

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



August Meeting

Our next meeting is August 9th.

Dayton FOP Shelter / Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$10.00**

Fun begins 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 August 5th

Thanks!!

Special thanks to Ken Hudak, Sam Hudak, and Jeff Warden for the time and resources they spent to refurbish the grill at the Dayton FOP Building. The FOP appreciates their efforts and has waived the \$500 rental fee MVFF pays for the use of their facilities for our summer meetings. The grill was working great for the July meeting. Come get your steak or chicken at our August 9th meeting.



Lifetime MVFF Member Jerry Redford

recently had a mishap with his scooter, breaking his leg and nose. On top of that, a day later he was "celebrating" his birthday with surgery on that broken leg. As of publication he was still in the hospital.

Call, text, email him; or drop Jerry a card at his home address below (he gave permission to list his contact info). He definitely could use some cheering up as this has put a serious crimp in his fishing plans to say the least.



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President's Thoughts ...

August already! As I write this column, I am in the midst of packing for the trip to Buffalo Bill Boy Scout Ranch in WY to do some fishing. I



have been reading the fishing reports to find out what is hatching, what flies are working best, and any other advice I can glean from the numerous fly shops in the area. One thing I had not counted on was on the very hot weather the west is experiencing right now. Many of the streams we were going to fish have "Hoot Owl" restrictions on them. This means all fishing stops at 2:30 in the afternoon and doesn't resume until the next morning. "Why?" you ask. Because the water temperature is rising above 68 degrees. Anything over this can cause trout to die. Anything close to this, and any extra stress on the trout can cause it to die. Sound practice to protect their vital fisheries.

Then I thought about the very hot temperatures we have been experiencing. Some of our local waters are getting close to that fatal 68 degree trout killing temperature as well. While I have never known Ohio to put "Hoot Owl" restrictions on any of their waters, as responsible anglers I would urge you to check the water temperature of your favorite trout stream before fishing. We have so many other options in the area to fish for warm water species – smallmouth bass, crappie, bluegill – that for August we might want to target these species. I know many of you already fish for these warm water species. If you know a "trout bum" you might want to invite them to fish warm water with you this month. In return, they may take you along on their favorite trout stream later this fall.

Our August meeting will take place after the WY outing, so I know there will be many fish stories told. Come out, enjoy the comradery, feast on the best steak and chicken you can get south of the casting pond, and tell a few stories of your own.

Tightlines,

JD Dukes
2021 MVFF President

Notes from the Library

August 2021

In the month named for a Caesar it is fitting to recognize the days are getting shorter and that everything has its season and time. Fortunately, the time of the cicada is waning for this year and the season of bass is gaining.

Thanks go to two members for donating to our robust library. George Daskalakis is a quiet presence in our gatherings but has a heart for what brings us all together adding to the library John Van Vliet's easy to read and follow *The Art of Fly Tying*. Having grown up in the Adirondack Mountains, of upstate New York, Mr. Van Vliet is an accomplished trout fisherman; fly tier, and ardent instructor. Thank you George for adding to the resources of MVFF.

Karen Via shared a fantastic reference tome on *Freshwater Fish & River Creatures*, authored by Daniel Gilpin. Considered an illustrated encyclopedia, the book provides a natural history and identification guide with over 700 illustrations, featuring over 650 river fish, reptiles, and amphibians from around the world.

Trout Unlimited turned 62 years young in July. Over the first fifty years of its storied existence it helped restore or maintain stability for trout in twenty-one major streams in the United States. The story of this acclaimed accomplishment, that was the vision of George Griffith and friends, is recorded in John Ross's history of Trout Unlimited, *Rivers of Restoration*. Though we are uncertain who donated the book to our library it is a great addition.

Check it out. J.W.

Newly Revitalized Mentoring Program

There is a new group of individuals that are very energized and dedicated to the success of the Mentoring Program. The core members of this group are Jeff Warden, Shawn Johnson, Angela Chavez, and Karen Via. You may contact anyone of us about the Mentoring Program. Our hope and goal is that this will become a successful program and help lead to sustainment of the club and fly fishing in general. Mentees are not just limited to new members. You may sign up as both a Mentor if you are willing to help others and/or as a Mentee if there is something you would like help with.

NEW – we have set up a Gmail account to allow for better continuity and help with the success of the program. For new members interested in having a Mentor, they may email the new mailbox – mvffmentor@gmail.com – at any time.

