small tuft (10-15 barbs) of Golden pheasant tippets and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. **(The tail should be the length of the hook shank.)** Wrap over the tippet butts to a point 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Trim off any excess butts and return the thread to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Tie in a Red Fox Squirrel dubbing brush at the hook bend and wrap forward just like chenille in touching turns over the rear 2/3s of the hook shank to form a neat body, then tie it off and remove any excess brush. *(As an alternative to using a dubbing brush, form a dubbing loop at the bend of the hook and dub it with dubbing. Twist the loop closed until it resembles a loose chenille, then wrap it forward over the rear 2/3s of the hook shank, tie it off, and remove any excess loop.)*
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls, trim off the brown base, and tie them in at the front of the body. Now form another dubbing loop at the front of the body and slip the peacock herls into it. Twist the dubbing loop tight and wrap the resulting herl chenille forward to slightly behind the hook eye forming a thorax that is slightly thicker than the body, then tie it off and remove any excess herl. *(Ensure that the herl is wrapped tightly against the front of the body so that there is no gap between the body and the thorax.)*
5. Select a partridge feather with barbs long enough to reach from the hook eye back to slightly past the hook point. Trim off any fluff from the feather and tie it in by the tip the front of the thorax. *(The shiny side of the feather should be facing toward the hook eye.)* Make 2-3 wraps of the feather forward to right behind the hook eye, then tie it off. Remove any excess feather.
6. Form a neat thread head making sure to wrap the thread slightly back over the feather to ensure that the barbs lay back over the body. Do a whip finish and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head, if desired.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A DUBBING BRUSH

There are several ways to make a dubbing brush, which is in effect a dubbing loop using wire instead of thread. Probably the easiest way is to first make a dubbing board from a flat board (average size is 4" wide by 7" long). Drive a nail into one side of the board, centered and close to the edge. On the other side, make two shallow cuts with a razor in the board edge, one directly opposite the nail and the second off to one side. With the board completed, take a section of thin gauge wire (copper is popular but not the only wire used) at least a little more than twice the length of the board and, with one end, take 2-3 turns around the nail, then stretch the wire with light tension across the board and insert it into the slit opposite the nail. You can insert the tag end into the second slit to keep it out of the way, if necessary. Now take sticky dubbing wax and dub the tensioned wire, then apply whatever dubbing that you want and center it along the wire for the length that you wish the dubbing brush to be.

Next take a dubbing spinner and, without lifting the wire (as that may cause the dubbing to come off the wire), loop the wire through the dubbing spinner similarly to the way you would when making a dubbing loop. Then stretch the tag end of the wire, with light tension, back over the first wire and make a few turns around the nail to tie it off. Grasp the dubbing spinner and, pulling both wires taut and pulling the bottom wire free of the slit it was in, begin to spin the dubbing spinner just as you would when doing a dubbing loop. After you have spun the wire enough to ensure that the dubbing will stay in place, lift the wires slightly off the board to simplify the rest of the spinning. Continue spinning the wire until you reach the desired texture that you want. Cut the wire off the nail and remove the other end from the spinner, and now you have a dubbing brush that you can use just like a lightly weighted chenille. You can trim both ends of the dubbing brush to get rid of any excess wire, but remember to leave enough bare wire at both ends to serve as a core for tying the brush to the hook.



Give 'Em A Reason

I don't consider myself a writer. It just seems that when I fly fish, I tend to get lost in my thoughts. That is, unless the water explodes with the strike of a fish chasing after what it mistook for an easy morsel. Namely, one of my flies. Recently, I thought about a possible future visit with a long-time friend of mine Irving, (not his real name). "Maybe when this COVID-19 stuff is over," I mused, "I'll visit Irving and have him give fly fishing a hand."

I've known Irving for a long, long time. We met at what would be our first jobs after college. We were similar in height and build. Both of us fairly athletic. Irving played sports in high school and college, while I was more of a natural athlete, I was never "coached" and certainly not good enough for any team. Irving was also quite the outdoorsman. His first love is hunting, although he does own a fishing rod or two. I would take up the sport of fishing a bit later, albeit in a different manner. He lives in another state, but we frequently touch base by telephone.

Irving and I have actually fished together. Long before the coronavirus, we traversed through a creek near his house in pursuit of trout. It was shortly after the state had stocked the local streams, and a few still resided in the deep holes Irving knew well. I even got lucky enough to catch one. But after removing the embedded treble hook and watching the fish struggle to gain its bearings, I did feel a little guilty. Like I hadn't done the fish any favors.

On another visit, Irving took me to a lake where he was duly impressed that I caught several panfish using my fly rod in short order. "You're pretty good pulling out those fish," he remarked. "You could bring the kids here," I replied retrieving another fish. "They would enjoy it." I don't believe Irving ever followed up on the suggestion.

