

TIGHT LINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



April Meeting

Our next meeting is April 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 April 7th

April Speaker

Steve Culton has been writing about fishing since the first grade when he composed an essay about an outing with his father. Since then, Steve's work has appeared in *Field & Stream*, *American Angler*, *Fly Fish Journal*, *The Drake*, *Flyfishing & Tying Journal*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Fly Rod & Reel Online*, and *Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*. Steve



wears many hats: fly fishing instructor, guide, speaker, fly tyer, freelance writer, husband, father. His fly fishing interests include trout, stripers, steelhead, smallmouth bass, and small stream native brook trout. Whether he's greased-line fishing 12" flatwings for stripers with a 5 weight rod and a 9 weight line or swinging old Yorkshire soft hackles for trout, one thing is certain: Steve likes to fish when, where, and how most other people don't. You can see more of his work on his website, currentseams.com, or on Instagram at [stevecultonflyfishing](https://www.instagram.com/stevecultonflyfishing).

Join us for an interesting presentation.

~ John Young



President's Thoughts ...



The 2022 MVFF Auction went off with a bang. I want to thank everyone that attended and everyone for their donations for this year's

auction. I also want to give a special thanks to everyone that helped. It couldn't have been done without your help, so thank you very much. I love this club and the great things that we do. This was the first indoor auction since the dreaded COVID-19 came about 2 years ago. I feel that it was a great turnout and will only get better in the years to come.

Now that we have gotten through March with the weather that does not know what it wants to do, spring is pretty much here and great weather is ahead. That means more time outdoors, and more importantly, more time fishing. It also means the Spring Fling is back. So everyone make sure that you have paid your dues for the 2022 season and come to the meeting for a chance to win some fantastic gear (only paid members can participate in the special raffle). I always look forward to this meeting and it is our last indoor meeting until fall.

We have some exciting things to talk about and stories to tell. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks again and as always, TIGHT LINES.

Phillip Ritter
2022 MVFF President

Spring Fling Raffle

Remember, the April meeting is when we hold our Spring Fling Raffle! This raffle will again be filled with very special items and only club members can participate.

This is one you don't want to miss!

MVFF AUCTION RESULTS!

Thanks to all who volunteered their time, flies, general merchandise and cash to make the 2022 auction another success. This is our first auction back indoors after the Covid scare and it may have kept some of our members away. We have a great club with many generous members.

Please note that an additional \$911 was raised in January and February for Project Healing Waters with special raffles and donated fly tying materials.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>	<u>PROJECT HEALING WATERS-NAT'L</u>	<u>CASTING FOR RECOVERY</u>	<u>VETERAN'S PROGRAMS</u>
2022	\$ 4,038	\$ 4,038	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2021	\$ 5,201	\$ 5,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150
2020	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,050	\$ 360	\$ 85	\$ -
2019	\$ 5,308	\$ 5,093	\$ 140	\$ 40	\$ 35

NOTE: 2021 Auction was held outside in June (postponed due to Covid19).

Walt Konek, Treasurer

Mentoring Orientation Scheduled

Mark Your Calendars, Preserve the Date!

The long-awaited, initial Mentor Orientation Session has been scheduled! Please plan to attend this very important meeting of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers Mentor program. Details about the meeting are as follows:

Date: Monday, April 18th

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Location: Beaver Creek Community Library
3618 Dayton-Xenia Road
Beaver Creek, Ohio
Large Meeting Room

MVFF members interested in participating in the program are invited to attend. If you have not previously signed up to become a mentor, but would like to learn more about the initiative, feel free to contact a member of the MVFF Mentor Committee at mvffmentor@gmail.com.

Shawn Michael Johnson

Membership Update

There are still some members who have not renewed their membership for 2022. Dues should have been paid by the end of February.

We are close to the time when we will remove unpaid members from the roster and email list. Those unpaid members who had registered on the website will also have their accounts deleted. If you decide to rejoin you will have to re-register.

So please renew today!

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

Notes

April 2022

There are 26 books in a series in our library entitled *Lefty's Little Library of Fly Fishing*. The name Lefty Kreh for many is synonymous with all things fly fishing. Renowned for his skills as a fisherman, speaker and author, Lefty has offered in this "little" collection short synopses of every aspect of fly fishing broken down by topic and kept to 100-200 pages each. This "library" is a collaboration of many authors who Lefty respected and worked with. It was his desire not only to use an economy of words but to make the subject understood in simple prose. Though not every volume is self-contained, some topics going deeper in technical depth in additional texts, the subject matter in hand finds a moment of conclusion for the reader to ponder and practice.