July Mentor-Mentee matches: We have already had our first match of the year in July.

Coming Soon –

- Training for Mentors (material and frequency are still TBD).

We are close to launching the new sign-up pages in the Members Only section of the club web site. People will be able to sign up:

- As a Mentee requesting mentorship
- As a Mentor offering to help in one or more areas
- Although not part of the Mentoring Program – another page for those that are interested in helping out with special projects that may often require short notice responses. Events like working with the scouts, helping with a school project, tying flies at a store or special event, helping with the Midwest Expo event at Eastwood (when it returns), etc.

The Mentoring Committee plans on having available resources for both the Mentors and Mentees to help make their match and the program a success. These resources will be available to members in the “Members Only” section of the club website (you will need to register in order to log in and access the Members Only section.) We plan to have a Mentors Handbook with guidelines when Mentoring and suggestions for being successful. Our vision for this to be successful is that Mentors do more than just the monthly club meetings with their Mentees. The Mid-Week Fly Fishing events would be an excellent opportunity to work together.

But wait – there's more!

The Mentoring Committee is looking into planning events that would either be open to only Mentor-Mentee Matches, or the entire club. The club needs more events like the “Spring tune-up” held in the past. One such event we are talking about which would be open to the entire club is a ‘Try A Fly Rod’ event. For this event we would have different weight fly rods possibly from a 1 WT to 10 WT or higher, and possibly include Spey and Switch rods. We would need a “coach” for each rod to help coach the person trying to cast the rod. People would line up and one of the rods and have a predetermined length of time (5 minutes?). At the end of the time period, everyone would shift right to a new rod to try. We would repeat the process until everyone got to try a new rod weight. This would give people the opportunity to try different weight rods to see how they cast differently. If you are interested in being a “coach” for this event, please contact one of the Committee Members listed above or email the new mailbox (put “Try A Fly Rod coach” in the subject) – let us know what weight rod you would like to be a coach for. Thanks.

August Fly of the Month

Instructions by Marty Vandenbrock
Photography by Bob Cain



Silver Tipped KE-HE

Recipe

Hook	Tiemco 3761 or equivalent, size 12 - 14
Thread	Black 12/0
Tag	Red floss, 4 strand
Tail	Golden Pheasant Tippet
Abdomen	Peacock Herl and Pearl tinsel
Thorax	Peacock Herl
Hackle	Dry, Brown

1. Crush the hook barb and place the hook in the vise.
2. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend.
3. Tie in a 3" piece of floss on top of the hook shank at the hook bend, leaving some excess sticking beyond the bend. (The length of the floss should be laying toward the hook eye.) Now keep wrapping thread over the floss toward the hook eye, stopping 1/8" short of the hook eye. Fold the remaining floss back toward the hook bend and, keeping it on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over it back to the hook bend. (Doubling the floss will help thicken the body and make the floss almost impossible to pull free.) Trim the remaining floss leaving a tag end with the length being about the width of the hook gap.
4. Tie in the Golden Pheasant tippets at the hook bend - don't overdo it, better too few than too many. Adjust the feather size to the hook size. The tail should be as long as the hook shank.
5. Tie in a 3" piece of pearl tinsel at the tail tie-in point.
6. Tie in one long bushy piece of peacock herl right on top of the tinsel. Move the thread forward to 1/8" behind the hook eye. Wrap

the herl forward to the thread, forming a herl underbody, and tie it off. Do not trim off the remaining herl.

7. Now wrap the tinsel forward over the peacock herl underbody in overlapping wraps and tie it off. (This will create a metallic green body/abdomen.) Trim off the excess tinsel.
8. Take the remaining peacock herl and form a thorax by wrapping it forward to slightly behind the hook eye and tying it off. Trim off the remaining herl.
9. Now select an appropriately sized hackle feather and strip off the fluff at its butt end. Tie the feather in by its butt end in front of the thorax and make 2-3 wraps forward to behind the hook eye and tie it off. Trim off the excess hackle.
10. Form a small thread head with a whip finish or a few half hitches and cut the thread.

GO FISHING!!!

This is technically a wet fly attractor, but will also fish well as a dry fly. I have done very well with this fly for Bluegills, both on top and below the surface. ENJOY!!

