



August Meeting

Our next meeting is August 8th.

Dayton FOP Lodge / 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 August 4th

Raffle Winners

Here are the lucky winners from July's raffle ...

- TF0 8 foot 4 weight 4 piece outfit with reel, line, and backing Chris Evans
- Simms Big Sky Sun Hat, Stripping Guards, Mt. Cutty Wading Belt Sam Hudak
- Matuka Sculpin Complete Tying Set + DVD Bob Ulreich (guest)
- Trout Coffee Mugs, Seattle's Best Coffee Dave Williams
- Leader Wallet with Assorted Leaders and Tippet Spools Jerry Connally

See you in August!

~ Lew Hofmann



President's Thoughts ...

I was happy to see everyone at the last meeting. We had great weather and a good crowd. We did hold the casting competition but were not able to



announce the winners, as the scores were not added up by the end of the meeting. The names of the winners will be announced at the next meeting and are in this issue of Tightlines.

It has been a very hot summer so far and we still have the hottest month ahead of us. Let us know what you all do to keep cool by posting pictures on our Facebook page. When the temps get this warm, I myself slow down on fishing but still take to the water. Tubing and kayaking is my old standby. It is also allowing me to tie up a bunch of flies to get ready for the fall.

Eric and his group are getting ready to go to Wyoming, and in fact, by the time you read this, they will be there. I'm looking forward to seeing all the pictures and hearing all of the stories (AKA Lies) they will have to tell.

Please make sure to RSVP for the next meeting so that we know how much food to purchase. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Keep cool, have fun and as always, Tight Lines.

Phillip Ritter MVFF 2022 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. You need to make a reservation <u>each month</u>.

If you submit your reservation after the deadline (August 4th at 9:00 p.m.) you will not be on the meal list.

Thank you.

Meal cost is \$15.00

Notes August 2022

In beginning this journey of learning to fish using the method of flyrods, open reels, leaders, tippets, casting with the weight of the line and not the lure, understanding seasons, water flow, and temperatures, I understood it would be a yearslong endeavor. After interruptions from pandemic, illness, and separation I find the waters still flow, the seasons still change and great fishing friends still abound. **Reading the Water** by Dave Hughes was first suggested to me by the mentoring program leader Jeff Warden. Now into the second reading of this classic I am beginning to understand the lessons my friend and mentor J.D. Dukes has been trying to get these weak eyes to see. Often it is the mind's eye that is unwilling to depart from assumptions that slows the learning. Last year in a distant state, Wyoming, under smoky skies and with muddy rivers I traveled with Jim Calvert from the base camp along the Shoshone River for three hours up into the Beartooth Mountains where I caught my first wild, native trout. Eight inches long, the rainbow, hiding in the downside slip of a mid-stream boulder in a stream barely seven feet wide, took the nymph as though he had been waiting there his whole life to bring me this startling snap of the line, fish on, bolt of energy to my life. Hooked is too mild an expression.

Dr. Donald Dean, who after a career leading doctoral students at The Ohio State University, in retirement turned his efforts to cataloging stoneflies in Ohio streams and creating a website tracking stonefly sightings state-wide, annually. He also has worked with the local Trout Unlimited Mad River 477 club monitoring the Mad River for its insect life, determining the health of the stream as a fishery. Dr. Dean recommended J. Reese Voshell, Jr.'s book *A Guide to Common Freshwater Invertebrates of North America* to understand the insects in the streams we fish, their life cycles, and what they tell us about the well-being of the waters and fish. If you have a longing to expand your studies into entomology, you might try *Aquatic Entomology* by Jill Lancaster and Barbra J. Downes.

Locally, I have been encouraged by my son, Andrew, who has managed to bring out of the Great Miami and its tributaries small and large mouth bass, northern pike, and more. As I have been told by a great mentor, it isn't necessarily how many fish you catch (though he enjoys the competition), but the company you keep. We have much to be thankful for in our band of happy fishermen (and fortunately women). The journey continues. J.W.



Secretary's Desk August 2022

We enjoyed a pleasant evening at the July outdoor meeting (32 in attendance) with a steady breeze, wonderful food and the best of company. Frank Cox came early with his guest Tim Shaughnessy. Bob Ulreich, also a guest, won a raffle prize of fly-tying materials and instructions. Tommy Howard joined us for the meeting after finding us on our MVFF website. We look forward to seeing these guys again as members. We welcome new member John Beck.

