

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



May Meeting

The May 10th meeting will be our first in-person meeting in a very long time. We'll still follow sensible protocols for safety which JD highlights in his column.

Dayton FOP Shelter / Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)
Meal Price - \$10.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required which is a change from prior outdoor seasons. Also, you will have to choose steak or chicken so we know how much to order. So please make your reservation at <https://mvff.us/reservation/> by 9:00 p.m. on May 6th

Remembering Bill Clutter & Bob Cain

Sadly, we lost two long-time MVFF members in recent months. Bill and Bob contributed so much to the club, both enjoying teaching others their skills. Many of us will remember our adventures with these men, sharing stories and enjoying their company. On [page 5](#) is more information including an invitation to memorial celebration of Bill.

Keep Your Membership Active

These past fourteen months have been difficult for all of us, and we have missed gathering in person for monthly meetings and other activities. As you can imagine this has impacted our collection of dues. Because of this unique period we have not removed those who have not paid from our email list. We still want you to get notifications and hope that you will renew. Please remember that if you have trouble making your payment we have a benevolence fund to cover the cost. A member of our Board can help you discreetly access these funds.

With the May meeting we will finally get to see one another again. We look forward to this first step towards normalcy and the eventual resumption of club activities.

See you May 10th!

President's Thoughts ...

Well, we finally made it! We are meeting in person for our first outdoor meeting of 2021. While this is great news, I still want to caution everyone that



we will be following CDC and State of Ohio guidelines for masking and keeping social distance. I also encourage you all to bring a lawn chair because there is no way we could all fit under the pavilion and keep our distance. If it looks like rain, you may want to bring a pop-up canopy as well.

Don't forget to make your dinner reservation on the MVFF website. You are now able to make your selection between steak or chicken. This will greatly help out Mike Wolford as he does the shopping for our outdoor meetings.

Our annual auction usually takes place in March, but as you all know we did not meet in person so there was no auction. It has been decided that we will hold the auction at our second outdoor meeting of the year – which means it will be held at the June meeting at the FOP. **Please bring your donated items to the May meeting so we can get ready for the auction in June.** Remember, no junk! If you would not use it, no one else will use it. And for all you fly tiers, please **donate flies** for the auction. There were not any fly-tying classes this year, so we are in dire need of more flies.

There will also be a few changes to make the auction more enjoyable and to move it along quicker. We will have two areas sectioned off that you can go into prior to the auction. One will be a \$10 area that includes grab bags of fly tying materials among other things. The other will be a \$5 area with smaller items, books, etc. Each of these areas will be first come, first served, meaning if you are in that area, you can pick out whatever you want and buy it before the auction even starts! Another change will be starting the bidding for each dozen flies at \$10. Let's face it guys and gals, ANY dozen flies are worth at least \$10, so we won't waste time or insult anyone's donation by selling a dozen flies for anything less than \$10!

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

All sales will also have to be paid in cash or by check. I welcome any other suggestions you may have concerning the auction.

I hope to see you all at the May outdoor meeting. We will have our usual great raffle with items procured by Jana Champ, a special fly tied by none other than the famous (or is that infamous?) Jim Calvert, the casting competition begins, we will

enjoy good food, and have some friendly fellowship. So make sure you all come, and tell your fish stories to someone who appreciates and understands them!

Until then,

JD Dukes
MVFF President

Notes from the Library

May 2021

There is within each of us an Earnest Hemingway. A closeness to nature. A need for friends. Out of such desires we find solace and comradery. By the time the thirty-ninth president of the United States was drawing his first breath, Hemingway was writing his first short stories of hunting and fishing in upper Michigan. Jimmy Carter was born and raised on a farm outside Plains, Georgia. In this hot, humid environment teeming with wildlife he learned to hunt from his father, but he would tell without hesitation in his first memoir, *An Outdoor Journal*, that it was the women in his life that taught him to fish. Once when he decided that he was old enough he challenged his mother to a fish-off, his mother beat him and did so for the remainder of her life. *Sometimes it is not the technical journals that provide the greatest inspiration!* Often forgotten behind the politics is the man. President Carter was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, eleven-year service veteran, and submariner. Mr. Carter returned home to Georgia after his father fell ill and could

no longer manage the family farm. He went on to complete degrees in nuclear physics and jurisprudence before he entered politics on a dare. The one thing he could not do without in his life was the love of fishing, hunting and the friendships he grew up with. From his first Zebco delivered by U.S. mail to learning to fish Atlantic salmon with a fly rod, all remained a lifelong fascination and passion.

