

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



May Meeting

The May 9th meeting will be our first outdoor meeting.

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

Meal Price - \$15.00 (this is an increase)

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations - those reservations from the indoor season have been deleted. Also, you will have to choose steak or chicken so we know how much to order.

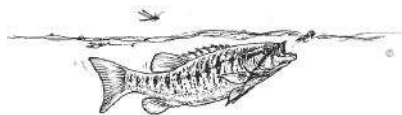
So please make your reservation at
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on May 5th

Spring Fling Raffle Winners

Here are the lucky winners from April's special raffle ...

Sage 6 wt. 9 ft. Outfit (Rod, Reel, and Line): John Balazs
Tenkara Outfit: Jeff Warden
Renzetti Traveler Vice: Kelly Kingery
Oasis Pedestal Partner Fly Tying Bench: Chris Evans
Loon Complete Fly Tying Kit: Jim Calvert
Loon UV Fly Finishing Supplies: John Young
GoPro Hero 8: Joanne Evans
Diorama by Jim Calvert: Kelly Kingery
Quilt by Sue Dukes: Sam Hudak

~ Lew Hofmann



President's Thoughts ...



Spring is here and it is in the typical Ohio fashion. Mother Nature doesn't know how to make up her mind. Snow one day and almost 90 degrees the next. With that being said, the warmer weather has made for some good days to get out and fish. If you've been out and had some good luck, please feel free to post some of your pictures on our Facebook page.

We had a great meeting in April with our Spring Fling and some lucky recipients of those great items in the raffle. Let's give a big thank you to Lew for getting all the raffle items and a bigger thanks to Jana for helping out with getting the raffle set up.

May starts our outdoor meetings at the FOP on Powell Road. I for one am looking forward to being back outdoors. Good grilled food and fellowship can't be beat. (Don't forget to make reservations so we know how much food to get.) Work on honing your skills with the casting competition, as well as an opportunity for some pointers from our casting instructors in the open field. Also, feel free to bring your fly rod for a chance at catching a premium FOP bluegill.

As always, I look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting and until then, tie up some flies and get out there and fish.

Tightlines,

Phillip Ritter
2022 MVFF President

RSVP Reminder / Meal Cost

Please remember to make your dinner reservation and select your dinner choice. There are no standing reservations. Those from the indoor meetings have been deleted.

Meal cost is \$15.00

Canada Fishing Trip Update - New Openings

Our trip to Waterfalls Lodge in Ontario, Canada, next June was full; however, we had a cancellation of two spots for the trip. At the present time I have 5 cabins reserved at the lodge. The last 2 spots will be filled on a first come basis.

This trip is really outstanding and quite a value. Waterfalls Lodge is a drive-in lodge with a chain of 7 lakes and outstanding smallmouth and pike fishing. The price includes a 17 ft. bass boat for every 2 fishermen and an evening meal in the dining room. This will be our 5th year going to Canada and we are never disappointed. The border is open now and we are ready to return to Canada.

I recommend you check out the website (www.waterfalls lodge.com) and get your fishing buddy to sign up with you for a great time. It is not a requirement that you be a club member to attend this trip. The dates this year are Saturday, June 4th through Saturday, June 11th. For more information, call me for the trip details at (937) 925-1211.



~ Jim Calvert

Mentoring Orientation Session Held

The initial MVFF Mentor Orientation session was held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at the Beavercreek Community Library. A number of prospective mentors participated in the meeting, and are motivated and ready to begin serving mentees. The Mentor Committee will facilitate the matching of mentors to mentees.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, or if you are a new Club member and would like to have a mentor, please indicate your interest by logging on to the MVFF website. The address is: <https://mvff.us>. After you log in go to the "Member Area" and scroll down to the "Mentoring" page. On the Mentoring Page, indicate your interest in the Mentor Program.

If anyone has any feedback on the Mentoring Program, we welcome your comments and thoughts. Please email us at mvffmentor@gmail.com.

Shawn Michael Johnson
MVFF Mentor Committee Member

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.