Membership questions and answers are addressed through the club website. Our membership grows largely by word of mouth and our *Tightlines* is read around the world through sister organizations like Fly Fishers International. Cynthia

July Casting Results

The Dry Fly casting winners were:

First Flight – Jim August Seniors – Sam Hudak Masters – Jim Calvert The Nymph casting winners were:

First Flight – No competitors Seniors – Sam Hudak Masters – Nathaniel Crossman

More AEP land purchased by ODNR

Ohio's Largest Wildlife Area Grows by 6,898 Acres

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife recently announced the purchase of an additional 6,898 acres at Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area in southeast Ohio. The acquisition brings the total acreage of Ohio's largest wildlife area to 54,525 acres of public land for hunting, fishing, trapping, birding, and outdoor recreation.

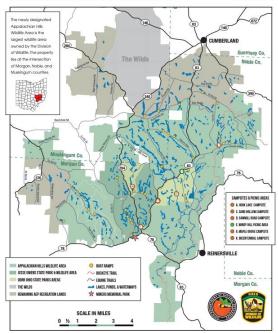
"The latest addition to Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area adds vibrant lands to an area already well known for fabulous hunting and fishing," Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker said. "We are proud to expand outdoor recreation opportunities for all Ohioans and protect wildlife habitats. Thank you to Ohio's sportsmen and women who came together to promote and support this purchase."

The Appalachian Hills Wildlife Area was purchased from American Electric Power from 2018 - 2021.

Read more about it here and get a map of the area as well.

https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/news/ Largest-Wildlife-Area-Grows

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES I DIVISION OF WILDLIFE APPALACHIAN HILLS WILDLIFE AREA MORGAN, MUSKINGUM, NOBLE, AND GUERNEY COUNTIES 30,414 AGRES



https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/appalachian-hills-wildlife-area#:~:text=Appalachian%20Hills%20Wildlife %20Area%20was,second%20or%20third%20growth%20timber.

https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/wildlife/wildlife-area-maps/appalachianhills.pdf

Mentoring Committee

The Mentoring Committee is very energized and dedicated to the success of the Mentoring Program. Our hope and goal is that this will become a successful program and help lead to sustainment of the club and fly fishing in general.

The MVFF Mentoring Committee and mailbox

(<u>mvffmentor@gmail.com</u>) was stood up roughly a year ago in July 2021. Shortly thereafter, the Mentor and Mentee sign-up pages went live on the club website.

Since that time the committee has put together resources for both Mentors and Mentees which can be accessed from the Members Only page in the "Mentoring" section. These resources include the Mentoring Handbook and other items to help both the Mentor and Mentee succeed in their endeavors. In the past year we have had only three people sign up as a Mentee and they were each paired up with a Mentor. Mentor training was put together and the first training class was conducted in April 2022 with four out of 6 Mentors being able to attend.

Anyone wishing to take the Mentor Training should contact Shawn Johnson (or <u>mvffmentor@gmail.com</u>) so the next training date can be organized. Shawn's contact information can be found in the "Contacts" and "Members" pages of the club web site. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help with a Mentoring event, please contact us at <u>mvffmentor@gmail.com</u>. One idea we have been thinking about is an event with several stations with a "rod owner/coach" at each station having fly rods displayed from possibly 1 WT up to 10 or 12 WT. In this event participants would be given an opportunity to cast a rod of a weight they would like to try and see what it is like to cast. This might be a great opportunity for people to try out a particular weight rod before purchasing. If nothing else, it would give people an opportunity to cast a different weight rod that they might not already own. We might set up a timer and after a set time have everyone rotate through the stations. If we had 12 stations and allowed 5 minutes to cast at each station, it would take 1 hour to get through all the stations/ rods.

We encourage everyone to check out the "Mentoring" section of the MVFF Members Only portion of the MVFF website (www.mvff.us) and sign up as either a Mentor or Mentee. Although our primary focus has been on new members, anyone in the club is more than welcome to sign up as a Mentee. Everyone can help Mentor by welcoming new members into the MVFF family and by helping to promote fly fishing.

Sincerely,

The Mentoring Committee

August Fly of the Month



1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook, then reverse direction and wrap the thread back forward to about 1/8" behind the hook eye.

2. Tie in a set of bead chain eyes, using figure eight wraps, about 1/8" behind the hook eye. (If desired, apply a drop of super glue or head cement to the thread wraps covering the eye.) Wrap the thread back to the hook bend.

