

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



September Meeting

Our next meeting is September 13th.

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 September 9th

Spring Fling in the Fall?!

Why not? Our April meeting, when we hold our annual Spring Fling raffle, was via Zoom so we missed out on this very popular event. Well, we're making up for that by having it at our upcoming September meeting. You'll want to be there to take your chances on some very nice offerings.

Here's a few of the items lined up -

- Large Igloo Trailmate Journey 70-quart cooler
- Yeti 32-can softside cooler filled with assorted beverages & goodies
- Sunnydaze Large Copper Finish Outdoor Fire Pit Bowl - Round Wood Burning Patio Firebowl with Portable Handles and Spark Screen - 30 Inch with cover.
- Tactacam Fish-I Wide Lens Fishing Action Camera - Includes Head Mount and Universal Mount Adapter

More items are being secured and finalized, but I'm keeping those items under wraps for now.

~ Jana Champ



President's Thoughts ...



September, and our last outdoor meeting of the year. Boy the summer has gone by fast. Here I was looking

forward to the Wyoming trip, tying flies for it, getting gear ready, anticipating some great fishing and better comradery – and now that trip has come and gone. Eric Rice did an excellent job of being the contact person and organizer for our club. You might want to thank him the next time you see him for the hours he put in to make this a great outing for all those who went.

Now my sights are fixed on some Michigan salmon. Fall is marked for many of us with our annual pilgrimage to the Pere Marquette. Another club member, Jim Calvert, has been organizing this trip for as long as anyone can remember. My personal thanks to Jim for continuing to take this task on. I'm sure at times it feels like you are trying to herd cats, but you do a great job Jim.

My thanks to Rich Blankenship for stepping up to fill Mike Wolford's role as quartermaster this month. And my thanks to Mike for continuing to serve the club in this manner.

This is what makes our club so special – the people. So many of you step up when volunteers are needed for the many activities we are involved in. So, I am asking you again to consider doing your part for the club.

Elections for board members will take place in November. My term as president will end at the end of this year and Phil Ritter will be assuming the role. This means we will need someone to run for vice-president. Karen Via has been the club secretary for at least four years and will be stepping down as well. Kathy Williams has been the club treasurer for the past four years as well and will be stepping down. Please consider running for one of these offices. I have been the club treasurer, vice-president, and president, and I can truly say they have been enjoyable years. If I can do it, you can do it too! Jana Champ has been doing a superb job organizing the monthly auctions but is also looking for someone to take her place.

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

Finally, remember that at the **September meeting** we will be having the **SPRING (NOW FALL) FLING** as the highlight of the meeting. So, come early, buy lots of tickets, and take your chance on the fabulous items that will be raffled off. These are traditionally higher ticket items than our monthly auctions, so come prepared to be awed!

Tight lines,

JD Dukes
2021 MVFF President

Mentoring Update *The Mentor and Mentee sign-up pages are now live!*

If you would like to be a Mentor you may now sign up after logging in to the website, then navigating to the Member Area of the main menu and selecting Mentoring. The Mentoring page is a "members only" area of the site restricted to registered members. Likewise, if you are interested in signing up as a Mentee to receive assistance, log in to the site and navigate to the Mentoring page and select the button to open the Mentee sign-up form.

We have started putting resources for Mentors and Mentees on the Mentoring page. One important resource available to both is the "Mentor-Mentee Mentoring Action Plan". This plan was put together to help identify measurable goals and a plan to achieve those goals. The Mentee can identify what they want to learn and the Mentor can put together a plan to help the Mentee achieve those goals. We sincerely hope that people will welcome and use this plan as a tool to be successful.

As soon as we have Mentors signed up, we will hold a Training Class. We will reserve a room at a local library that can accommodate everyone and allow us to project the training slides on a screen for all to see and hear. Shawn Johnson has done a great job putting the training together and will be our initial instructor for the Training Classes. Stay tuned for dates TBD.

We have set up a Gmail account to allow for better continuity and help with the success of the program. For questions and more information on the program email us at – mvffmentor@gmail.com - at any time.

Sincerely,
The Mentoring Committee

Notes from the Library September 2021

Many of you are followers and readers of the articles in the weekly digital newsletter *Midcurrent* and I would encourage more of you to check it out. Recently *Midcurrent* reproduced an article by Jim Harrison entitled "Older Fishing". Humorist, accomplished wordsmith, and just plain insightful, Jim's love for fishing is slightly exceeded by his love of fly fishing (not to mention eating). One paragraph that stood out to me began..."Most changes in older fishing are toward simplification." I once asked our very own president and mentor, J.D., how many fly fishing books he owned. "Oh, perhaps a dozen or more." He replied. To which I realized that I had the club's whole library in my closet! When I look at my personal home library I see that I have intentionally pared it to the volumes that over the decades I have found most important to my life. The art of simplification? In our digital age we have gone as our five-year-old granddaughter repeatedly says, "literally", where Star Trek dared to go...access to all knowledge at a push of a finger to a button. Of course, Jim Harrison was speaking of more than just access to knowledge, but also in the number of rods we use, the flies we tie, even the company we keep.