If you have not renewed you should have recently received an email encouraging you to keep your membership active. If 2022 dues are not received by May 15th we must 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! The easiest way is to pay online at <https://mvff.us>.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Cynthia Davis
Club Secretary
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Notes

May 2022

After a “brief” break, the online MVFF Library is again up to date and all of its content is available to any member by calling 937-766-2501 or writing jwcf77@gmail.com. We will continue to highlight different authors and provide help accessing information. In a virtual world we will do our best to maintain and put into your hands physical content relevant to your needs.

Your Library has been organized into broad categories and arranged alphabetically by author.

Printed:

1. Entomology and Ichthyology
2. Fly Fishing Tactics
3. Fly Casting
4. Fly Tying Techniques
5. Destination Fly Fishing

6. General / Humor
7. Environment
8. Magazines / Periodicals
9. Maps
10. Lefty's Little Library of Fly Fishing

Active DVDs:

1. Inspirational
2. Destinations
3. Specialty
4. Fly Tying Techniques
5. Organized Specialty Fly Libraries
6. Fly Rod Casting
7. Archived

Equipment:

1. Fly Tying Kits 1-4

Again this is your library. Use it to your advantage. Check it out. J.W.



Something Different!

Submitted by JD Dukes

We were headed to Florida for my wife's retirement trip. She had many things on her preplanned agenda for the trip, but being ever supportive of my fly-fishing habit, she agreed to my request for a half day trip to try for some peacock bass. I had never caught a peacock bass before, let alone on a fly. So, I contacted an outfitter, arranged for a morning of fishing, and tied up some flies.

The morning dawned bright and clear. I met my boat driver. It turns out he is an emergency room doctor who does this on his time off to unwind. We had some good conversation as we motored our way down the lake. I realized once again that fishing is not all about the fish. There was a strong wind, so top water flies were pretty much out of the question. I had tied some Clouser Minnows up before the trip, so I selected a chartreuse and white one. We drifted past boat docks as I cast sidearm into the wind. The peacock bass were taking refuge under the docks. I was instructed to cast alongside the docks and then to retrieve the fly as fast as I could. I was also told to use a strip-set instead of what I was used to doing when trout fishing.

We drifted along for about ten minutes when suddenly WHAM! The fish hit so hard it literally shocked me. I remembered to strip-set, and then line started to rip through my hands. I had the fish on the reel in no time and after playing it for what seemed like hours, I was able to lip the fish and bring it onboard. After a quick picture I returned the beautiful peacock bass to the water. This played out seven times in the three hours on the water. Each battle was as exciting as the first. The fish ranged in size from three pounds to over seven pounds. Not quite the 20-pound plus peacock bass found in South America, but they were within reach on this trip to Florida and so much fun to catch.

While I love trout fishing, I also enjoy trying to add different fish species to my logbook. This was an experience I won't ever forget. I urge everyone to step out of their comfort zone and try fishing for different species in different places. It has definitely been worth it for me.



Centerville High School Fly Fishing Class Wrap Up



Final Class Picture. Robert Erwin class teacher far right, MVFF volunteers scattered about. Not pictured photographer Jeff Davis.

Our second year of offering a Fly Fishing module to Robert Erwin's Environmental Management Class at CHS is in the books. Seems so long ago I started with our first class back in November. I certainly gained an appreciation for what our teachers went through teaching fully masked during the Covid restriction days.

Over the course of the year we were able to touch on fly fishing background, the equipment, casting, fly tying, and the role the fly fishing community plays in the environmental management of our fresh water fisheries. I also gained an appreciation for Frank Cox, JD Dukes and any other MVFF fly tying instructors for what they go through setting up and conducting the MVFF fly tying classes. It wouldn't have been possible with the class without our MVFF volunteers: JD Dukes, Sam Brown, Steve

Rosengarten, John Young. Extra thanks to John Numbers who was there throughout and held a class on knot tying while I was out of town. As well as to Shawn Johnson who also conducted a class. Shawn got a chance to use a presentation he created for our MVFF mentoring group. Happy to say it went over very well. Also joining us for casting and fishing was Steve Rader, it was nice to have a lefty to work with the left handed students! Also thanks to MVFF for use of the fly tying equipment and rods. And a special thank you to Tom and Sue Boice who allowed us to invade their property for our "final exam" – fishing in their ponds! And of course to Mr. Erwin for trusting his students with our crew.