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. We 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



Project Healing Waters



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc (PHWFF) continues to implement their gradual process to resume specific core program activities. Their process includes appropriate protocols designed to reduce the risk of transmission and infection of COVID-19 between the organization's volunteers, participants, and staff. On July 19, 2021, the organization resumed indoor

core program activities and further expanded outdoor healing gatherings for all PHWFF programs Nationwide.

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/announcements/project-healing-waters-fly-fishing-resumes-indoor-core-program-activities/>

We have been able to begin some activities on a very limited basis. Look for more info as we ease back into some state of normalcy. Check out ProjectHealingWaters.org. There's lots of good information to find in exploring this site.

Top Ten Phrases Never Uttered by Anglers

Taken from "The World's Best Fishing Jokes"

- #10. You know buddy, those hip boots make your butt look big.
- #9. I don't know if duct tape can fix that.
- #8. C'mon man... we can watch bass fishing anytime! My favorite decorating show is on.
- #7. You're crazy, man! My truck can't get through that!
- #6. Better throw some of that beer overboard – the weight is swamping the boat.
- #5. Hey Charlie – rub some of that tanning lotion onto my back, will 'ya?
- #4. Let's get the wives... fishing just isn't fun without the ladies along.
- #3. I've been thinking. Those environmentalists and animal rights folks just may have a point.
- #2. Maybe we should give up fishing and take up a real sport like badminton.

And the #1 Phrase Never Uttered by Anglers... Gee, I've never caught a fish that big!

From the July 12th Meeting

A very good meeting that was close to being rained out, but we caught a break.



Joe Gilmore with one of the best bass we've seen taken from the FOP pond!



Karen Via got this nice shot of the rainbow.

A Plane in Utah Lets the Fish Fly

A widely shared video shows fish bursting out of a small plane, highlighting a method the state has used for more than a half-century to restock lakes.



<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/13/us/fish-plane-utah.html?smid=tw-nytimes&smtyp=cur>

Montana's Famed Trout Under Threat as Drought Intensifies

More info on the impact of extreme temperatures

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/23/science/drought-montana-fly-fishing.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Locating Trout in Rivers and Streams

(Jeff Warden found this in the The BUFFER, the newsletter of Buckeye United Fly Fishers.)

Tom Rosenbauer has a new video "How to Find Trout in Rivers and Streams", which discusses the topic of where trout live in rivers and streams and where to fish for them. It is about a 25 minute video, but shows a lot of different types of water and provides a nice overview of how to target these different flows for trout. The basic concept is that trout need to stay in slower currents with more rapid current nearby. It is the rapid current that brings the food to them, and they expend less energy staying in the slower flow. The video shows and discusses fishing on fast moving rivers, slower rivers and small streams. Toward the end of the video is a brief discussion of common casting errors.

This is with Pete Kutzer. His visuals of correct and incorrect casting motions drive home the points. Here is the link to the video -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_Sj9wakT7g&t=726s

Hooked on Meth has a New Meaning

Trout can become 'addicted' to meth. Here's why that's so scary.

Illegal drugs could be having a little-known—and disastrous—impact on freshwater wildlife, new laboratory experiments show.

Read in National Geographic: <https://apple.news/AbwuO6pFRTdqqQGDTVZXSg>

Casting Competition!

We'll be back on the casting pond again this month so it's time to test those casting skills. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level.

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 (although, if you do, you can cheat by practicing at home – just don't tell the judges; they might, no – they will – give you a hard time). There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Everyone is welcome!

Our July Nymph Fly Competition Winners:

First Flight: Chris Evans
Seniors: John Young
Masters: Greg Kiddon



CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held ONLY 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., so come on over and cast early. It should hopefully allow us enough time to eat dinner too. If NO Participants are at the casting location, at our discretion, we may close up BEFORE the 7:00 PM deadline.

Casting Competition – this month is the Roll Cast

Roll cast rules - Starting with the fly in ring #1, each caster is allowed 15 casts to score in all five targets. Any target not scored is a demerit of 2 points. The highest score with the lowest number of casts wins.

Casting Competition Guidelines:

The monthly competitions, Divisions, and scoring guidelines can be found on the club website at the following link:

https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/MVFF_Casting_Competition_Guidelines.pdf

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.

P.S. I need some help with fly competition set-up and keeping score. The person that was helping me won't make this upcoming meeting.

~ Bob Zitney

FFI Virtual Expo 2021

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has transformed its annual International Fly Fishing Expo into a virtual event for 2021, completely reimagining how fishing enthusiasts from around the world can enjoy the Expo from the comfort of their own home.



