

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## October Meeting

Our next meeting is October 11th

Kohler Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way  
(Directions on Website)

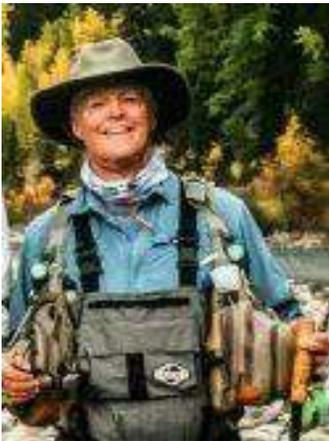
Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

**Dinner reservations are required.**

Please make your reservation  
at <https://mvff.us/reservation/>  
by 9:00 p.m. on October 7th

## October Speaker



Skip Morris, the author of twenty-one books on fly fishing and fly tying (among them, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*, *Trout Flies for Rivers*, and *Fly Fisher's Guide to Western River Hatches*), is the host on six instructional videos (*Tying Foam Flies*, *Fly Fishing for Bass & Panfish*...) and has spoken at sportsmen's shows,

fly-fishing shows, and fly clubs in Arizona, New Jersey, Toronto, Alabama, Illinois—all over the US, Canada, and overseas.

Skip will be speaking to us via a Zoom presentation. His topic will be ***Fly Fishing for Bass and Bluegill***.

Check out Skip's website - <http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com/>

~ John Young



## President's Thoughts ...



Welcome to October and some cooler weather! Fall has always been my favorite season of the year. We

finished up our outdoor meetings with a wonderful assortment of "Fall Fling" raffle items. Many thanks go to Jana Champ for her unbelievable efforts to make the raffle a huge success. Fall also marks the return to our indoor meetings. Well, fall HOPEFULLY means we will return to our indoor meetings. Read on....

We are all weary of Covid and how much it has impacted our everyday lives. While we have made significant gains, we are not out of the woods yet. Covid cases in our surrounding counties have risen to record levels in September. Fortunately, they are on the downswing now, however, Wright Patterson Air Force Base is still at Health Protection Condition "C". This means base personnel are not allowed to meet in groups of greater than ten individuals. With that being said, the State of Ohio has not yet set any further restrictions on meetings. This puts me and the MVFF board in a tough spot. What do we do to ensure the safety of all MVFF members?

My plan is to move forward right now to meet at the Kohler Presidential Banquet Center for the October meeting. IF the CDC, State of Ohio, or Kohler issue any further guidance that restricts our meeting in person, we will put out an email to invite you all to a Zoom meeting as we did in the Spring. Our first two month's speakers are already lined up to present to our club via Zoom, so this would cause minimal disruption. In any event, however we meet, please do what you feel is best for you and your family's health.

One further note. I plan on Zooming the meeting even if we meet indoors. This will enable those members who chose not to attend in person or who are located out of the local area to join in with the meeting and speaker presentation.

Thank you all for your patience, support, and understanding as we navigate through this pandemic. There is no one right answer. We all have our own thoughts and feelings on the

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matter. Hang tough and go fishing. That is my best advice for right now – go fishing. This too shall pass!

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 or Mentee you may now sign up after logging in to the website, then navigating to the Member Area of the main menu. The Mentoring page is a “members only” area of the site restricted to registered members.

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 updates.

Also, 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](mailto:mvffmentor@gmail.com) - at any time.

Sincerely,  
The Mentoring Committee

## Mentoring Starts With Action

One of the things that comes to mind when the subject of fly fishing is discussed, is the amount of “action” that is involved with the sport. Although the action referred to is often the motion involved in loading the fly rod to make a cast, veteran fly fishers are also aware of providing action to the fly as well. To do so involves manipulating the fly line in order to give movement to the fly. This is done to simulate life; perhaps to a nymph that is rising to the surface film of the water. The fly fisher can mend the line in order to reduce drag and keep the fly in the feeding zone. Perhaps a twitch of the rod tip can give a dry fly or terrestrial some semblance of life; just enough to entice a fish to strike.

The MVFF Mentoring Program coincidentally involves “action” as well. The Committee will make available to mentees who enroll in the program, a form to put their mentorship into action. The Action Plan is designed to formalize the mentoring relationship. The Committee will attempt to match mentors and mentees as closely as possible based on fishing interests and experience. After the match, a mentee is encouraged to complete the form to crystallize the goals they want to accomplish.