This circled me back to the club's Mentoring program and its immense value to each of us. Ancient tribes and not so ancient

sects were hesitant to inscribe their knowledge, reasoning that NOT to commit it to memory would allow that skill set to be lost. There is no greater learning tool than one person (or many) directly teaching another by example.

Rote learning still remains vital. Muscle memory comes from practice and fortunately comes with more fishing. Some weeks ago I asked Bill Bennett for a few hours of his time to improve my casting or as he puts it "a tune-up". (It was no tune-up, but an exciting three hours of learning at the hand of a master.) The number one draw for me to the Miami Valley Fly Fishers was and remains the individual club member's willingness to teach what they know. Beginning this process of learning new "muscle memories" at an older age has indeed become one of simplification not how many books are on the shelf, not how much can be read, not the tying of one thousand different flies, but being part of the one-on-one learning and teaching cycle. Sign me up.

Speaking of accomplishments. We have all greatly benefitted from the skills, editorial and publishing knowledge, that Tom Arnold has brought to our own unique and professional club newsletter. Thank you, Tom.

It is our goal to update the online listing of all the books and videos in our library by the end of September. Of particular interest is a recent purchase recommended by Kelly Kingrey. *The Feather Mechanic* by Gordan Van Der Spuy is now available. Check it out. J.W.

September Fly of the Month

Bubble Boy Emerger

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Scud, 1xs, size 12-14
Thread.....Tan 8/0
Head/Aura...Round 3mm pearlescent, clear or blue plastic craft bead
Shuck.....Natural grizzly marabou
Body.....Superfine tan/gray dubbing
Hackle.....Grizzly
Wing.....Natural gray deer hair

1. Place the bead on the hook, then place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to just past the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Select 4-5 marabou barbs and tie them in where you left the thread as a trailing shuck. Make sure that the shuck points down around the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body to slightly behind the bead. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair as a wing and tie it in with several thread wraps behind the bead on top of the hook. The hair tips should project over the bead and hook eye by about the length of the body. Ensure that the hair stays on top of

the hook shank. Do not trim the excess hair butts yet. Let the thread hang where you tied in the wing.

5. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather and clean off the fluff from the base. Tie it in by the butt on top of the wing tie-in thread wraps between the wing and hair butts. Make 2-3 wraps of the hackle over the wing tie-in wraps, then tie it off and remove the excess hackle.
6. Do a whip finish where you tied off the hackle (this should be between the wing and the hair butts) and cut the thread.
7. Now lift up the hair butts and cut them off leaving about 1/8" of the butts forming a sort of reversed elk hair caddis head.

What's Your Fly Tying Setup Look Like?

I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours!

I have had an Oasis "The Gilly" portable bench for decades - <https://www.oasisbenches.com/oasis-benches/the-gilly/>. It was an item I got in the MVFF Annual Auction when we were meeting at Bergamo many years ago,

Over the years I have customized it to better suit my needs. Putting in longer brass rods to stack more spools of thread (still never enough). Adding an extension on the righthand underside for my clip-on OttLite. Adding a board with cut-outs on the back of the tray to hold cements and some brass cups for hooks, beads, etc. Adding an extension on the front underside of the bench to attach my vise (I prefer the lower position). Cutting off a portion of the left arm so that it interfered less with my vise.



This setup serves me well. I use our dining room for tying and can move "The Gilly" to a nearby linen closet (where I have successfully negotiated with my loving and understanding wife for the exclusive use of a designated shelf), only having to unclip the bulky light.

Maybe a different light setup could be a next customization!

Tiers have all sorts of ways of organizing their tying space. Send me your setup to share with others - tarnoldjr@me.com.

~ 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.

2022 Dues and Membership Reminder

Members are reminded that as of September 1, 2021, payment of your 2022 dues in the amount of \$35 is being accepted. Dues must be paid in full by March of 2022 in order to retain active member status. Any new member paying dues between September 1 and December 31st will receive credit for the last months of 2021 and the payment will also cover the full 2022 membership! Dues can be paid at club meetings, online through our PayPal account (see website) or by check, made out to "MVFF", and sent to our PO box.