Off the Shelf...

Books:

1. *Fly Fishing for Bass*...David Whitlock
2. *Casting with Lefty Kreh*...Lefty Kreh
3. *Lefty's Little Library of Fly-fishing*...25 volume (each ~50 pages) compendium of lessons learned over a lifetime of fly fishing.

DVDs:

1. *Flycasting Faults and Fixes*...Mel Kreiger
2. *Ashtabula...Rivers of Many Fish*
3. *Spey to Z...Traditional and Scandinavian*

New Creel Submission Capability Added

A new page, *Creel Submission* (<https://mvff.us/species-caught/>), has been added to the site in the Member Area menu.

Ken Davy came up with the idea of getting members to submit information and he and I discussed how to capture the information. I went ahead and developed a web page for members to easily submit their catch info in a way that would make it easy to gather and tabulate.

So give it a try. Just submit information on your catches for each day of fishing. You will be prompted to make a new entry upon submission which will take you to a new blank form - you would do this if you had multiple species that day (a separate submission is to be made for each species).

By making a creel submission you are giving permission to share information with fellow club members. (Emails will not be shared or published in *Tightlines*.)

We'll see how this goes and in the future may have a little competition to see who caught the widest variety of species over a set period of time, most fish, largest fish, etc.

~ Tom Arnold



May Fly of the Month

Oscar



Instructions by
Alan Ashley

Photography by
Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook Dry, 2xl, size 6-8
Thread Fire Orange or Orange 6/0
Tail Marabou, yellow
Underbody.... Yellow 2mm foam and medium chartreuse estaz
or equivalent
Overbody..... Bucktail, chartreuse
Legs..... Round yellow rubber
Underwing.... Marabou, Fire Orange
Overwing Bucktail, chartreuse
Head Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread about 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select a yellow marabou feather and tie it in as a tail on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. (The tail should be the length of the hook shank.) Wrap over the marabou butts to a point 1/3rd 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 4" piece of chartreuse estaz by one end at the hook bend. Trim off any excess butt.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a bunch of bucktail that is 2 1/2 hook shanks in length and about 1/4" wide when flattened. Tie the hair in at the hook bend with the hair tips extending about 2 hook shank lengths back past the hook bend. Wrap thread tightly over the hair butts covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. (Keep the hair on top and do not allow it to spin around the hook shank. Ensure that the butts are entirely covered with thread wraps.) Trim off any excess hair butts. Apply super glue to the bound hair butts and allow it to dry. (This is to ensure that the hair does not turn on the hook shank.)
5. Cut a strip of yellow foam 1" long and 1/4" wide and tie it in by one end at a point 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye. (The length of the foam should be extending back toward the hook bend.) Keeping the foam on top of the hook shank, wrap tightly over the foam back to the hook bend, then fold the foam forward and wrap loosely over it back to a point 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. At that point, tie down the foam with tight thread wraps and remove any excess. (The idea here is to create a "humpy-like" foam body, tapered at both ends.) Wrap the thread back to a point slightly forward of mid-hook shank and let the thread hang.
6. Cut 4 pieces of rubber leg material about 3" long and tie in 2 pieces on each side of the body where the thread was left hanging. Ensure the leg pieces are tied in at their middle. Wrap the thread forward to the front of the foam body and let it hang.
7. Now grasp the estaz and wrap it forward to the front of the foam body and tie it off. Ensure that a wrap of estaz is made between the front and back legs at their tie-in point to help separate the legs. Trim off any excess estaz and ensure the thread is located in front of the estaz body.
8. Grasp the bucktail and pull it forward firmly over the top of the body and tie it down tightly in front of the body. DO NOT TRIM OFF THE REMAINING BUCKTAIL. Ensure the bucktail has remained on top of the estaz body. Allow the bucktail to spread slightly as it is pulled over the body, creating a shellback-like cover.
9. Take a small bunch of fire orange marabou fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank and bucktail at the point where the bucktail was tied down. This marabou will be the underwing and should extend back to slightly behind mid hook shank. Trim off any marabou butts.
10. Now grasp the remaining bucktail and fold it back over the body and marabou underwing, keeping it on top of the body as a wing. Wrap thread slightly back over base of the folded bucktail to ensure that the bucktail remains angled back over the body.
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head, if desired.
12. Trim the rear legs equal with the end of the tail and the front legs about a hook gap in front of the hook eye.