The Action Plan enables a participant in the program to set effective goals (known as SMART goals). SMART represents an acronym.

S = Specific

M = Measurable

A = Achievable

R = Results - Oriented

T = Time - Based

SMART goals are related to the needs of the mentee. By establishing an Action Plan the mentorship now has a road map for both parties to follow. The needs of the mentee become paramount and the mentor’s efforts can then be focused on the mentee’s growth and development as a fly fisher. Mentors and mentees will be encouraged to establish the goals together. As the goals are reached, additional goals can be incorporated as the mentorship grows.

With a completed Action Plan augmented with SMART goals, mentorships through the Miami Valley Fly Fisher Mentor Program will be built on success.

Written by: Shawn M. Johnson,  
MVFF & Mentoring Committee Member

# Working with Youth

- Club Members working with youth, may be required to pass a background check.
- When working with youth, the following MVFF Club Rules will be followed:
  - Must always follow the “2-deep” rule – meaning there is always another adult present or involved...
  - For the mutual protection of everyone, it shall be club policy that you have one of the following present:
    - Parent
    - Another Mentor
    - Another Adult
  - When Emailing or Texting a youth member...
    - Always copy a parent or another adult.
  - When placing phone calls to youth – do one of the following:
    - Use the speaker on your phone and have another adult present (and identified during the call).
    - Call the parent first and have them put their phone on speaker so you can talk to the youth with a parent listening.

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## Rod McFarland

On September 3rd we lost long-time MVFF member Rod McFarland to Covid. About three years ago Rod was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma and endured many rounds of chemotherapy. He was cancer-free but his immune system had been compromised.

Rod was my first cousin, great friend, and fishing buddy. Over the years we enjoyed many fishing adventures including club trips to Ohio Power and salmon fishing on the Pere Marquette. Our last outing was in August to a local farm pond. His last fish was a big bluegill that I happen to have on video. Stop by at the next meeting, see the video, and reminisce.

~ Mike Wolford



Please see this Facebook post with more information . . . <https://www.facebook.com/mike.wolford.71/posts/10158490280897684>

# October Fly of the Month



## Antron Bug

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook..... Wet/Nymph, 2XH, size 10-14  
Thread..... Black 6/0  
Tail .....Antron Yarn, Rust or Color of Choice  
Overwing.... Antron Yarn, Rust or Color of Choice  
Body ..... Tan Sparkle Yarn  
Hackle ..... Brown Grizzly Saddle  
Eyes ..... Small Plastic Bead Chain

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to over the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 3-5" piece of Antron and tie it in by its middle with several tight thread wraps on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. Fold the front half of the Antron back over the hook bend and make a few tight thread wraps on top of one another over its base at the tie-in point to hold it back out of the way. It will become the overwing later. DO NOT CUT ANY OF THE ANTRON. Wrap the thread back to 1/4" behind the hook eye and let it hang.
3. Cut a 4-5" piece of sparkle yarn and tie it in by one end 1/4" behind the hook eye, then, keeping the yarn on top of the hook shank, wrap thread over its length back to the hook bend. DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING YARN. Let the thread hang.
4. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather and clean the fluff from its base. Stroke the hackle barbs back toward the feather butt and tie the feather in by its tip at the hook bend. Wrap the thread back to slightly behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.

5. Tie in a pair of bead chain eyes slightly behind the hook eye using figure eight wraps and finish with the thread right behind the eyes.
6. Wrap the sparkle yarn forward in touching turns to right behind the eyes and tie it off. Remove any excess yarn.
7. Now palmer the hackle forward over the yarn body to right behind the eyes and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle feather and move the thread to the front of the eyes. Stroke the hackle barbs on top of the body down on either side of the body.
8. Grasp the front section of the Antron (the part that was folded back in step 2) and pull it tightly forward over the body and between the bead chain eyes and tie it down right behind the hook eye with tight thread wraps.
9. Remove any excess Antron and cover the butts with thread. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
10. Trim the Antron tail to the length of the hook gap.

