

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



November Meeting

Our next meeting is November 14th

Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month.

Please make your reservation at
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on November 10th

November Speaker



JUSTIN HANSON: FLY FISHING FOR CARP

Justin owns the site toflyfish.com and has fly fished for almost 30

years in salt water, warm water, fresh water, and for anadromous species, with both single and two-handed rods. He has managed a fly shop, tied commercially, guided, and conducted fly casting, fly tying, and fly fishing courses. He has fly fished for carp for over 25 years and has caught carp in California, Utah, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio. He has designed many successful carp flies and caught carp in rivers, ponds, sloughs, marshes, and lakes. Justin can best be reached at flyfish@toflyfish.com.

He will do his presentation via Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be sent a few days before the meeting.

~ John Young



President's Thoughts ...



I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather with the incredible color and cooler temperatures. The fall makes me want to fish and get outdoors

more. The water level has been down so the boat has stayed put, and it has forced me to do more wading, fishing smaller flies and targeting smaller fish. Something I have not done too much of in a long while. I realized how much I missed wading from bridge to bridge. It has created an almost new love for the sport again. It forces you to observe and read water. It is almost like a deeper connection with nature. Now is the time to get out, before too many leaves fall and then you are stuck cleaning leaves from your flies almost every cast.

I would like to thank everyone for coming to last month's meeting. We had a great showing of members and a great presentation about Lake Erie smallmouth, steelhead and freshwater drum. I am intrigued by the freshwater drum fishing. Not that sheepshead are a prize fish, but the challenge of catching one on a fly has definitely peaked my interest. Be it wading your local stream or booking a trip up north get out there and enjoy the outdoors.

I will look forward to seeing you all again this month and as always, have fun, stay safe and tight lines.

Phillip Ritter
2022 MVFF President

2023 Dues

We are now accepting payments for 2023 dues. The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card (you do not need a PayPal account). This is also the easiest way for us as it eliminates the burdens of dealing with check and cash deposits. There is the added benefit of having a good record of transactions.

2022 SALMON TRIP

A Recipe for a Successful "Fishing Trip"

As you know there are recipes for just about anything you want to make. Well, this fall we found all the ingredients for one of the greatest fishing weeks I have had.

The first ingredient is to plan the trip with some great friends and avid fishermen that you know. In this case we had 26 club members and 4 selected friends to share this great week of fishing with.

The 2nd ingredient is to pick the right spot and the right timing. We went to the Pere Marquette River to fish the salmon run in the Baldwin, Michigan area. Our accommodations were at Barothy Lodge where we stayed in 3 "log chalets" right on the banks of the P.M. River. Their lodges are 5 star and they offer 7 miles of stream fishing on the property, and the 'FLIES ONLY' section of the P.M. River is just a short drive away at Baldwin.

The next ingredient is timing. We went up to Michigan on October 2nd this year and our timing was perfect as we hit the peak of the spawning run this year. The river system was loaded with king salmon in the spawning areas and fresh fish were moving up stream every day. The average king was 18-20 lbs. and many of the larger fish were 25 to 30+ lbs. in the mix to make things interesting. The fall colors were great on the river this year, and the temps were very nice in the 60's every day.

We also spiced up the trip with "fine dining" every evening back at the lodges. We started the week off with our annual chili cook out on Sunday evening then we moved to Italian night spaghetti and meatballs on Monday. Tuesday was old fashioned meatloaf, Wednesday brought out the beef and noodles, and Thursday was smoked pulled pork shoulders with a salmon dip appetizer. To say we ate well is an understatement.

The dessert every evening is always the great time we have around the fireplace trading stories and lies about the day's fishing and solving the world's problems. I really don't know how many king salmon we caught on the trip, but I assure you the hook-ups were too many to count and most all the fish were released unharmed to finish their spawning run. I did however take an informal count on Wednesday evening after dinner and that day we landed 105 king salmon.

As always, the week went by way too fast, and I am already looking forward to the trip next year. If you have



not experienced fighting these big fish in a stream environment on the fly rod, I recommend you put this trip on your calendar.

Check out the many great pics on our Facebook page when you have time.

