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FLY FIGHERS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

March Meeting

Our next meeting is March 14th

Presidential 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 March 10th

MVFF Annual Auction

Get ready for another great event!

The time is quickly approaching for the MVFF Annual Auction on March 14th. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Presidential Banquet Center, which is the larger building to the left of our regular meeting location.



This will provide us more room for this event. (Also, please note there will be a cash bar - no \$1.00 beer!)

For the new members and those not familiar, there are a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - NO JUNK. If you would not pay money for it no one else will either. Also, you may request a donation voucher for tax purposes as we are a non-profit 501(c)(3).

Items that sell well are fishing items of course, as well as camping and hunting gear. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are also perennial favorites (so start tying some collections for inclusion in this year's event). This is also a wonderful time to go through all of your gear, pull out the stuff you no longer need or use, and bring it to the auction. One man's junk (but no junk here) is another man's treasure.

If you have a skill or a membership to various clubs, these make excellent items for bid. Examples are members who

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President's Thoughts ...

Hello once again friends, fly fisherman and women. Happy March. Winter is on the way out and ready to invite the spring. I'm certain



that most of you are excited about that. This brings us to our third meeting of the year. I was told that the meeting last month was a better turnout than January's. I unfortunately had a work thing and was not able to attend. I want to give a special thanks to John Warner for stepping up and taking the reins for me in my absence.

Our annual Auction is coming up quickly on March 14th. Please gather your items to donate. Invite a friend or a prospective member to attend. This is a good way for them to meet our members, purchase some great items and have a good time. Remember, the proceeds help pay for our expenses, speakers, fly tying classes, and other activities of the Club.

The importance of the auction cannot be stressed enough; the club generates about half of our revenue from this single event.

We will not have a speaker lined up for the meeting as the auction takes up the entire evening.

I hope to see everyone there and remember to be generous and buy lots of things that you probably don't need but want anyway.

Stay safe and tight lines.

Phillip Ritter 2022 MVFF President

Mid-Week Events to Kick Off!

Start marking your calendars. The Mid-Week Fly Fishing events begin March 10th. Check out some of these fishing spots and meet up with fellow members (page 4).

Thanks go out to Ken Davy for setting this up again this year. We had some pretty good turnouts last year. Let's see even more participation this year!

MVFF Auction (cont'd)

offer guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. We have had some spectacular trips in the past that have been very popular. Whatever it is you can donate to the auction truly helps support the club.

This event generates essential funds for the club every year. Everyone has done a great job of supporting this event in the past and we are asking for you to do the same this year. Donate and bring your cash or checkbook along. We will also be accepting payments through the PayPal portal on our website again this year. You can pay with your mobile device either through your PayPal account or charging by credit card; however, you will be responsible for the fees associated with the transaction.

Time is getting short, but if you have donations that need to be picked up ahead of time please contact me at (937) 657-7052 or ritter-phil@yahoo.com. I will make arrangements to have them picked up or meet at a convenient place for all parties involved. Any large items please make sure we know in advance so we can plan our set-up accordingly.

Also anyone that would like to volunteer to help this year it would be greatly appreciated. Contact me ASAP if you can help.

Thank you all and see you March 14th.

~ Phil Ritter

Notes March 2022

I met Bill Clutter only once at a Project Healing Waters event at Spring Run. Bill did the grilling. It was plain to see how much those around him respected and appreciated his presence. Twice his wife has gifted us with books and videos from his private library after his passing. This second group includes many of his resources for teaching casting as a Fly Fishers International instructor. Among the items is his instructor preparation video. These resources were dear to him as is evident by the care and condition by which they were kept. The list is not exhaustive, but a sample of what Bill considered important to his task, which I am certain was also his joy.

Master the Cast by George V. Roberts, Jr.