And of course it was all worth it for the smiles!

Bill DeShurko



May Fly of the Month

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Easy Extended Body Foam Hopper

Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, size 8-12
Thread.....6/0, color to match foam body
Extended Body.....2mm foam, color of choice
Wing.....Deer hair, natural
Overwing.....Pearl Flashabou Accent (Optional)
Legs.....Round Rubber, color of choice
Thorax.....SLF Prism dubbing, color of choice

1. First we will form an extended foam segmented body. Cut a 4"-5" strip of 2mm foam about 2/3rds the width of the hook gap and set it aside. Take a large sewing needle at least 4" long and insert it straight into the vise jaws by the butt end so that the point extends forward. Tie in the thread about 1/4" behind the needle point and wrap a thread base back about 1/4". Let the thread hang. Take the foam strip and fold it in half to determine the center of the strip, then stick the needle through the middle of the fold so that there are equal lengths of foam strip on each side of the needle. Slide the foam back to the front of the thread base. Fold the lengths of foam back along the sides of the needle (**Do not let the foam slide back on the needle**). The thread should be hanging about 1/8" to 1/4" inch back from the fold of the foam. Now wrap the thread around the foam 2- 3 times and pull it tight forming a segment. Wrap the thread under the foam and wrap it forward on the needle a distance to measure the length of the first segment. Fold the foam against the needle again and wrap the thread around it forming a second segment equal in size to the first segment. Continue to form segments until you have 4-5 segments, then whip finish the body where you tied off the last segment. Cut the thread. **DO NOT CUT OFF ANY OF THE REMAINING FOAM STRIP.** Grasp the segmented foam body firmly and slide it off the needle and set it aside.
2. Place the hook in the vise and tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back to over the hook point, forming a solid thread base.
3. Take the foam body and, placing the foam butts on each side of hook shank over the hook point, wrap the thread around the foam similarly to the way you formed the segments, attaching the extended body to the hook shank. The foam body should be **angled upward** from the hook shank. Bind the butt ends of the foam body down securely to the hook shank for about 1/8" and trim away any excess.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small to medium bunch of deer hair.

- With the tips facing back over the foam body, tie in the hair as a wing right in front of the tie-in point of the extended foam body. (**Keep the hair on top of the hook shank and do not allow it to spin.**) The wing tips should extend back to just short of the tip of the extended foam body. Bind down the hair butts to slightly behind the hook eye, then trim away any excess. Return the thread to the wing tie-in point.
5. Cut 3-4 pieces of long flashabou as an overwing and tie them in by their middle on top of the wing at the wing tie-in point, then fold the front of the pieces of flashabou back over the wing as well and bind them down. Trim the flashabou to equal the length of the wing.
 6. Cut two pieces of leg material about 3" long. Tie one strip in by its middle on the near side of the hook shank then repeat this procedure for the far side of the hook. Keeping the forward pieces of the legs on their respective side of the hook shank, wrap thread over them to slightly behind the hook eye. Be sure to keep the leg pieces on the sides of the hook shank, as they will form the front legs of the hopper. **Do not trim any of the legs at this time.** Wrap the thread back to the front of the wing.
 7. Now dub the thread and wrap it forward between the back and front legs to form a thorax. Be sure to wrap the dubbing back tight against the front of the wing, covering all the thread wraps. When the dubbing reaches the front legs, take one wrap between them and one wrap in front of them behind the hook eye and tie off. Remove any excess dubbing.
 8. Do a whip finish behind the hook eye and cut the thread. Now trim the rear legs so that their length reaches back to slightly behind the hook bend (but shorter than the end of the extended body) and then trim the front legs so that they reach back to the hook point.

GO FISH!!!