As mentioned previously, we do have a membership opportunity specifically for an independent youth. This membership is designed for a young person under 18 who wants to join the club but does not have a parent/guardian joining as the primary member. We hope to conduct educational service projects in local high schools and vocational programs again this year, and we expect some of these students will want to join our club. The cost for Independent Youth Membership is \$10.00 per year.

All members of MVFF receive an email copy of the newsletter – *Tightlines*, with new members receiving a badge, patch, window decal, lapel pin and flies donated by club members. Membership also includes access to a number of club activities and programs at no cost, including fly tying classes, mid-week fishing outings and the opportunity to make friends you will never forget!

We also have several memberships that were donated by other members of the club that can be extended to those who may be struggling with making their annual dues payment. Please talk to one of the board members should you or someone you know be in need of this benefit.

If you have any questions, about dues or your membership, please call or email me. Thanks for helping support the Club through your dues, donations and attendance.

Karen Via, Club Secretary
karenbw@hotmail.com

Creel Submission Page

The *Creel Submission page* (<https://mvff.us/species-caught/>) is in the Member Area menu. We developed this page so members can easily submit their catch info in a way that would make it relatively easy to gather and tabulate. We've had a number of members make submissions and hope more of you will participate.

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 we 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



WYOMING TRIP 2021

JD Dukes

Thirty-nine people from MVFF, BUFF, and Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers descended upon Buffalo Bill Boy Scout Ranch the beginning of August. The camp is about eight miles east of Yellowstone National Park and is situated in the heart of western fly fishing country. There were many trout caught – rainbow, brown, and cut-throat – and also numerous Rocky Mountain Whitefish.

The trip was not all fun and games though. If I had to choose one word that described the conditions, it would be “MUD!” Yes, mud! While the

area is considered a high desert, our trip was preceded by lots of rain.

In fact, there had been so much rain that there were mud slides that washed into many of the rivers causing them to take on the appearance of chocolate milk. To compound an already difficult situation, it rained nearly every day we were out

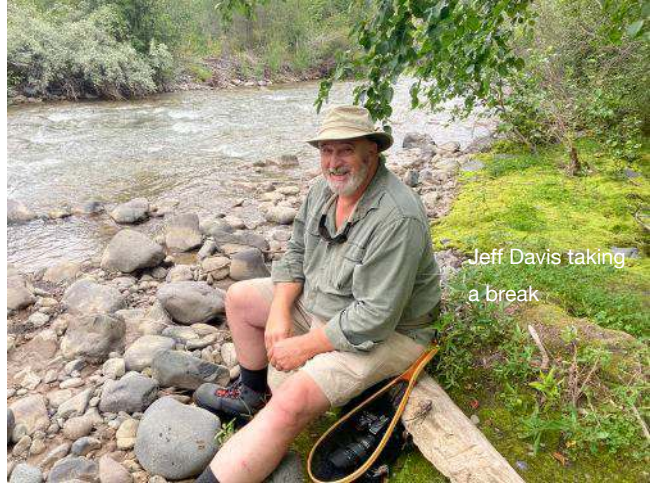


Lew Hofmann in a beautiful stream setting

there. This dampened a few spirits; however, not enough to keep us all from fishing.

The camp was run extremely well. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were served every day. Shuttles took us to many fishing destinations. Sightseeing in Yellowstone itself was wonderful. In fact, the camp staff bent over backwards to make our stay enjoyable.

For those of you considering going next year, I would highly recommend it. Be prepared to do some hiking in to fishing spots, wading in slippery streambeds (there were several who ended up taking an impromptu bath), and be flexible with your fishing plans. One last word of advice, you share rustic cabins with four or five other guys, so bring a pair of earplugs!



Jeff Davis taking a break



Some of the locals

Found recently on the BUFF Forum by Jeff Warden

Learn a broad range of techniques for dry flies, streamers, and wet flies by tying the modern flies that everyone is talking about. Author Tim Cammisa teaches you how to tie these simple but effective patterns and then how to take the techniques you've learned and use them for most of the other core patterns—old and new—that should be in your box.

Fly Tying for Everyone by Tim Cammisa. All copies purchased through Trout and Feather are autographed by the author.

<https://www.troutandfeather.com/new-products/fly-tying-for-everyone-book>

Holy Waters Auction

Visit the Holy Waters Auction in support of PHW's Midwest programs and the injured and disabled veterans they serve each year. Auction ends September 5th.

<http://buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/phw/phwauction.html>

Casting Competition News!

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!