MVFF Auction Items

As you heard the plan is to hold our MVFF Auction at the June 14th meeting (see President's Thoughts on [page 1](#)). Please bring as many of the items you are donating as you can to the upcoming May meeting. This will really help us organize the auction event.



Casting Competition News!

We're returning to in-person meetings with the May outdoor meeting. That means we can kick off our casting competition. It's time to dust off those casting skills. The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod. There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Regardless of skill level, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting competition will only be from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

No casting will be allowed after 7:00 PM. The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., and give us somewhat of a chance to grab some dinner. So come on over and cast early!

NOTE: If no one is casting, at the discretion of the judges, we might close as early as 6:30 PM.

May Casting Competition – this month is the Dry Fly.

A maximum of 3 false casts will be allowed per target. We will have you start with the fly in target 1 or in your hand. (Judge's decision on meeting night.)

Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

First Flight: Those that have never won a casting event and all new casters.

Seniors: Casters who have previously won a First Flight casting event or former winners of the First Flight casting division.

Masters: Former winners of the Seniors casting division.



Competition Guidelines:

Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using the club rod.

One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's competition. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

Scoring:

(Judges will make the final ruling on all scores; there will be no ties for any event.)

All casters will start with 100 points.

- (-0) Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points.
- (-1) Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point.
- (-2) If the fly lands outside all the rings, 2 points will be deducted.

The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered. Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall winner of your division (it's happened before!). So come on over and cast.

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good Luck!

Bob Zitney



RSVP - You're Invited!



To Celebrate the Life of
Bill Clutter
Feb. 9, 1947 - Jan. 4, 2021

Please join us at a catered celebration at one of his favorite places – where friends and family will share their favorite memories and adventures with Bill!

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks (including adult beverages) provided.

Where: Spring Run Trout Club, 9206 Haddix Rd., Fairborn, OH
When: Friday, May 28, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

RSVP by Thursday, May 20

Mary at (937) 291-9588, or (937) 469-3427
Email shootandfish@sbcglobal.net

William Edward Clutter

On Monday, January 4, 2021, William (Bill) Clutter passed away at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife, Mary Stuart, daughter Melanie (Muffy) Clutter Hirselj, grandchildren Drew and Morgan, brother Ralph Clutter, brother Ted Clutter and nephew John, and sister Virginia Clutter Gibson and nephew Travis and niece Erin.

If you wish to make a contribution in Bill's memory, please send donations to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.

I knew Bill for many years. Some of my earliest conversations with Bill were at Ohio Power outings when he and his friend Jack Ohmart were hanging out together.

He was always willing to help members and volunteered in the Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program working with veterans. Bill was always so positive and enjoyed giving guidance to others in trying to catch a fish as much as catching a lunker himself. I know that from personal experience at Spring Run. Bill was a skilled fly fisherman and caster. He will be remembered and missed by many of us.

~ Tom Arnold

Bob Cain

GREENVILLE — Robert D. Cain, Jr., 82, of Greenville, Ohio, passed away Saturday, March 27, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Greenville, Ohio; his son, Michael (Cindy); and grandson, Adam, from Toledo, Ohio; and two brothers, Norman and Paul.