Reel Recovery Featured on the Today Show! Watch it Here

If you missed the February meeting, please click on the above link for a great piece on Reel Recovery. As a participant last year, along with Mike Redmond who has been both a participant and a buddy (a guide who accompanies each participant to help them with their fly fishing) we really can't endorse this group more. Know that if you personally attend or guide a friend to attend, a fly fisher or not, you will be making a great decision.

REEL RECOVERY is a national non-profit organization that conducts fly-fishing retreats for men living with all forms of cancer. Their mission is to help men in the recovery process by sharing with them the healing powers of the sport of fly-fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences with cancer, with others who share their stories. **Retreats are offered at no cost to the participants and are led by professional facilitators and expert fly-fishing instructors. Reel Recovery provides all meals, lodging and fly-fishing equipment, and no previous fishing experience is required. A maximum of 14 men are invited to participate.**

The retreat this year is from June 21 – 23 at the beautiful Rockwell Springs Trout Club in Clyde Ohio.

Retreat Application Form
<http://reelrecovery.org/programs/application/>

For more information, contact Reel Recovery at
info@reelrecovery.org or call 800-699-4490

Bill DeShurko

Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteering

Just as a follow-up to our email about needing some volunteers for Five Rivers MetroParks.

There have been changes with regards to volunteering with Five Rivers Rivers MetroParks. People can no longer just show up to help - they must now go through the volunteer sign-up process and become an official volunteer in order to help.

They have a new website to process most, if not all, of the volunteer sign-up online. They have training videos for many of the programs and on how to use the new website. You use the new website to sign-up for volunteer shifts - <https://www.metroparks.org/make-a-difference/volunteer/>

You also "check-in" and "check-out" for your volunteer shift which now automates your time sheet which is due towards the end of the year totaling up all your volunteer hours for the year.

~ Jeff Warden

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>

Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meeting season is here and that means we can kick off our casting competition. It's time to dust off those casting skills. The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod. There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Regardless of skill level, EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting competition will only be from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

No casting will be allowed after 7:00 PM. The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., and give us somewhat of a chance to grab some dinner. So come on over and cast early!

NOTE: If no one is casting, at the discretion of the judges, we might close as early as 6:30 PM.

May Casting Competition – this month is the Dry Fly.

A maximum of 3 false casts will be allowed per target. We will have you start with the fly in target 1 or in your hand. (Judge's decision on meeting night.)

Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

First Flight: Those that have never won a casting event and all new casters.

Seniors: Casters who have previously won a First Flight casting event or former winners of the First Flight casting division.

Masters: Former winners of the Seniors casting division.



Competition Guidelines:

Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using the club rod.

One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's competition. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

Scoring:

(Judges will make the final ruling on all scores; there will be no ties for any event.)

All casters will start with 100 points.

- (-0) Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points.
- (-1) Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point.
- (-2) If the fly lands outside all the rings, 2 points will be deducted.

The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered. Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall winner of your division (it's happened before!). So come on over and cast.

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good Luck!

Bob Zitney



Also, we need someone to step up and volunteer to take over the casting competition. Please contact me at rzitney@aol.com. Thanks.

Casting Tips & Tricks – Jason Borger

(An old article, but still relevant, from the FFI Clubwire - a resource for local club newsletters.)

Tensing & Relaxing

Regardless of whether you're gripping a single-handed rod or a double-handed rod, there are two things you can do to help you control your casts better: tensing and relaxing. If you tense your grip slightly as you prepare to stop the rod, it helps to "lock" the muscles and tendons in your arm and wrist. That, in turn, allows you to more easily bring the rod to a halt.

One caveat: don't clamp down so hard that you leave fingerprints in the cork. Just a slight squeeze will do the trick. Relaxing is just what it sounds like: relaxing the muscles in your hand and arm after the cast has been made. Relaxing not only takes tension away from your muscles, but also helps to dampen any aftershocks in the fly rod.

Such a dampening action will assist in creating smoother line flow through the air. The idea with relaxing isn't to get so loose that the rod falls to the ground. The idea is to just slightly open the fingers that are curled around the rod handle--just enough to remove a bit of tension and to allow the rod a frog's hair of leeway.