Lefty did not expect the reader to be accomplished simply by reading and often stressed the importance of the old axiom "practice makes perfect". Lefty Kreh certainly practiced what he preached. Currently, *A Field Guide to Fly Fishing* by Dennis Bitton has an index card for a bookmark and notes between pages 48 and 49 and awaits my return after this writing. Check it out. J.W.

Additional readings:

The Encyclopedia of Insects and Arachnids...Introduced by Michael Tweedie

Terrestrials...by Harrison R. Steeves III and Ed Koch

Two-Handed Fly Casting, (Spey Casting Technics)...by Al Buhr

Great Rivers/Great Hatches...By Charles Meck and Greg Hoover

Trout (Third Edition)...by Ray Bergman

What Makes Good Stream Etiquette

We're not sure whether the following was written by Bill Cairns or he just shared this with those he taught and mentored. But it is worth repeating. This was recently in the monthly newsletter of Red Cedar Fly Fishers in Okemos, Michigan.

The rules of streamside behavior are few and easily observed. Mostly they revolve around common sense, courtesy, and consideration of others sharing the stream.

- A section of water belongs to the first fisherman fishing it. It is inconsiderate to crowd him and just how close an approach is permissible is an obvious variable.
- A slow-moving or stationary fisherman has every right to remain just where he is. If you are moving, leave the water and walk around him, being certain not to disturb his fishing or the water he might be working. In a similar vein, a fisherman may be resting a pool or planning his next move. It is still his water, and you should not jump in without his permission.
- A fisherman working in an upstream direction has the right of way over someone coming downstream. Wading upstream against the current forces you to move slowly, cover less water, and you are approaching the fish from behind. The fisherman working in a downstream direction covers more water, more quickly, and has the potential to disturb more water. For instance, careless wading could send silt or debris washing downstream to alarm fish that someone else is working over.
- Many streams flow through private property. Recognize that access is a privilege, not a right. Respect private property. If unsure about access, ask the landowner politely. On farm properties: don't trample crops, disturb livestock, or leave gates open.
- Leave no litter at streamside. In fact, get in the habit of picking up discarded monofilament, cans and other trash, carrying them out to be discarded properly.
- Recognize that skilled anglers and/or heavy fishing pressure with excessively liberal limits can greatly reduce the available fish populations in any stream section unless voluntary restraint is practiced. A legal limit is not a quota. Let your fishing motto be: "Limit your kill; don't kill your limit." Orvis encourages the catch-and-release philosophy of angling, allowing fish to mature, reproduce, and live to challenge other anglers in the future.
- Multiple recreational use of streams is common. We may share the resource with tubes and canoes. It is the responsibility of the canoer to recognize that the angler has established a position before the canoe floated into view. The canoer should try to pass behind the angler. If space doesn't permit this, the canoer should float by quietly and with minimum disturbance.

Bill Cairns is a legend in fly fishing. He was a fly fishing teacher, ambassador, historian, rod builder, fly tier, and one of the best casters ever. He founded the first fly fishing school in 1966 at the Orvis Company. The fly fishing world lost a true gentleman in 2013 when Bill was 81 years old. (<https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/remembering-the-man-who-invented-the-fly-fishing-school>)

April Fly of the Month

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Jumbo John

Recipe

Hook.....Scud/Nymph, size 6-10
Thread.....Black 6/0
Head.....Red, Orange, Chartreuse bead to match hook size
Weight.....Lead wire, .020
Tail.....Brown goose biots
Abdomen....Copper and copper brown wire (or other color of your choice)
Wing case...Brown thin skin and pearl saltwater Flashabou
Thorax.....Bronze Arizona synthetic peacock dubbing
Legs.....Hot orange round rubber, medium
Collar.....Mottled brown hen saddle hackle
Coating.....Epoxy, UV Knot Sense, or Bug Bond