Fly Casting Accuracy by Joan Wulff

Longer Fly Casting by Lefty Kreh

Loop Dynamics by Soon S. Lee

Flycasting Skills for Beginners & Experts by John Symonds and Philip Maher

First Cast (teaching kids to fly fish) by Phil Genova, Fly Fisher Apprenticeship Program

Video... Flycasting Faults and Fixes by Mel Krieger

Three books in the collection stood out by their apparent use and topic. Books that will be on my nightstand until read. Your nightstand thereafter....Check them out. J.W.

Catching More Value in the Time of your Life) by Ken Greenwood

"We all fish. Some fish shallow...some fish deep...."

Fly Fishing: A Life in Mid-Stream) by Turhan Tirana

Recommended by Lefty Kreh, Joan Wulff, Jimmy Carter, and more.

Waters Swift and Still edited by Craig Woods & David Seybold

A compendium of some of the best fly-fishing stories by the best of authors.



Keep Your Membership Active

Membership dues for 2022 were to be made by the end of February. We will be updating the membership roster soon and removing those who have not paid. We don't want to lose you; so if you haven't paid your dues, please do so today before we make these updates. Renewing your membership could not be easier. Just pay using our PayPal portal. Either pay with your PayPal account or by credit or debit card as a guest. Click the Pay Now button on our Home page....https://mvff.us.

Please contact me If you have questions about the status of your membership.

Also, remember that if you or another member have trouble making your payment we have a benevolence fund to cover the cost. A member of our Board can help you discreetly access these funds.

Take care; stay safe; and see you at the next meeting!

Cynthia Davis, Club Secretary

March Fly of the Month



- 1. Place the bead head on the hook and place the hook in the vise.
- 2. Attach the thread slightly behind the bead head.
- 3. Lightly dub the thread and wrap a dubbed body back to the middle of the hook bend. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
- 4. Cut a 3"- 4" piece of jelly rope or stretch tubing and make a diagonal cut in one end. Tie it in tightly by the point of the diagonal cut at the end of the dubbed body, then wrap it in almost touching turns up the hook shank (allowing some of the dubbing to show between the wraps) to slightly behind the bead head and tie it off. Remove any excess tubing.

February Raffle Winners

Here are the raffle winners from the February meeting...

Orvis Clearwater 8 wt. Outfit - Ken Hudak Pheasant Tail Nymph Tying Materials - Sam Brown Buffs for Hot and Cold - Ken Hudak

Fly Coasters and 6-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon - Jim Calvert

Mystery Box (Valentines Candy) - John Warner

~ Lew Hofmann

Mac's Rock Worm

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook Scud, size 12-14
Thread Black or Olive, 6/0
Head Brass bead

Abdomen Black or olive jelly rope, stretch tubing or vinyl rib

over a lightly dubbed body of peacock dubbing

Thorax Peacock herl or dubbing

5. Select 2-3 peacock herls, trim off the butts, then tie them in right at the front of the vinyl body wraps. Wrap the herls forward together to behind the bead head forming a thorax and tie them off. (The thorax should be thicker than the vinyl body.) Do a whip finish behind the bead head and cut the thread. Remove any excess herl.

Note: This fly is intended to be an imitation of the caddis larva found in much of the United States. This fly should be fished with a dead drift retrieve.

Mentoring Update

The MVFF Mentoring Committee is planning its initial training session for mentors, but we would really like to get a few more members to sign up as mentors. Do so by logging in to the website and going to the Mentoring page to complete the sign up process.

If you have not filled out the form on your availability to attend the training, please do so at the link below . . .

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uGxDK3K4B45xes1I54-eradscESRr1IfFt2zRLpgXr8/viewform?edit requested=true

Don't wait! Sign up to be an MVFF Mentor today!

Thanks,

Shawn Michael

You can email us at mvffmentor@gmail.com with any questions.

Want more info on the Mentoring program – check our past articles in Tightlines at https://mvff.us/tightlines/ beginning with the August 2021 issue.

TU Madmen Chapter Update / Name Change

The TU Madmen Chapter is in the process of changing its name to Mad River Chapter.