Robert's lifelong desire to help others was fostered by his faith through the ministry of the Church of the Brethren (COB). He joined Brethren Volunteer Service and worked on several long-term volunteer service projects.

After volunteer service, Robert attended McPherson College in Kansas. He later attended the University of Maryland and received his Masters of Social Work. After college, Robert spent several years working in the field of Juvenile Delinquency and Correction. After moving to Tucson, Arizona, he and a colleague started a non-profit organization and newsletter to raise awareness of the growing number of children being incarcerated at a young age.

After working eight years for our nation's youth, Robert found his calling working for the elderly. In the early 80's, Robert moved to Greenville to take the position of Assistant Administrator at the Brethren Retirement Community. He went on to become CEO and continued his service at BRC for 20 years before retirement in 2000. Robert was active in the Greenville COB, the local Rotary club, and sat on a local board for juvenile corrections. During retirement, he continued his service to the elderly via consulting

and community relationships, and also served two years for the Red Cross, locally and for hurricane relief in Florida. Before and during his retirement, Robert loved going on fishing trips with family and friends. He was a member of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers club and taught fly tying classes for 10 years.

From Dale Stephens

It was Woody, Bob and I who reorganized and improved the very popular tying classes many years ago, putting together written recipes and instructions for members. Bob was the person who spent countless hours in helping to develop and proof-read the instructions and photographing all the flies for the class material. Everyone who took the tying fly classes should know Bob for his skills and patience in teaching.

Bob was an accomplished fly tier and the flies he donated for the auction were among the best, always bringing top bids.

He did more for the club than you will ever know. As a member and a very close friend he will be sorely missed.

From Tom Arnold

I had the pleasure of knowing Bob for many years. We tied flies together and fished with each other in Pennsylvania. We both shared a common bond in health care and behavioral health. He did a whole lot of good in this world and I will remember him fondly.

Trip Report – Steelhead Alley

I had not had an opportunity to go up to Steelhead Alley for several years and was quite pleased when Phil Ritter contacted me about a short trip up North to fish the Steelhead run with him and Eric Rice and another new fly fisherman, Adrian Cummings, on April 13th and 14th.



The Rivers

For those who have not had the opportunity to fish this area, Steelhead Alley is used to describe the rivers that drain into Lake Erie in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York. The primary Rivers in Ohio are the Vermillion River, Rocky River, Chagrin River, Grand River and Conneaut Creek. All these are great fishing streams and each a bit different, but all get a great run of Steelhead in the fall and another migration of fish in the Spring for the spawning run. If you decide to go up there, look online for the river maps for each of these streams and it will give you great info on parking and river access. All these rivers are fine wading streams when they are at normal flow but can be a challenge after any heavy rain.

The Fish

As you probably know, Steelhead are a strain of lake run rainbow trout that come into the streams every season to spawn and then return to the lake for the remainder of the year. When they come out of the Great Lakes they are very bright silver (thus the nickname Chromers) and as they spend time in the stream

they get their rainbow colors. They are a beautiful fish and a great fly rod fish. The fish are usually in the 18 – 30” range and go about 5 – 15 lbs. If you are lucky you might hook up a fish over 30”. They are an aggressive biting fish and a strong fighting fish. Since they continue to feed while in the streams, you can catch them on a vast assortment of flies. Many of the guides recommend small egg patterns or sucker spawn flies, but they strike a streamer very hard and that is my choice every time.

Our Trip

We left Saturday morning for the drive



approximately four-hour to the Cleveland area and after checking the river levels and flow charts

decided that the Grand and Chagrin were both running high and off color, so we decided to try the Rocky River on Saturday afternoon. The river was very clear and flow was good, but the water was also warmer than we had hoped and it was in the high 70's for the day. We fished it hard in two or three access points and found a few fish, but only had a couple of hookups and Eric landed the only Steelhead for the afternoon. Not to be discouraged, we went off to dinner to plan the next day and as is typical of the Cleveland area it started raining hard all evening and into the night. Since the rain added to the high water levels of the Chagrin and the Grand, our choices were to try the Vermillion or the Conneaut.