3. Select 6-8 ostrich herl fibers, align the tips, and tie them in as a tail at the hook bend. The tail should be approximately half the hook shank in length. Tie the herl in so that the excess length of the herl goes toward the hook eye.

4. Fold the excess herl back over the tail and bind it down with 2-3 tight thread wraps on top of the hook shank at the same point as you tied in the tail. (This excess herl will be pulled forward later to become the body shell back.) Let the thread hang.

5. Cut a 3"-4" piece of ribbing and tie it in at the same point as the tail with the excess stretching out over the hook bend.

6. Dub the thread and wrap the dubbed thread forward to a point about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing.

EZ Hex Nymph

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook Nymph 2XL, size 6 - 10
Thread Brown or Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail Ostrich herl, natural grey
Body Dubbing, squirrel blend, sulphur or equivalent
Rib Gold or Copper wire, fine
Hackle Ringneck pheasant church window feather, natural or a Speckled brown hen feather.
EyesPlastic bead chain or mono, small, black
Head Thread

7. Grasp the excess herl which you folded back earlier and pull it forward over the top of the dubbed body as a shellback and tie it down in front of the body. Trim away any excess herl butts.

8. Now grasp the rib and palmer it forward for 4-5 wraps over both the body and herl shellback and tie it off in front of the body. Remove any excess ribbing.

9. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather. (DO NOT REMOVE THE FLUFF FROM THE FEATHER BASE.) From slightly below the tip, stroke the fibers down toward the base and tie the feather in by its tip (at the point where the fibers start to be stroked down) at the front of the dubbed body. The feather should be tied in with the concave (dull) side down. Trim off any excess tip and then make 2-3 wraps of the hackle and 1-2 wraps of the fluff forward to behind the bead chain eyes and tie it off. (When stroking the fibers downward, try to gauge how much hackle will be needed to allow you to make the wraps of hackle and fluff without having too much hackle fiber.) Remove any excess hackle and move the thread to the front of the bead chain eyes. Form a small thread head between the hook eye and the bead chain eyes.

10. Do a whip finish right behind the hook eye and cut the thread. (It may be advisable to do two whip finishes for durability.) Cut the thread.

Creel Submission

Have you tried the *Creel Submission* page (<u>https://mvff.us/species-caught/</u>)? It is in the Member Area menu. We developed this page for members to easily submit their catch info in a way that would make it easy to gather and tabulate the information and report to members periodically.



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. (Email addresses will not be shared or published in *Tightlines*.)

Casting Competition News!

We will try to get through 2 events again at the upcoming meeting.

Test out your casting skills by taking part in our casting competition. 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 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No casting will be allowed after 7:00 p.m. 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 p.m.

August Casting Competition – this month we will be doing both the Roll Cast and Bass Bug competition.

Roll Cast: Starting with the fly in ring #1, each caster is allowed 15 casts to score in all five targets. Any target not scored is a demerit of 2 points. The highest score with the lowest number of casts wins.

Bass Bug: Starting with the bug in hand, the caster is allowed unlimited casts to target 1, and two false casts between targets after that.

Casting Competition 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, I really need someone to help with the competition. Please contact me at <u>rzitney@aol.com</u>. Thanks.

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/iBV9FWiR2wJTtXsR6	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/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/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.

Little Miami Boat Access

Here's a link to the ODNR website on where to boat in Ohio:

https://ohiodnr.gov/business-and-industry/services-to-business-industry/gis-mapping-services/ boat-access-amenities-ohio

The 'launch interactive map' button takes you here:

https://gis.ohiodnr.gov/MapViewer/?config=Watercraft It works well on your phone.

Update - for the section "Little Miami River" I think the reference to Newtown might be a nice access point or ramp on Newtown Rd. in Hamilton, downstream from Milford.

~ Jeff Warden

Honesty - even for fishermen - is the best policy

Dishonesty isn't just silly, it can impede your progress as an angler.

We've all heard the jokes. We have probably told the jokes and laughed at them as well. Here's an interesting article in Hatch magazine.

https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/honesty-even-fishermen-best-policy/7715524? fbclid=IwAR2nUImoDuo0SdFD_4Pfx05ZI54Q75M2cGzqP9EYFBPLzh7Zd9nw8T91uS4

Great Miami Riverway Event

The Paddles Pedals & Pints event will be held Saturday, August 13th. This is a fundraiser for the Sidney-Shelby County portion of the Great Miami Riverway.