FFI is pulling out all the stops to make the Virtual Expo the premier fly fishing event of the year. Teaming up with some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport, FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will feature workshops and presentations on casting, fly tying, conservation, women in fly fishing, travel, and much more. Similar to fly fishing shows, there will be vendors, break-out rooms, and entertaining activities—something for everyone.

The FFI Virtual Expo 2021 will take place November 5-7, and will be unlike any fly fishing show in the past.

“Our goal is to have fun while learning and immersing ourselves in everything fly fishing,”

— Patty Lueken, Chair of FFI's Virtual Expo Planning Committee

<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational/the-dispatch-from-ffi-hq-992741?e=82f4ac88e6>

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 Snake and I

Snakes and I have a very complicated history. The first time I can remember encountering a snake was when I was four or five years old. My mother and I were out doing something in the yard around our farmhouse in rural Illinois. It must have been some time in late April or early May because I remember the weather had warmed up quite a bit in the weeks prior to that day. We were on the West side of the house with plenty of sunshine radiating on that side of the house. And stretched out along the base of the foundation was a snake, basking in all that nice, warm sunshine. It was probably a smallish fox snake, but to my young eyes it was the embodiment of Kaa, the python I had just seen the evening before while watching *The Jungle Book*, starring Sabu.

I had not seen the snake until it moved suddenly. I know now that the poor little beast was probably just trying to escape from two much larger creatures that had discovered it away from any type of cover. For my part, any and every move the snake made was aggressive and threatening. My young mind conflated the character of Kaa with that of Thuu, the cobra. I started to run away from this frightened creature and ended up on a collision course with it. I was certain I was about to meet my end, bitten and squeezed to death by this deadly hydra, which squirted between my shaking legs and disappeared across our lawn as quickly as he could possibly slither.

It took me quite a while to come down off the mountain of fear I had built for myself concerning snakes. It helped that we lived in a part of Illinois that contains few, if any, harmful reptiles. Probably the reason that it took so long had to do with the many, many contacts I had with snakes over the years.

Most of those contacts occurred when I was in the outdoors, concentrating intently on catching fish or watching my footing in a difficult area. Consequently, the appearance of a snake came as a total surprise. Looking back, most of the places I encountered snakes were places where I should have been expecting to see at least one.

A major contributing factor that causes anglers to encounter more snakes than other people in the outdoors is the types of behaviors we display while pursuing fish. We move slowly, quietly, and usually with protracted pauses. This is the behavior of a hunter, a predator. This alone would cause snakes to flush from cover because they start to doubt their concealment. The harmless snakes will tend to flee the area. Poisonous snakes will take this opportunity to try to scare interlopers away by displaying how threatening they can be. Cottonmouths will hiss and show off their startlingly white mouths and fangs. Rattlesnakes may hiss, but more often they will rattle to scare away anyone they perceive

as a threat.

Copperheads tend to bite and then run.

Anglers also frequent the same types of places that draw snakes. If the day is sunny and

hot, we will be seeking the shadiest areas. We do this because we understand that the fish will be there, trying to get comfortable. Unfortunately, so will snakes, since they are just as cold-blooded as the fish. The same holds for sunny spots on a cool spring day. Fish will be soaking up the sun trying to get ready for spawning. Snakes will be there as well, soaking up the sun, and maybe a few fish, as well. Then we come along and spoil everything.

Please don't misunderstand my phlegmatic attitude toward the snake! Here, in my safe, comfortable house I can be very calm and rational about snakes and the fact that I will be seeing them again as I ply my favorite sport in and around their habitats. However, as my sons can attest, time the sudden appearance of a picture of a striking rattler with the opening of a soda near my ear, and I become a gibbering idiot, in danger of overturning the couch I was sitting calmly upon just second before. This was made possible by the fact that I was indoors, and therefore, unencumbered by any of the usual gear I would normally have with me in the outdoors. I don't usually notice any negative effects in my mobility while carrying one or two rods, wearing my vest, and possibly sheathed in waders. However, the sudden appearance of a snake, especially one heading my way, can certainly highlight just how much of an effect these few items can have on my perambulation.

I will say that I have never become so unhinged as to actually break anything more than a tippet. I have been known to drop tackle or fly boxes, flashlights, nets, even a rubber raft. The snakes pretty much act the same way every time, looking for the nearest exit. There have been a few exceptions, however.