Recently, Irving was laid up with a back injury. He was unable to go hunting and sounded despondent. "Maybe when things open up, I can stop by for a visit, we can go up to that lake, and I'll teach you how to fly fish. I just spent the afternoon on a lake and caught 100 Bluegill. I only fished from 1:00 to 4:50!" "Ok, sounds

good," he said. There was a multitude of hesitancy in his voice and when I asked him about it he responded. "I didn't catch many fish this year. They changed the opening day, then opened without notice."

"That's just for trout season, Irving. It's late September and I'm still catching bluegill and bass," I told him. "I'm one dimensional when it comes to fishing," he claimed. "You have to stop being such a snooty trout fisher and broaden your horizons," I rebutted. In a later conversation, Irving would claim that fishing from the shore of a pond or lake, was like shooting fish in a barrel.

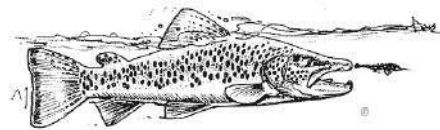
Just last week, Irving again poo-pooed the idea of fly fishing for warmwater fish, making the assertion that it would be like fishing in a bath tub.

"C'mon, Irving," I probed. "You can't really be serious?" "I like going up and down the streams," he said, attempting to justify his position. "Now look," I answered, "There is more than one way to catch a fish. You just like catching trout with PowerBait and dough balls. You're coming off a serious injury, and like me, you ain't getting any younger. You can't afford to be traipsing up and down stream beds." After a pause, he relented, "Yeah, you may be right."

Right or wrong, I don't know if I've fully convinced Irving about fly fishing. He did mention the possibility of using gift cards from sporting goods stores he received for Christmas to purchase an outfit. Somehow, I have the feeling if he were to ever buy a fly rod and reel, it may languish in the garage like so many others I've heard about when I'm approached while fly fishing. If only I had a nickel for every time some one said that to me.

Perhaps when travel restrictions are lifted, I'll get the opportunity to visit my good friend, Irving. We'll talk about old times, make mention of current events, share opinions, we'll laugh. And if he hasn't used those gift cards, I'll be able to give him a reason to catch a fish on a fly.

Shawn M. Johnson, MVFF member



What a Day!

Long-time MVFF member Jerry Redford had quite a day in March at a private, spring-fed pond in Indiana. Check out his photo on our Facebook page . . .

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/5180372325366667>

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		https://goo.gl/maps/d8KMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	3/24/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDiR9uSaGiu5	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Deer Meadow Park	4/8/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLjXGskM7Ug1766	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Madison Lakes	4/14/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPOL9QdXuN9	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers and Zoo Cougars for the bass.
Eastwood Lagoon	4/21/2021	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUaxz8fWwBoSu5	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		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Neis6	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		https://goo.gl/maps/X45zjDf6FYLZvb36	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		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA	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		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	5/27/2021	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/d8KMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Indian Rifle Park	6/2/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcww9mLcd9	Just a whole lot of bluegills!
Lofino Park	6/9/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Neis6	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning.
Deer Meadow Park	6/17/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLjXGskM7Ug1766	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning, although we may catch a few juveniles.
Miami View Park	6/23/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZip9aqVDj3uM8	Never fished this one, so you're on your own!
Stubbs Park	7/1/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/F8CESRGivzPQ7ru9	Never fished this one, either, so you're on your own!
Rip Rap Road Park	7/8/2021	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA	Bring your 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	https://goo.gl/maps/1DUzia3Z85zSAmxy7	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		https://goo.gl/maps/1BV9FWIR2wJTxsR6	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		https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6	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		https://goo.gl/maps/X45zjDf6FYLZvb36	Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Zoo Cougars or Clousers for the bass. Foam beetles and spiders for the bluegills.
Rosewood Park	8/11/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA	No idea ... yet!
Eastwood Lake	8/19/2021	Boats, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZVrd6SqYgb9	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		http://bit.ly/3bdtVQQ	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)	https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjiz5	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		https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6	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		https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTV9	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	https://goo.gl/maps/dbpEChSDnMBsXeh48	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!

A Little Bit of MVFF History

245 Acorn Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45419
February 10, 1975

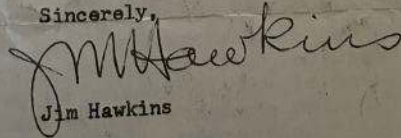
Dear Fly Fisher,

You are one of nineteen Federation of Fly Fishermen members in the Dayton area, according to headquarters records. Would you be interested in actively participating in a local club? If a FFF chapter were started here, with a good program, additional members would be attracted. But for openers, it appears we have a nucleus of existing Federation members who could get together for a preliminary meeting to set our course.