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## Notes from the Library

### October 2021

A recent chat with Jeff Warden and subsequent email caused new blood flow to an atrophying mind. Admittedly it is easy to blame circumstances, the weather, or politics, but the end result is the same, lack of motivation leading to an expanding waistline, diminishing memory, and weak muscles. There, with that said, let's take a look at what a younger, sharper, mind imagines. It is a fertile imagination that sees the new, and the proven, with energy.

Jeff shared several books that had helped him understand how to read streams for where fish may be lying; books recommended to him when he was first beginning to fly fish and ones he had discovered. Among these is Dave Hughes' *Reading the Water*. Prime delivered it to our doorstep somewhere in the night (Amazon's founding was on book delivery). The book has already been checked out, but with a promise that it will be available at October's meeting. Two other references Jeff

recommended are being ordered; *Fly Fishing Warm Waters: Lessons Learned on Ohio's Great Miami River* by Joe Cornwell and *Fly Fisherman's Primer* by Paul Fling & Donald Puterbaugh. Listed below are other books in the library that are available.

#### Listings:

1. *Common Sense Fly Fishing*; by Eric Stroup
2. *Smallmouth Bass and Streams*; by John Tertuliani
3. *Fly Fishing Small Streams*; by John Gierach
4. *Little Miami River Fishing*; by Steve Coomer

When asked by a young man how to get ahead in business Warren Buffet replied...surround yourself with people who are better than you.... by associating with these people you become better... you succeed. Mr. Buffet was gifted with more than just money sense; he had learned the value of what another author coined "...it takes a village...". Or in our case.... "It takes a great club like MVFF". Check it out. J.W.

# Spring Fling in the Fall Results

The Fling was very much a success!

1. Guided Smallmouth Bass Float Trip for Two (Mad River Outfitters & MVFF) - Eric Rice, Winner
2. Forest to Fly Unique Rotating Fly-Tying Shelf, Ceramic Fish Mug (Jim Koudelka, Craftsman) & Jamaican Me Crazy Coffee (Hemisphere Coffee Roasters) - David Williams, Winner
3. Simms Freestone Z Waders (Mad River Outfitters) - Sam Brown, Winner (not pictured)
4. Orvis Clearwater Rod/Reel Combo (Mad River Outfitters) & Fly Rod Wall Rack - Mike Amstutz, Winner
5. Beauty and the Bonefish Tote, Women's Fly LS Shirt, Floral Fish Leggings, Troutrageous Neck Cuff & Dolly Vee Wading Belt ( Mad River Outfitters) - Chris Evans, Winner
6. Igloo Trailmate Journey 70-Qt. Cooler ( Dunham's Sports) - Everett Vanetta, Winner
7. Sunnysdaze Copper-finish Fire Bowl with Spark Screen & Cover ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)) - Rick Ordeman, Winner
8. Tactical FISH-1 HD Fishing Camera ([Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)) - Chris Evans, Winner
9. Under Armour Softside Cooler with Smoked Trout, Dragonfly Vineyard Double Gold Award-Winning Wine, Fish Corkscrew, Wine Glasses, Ice Blankets & Fish-It-Well T-Shirt (Dunham's Sports, Freshwater Farms, Mad River Outfitters) - Jim Calvert, Winner
10. Beautiful Handcrafted Wildlife Quilted Throw (Sue Dukes, Craftswoman) - J. D. Dukes, Winner (not pictured)
11. One Dozen Handcrafted 'Strip Teasers' Fishing Flies (John Schoenauer, Craftsman) - Rich Blankenship, Winner

Congratulations to each of the Winners. My special thanks to everyone who participated, making it a successful and entertaining Fall Fling. Extreme gratitude goes to the MVFF Club; Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters, Inc., Columbus, OH; Jim Koudelka of Fish to Fly, Portland OR; Sue Dukes, Quilt Artist, Fairborn, OH; and our own John Schoenauer. Their enormous generosity provided unique, top quality items for our special Raffle.