~ Jim Calvert



Rich Blankenship (left) and Carl Markstrom (below) with 2 of the many beauties landed during the week. Check out the photo album on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=MiamiValleyFlyFishers&set=a.566679295330547>



One of the Best Michigan Trips Yet!

More photos on our [Facebook](#) page.



Raffle Winners

Here are the lucky winners from October's raffle

- TFO NXT 8 wt. 9 ft. outfit with reel, line, and backing: Doc Balazs
- Complete Set to Tie Scud Patterns: Phil Ritter
- Folstaff Wading Staff: Mike Redmond
- Glenmorangie Scotch, Eagle Decanter: Rick Ordeman
- Mystery Box (Loon Nocturnal Headlamp, Frog's Fanny Floatant): Tom Cade

See you in November!

~ Lew Hofmann

Website Updates

As was said previously we've made some changes. Some behind the scenes changes have improved the speed of the site considerably including optimization of images and other media as well as improved caching. Pages load much more quickly. If you experience any issues please let me know. The site seems to render well with the browsers I have tested, but there are always exceptions.

AGAIN, the most recent change is the inclusion of recent forum topics on the home page. We are going to use the forum for some announcements among other things. You can view the topic but will have to login to post a reply. You are also welcome to post a new topic - you will have to login to do this however (more than 70% of members are registered). Give it a try.

Forum Topics Page - Here registered members can create and/or reply to topics.

Following a Conversation on the Forum - On the Forum Topics be sure to use the checkbox "Notify me of follow-up replies via email" so that you will be alerted to new responses to a particular topic. We hope to see increased use of the forum as we get more members registered.

Use of Contact Us Form - The use of the Contact Us form is really meant for non-members to make inquiries. If you have questions you can just email the club at mvffemail@gmail.com or go to the Club Contacts page to get in contact with board members and other key club contacts directly. You will have to login to see the contact information of the Club Contacts or to access the Members page.

~ Tom Arnold

Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteering

MetroParks recently created a special user group just for the MVFF club members who are volunteers. So now when there is a program where there is a need for volunteers with specialized skills – like for fly fishing/casting/tying – MetroParks (our Kelly Kingery) can post the need and it will go out to those who have signed up as a volunteer and they will get the notice that there is a need.

MVFF members – use the link below and fill out the info. Once you are all set as a volunteer, it'll be easy to see when a request comes up and if it is something you can or want to do.

<https://metroparks.galaxydigital.com/user/joinGroup/?group=Lf8KnJPUYMHlWQQ0GjhMuB91PXUcoWdE2pSBkMzwK7dIXSMlgFcvI9d2Ox16CH%2FgMGIZpcfeLRqUR%2BLFgNjHg%3D%3D>

Secretary's Notes October 10, 2022 Meeting

President Phil Ritter called the October meeting to order and recognized new member Todd Funderburg. We welcome Joseph Stadnicar to the club as well. There were fifty-three attendees at the first indoor meeting of the fall. Jim Calvert gave a report on the annual fishing outing to the Pere Marquette River for king salmon. Carl Markstrom caught a 12 lb. steelhead. Sam Brown and others skillfully caught brown and rainbow trout as well. Jim noted that on one day over 100 king salmon had been caught and released. It was also a great time for mentoring new members. Kelly Kingery asked for volunteers in helping to teach upcoming fly-fishing classes held by Five Rivers MetroParks. Phil announced that the weekly fishing outings to local waters would become monthly events. Speaker and professional guide Josh McQueen spoke about steelhead and bass fishing along Lake Erie and Ohio tributaries to the lake. New club brochures have been printed and will be distributed to the local fly shops. They are also available for events and personal distribution to potential members. It was noted that member Cliff Borowski had passed away. Our thoughts are with his family. J. W. Davis, Secretary.

Here's a link to the new brochure . . .