We have already started working on in-stream habitat improvement at Pimtown Road on the Mad and will continue when stream flows subside. The first monitoring on the Mad River, lead by Joe Nagel and Don Dean, is scheduled for April 16th meeting at 9:00 a.m., at the US36 bridge. We are also waiting for flows to come down to address down trees. With warming temperatures and more folks getting outside we are encouraging anyone visiting the Mad to pick up litter and consider being a volunteer of the ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program.

Thanks to MVFF for its continued support!

Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2022

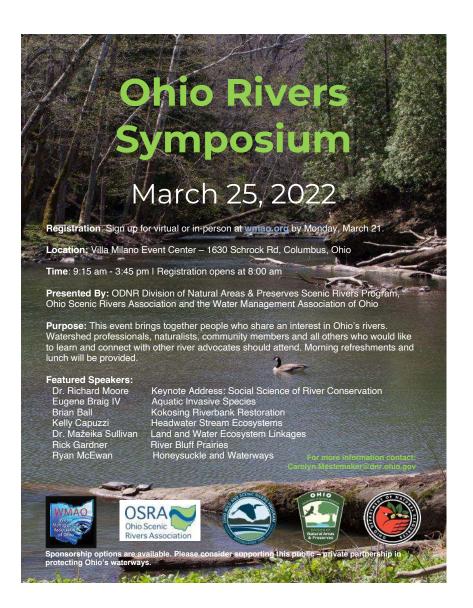
Ken Davy has once again put together a list of fishing spots and a schedule from March - October. Ken has also included info on the fishing potential of these waters and suggested flies. There are links to a map for each location.

These events are on the club Calendar page of our website and Facebook page as well (Events).

Lots of fishing spots and links to maps here. Go on the scheduled date and you can meet up with fellow members. Or just check out some of these places when you choose. We're hoping to get even better turnout this year.

They start at 4:30 p.m. If you have specific questions about events contact Ken at tiggr75@gmail.com.

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Мар	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/10/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Madison Lakes	4/7/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/Uk4eVcLPQL9QdXuN9	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers and Zoo Cougars for the bass.
Deer Meadow Park	4/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Lofino Park	4/20/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higga's SOS.)
Delco Park	4/26/2022		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.
Old Reid Park	5/3/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/1a2maUVWYdG5GRVT7	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.
Arthur Fisher Park	5/12/2022		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.
Lakengren Lake and ponds	5/18/2022	Waders	https://goo.gl/maps/7XwZngWYLrJaRjFTA	Not sure about any of these waters, but we're in on a pass from Todd Alexander. He says the best fly fishing is in Thor Lake or Valhalla Lake.
Wellfield Park	5/24/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	6/2/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Miami View Park	6/8/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDj3uM8	There are bass here but you need to get down to them.
Deer Meadow Park	6/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766	Bluegills and crappie, the bass should be in pre-spawn binge and building nests. Easy to catch but make sure you are gentle and release them.
Centennial Park	6/23/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/m1pKZUZFchPMFPaL7	Small pond, bluegills at least, not sure what else.
Lofino Park	6/29/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higga's SOS.)
North Park	7/5/2022	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	7/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6	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.
Eastwood - Blue Lake	7/20/2022	kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/MTXa83CSXJVvnUAs6	Deep with steep sides, but plenty of wood cover all around with bass hiding and cruising under it.
Carriage Hill	7/26/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTYV9	Not sure how this one will fish in July.
Wellfield Park	8/4/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Dr. Bowers Lake	8/10/2022	Kayaks (Long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/8eYhxiTvezGdNJjz5	Go to the kayak and fish the edges up under the trees.
Oak Grove Park	8/16/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6	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.
Lofino Park	8/25/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Concentrate on bluegills in the shade, and bass along the bottom, low and slow.
Rip Rap Road Park	9/1/2022	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA	Bring your waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in September, meaning the Fall bit should be under way! Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
Arthur Fisher Park	9/7/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJDf6FYLZvb36	One last shot at Fisher Park. 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	9/13/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxxhcDGMRA	There are big bluegills here. When they decide to hit, they do not waste any time!
Eastwood Lake	9/22/2022	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 much easier from a boat or kayak. Let's pile up some species this day! LMB, SMB, White bass, crappies, bluegills, perch and saugeye are all there for the catching.
Carriage Hill	9/28/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTYV9	Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season.
Carriage Hill	10/13/2022	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ooWMe8eXMT5TnTYV9	As I said, Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season. So much so, that I think it's worth one last shot.