Join us for an adventure featuring our Great Miami Riverway, parks, food trucks, beer tasting and more!

This event will feature a Cycle Adventure, Kayak Adventure (courtesy of Taiters Kayak Solutions) and Craft Beer/Soda tastings (courtesy of Murphy's Craft Bar + Kitchen)!

https://www.greatmiamiriverway.com/calendar.php#/

https://m.facebook.com/events/1227020081161543





Gather a group, pick a date, and we will provide the supplies and trash pick up to help you clean a creek that feeds into the Little Miami River. Please complete the registration form below. Email info@lmwn.org if you have any questions.

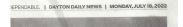
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https://mailchi.mp/f38daf87caab/next-two-lmwn-events?e=4246dfc881

Smallmouth as the state fish?

Ohio is among a small number of states that does not have a designated state fish. This writer in a recent Dayton Daily News article says it shoud be the smallmouth.

https://mvff.us/wp-content/ uploads/2022/07/ Smallmouth bass July2022web.pdf



OUTDOORS Can smallmouth bass be state fish?

By Jerry Kripp Contributing Writer

Some time ago, there

Little Miami River From Milford to the south offers some good access areas, including a nice on in Newtown.

Some time ago, there was strong interest in making the smallmouth base the state fish in Ohio. The back burner and on the back burner and on the back burner and state fish. The office of only there state fish. The catfish as its state fish. Che catfish as its state fish. Tekindle the fire and again push to male the smallmouth base our state fish. Tekindle the fire and again push to male the smallmouth base our state fish. The state fish as our state fish. The state fish as the small fish is the state small to state fish to the small fish is state fish. The state fish as our state fish. The state fish as our state fish to male the smallmouth base our state fish to have the smallmouth base our state fish the state state fish as our state fish as four space. The state fish to male the smallmouth base our state fish to have the smallmouth base our state fish to have the state fish as four space. The state fish to have the state fish

Mad River People hear Mad River and think trout (rainbow and brown), but don't overlook the smallies

Scioto River, Olentangy River, Fishing can be good on both rivers in downtown Columbus. Both are good for kayak fishing. While the rivers above are places to visit, just about any creek or stream in Ohio can be home to smallmouth bass.

mendous fishing in Ohlo for quite a few species of fish, but I don't believe you'll find one spe-cles more widespread throughout the state than the smallmouth. A three-pound small-mouth will give you a fight you will certainly enjoy and you'll be for-ever hooked on this great game fish. Ohio is fortunate to have many great rivers home to sinaminoum bass. Wipetition open to art-fisis every year featuring our state fish? Proceeds from the sale of stamps could support fishing pro-grams in the state. I vote for smallmouth as our state fish. What do you think? Email me at jkoutdoorconnection@ yahoo.com

have many great rivers and streams that have great smallmouth fishing:

Great Miami River Lots of fish here from Dayton to the south pro-ducing some good small-mouth fishing. It's best in the spring through early fall. The Great Miami ranks as Ohio's best river to catch smallmouth bass and produces some nice sized fish. Stillwater River This is a nice small-mouth stream that offers the opportunity to put your waders on, grab your fly rod and dry fly fish for smallies.

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Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



Keep Up to Date

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

https://projecthealingwaters.org/newsmedia/press-releases/

Here's a public service announcement video featuring Henry Winkler

https://projecthealingwaters.org/announcements/henry-winklerchampions-project-healing-waters-in-new-psa/

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about local PHWFF activities.



Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to the June 2022 quarterly of the Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

> https://mailchi.mp/df781e9072b4/lmwn-sept-2021newsletter-9077278?e=4246dfc881

TU Mad River Chapter URL Change

Please be aware that the TU Madmen Chapter is now named the TU Mad River Chapter. The URL has changed so please update your bookmark to <u>http://tumadriver.org</u>.



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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-fishingboating/fishing-resources/fishingreports-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/documentspublications/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-<u>Center-Resources</u>

MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. Learn more at <u>https://mvff.us/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-</u> 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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Subscribe to the Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife eNewsletter by filling out the form below. Once submitted, check your email to confirm your subscription.

https://go.ohiodnr.gov/downewsletter

Mobile App

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.



https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/huntingfishing-boating/hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app



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CALENDAR

Check the <u>MVFF Calendar</u> 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 Canada Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the July 2022 issue of <u>Tightlines</u> and

check out the photos from this trip - <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/?ref=page_internal

There are lots of other photos and albums on the FB page.

Help!

Dues!

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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