There was the day that I was fishing lazily on one of our farm ponds. The pond was so tiny that I really didn't need the raft I was floating in, except that it made casting easier by getting me away from the trees and brush that overhung every bit of shoreline. I was laying back, taking advantage of the warm sun, since it was early in the season. Suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere, a big bull snake entered the raft, went straight across me, and out the other side of the raft. To say that I had become quite energetic would be putting things very mildly. It took me nearly half an hour to fully recover. Up until then, I kept suddenly looking all around the raft to prevent any other unexpected visitors.



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The Snake and I (cont'd)

The other place that snakes have been known to cause me more than just a bit of trouble is at difficult pinch points on trails. There is not much like a 5-foot bull snake appearing on a turn point of a narrow switchback, on the side of a steep strip mine hill, forty feet above deep water. Of course, the problem in this type of situation is the fact that there is not really any place to go to get out of the snake's way. The snake, for its part, usually shows as much reluctance to end up in the water as the angler does. The ensuing bedlam often results in at least some of the earth tumbling down the side of the hill into the water, possibly accompanied by fishing gear, and/or the angler.

When I look back at each instance, I am sure the snakes mean no harm. They are just as startled to see me as I am to see them. In sixty years of fishing all over the United States, I have only encountered a couple of poisonous snakes that attempted to attack. Fortunately, it seems they were either near-sighted, or had horrible timing. However, I am aware that knowing that such reactions by the snakes are extremely rare will still be very unlikely to keep ophidiophobia from gaining control of my involuntary reflexes the next time I have an abrupt encounter with a snake in the wild. Maybe it's a good thing I fish alone so often.

~ Ken Davy

The MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish.

A member 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 Flybrary box that will be at each meeting. When another person sees a fly they might want to use, they can take the fly and the card out of the box. Now they have a fly that has been effective in catching fish, some information about how to use the fly, and they have the name of a MVFF member they can contact if they have questions about the fly, or the recipe to make it themselves.



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

~ Shawn Johnson



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Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

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

Bird Boosters: Stop Feeding Birds

Posted: 01 Jul 2021 05:00 AM PDT

In light of the disease affecting birds, we advise to stop feeding them, especially if you live in central or southwestern Ohio. Birds will rely on abundant summer food resources.

Posted: 12 Jul 2021 05:00 AM PDT

No definitive cause of illness or death have been determined regarding the bird deaths at this time.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/home/additional-resources/division-of-wildlife/bird-disease-reporting>

Partners Clean Up Mad River

Posted: 21 Jul 2021 05:00 AM PDT

Ohio Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Ohio Trout Unlimited Madmen Chapter and the Ohio Women on the Fly groups recently combined forces to clean up 18 different bridge locations along the Mad River, just outside of Urbana.

<https://twitter.com/OhioDivWildlife/status/1417807829990248449>

Going Fishing?

The new fish stocking dataset is available to the public and viewable in an interactive map and data table.

(This is pretty interesting – try exporting the data to easily explore.)

<https://data.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/data/view/ohio-fish-stocking-records>

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 tiggr75@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/Syz7GDDiR9uSaGiu5	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Deer Meadow Park	4/8/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766	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/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/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/D8UQUWmoxhcdGMRA	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/t7wxsHcoww9mLcd9	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/CquLXGskM7Ug1766	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/to6qZip9aaVDI3uM8	Never fished this one, so you're on your own!
Oak Grove Park	7/1/2021		https://goo.gl/maps/IBV9FWIR2wJTLXsR6	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.
Rip Rap Road Park	7/8/2021	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA	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/JDUzia3Z85zAmxy7	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/IBV9FWIR2wJTLXsR6	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/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/D8UQUWmoxhcdGMRA	No idea ... yet!
Eastwood Lake	8/19/2021	Boats, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZyrd6SqYgb9	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/8eYhxiTvezGdNjz5	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/ooWMe8eXMTISnTYV9	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!

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~ Tom Arnold, Editor

Membership Update

These past seventeen months have been difficult for all of us and it's wonderful that we can now resume meetings.

Because of this unique period we did not remove members from the roster who had not paid their dues by March 1st as usual. However, as of May 31 unpaid members have been removed from the roster and email list. Those members who had registered on the website have had their accounts deleted. If you decide to rejoin later you will have to re-register.

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