

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## December Meeting

Our next meeting is December 12th

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 December 8th

## Fly Fishing Legend Dave Whitlock Passes Away

Dave Whitlock, one of the best-known names in fly fishing and fly tying, passed away on Thanksgiving Day.

Born in 1935, Dave was an author, artist and fly fishing legend, a native of Oklahoma. But before all of this he was a research chemist for more than 40 years.

Then he began his career in fly fishing combining his artistic and writing skills and publishing many books. Throughout his career he has achieved numerous awards and honors for his many contributions in the field.

Dave was a speaker at MVFF on a couple of occasions over the years.

Here's a nice piece about Dave.

<https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/fly-fishing-legend-dave-whitlock-passes/466688>



## President's Thoughts ...



I hope that Thanksgiving treated you all well and that you did not overdo it as I did. The traditional loosening of the belt and lounging in the recliner while watching football method as I call it. I unfortunately had to be on duty but I still was able to have a great meal and enjoy it with my work family.

This letter really has nothing to do with fishing but more as a memo to friends. I am thankful for all of you and for this club. This will be my last Tightlines article as the club president. I am, without a doubt, honored to have served as president. I thank you all for your support, comradery and friendship.

The next meeting will be our awards dinner where we will be giving out 5 awards in different categories. It is also our quote-unquote Christmas meeting. So please come and join us. Who knows, you just may be one of the award recipients.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday and as always, tightlines.

Phillip Ritter  
2022 MVFF President

## 2023 Dues

It is now time to renew your dues for 2023.

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 an added benefit in that it provides us with a good record of transactions.

Please pay now.

# 2023 Beginner Fly Tying Classes

*There are still openings available!*

It is now time to sign up for the 2023 Beginner Fly Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as one of the many benefits of MVFF membership.

This is going to be a basic class for those new members, and members that missed out on previous classes, who would like to learn how to tie flies. There will be no more than 20 openings. Members who took an earlier basic class can come as long as we don't exceed 20 for total class size.

The classes will be on Fridays starting January 6, 2023, and will continue weekly for 8 weeks. Class will run from 5:30 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. and will be held at Rona Community Church, 1082 Rona Parkway Dr., Fairborn, OH 45324 as in previous years.

It is easy to sign up and registration for class is now underway. You may register by telephone or by email ([email is preferred](mailto:frank@mvff.org)), by contacting Frank Cox at [frank@mvff.org](mailto:frank@mvff.org) or 937-603-1312. There will be a sign-up list at the December club meeting as well. Class sign-up information needed is as follows: name, email and home address, phone number - and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one. We normally have excellent attendance at class. Knowing how many members will be participating helps us to plan for materials and our budget request to the MVFF board. So please sign up soon so we can plan accordingly.

We currently have fewer volunteers to assist in class. If you have taken our class before and would like to assist the new fly tiers we could use your help.

Other information:

- If you have a cold, a temperature or feel sick in any way it is recommended that you do not attend class that day.
- We will maintain a protective distance as much as possible while helping or assisting individuals that need help.
- For new students, it is best if you can attend all classes (but is not required) as you will learn new techniques each week that help to build your fly-tying skills.
- If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$75.00. The rental fee is returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. Please let Frank Cox know if you plan on renting a tool kit. We only have 10 loaner kits available.
- If you desire to purchase a tool kit go to Fisherman's Headquarters on Keowee Street in Dayton or ReelFlyRod in Bellbrook, where you can receive a discount for being an MVFF member.

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Below is our planned class schedule:

Jan 6 - Slide show, tools, use of whip finishing tool  
Green Weenie and Woolly Bugger (if time allows)

Jan 13 - Ken's Crazy Ant Modified and Partridge & Orange Soft Hackle

Jan 20 - Pheasant Tail Nymph Bead Head and Bluegill Bomber

Jan 27 - Li'l Foam Spider and Brown Hackle Peacock Nymph

Feb 3 - Higa's SOS and Antron Bug

Feb 10 - Barr's Copper John and Clouser Minnow

Feb 17 - Elk Hair Caddis and Madam X

Feb 24 - Zug Bug and Quigley Cripple

This is what is planned; however, we might have to change some flies based on product availability. All of these flies are listed on the club's website.