Paddling the wild and scenic section of the Grand River in Lake County, downstream of the Harpersfield Covered Bridge. A good takeout point is Riverview Park, about 8 miles downstream. This section has some rapids, steep shale cliffs and isolation through the Grand River gorge. More information is at: https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/grand-scenic-river. Photo Credit: A. Sasson

New Organization Seeks River Enthusiasts

The Ohio Scenic Rivers Association (OSRA) is reaching out to individuals who may have an interest Ohio's State Scenic Rivers and other waterways. OSRA is a relatively new organization, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit on November 7, 2019, with the goal of protecting and improving our state's water resources. OSRA plans to accomplish this goal by working to support Ohio's State Scenic River system; promoting Scenic River stewardship projects, facilitating public-private partnerships in support of Scenic Rivers; and developing non-partisan support of Ohio's Scenic Rivers.

Currently the OSRA Board of Directors is made up of fourteen conservation professionals and water quality advocates from all across Ohio. Recently OSRA has been active in providing testimony at the Statehouse on important water quality related legislation as well as cosponsoring the second annual River Symposium, hosted by the Department of Natural Resources, State Scenic River Program. In addition to supporting the existing system of state scenic rivers, OSRA also promotes the designation of additional, high-quality rivers.

Whether you are a conservation professional or simply an individual who enjoys water recreation, OSRA invites you to visit their website today and join them in this important work. All those who join (or renew their membership) in 2022 will be entered in a chance to win a high-quality inflatable kayak kit from Smithfly Designs.

For more information visit: www.ohioscenicriversassociation.com

FYI: Tom and Pam Allen are on the board of directors for the Ohio Scenic Rivers Association.



Those who join OSRA in 2022 will be eligible to win this inflatable kayak and other supplies from Smithfly Designs. Photo credit: E. Smith

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



Keep Up to Date

You can find the latest news out of national PHWFF at . . .

https://projecthealingwaters.org/news-media/press-releases/

Here at MVFF we are looking forward to the VA re-opening and the start of fly

tying. There is no specific date at this time, but we will let everyone know once programming can resume. So stay tuned for upcoming announcements.



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills. https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources

ReelFlyRod Offer

On Fidays we are hosting a resident fly tyer in the front of the shop - Greg Morrett (https://morrettflyfishing.com/). Customers have been coming in to sit for a few minutes to talk about tying and learn some tricks from Greg. In order to generate some storefront traffic and bring more attention to this learning opportunity we have been offering a 10% discount on tying materials on Fridays to our walk-in customers.

We hope MVFF members take advantage of this opportunity to talk shop about fly tying and get a discount on materials.

Thomas Nugent
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Mad River Drift

The MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they

use to catch fish. Learn more at

uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-

https://mvff.us/wp-content/

Project.pdf.

Here is a link to the archive of the TU Mad River Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to the current and previous newsletters. You can also subscribe here.

https://us20.campaign-archive.com/home/? u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=e41b50e209



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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

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

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CALENDAR

Check the MVFF Calendar page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our <u>Facebook</u> page.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/



Did You See the Michigan Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the <u>November Tightlines</u> and check out the photos from this trip - <u>https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/?</u>
ref=page_internal

Lots of other photos and albums on the FB page.

Help!

I always need and appreciate member-submitted 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, a new fly pattern 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

Dues!



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