1. Crush the barb and place the bead on the hook by inserting the hook point into the smaller hole on the front of the bead. Slide the bead up to the hook eye and place the hook in the vise.
2. Now take a 4" length of lead wire and wrap 10-15 turns onto the hook shank starting at the back of the hook and wrapping forward. Trim off the excess wire. Now shove the lead wraps forward into the back of the bead, countersinking the wraps into the large hole on the back of the bead.
3. Start the thread at the back edge of the wire wraps (**make sure the thread is flattened**) and build a smooth taper from the hook shank up to the back of the lead wire, then cover the lead wire and continue to wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook forming a smooth thread base. Leave the thread at the hook bend.
4. Select two matched biots from the quill. (**Pull two that are right next to each other to assure they are the same length and width**). Place the biots back-to-back so that they curve away from each other and even their tips. Measure the biots against the hook shank so they are equal to one-half the hook shank length. Place the biots at the hook bend with one on each side of the hook shank. Turn them slightly off-center toward the near side of the hook and tie them in with 2-3 wraps of thread. (**Pull straight down on the thread and thread torque will pull the biots into the correct position on top of the hook shank.**) Wrap forward (with flattened thread) over the butt ends of the biots up to and onto the lead wraps building a smooth tapered underbody. Clip the excess biot butts.
5. Cut a length of copper wire 8" long and a second matching length of another colored wire. Tie them in along the near side of the hook shank about three hook eye lengths behind the bead head. Wrap thread back over them in tight touching turns to the tail tie-in point, then wrap the thread forward again to where you tied in the wires. **DO NOT CUT THE WIRE.** The wires should be side-by-side. Leave the thread at the front of the underbody.
6. Begin wrapping both wires forward together in tight concentric

- turns butting against each other. Continue wrapping the wire forward to the front of the thread underbody. Tie the wire off with 2-3 tight turns of thread and clip off the excess wire. Cover any wire stub with thread.
7. Now continue wrapping the thread forward over the lead wire to the back of the bead head. Use only enough thread to cover the spaces between the lead wire wraps. Wrap the thread back to front of the wire abdomen.
8. Tie in a single strand of flashabou directly on top of the hook and centered, with the length of the flashabou extending back over the abdomen. Wrap thread back over the flashabou and the front couple of turns of the copper abdomen. Let the thread hang.
9. Cut a strip of thin skin about the width of the hook gap. Remove the paper backing from the strip and tie it in shiny side down (that's the side the paper was on) centered on top of the hook shank at the same point where the flashabou was tied in. Trim off any excess thin skin and flashabou butts. The length of the thin skin should lay back over the abdomen. Move the thread back to the thin skin tie-in point.
10. Now dub the thread and wrap a bulky round thorax between the thin skin and the bead head. (Be sure to leave a bit of bare space behind the bead head for the collar.) Remember to wrap the dubbing back onto the front of the thin skin to avoid having any gap when we pull it forward. **Be sure to finish wrapping the dubbing so that the thread is in the middle of the thorax, ready for the legs.**
11. Cut two pieces of legging material about 3" long and tie in one piece by its middle on each side of the hook shank centered in the middle of the thorax. **Be sure to keep your thread wraps together on top of each other.** Dub the thread again and wrap it over the leg thread wraps to hide those thread wraps. Make the dubbed thread wraps tight and with the last wrap of dubbing, move the thread to behind the bead head.

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Jumbo John (cont'd)

12. Pull the thin skin forward over the top of the thorax and tie it off **slightly behind** the bead head. **(Make sure to keep it centered on top of the thorax.)** Repeat this procedure with the flashabou. **(Make sure to keep the flashabou centered on top of the thin skin.)** Clip the butt ends of the thin skin and flashabou as close to the bead as possible.

13. Before we continue, it would be advisable to pull the rubber legs back along the sides of the body and wrap a piece of led wire around the body and legs to keep them out of the way as we finish the fly.

14. Mix a small batch of epoxy or UV Knot Sense and coat the thin skin wing case from front to back and side to side. **(It helps to run the epoxy up onto the front edge of the wire at the back of the wing case.)** Be sure to leave a small open space between the wing case/thorax and the bead head. Set the fly aside to let the coating cure.

15. Once the coating is dry, select a hen saddle with barbs about the length of the hook shank to use as a collar. Clean off any fuzz at the base of the feather and tie it in by its base between the wing case and the bead head **(Did you remember to leave a little space behind the bead head??)**. Lift the feather up and fold all the barbs back toward the hook bend, then make 2-3 turns of the feather between the wing case and the back of the bead head and tie it off. Remove any excess feather. Stroke the collar barbs back toward the hook bend and take a few turns of thread over their base to hold them in position. If desired, you can place a drop of head cement on the thread but be sure not to get any on the hackle.

16. Clip both the front and back legs so that they are about a hook shank in length.



The New USGS Water Data Dashboard

The next generation USGS Water Data Dashboard is here! After years of development and beta testing, the new site is live and open to public use. You're greeted with a huge map with many multi-colored dots indicating USGS gauge locations. With a few clicks in the toolbar, most folks will figure out how to navigate the new tool with ease.

The good

- The map view makes it easy to find the gauges closest and most relevant to the stretch of water we'd be fishing.
- If you hover your cursor over a site's location on the map, a quick summary of the stream conditions will be pulled up.
- Additional layers like weather radar from the National Weather Service are nice touches.
- The new web pages are much easier to navigate on mobile.