Over a hearty Bob Evans breakfast we decided to try the Vermillion since it was the shorter drive.



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Steelhead Alley (cont'd)

The Results

We checked several access spots on the river and decided to try one where we spotted a couple of cruising Steelheads and some activity in the riffles nearby. Well, the steelhead left and the activity in the riffles were spawning 'carp' so we moved upstream to the next riffle. I caught my first fish of the day there, a 'sucker'. Further upstream we spotted two fly fishermen at the tail of a riffle and one of them hooked into a fish that appeared to be a steelhead, but he lost it.

I continued to move upstream and went around the two fishermen but could see a couple of shadows in the riffle so I went on to the head of the long riffle they were fishing and started looking around and could see some more spawning fish throughout the riffle. Much to my surprise the two guys left the stream and we had the run to ourselves. Phil and Eric came up to work the riffle area as well and as luck would have it we hit the mother lode of Steelhead spawning in that long riffle. This quickly became the best Steelhead

fishing trip I have had in over 20 years fishing Steelhead Alley.

The 3 of us hooked up and landed over "50" Steelhead trout in the next few hours. Our trout nets were not big enough for some of the fish that were pushing 30", so we had to beach them on the shallow rocks to release them. Since most of those fish are now back out in Lake Erie by now, I plan to go visit them again next Spring and see if I can find them.

Have a great Spring fishing season.

Jim Calvert



Mad River CleanSweep - Spring 21'

Spring brings on the start of the new outdoor season for many. Wildlife begins to emerge with their new young as the foliage regenerates into lush greens. The Earth does this for you every year; just so you have obstacles to wrap your back cast on and customize your budding vocabulary. Welcome to Spring folks. Spring also gives us all the opportunity to right the wrongs civilization has imparted upon the waters we fish. Over the Winter, both intentionally, and unintentionally, debris of all sorts has found its way into the Mad River. We are going to fix this...yes you too, so please clear your calendar.

May 22, 2021 is the next scheduled bi-annual Mad River CleanSweep, and we need your help. Please plan on attending for all, or part of the CleanSweep, as every donated hour counts.

- May 22, 2021
- 10 AM – 3 PM
- 36 Bridge in Urbana, Ohio
- Bring work gloves and dress appropriately for the weather

Previous years' efforts were overwhelming successes, and this year we should be able to do more in less time, after previously learning a few lessons.

There will be food and drinks along with some door prizes I am sure sponsors will offer up when I come begging. If you'd like to bring a dish let us know. Thank you all for what I am sure will be another successful year of giving back a little...just a little. Any questions or concerns may be directed to me at 937-608-7183. Thank you!

The best way to stay informed on Mad River current events and conditions is via [Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter](#) on Facebook.

~ Ron Lewis



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.

They start at 4:30 p.m. If you have specific questions about events contact Ken Davy at tigr75@gmail.com.

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/10/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/dBKmawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	3/24/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	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/Uk4eVcLPQL9QdXuN9	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/7LSKUazx8FYWboSu5	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/nfzb6jGFax84Nejs6	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 Higga's SOS.)
Arthur Fisher Park	5/5/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLZvb36	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/dBKmawZhb3aHFwDR6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Indian Riffle Park	6/2/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcoww9mLcdr9	Just a whole lot of bluegills!
Lofino Park	6/9/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Nejs6	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/to6qZip9aVDj3uM8	Never fished this one, so you're on your own!
Stubbs Park	7/1/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/F8CEsRGivpZp07gu9	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/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA	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	https://goo.gl/maps/JDUzia3Z85sAmxy7	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/IBV9FWIR2wJTxS86	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/prkZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6	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/X45ziJDf6FYLZvb36	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/hchrBeZyrd6SgYb9	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/3bdtVQ0	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/8eYhxiTvezGdNjJz5	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/prkZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6	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/dbpECH5DnMBsXeh48	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!