~ Jana Champ



# 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](https://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

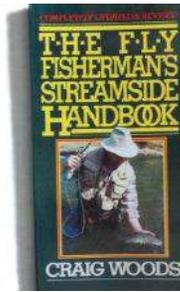
~ Tom Arnold



# The Fly Fisherman's Streamside Handbook

Originally published in 1981, this book is an excellent primer for individuals wanting to know what fly fishing is all about. This is a quick read and the author suggests carrying it as a reference in your pocket when you head to the water. It covers the basics:

Jeff Davis - "I had asked Jeff Warden for some advice on reading streams and he gave me several book and author suggestions. He also included this review he had written a few years ago for *Tightlines* of Craig Woods' *The Flyfisherman's Streamside Handbook*."



## Book Review by Jeff Warden

The Fly Fisherman's Streamside Handbook

Author: Craig Woods

Edition: Revised (07/07/1987)

Publisher: Penguin Books

Paperback 128 pages

List price: \$7.95

- Tackle – Rods, Lines, reels, leaders, waders, and accessories.
  - It discusses fiberglass and graphite rods and has a table of suggested rods for different types of streams.
  - It has a table of “suggested line weights for fly size and type.”
  - It discusses line weight and how the weight is determined as well as covering the different types of lines. There is also a table of line weights from 1-15 and their weight in both grains and grams.
  - The author includes a table for which line type to use for different depths.
  - The section on leaders is very good and would be of interest to all fly fishers. The author has tables on how long of a leader to use on a particular type of stream as well as suggested fly size for the various sizes of tippet. It is very good at explaining and showing you what to do to have your fly where the fish is. For instance, it pictures the effect of using a short leader versus a long leader with a sinking-tip line.
  - The author covers accessories you should carry to be a well-equipped fly fisher (not like yours truly who used to carry everything but the kitchen sink – but who did they come to if they didn't have something). Besides your rod, reel, and line the most basic of accessories would be fly box, clippers (aka nippers), forceps, leaders or tippet material, hat, polarized sunglasses, and a net.
- Knots – covers several knots and when you would use them. Some of the knots I have never used, but might try some after reading the book. In MHO, the basic knots you need are nail knot (for attaching leader to fly line if you don't have the loops on the ends), double surgeons (for attaching tippet to leader), and improved clinch knot for tying on flies.
- Flies and Trout Food – the book has several color plates of flies.
  - Covers the basics categories of dry fly, nymph, streamer, and attracter patterns.
  - There is a table depicting the various sizes of hooks you would use, printed in their actual size.
  - There are several good tables printed that cover the following for each – “Fly Pattern”, “Description” (what kinds of materials are used), “Recommended Sizes”, and “What it imitates”. All great information for beginners.
  - Covers the basic trout food – Mayfly, Caddis, Stonefly, Midge, and bait fish.
    - Very briefly discusses the life stages of the basic trout food showing pictures and talking about what types of flies imitate them.
  - Also covers terrestrials.
- Casting – the basic cast, roll cast, and mending.
  - The book discusses and has drawings of the various casts and when and how to use them.
  - It talks about the effect of mending both up and downstream.
- Tactics – how to:
  - Fish a stream
  - Fish to rising fish
  - Fish when there are no rising fish
  - What to do when even the rising fish aren't taking your fly
  - Playing and releasing a fish (the quicker you can land or un-hook a fish you plan to release the better.)
- Stream Etiquette
  - This is the last chapter of the book. We should all practice good stream etiquette being mindful of private property and our fellow anglers when trying to navigate near and around others already fishing.
  - Pack out everything you pack in.

# Casting Competition News!

We've completed this year's casting competition. Thanks to everyone for taking part. Remember - although we did keep score and everyone hoped to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) was to improve our casting abilities.

## August Bass Bug Cast Results

First Flight - Jim Vota  
Seniors - John Young  
Masters - Greg Kiddon

I need last year's winners to bring trophies to the October or November meeting so I can have them engraved with this year's winners.

~ Bob Zitney



## 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.

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 do 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](mailto: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/>



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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>

## 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: You Can Feed the Birds

Updated September 8, 2021

The Ohio Division of Wildlife is lifting its previous recommendation to stop feeding birds. However,

caution and vigilance are always necessary to help prevent further spread of diseases at bird feeders.



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

# Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2021 - Only 2 More Events Remaining

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](mailto:tiggr75@gmail.com).