Finally, if possible, we will try to provide some intermediate classes on the MVFF Facebook page for you other interested tiers. We'll provide more info at a later date.

~ Frank Cox



# PHWFF Visit to Zanesfield

The PHWFF outing at the Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club was held October 17<sup>th</sup>. This has been an annual event hosted by Zanesfield (and MVFF) member John Raisbeck. MVFF members served as guides for our veteran service men and women.

It was a very brisk day, but the cold did not dampen anyone's spirit and desire to catch some beautiful fish. Everyone landed fish and all had an enjoyable time. Bill Younkman, PHWFF participant and MVFF member, shared his thanks and appreciation (see next page).

Many thanks to John for hosting this outing once again.



Al Bailey's 9 lb. 2 oz. rainbow from the Sacred Pool



Dave Fox with a nice rainbow



Karla Riste with a beautiful brookie



Mark Lagratta (MVFF member)

*(see next page)*

# PHWFF Visit to Zanesfield

This was sent to me from Bill Younkman, one of our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing veterans, describing his gratitude for our recent outing at Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club. This event has been hosted annually by John Raisbeck and assisted with members from MVFF, and Karla Riste From the Dayton VA, PHWFF coordinator.

~ Carl Markstrom



Bill Younkman (MVFF member)

## A Note of THANKS!

November 11, 2022

Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club, Miami Valley Fly Fishers and Dayton VA sponsored a Healing Waters fishing outing last month for vets. We were taken to fishing holes and streams with natural habitat as the theme.

What we received was a very honored memorable fishing trip. Thank you!

The giving, caring, and sharing were lived in the example of a man nearly immobile and approximately only twenty percent of his sight was helped to fish "where the big ones are". When he hooked the "charley tuna" two men grabbed him by the vest and around the waist or he would have been pulled into the drink. The picture I took reveals this moment in a man's life when a major milestone of completion or a point of fulfillment is achieved and he was made whole. We may parallel the phrase bucket list.

This one example was worth all the effort and expense made. I thank you for allowing me to watch and be a part of this.

Mike was my guide. He gave me an excellent outing along with tools to work with in my fishing presentation. One was preloading my rod, another mending the line, changing my method of stripping the line, tip position and just plain relax and allow nature and physics along with my mind to flow together. I could not take in all that at once so I gave Mike my rod and asked him to show me. He did. My rod came alive and had skills I never imagined so graceful. Thanks - I am developing and adjusting them one at a time gently. I could have not asked for more. The photos and the company all were fun.

Thanks,

Bill Younkman

## Notes

### December 2022

Looking forward to the winter season. We will be displaying at the December club meeting an assortment of guides and “how-to” literature on nymphing. You may have seen at past meetings a large map of all of the streams, creeks (or if you are from deeper parts of the country...”cricks”), and rivers of Ohio. This map is annotated with a guide book to help you find your particular waterhole. *Tightlines* lists websites where you can find regularly

updated information about fishing in Ohio and beyond. We are working with the Miami River Conservancy to again provide individual, detailed maps of local rivers. Coming in January is the beginner’s fly-tying class. We will be present at all classes with racks of magazines, books, and brochures on different fly-tying techniques by world class tyers. There is also a link on the Miami Valley Fly Fishers website to flies and recipes.

Our library continues as a hands-on resource where, as club members, you can still open a book, turn its pages and learn the mysteries and joys of fly fishing. Check it out. J.W.