July Roll Cast Results

First Flight - Chris Evans
Seniors - Sam Hudak
Masters - Eric Rice



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 – September is the Bass Bug

The next competition will be the bass bug. Starting with the bug in hand, the caster is allowed unlimited casts to target 1, and two false casts between targets after that.

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.

~ 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.



Website Update & Tips

62% of members have already registered.

The Mentoring page is now live. This is a new addition to the Member Area part of our website. You must be a registered user in order to access that page and links to the signup pages.

We really encourage you to register.

You can register by going to the Member Area menu and selecting Register. Just enter a username (at least 4 characters), an email address, a password (consisting of a digit, an uppercase letter, a lowercase letter, and at least 8 characters) and your first and last name. That's all that is required. Only current MVFF members will be able to register to see member-only content. When you first register your account status will be set to "Pending" (you will not be able to log in at that point). Once membership is confirmed the account will be set to "Active". You will be notified by email when that happens, at which time you will then be able to log in and access the pages that are restricted to logged in members.

Forgot Your Password?

Not a problem.

- Go to Member Login/Logout button or page (Member Area of menu)
- Select "Forgot Password?"
- Enter your email address
- Select "Reset Password"
- Temporary password will be emailed to you
- Use this temporary password to log in
- Then go to Edit My Profile (Member Area of menu) to set the password of your choice to replace the temporary one emailed to you. You will enter the password, enter it a second time and select "Update".
- You will then have to log in with that newly chosen password.

Edit Your Profile page On that page you can enter a phone number if you so choose or change your password (this is where you would create a new password to replace the temporary password that was sent to you when you had forgotten it). There are fields for address as well, but you should not enter that info. It is not viewable to members anyway.

Members Page Once logged in you can access the Members page which lists registered members sorted on last name. That page is searchable – type in "tom" and you'll get all members who

match that search criteria. The only information that shows to logged in members who go to this page are your username, email address and your phone if you chose to enter it (again, entering your phone is optional).

Forum Topics page Here registered members can create and/or reply to topics.

Following a Conversation on the Forum

On the Forum Topics be sure to use the checkbox "Notify me of follow-up replies via email" so that you will be alerted to new responses to a particular topic. We hope to see increased use of the forum as we get more members registered.

Member Login/Logout You can log out by going to the Member Login/Logout page or the Member Login/Logout button on the Home page. For security reasons you will be automatically logged out when you close your browser if you forgot to log out.

NOTE: Please read the important information at the top of the Register, Members and Forum Topics pages regarding the use of these member-only areas. It also would be good to look at the Privacy & Terms of Use page. You will be prompted to agree to these policies when you register. There is also a link to this page in in the footer menu.

Dinner Reservation page Meal reservations are made solely through this means. You will not have to log in to make a reservation.

Use of Contact Us Form The use of the Contact Us form is really meant for non-members to make inquiries. If you have questions you can just email the club at mvffemail@gmail.com or go to the Club Contacts page to get in contact with board members and other key club contacts directly.

The site is mobile-friendly It has been designed to adjust to the size of your device. A lot of us access the site from our smartphones and use tablets. It should be a better experience now.

Want to get to the Home page fast . . . just click on the MVFF logo.

So register now and start using the site.

Please let me know if you are having any problems.

~ Tom Arnold



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.



MVFF Flybrary Card

Attach Fly Here

Fly Name: _____

Hook Size: _____

Fly Type: Dry Wet Nymph
 Streamer Terrestrial

Fish Species: _____

Location used: _____

Donated by: _____

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

FFI Virtual Expo

Imagine: fly fishing luminaries and experts gathered in your living room, recalling fish tales and sharing their vast knowledge.

Join us from November 5 - 7 to make this a reality — registration is open now! Our Virtual Expo will bring together some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport...and it's all online and accessible to everyone. Register at <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities>



Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the September issue of the TU Madmen Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to previous newsletters and the ability to subscribe.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=0a353f9e9e>

Organize Your Fly Box

Some helpful tips on getting things organized.

<https://thecatchandthehatch.com/how-to-organize-your-fly-box/>



**OHIO DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL
RESOURCES**

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>

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>

Bird Boosters: Stop Feeding Birds

Updated August 20, 2021

As of August 20th, we are maintaining our recommendation to continue the cessation of feeding. We are still receiving reports of finches and



a few other species with conjunctivitis symptoms throughout the state. Please be aware of these other diseases commonly seen in songbirds. We will continue to monitor reports and provide an update at the beginning of September.

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

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/to6qZip9aqVDI3uM8	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/JDUzia3Z85zSAmxy7	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/ooWMe8xMTISnTYV9	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 eighteen 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.

We're sorry to see members leave and hope you might choose to join us again.

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