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/10/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	3/24/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDiR9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDiR9uSaGiu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Deer Meadow Park	4/8/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Madison Lakes	4/14/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPQL9QdXuN9">https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPQL9QdXuN9</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers and Zoo Cougars for the bass.
Eastwood Lagoon	4/21/2021	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYwBoSu5">https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYwBoSu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares for the bass. Many SMB in this water.
Lofino Park	4/29/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higgs's SOS.)
Arthur Fisher Park	5/5/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
Rosewood Park	5/13/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUWmoxxhcdGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUWmoxxhcdGMRA</a>	Never had any luck here but I saw plenty of fish activity both times I was there. This year I'm going with a hopper and dropper.
Wellfield Park	5/19/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68">https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68</a>	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	5/27/2021	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Indian Riffle Park	6/2/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcoww9mLcd9">https://goo.gl/maps/t7wxsHcoww9mLcd9</a>	Just a whole lot of bluegills!
Lofino Park	6/9/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Neis6</a>	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning.
Deer Meadow Park	6/17/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Bluegills and crappie, the bass will be spawning, although we may catch a few juveniles.
Miami View Park	6/23/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZip9aqVDI3uM8">https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZip9aqVDI3uM8</a>	Never fished this one, so you're on your own!
Oak Grove Park	7/1/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJTLXsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJTLXsR6</a>	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Rip Rap Road Park	7/8/2021	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA">https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA</a>	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	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/jDUzia3Z85zAmxy7">https://goo.gl/maps/jDUzia3Z85zAmxy7</a>	This one is primarily for the kayak and boat crowd. The bank fishing here is very tough. Boats are allowed but these ponds are very narrow and shallow, so you'll want to stay with the trolling motor. I have fished here a little, but I have not been able to discern any patterns as of yet.
Oak Grove Park	7/22/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJTLXsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJTLXsR6</a>	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
Delco Park	7/28/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	Tiny streamers or mayfly nymphs for the crappies. Foam beetles or beadhead nymphs for bluegills. Bushy marabou streamers or crawdad imitations for the bass.
Arthur Fisher Park	8/4/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36</a>	Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Zoo Cougars or Clousers for the bass. Foam beetles and spiders for the bluegills.
Rosewood Park	8/11/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUWmoxxhcdGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUWmoxxhcdGMRA</a>	No idea ... yet!
Eastwood Lake	8/19/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZyrd6SqYgB9">https://goo.gl/maps/hchrBeZyrd6SqYgB9</a>	Another kayak day! I plan to launch from the landing nearest Harshman Road. Fishing at the inlet pipe is strictly a roll cast proposition. Let's pile up some species this day! LMB, SMB, White bass, crappies, bluegills, perch and saugeye are all there for the catching.
Park across from Miami Valley Shooting Grounds	8/25/2021		<a href="http://bit.ly/3bdtVQQ">http://bit.ly/3bdtVQQ</a>	I don't know the name of this park, but it's close to Rip Rap Road Park in Huber. I have heard of crappies and bass here, but I haven't been able to validate either. I know these ponds get overflow from the Great Miami when it's up, so the available species should be the same.
Dr. Bowers Lake	9/8/2021	Kayaks (Long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjz5">https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNjz5</a>	This lake has a lot of species. I have seen catfish, bluegills, crappies, carp, LMB and SMB. come out of this lake. I have heard of wipers and perch here, and I have seen a photo of a pike that was reported to have been caught here. In September, the shad are usually schooling here, and the bass are actively pursuing them. If you bring your kayak, bring your wheels, because it's a long way from the parking lot to the nearest launch. Be careful when parking! Even one wheel on the grass will get you a \$36 ticket.
Delco Park	9/23/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	Late season crappies should be the ticket this day. Depending on the weather, we might still get a few bass.
Carriage Hill	10/7/2021		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8xMTISnTYV9">https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8xMTISnTYV9</a>	Late season crappies should be the ticket this day. Depending on the weather, we might still get a few bass.
Kiser Lake	10/20/2021	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dbpECH5DnMBsXeh48">https://goo.gl/maps/dbpECH5DnMBsXeh48</a>	We may be able to catch the shad schooling. If so, this could be a real bonanza! Boats and kayaks are allowed, but no motors, so don't bring anything you can't row or paddle!

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## Help!

I need material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on this page.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

## Membership Update

These past nineteen 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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