Women Fly Fishing Month Events

One of the greatest aspects of fly fishing is the simple joy of casting. Not only is it great fun, but practice with the fly rod builds your comfort and muscle memory so that when you are out on the water and the fish are rising you can put the fly where it needs to be and get the most out of your fishing time. A basic understanding of common casting faults to look out for and how to remedy them will help you focus on improvement during your practice sessions and, over time, develop good casting skills, which can lead to more fish.

Come join Ohio Women on the Fly (OWOTF) and Fly Fishers International Women Connect (FFIWC) as we co-host (3) casting events in Ohio for **Women Fly Fishing month**. On June 12th in Cincinnati/Dayton and June 19th in Columbus, we will be offering Casting and Casting Improvement events. We will have both FFI and fly club instructors helping at both events. An FFI Bronze Challenge course will be set up for you to learn more and test your skills.

Spey Casting is not just for Steelhead and does not require a 2-handed rod. On June 26th, Jeff Liskay shows us what this type of casting is and how you too can use it, with or without a 2-handed rod. This introduction to Spey casting will be an on-the-water event at a local park near Cleveland.

Sign-up for all events will be through the OWOTF website, www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events, opening about May 1st. Registration for Cincinnati and Columbus events will be limited to 10 women at each. The Spey casting event will have an open limit.

FFIWC is an outreach program of FFI designed to bring in and connect women fly fishers through education, women's trips and events as well as encourage participation with their local fly fishing clubs. Like FFIWC, OWOTF is bringing women in Ohio's fly fishing community together and inspiring more women to get on the water with trips and events. Miami Valley Fly Fishers is an Affiliated Club of FFI.

~ Cari Vota

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FLY FISHERS FFI Online is back with updated
INTERNATIONAL 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.

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: _____

ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program

I am reaching out to COFF and MVFF to consider being part of the ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program, either as an organization or as individuals. Currently, we have 18 individual volunteers and 4 organizations and looking for more.

The focus of the program is to address litter on the Mad River at 19 bridge/access sites. Starting in the north at Pickeral Town Rd. on the north side of the West Liberty Park to the south at the new Clark County Parks, Mad River Gorge area. Heavy access areas such as Pimtown, St. Rts. 29 & 296, Millerstown, US 36, St. Rt. 55 and Eagle City will need multiple volunteers.

Hopefully in the near future we will also be able to conduct stream cleanups, in spring and/or fall.

Please feel free to contact me:740-816-2213.

Thanks!

Tom Allen

TU Ohio State Council and Madmen Chapter Conservation Chair

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Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the current TU Madmen Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to previous newsletters.

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DIY Little Miami River Clean Up



Registration for the Little Miami River June Clean up is open!

Due to the continued uncertainties of the COVID pandemic, the cleanup will be a "Do It Yourself" cleanup event. The cleanup period 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 have Rivers Unlimited canoes that will be available on June 20 at 10AM. While these canoes are limited, 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 cleanup will also be provided.

If you have a group for the canoe-based cleanups which is larger than 6, please email jrevans6@gmail.com to confirm there is enough room for your group.

Please go to our website for more information on the clean up. Registration is open. Website link for Clean Up

<http://littlemiamiwatershednetwork.org/june-clean-up.html>

See you on the river!



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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>

River Runs Dry

Thanks to Terry Greiner, editor of the Red Cedar Fly Fishers for sending this along. This is an extremely interesting documentary ...worth viewing and reading.

<https://www.hakaimagazine.com/features/what-to-do-with-fish-when-the-river-runs-dry/>

That Salmon on Your Plate Might Have Been a Vegetarian

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/24/climate/salmon-vegetarian-fish.html>

How to Organize Your Flybox

<https://flydealexpress.fliesforsale.com/how-to-organize-your-fly-box/?fst=fmhb1-pef>

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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. On April 19,

2021 the organization began multiple participant outdoor healing gatherings for all eligible PHWFF programs Nationwide - enabling a total of 10 volunteers and participants per outdoor healing gathering. Project Healing Waters Fly ... [Read more](#)

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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