Some Federators from the Indianapolis Fly Casters have volunteered to come over to Dayton with advice, information, and a movie about the Federation. The Hoosier group is a very active club where fly-rodders for trout and bass meet at a restaurant once a month to swap lies. They have a varied program of interesting speakers, some nationally-known. They have fly-tying clinics, local Vibert Box projects, and club trips from Arkansas to the Au Sable.

It is against Federation policy to hand out members' names, even for this purpose, so they are forwarding this letter to each of you. If you are interested in getting in on "opening day" please call me -- 298-3166 -- and leave your name and phone number. Then, hopefully some day in March, if the men from Indianapolis are available, we will get together to sort out some ideas.

Sincerely,


Jim Hawkins

298-3166

Miami Valley Fly Fishers got its start in 1975. Jim Hawkins drafted this letter, which was sent by FFF to Federation of Fly Fishermen members in the Dayton area, to determine their interest in a local club. It did spark interest and MVFF eventually emerged. The Indianapolis Fly Casters (they still exist) were very helpful and their bylaws were used as a model for ours.

~ Tom Arnold

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>

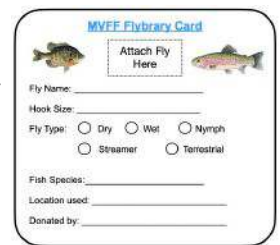
The MVFF Flybrary

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: _____

Mad River Drift

Hope you folks are doing well! Here is a link to the current TU Madmen Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to previous newsletters.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=d39c1049ec>

Take care and thanks for your support!

Tom Allen
TU Ohio State Council and Madmen
Chapter Conservation Chair

TU Workday

Weather permitting the NEXT WORKDAY WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 10th or SUNDAY, APRIL 11th at Pimtown Rd. Please let me know of your availability by April 7th and an email will be sent out on April 8th confirming the workday date and time.

We will be cutting, treating and chipping invasive honeysuckle. The current plans are to have 3 to 4 volunteers cutting, 2 or 3 treating and others taking cuttings to the chipper. Will need masks, gloves, safety goggles/glasses and ear plugs/muffs. Hope you can join us and please let me know by April 7th.

Thanks for your consideration to be a volunteer.

Take care!

Tom Allen
TU Ohio State Council and Madmen Chapter Conservation Chair
ptallen111@insight.rr.com

June Clean Sweep on the Little Miami River

LMWN will continue the tradition of holding the June Clean Up in 2021. Due to the continued uncertainties of the COVID pandemic, the clean up will be similar to 2020, where participants will participate in a "Do It Yourself" clean up event. The event will be open from June 12 to June 26. Groups can register to clean the river during this time and submit their photos to LMWN to be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

We will offer canoe vouchers for those sections serviced by canoe liveries. We also hope to offer additional canoes on sections not covered by liveries. These canoes will be limited, but our goal is to get more people on the river who do not have their own boats. A list of locations to do a walking clean up will also be provided.

Please go to our website for more information on the clean up. Registration will open May 1, 2021.

Website link for Clean Up Page: <http://littlemiamiwatershednetwork.org/june-clean-up.html>

We look forward to seeing you on the river in June!

info@lmriverkleeners.org

The LMWN March Newsletter is available.

Use the link below to access it on google drive, or visit www.littlemiamiwatershednetwork.org and go to the Newsletter page.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zCdRadF2BsfWg5Duln_kcgZlv01BqqsN/view?usp=sharing



**OHIO DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL
RESOURCES**

Do you have your fishing license? There are all sorts of options including multi-year licenses, lifetime licenses and we've heard there is an auto renew option. Check it out at . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources>

GOOD QUESTION: How long do fish live?

A fish's inner ear bone, or otolith, determines the fish's age. These small boney structures are found in all fish and are located directly beneath the brain. Otoliths produce growth rings - annuli - that biologists count just like rings on a tree. <https://twitter.com/OhioDivWildlife/status/1371807575046508546>

Gearing Up for Zoom

Since we're meeting via Zoom for the next months, those of us who are unfamiliar with this technology might want to do a little prep work. We had 33 members signed on to the March meeting. It went extremely well. 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

An invitation to the April 12th 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.

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.



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FLY FISHERS 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 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. 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!

Still haven't paid your 2021 dues? We want you to retain

your active member status.

Dues can be paid easily through our PayPal portal on the [Home](#) page of our website.

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

Project Healing Waters



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

The Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program has been on hold since March 2020 when the lockdown orders were instituted.

Now the national Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc (PHWFF) is taking significant steps towards a gradual process to resume specific outdoor in-person program activities. Their process

includes appropriate protocols designed to reduce the risk of . . . (read more at <https://projecthealingwaters.org/announcements/project-healing-waters-fly-fishing-to-begin-limited-in-person-activities/>).

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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