The less good

- Navigating the map function can be a bit jarring at first until you filter out map layers to just the sites.
- It appears as though they have removed the historic average markers on gauge height, which were nice indicators of high-water or blown-out conditions.

Check it out at <https://dashboard.waterdata.usgs.gov/app/nwd/?aoi=default>

(We saw this in a recent newsletter of Red Cedar Fly Fishers.)



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 tigr75@gmail.com.

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	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/CquLXGskM7Ug1766	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 Higgs'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/7XwZngWYLrJaRiFTA	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/to6oZip9aqVDi3uM8	There are bass here but you need to get down to them.
Deer Meadow Park	6/14/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLXGskM7Ug1766	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/m1pKZUFchPMFPaL7	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 Higgs'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/iBV9FWjR2wJtXsR6	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/8eYhxiTvezGdNjiz5	Go to the kayak and fish the edges up under the trees.
Oak Grove Park	8/16/2022		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJtXsR6	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/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWQA	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/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA	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.

Little Miami Watershed Network



On March 22nd the World Water Day webinar with The Ohio State University and the Little Miami Watershed Network was held.

At the webinar, we announced that the Little Miami Watershed Network has had a direct recreational impact of more than \$10 million, according to a study revealed by The Ohio State University.

The University revealed the results of the survey at the webinar aligned with World Water Day. The study examined the recreational economic impact of the river, exploring the number, type and quality of visits to recreational destinations along the watershed and surrounding communities.

The study counted more than 806,446 trips over the course of the year to 45 destination sites along the river. With an average spend of \$12 per car, the university calculated a \$10.1 million in direct recreational impact from visits to the river.

That's an average of \$233,256 per mile, said Dr. Brett Sohngen, a professor of environmental and resource economics within the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University, who with his team, led the study.

The study measured the economic impact of the river, but also looked at the popularity of different activities at river locations as well. On average, runners/joggers took 14.7 trips per year. Paddlers/anglers took 3.5 trips per year and bikers took 5.5 trips per year, according to the study, making hiking, biking and paddling the most popular activities.

Representatives from the university also spoke to webinar attendees about total economic impact. The study extrapolated a value of \$4.8 million/year in total economic activity value tied to the river, meaning the river's economic impact goes far beyond its direct recreational impact.

"We, of course, knew what an asset to the region the Little Miami River always has been, but we could not be more pleased to see, and now have, the statistics to support our efforts," said Hope Taft, Chair Emeritus of the Little Miami Watershed Network. "Now more than ever, the Little Miami River needs someone to speak for her," she added. "The river is the thread that has woven the people, places and stories of the Little Miami Watershed into a bright and colorful tapestry of legacy and hope for the future. The river is the backdrop to our adventures, the guidepost of our present and the pathway to our future."

The study results coincide with the launch of the organization's new website [SpeakForTheLittleMiami.org](https://www.speakforthelittlemiami.org), from which the organization hopes to encourage support and stewardship for the river.

We look forward to your continued support and involvement in our efforts.

To watch the webinar or view the report go to [SpeakForTheLittleMiami.org](https://www.speakforthelittlemiami.org) and select Progress.

(A related DDN article . . . <https://www.daytondailynews.com/local/little-miami-river-drives-millions-in-economic-impact-in-greene-warren-counties-study-finds/RAB2DXC2LFCFVH4ZWCNA4ZPLJM/?>)

Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter

We have been working since the first of January and finished repairs on in-stream habitat work in section 1 at Pimtown.

We have a lot of work planned including more in-stream work, trail clearing and cleanups. The first monitoring of the year is April 16th and we are going to incorporate Level 2 procedures, to get a better picture of water quality in the Mad.

Take care!

Tom Allen



Tom Allen Recognized for Conservation Efforts

The Ohio Outdoor News awarded Tom Allen with the 2022 Person of the Year for his lifelong conservation efforts.

We congratulate Tom (a Life member of MVFF) for his dedication and work throughout the years.

Here's a link to the Ohio Outdoor News article . . .

<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/POY-Tom-Allen.pdf>



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.

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. He's usually there from 10:00 - 3:00. 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.

The shop is now open Saturdays 8:00 - 2:00.

[ReelFlyRod.com](https://reelflyrod.com)



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>

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents>



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>

The MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. Learn more at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>.

Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the archive of the Trout Unlimited 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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HuntFish OH is a mobile path for Ohio's hunters, anglers and shooters to licensing, game check, regulations, and communication with the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



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CALENDAR

Check the [MVFF Calendar](#) page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

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Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

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



Did You See the Michigan Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the [November Tightlines](#) and check out the photos from this trip - https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/?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

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