Try a bit of tensing and relaxing the next time you cast, you may find it allows you to be more controlled more easily. And the more control you have, the more precisely you can get the fly to the fish.

Stop the Rotation

To obtain maximum efficiency in fly casting, an angler needs to eliminate all excessive motions that can occur during a cast. Many excesses are easy to spot, but one that gets missed by many casters is wrist rotation. I don't mean the tipping of the wrist to form the loop, but rather the TURNING of the wrist side-to-side as the cast is made.

Wrist rotation (often a result of a "lazy," or improperly trained

wrist) is a thief of everything you want in casting-- distance, accuracy, and control. When the wrist rotates, the rod is moved out of plane in a horizontal ~ direction, forming a horizontal loop. This unwanted loop interacts with your regular loop, skewing, or "hooking" it to the side. Efficiency and control (and everything that goes with them) gets rotated into thin air. Heavier rods/reels/lines often exacerbate the problem as an already "lazy" wrist will be more easily pulled astray by the extra weight.

Be conscientious about your wrist's movement during your practice sessions; don't allow it to rotate out of plane as you cast. With such practice you'll find yourself increasing control over every aspect of your presentation.

Optimum Line Length

Actually getting out and practicing your casting is one of best things you can do to improve your fishing success. However, there's always that big question "How much line should I be practicing with?" Well, when it comes to learning new skills or honing old ones, I recommend using the Optimum Line Length.

The idea of the Optimum Line Length came from my father, Gary, and is based on selecting a length of line that works well for every caster and every rod. The trick for obtaining the Length lies not in some big mathematical algorithm, but rather it's found in a very simple experiment: Begin with about two rod lengths of line (excluding leader) and make a standard overhead cast (no hauls, etc.). Then lengthen the line two feet and cast again. Repeat the process until you have to begin to work beyond your basic energy level in order to cast the line (you'll feel it). Then shorten the line by a foot each cast until you're comfortable again. That's your Optimum Line Length; mark it. The Length will vary for every rod and every caster, but for the majority of casters and rods it's usually somewhere between 27 and 33 feet.

Practicing with the Optimum Line Length will ensure that you're not modifying your casting stroke (with extra energy and motion) as you also try to learn or hone a skill.

Can You Tie a Fly with One Hand?

Can you tie a fly with one hand tied behind your back? Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations believes you can. Fifteen years ago Jesse Scott, fly tyer, retired Air Force Pilot, and master tinkerer began teaching wounded service members returning from military deployments to tie flies. Many of these individuals presented with issues relating to dexterity, loss of use, traumatic brain injury, and other challenges to the tying of a fly. Over time Jesse and Dean Childs developed a set of tools that made it possible for persons with these kinds of limitations to tie flies! [The Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild \(COFTG\)](#) hosted a presentation by Jesse on March 30, 2022, as a part of their series of fly tying virtual programs that include 19 weekly sessions with some great fly tyers. COFTG is associated with FFI and is developing a website that will be available. You may view the recent video of Jesse demonstrating the tools in the video below.

Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations provides these tools at no cost to any individuals who need them. Check out www.fishagain.org for more information.

EVERGREEN HAND: A One-Handed Fly Tying Device

<https://www.fishagain.org/evergreen-hand>

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/iBV9FWjR2wJTrXsR6	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/iBV9FWjR2wJTrXsR6	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.

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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.

Tom Allen Recognized

As you read in the April Tightlines, Tom Allen was recognized as the Ohio Outdoors News 2022 Person of the Year for his conservation efforts. Tom's wife, Pam, worked with the band The Steel Wheels to create the *Mad River Song*. Here is a link to the video of The Steel Wheels performing the song. . . . https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WdCUUCepOrA&fbclid=IwAR3r3GX8OSp39Pr4n155CG-rzucX_VI5Bz-geAkRx7mrrP5SVA4RvWcylMs



Also, here's a link to the Ohio Outdoor News article on his award . . . <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/POY-Tom-Allen.pdf>



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Backyard Wildlife Documents

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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>

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.

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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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