<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/mentoring-brochure.pdf>

November Fly of the Month

Barr's Meat Whistle

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook..... 90 or 60 degree Jig hook, size 3/0 to 1/0
Weight.... Copper Conehead
Thread.... Rusty Brown 6/0
Rib..... Ultra Wire (Brassie), Copper Brown
Body..... Diamond Braid, Copper, Gold, or Bronze
Wing..... Rabbit Zonker Strip, Rust
Legs..... Brown/Black/Orange rubber or Pumpkin Stripe Sili Legs
Flash..... Copper Flashabou
Collar..... Brown or Rust Marabou

1. Place the cone on the hook, then put the hook in the vise with the hook point down. Attach the thread behind the hook angle in front of the conehead and build up a small football shaped length of thread. (This length of thread should be slightly larger than the diameter of the hole in the cone so that the conehead fits tightly onto it.) Let the thread hang.
2. Push the conehead forward onto the thread length, then continue wrapping the thread in front of the conehead building up a small cone thread head between the front of the conehead and the angle of the hook.
3. Now pull the conehead back off the thread, whip finish and cut the thread, then apply head cement to the thread.
4. While the cement on the thread is still wet, push the conehead back onto the thread head tightly.
5. Restart the thread behind the conehead and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend, then reverse direction and wrap it back to behind the conehead. Let the thread hang.
6. Cut a 5-6" piece of diamond braid and ribbing wire and tie them in together slightly behind the conehead. Keeping them on top of hook shank, wrap thread over both of them back to the hook bend, then wrap the thread back to slightly behind the conehead.
7. Now make one turn of the diamond braid behind the wire ribbing, then wrap the braid forward to slightly behind the conehead and tie it off. Remove any excess braid. Let the thread hang. DO NOT WRAP THE RIB YET.
8. Invert the hook in the vise. Cut a piece of zonker strip a little more than 2 times the length of the hook shank. Pierce the strip with the hook point in its middle (the front end of the strip should reach to the front of the braid body) and pull it down to the rear of the braid body. The hide part of the strip should be against the braided body. (It may be necessary to remove the hook from the vise to move the strip into the proper position.) Tie the front of the strip down tightly at the front of the braid body and remove any excess strip behind the conehead. Cover the strip butt behind the

conehead with thread. (Be careful not to build up too much bulk as there are several other items to tie off later.)

9. Grasp the wire rib and palmer it evenly over the rabbit strip, binding the strip to the body in a matucka-style wing. Once the wire is at the front of the wing, tie it off and remove any excess.

10. Now invert the hook back to its original position. Cut two 6" pieces of legging material, fold them in half, and tie them in at the fold on top of the hook shank at the point where the rabbit strip was tied off, adjusting them so that there are two legs on each side.

11. Cut a small clump of flashabou about 6-7" long and tie it in by the center behind the conehead, working the separate strands so that they are evenly distributed around the hook shank. Then fold the front half of the fibers back over the body and bind them down as well. Trim the ends of the flashabou so that they are about 1/2" past the bend of the hook.

12. Select and measure a marabou feather so that its tips reach just past the bend of the hook. Tie it in on top of the hook shank right behind the conehead and attempt to spread it out so that it covers the top half of the fly. DO NOT WRAP THE MARABOU OR CUT THE BUTT END OF THE MARABOU. Invert the hook and repeat this procedure for the bottom half of the fly.

13. Now grasp the butt ends of the marabou and wrap them around the hook shank tight against the back of the conehead and tie them off. Remove any excess marabou butts.

14. Form a dubbing loop behind the conehead, cut some matching rabbit fur and place it in the loop and twist the loop closed. Wrap this fur dubbing loop around the hook shank tight behind the conehead forming a fur collar and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing loop. Whip finish behind the conehead and cut the thread.

15. Trim the zonker strip tail so that it is approximately a hook shank in length. Trim the legs so that they reach back to the middle of the tail.

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Keep Up to Date

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

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

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about local PHWFF activities.



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>

Some great activities are planned for the FFI Virtual Expo. As information becomes available it will be posted to this page below. Come back often to check for updated information.

https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/virtual-expo?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fff

Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.

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>.

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Attach Fly Here
Fly Name: _____
Hook Size: _____
Fly Type: Dry Wet Nymph
 Streamer Terrestrial
Fish Species: _____
Location used: _____
Donated by: _____

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>



Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to the September 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://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=d0849e781ada00f84ee13de0b&id=a619ff0c92>



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Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts>

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>

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CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

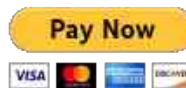
Help!

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

Dues!

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