## Secretary's Notes

### November 14, 2022 Meeting

We welcomed several guests, new member Mike D’Amico and his son Harry to the November meeting. Phil Ritter led the meeting. V.P. John Warner noted that it had been a few years since a group of MVFF members had gone to Pine Lake and asked if there was a renewed interest in such an outing. Walt gave the treasurer’s report. It was announced that the Buckeye United Fly Fishers would be holding their 34<sup>th</sup> Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on February 4, 2023. Paula Smith was nominated to be the club vice president in 2023. No other nominations being made, a majority of members voted to accept the nomination. Paula will help John Warner who will become the club president in January. There were 50 individuals who attended November’s meeting to hear Justin Hanson speak on fly fishing for carp.

J. W. Davis, Secretary.

## Raffle Winners

Here are the November raffle winners . . .

- TFO NXT 5wt 9 ft outfit with reel, line, and backing: Rich Blankenship
- Complete set to tie Beadhead Nymph Pattern: Cynthia Davis
- Simms cold weather gear (gloves, beanie, neck gator): Everett Vanetta
- 2 coffee mugs and 2 bags of Lavazza Italian coffee: Jim Calvert
- Mystery Box: Copy of John Geirach’s *Fools Paradise* + Loon Ergo Prime scissors

See you in December!

~ Lew Hofmann



## 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=Lf8KnJPuYmHlW0QQ0GjhMuB91PXUcoWdE2pSBkMzwK7dIXSMlgFcvI9d2Ox16CH%2FgMGIZpcfeLRqUR%2BLFgNjHg%3D%3D>

# Save the Dates

## 2023 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 4, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

It will again be held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/expo2023/>

## Wildlife Diversity Conference

Please plan to attend the 39th annual Wildlife Diversity Conference on March 1, 2023. Hosted by the Ohio Division of Wildlife, the conference will be held at the Ohio State University's Ohio Union in Columbus.

Details and registration information coming soon!

<https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/wildlife-diversity->

# One of the Best Michigan Trips Yet!

More photos on our [Facebook page](#) at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=MiamiValleyFlyFishers&set=a.566679295330547>



# Montana Brothers Rodworks

[Montana Brothers Rodworks](#) is a new company in Bozeman, Montana, run by twin brothers Dan and Doug Daufel. They built these rods to excel at fishing dry flies in the Yellowstone area. Currently, they have two 9' 4-weight options available, and the rods are custom-built to order. The rods have received rave reviews from anglers in the Yellowstone area, and across the country. If you're in the market for a fly rod that's slower and softer than much of what's currently on the market, check out Montana Brothers Rodworks. These built-to-order rods start at \$875.

"Look who ended up in MidCurrent's Holiday Buying Guide, our very own Montana Brothers Rodworks" - Dan and Doug

<https://midcurrent.com/2022-holiday-fly-fishing-gift-guide/>

*(Dan and Doug Daufel were members of MVFF from an early age. Those of us who have been around for quite awhile remember them well. Dan is one of the club's Lifetime members. They are exceptional fly tyers who began tying as teens and were provided guidance from Jake Jaeger, one of our most-storied members. They are excellent fly fishers as well and followed their passion for the sport by eventually moving to Bozeman, Montana. ~ Editor)*

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# 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](mailto: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

# December Fly of the Month

# Waterwisp Light Cahill



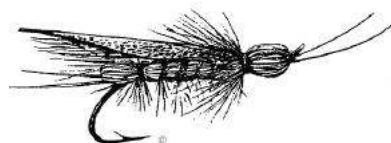
Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

## Recipe

Hook ..... Waterwisp, size 12-14  
Thread ..... Beige, yellow, cream, or tan 6/0  
Tail ..... Cream or Ginger hackle fibers  
Body ..... Cream rabbit or Fine and Dry dubbing  
Hackle ..... Cream or ginger dry  
Wing ..... Bleached deer hair

1. Place the hook in the vise by its eye and angled so that the bend is pointing straight up with the point to the right.
2. Tie in the thread in the middle of the hook bend and wrap a short thread base down the hook shank toward the hook eye, then wrap the thread back to the middle of the hook bend. **(You may wish to apply some cement to the thread at this time to ensure that it does not spin on the hook shank.)** Trim off the thread tag and let the thread hang.
3. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair to use as a wing and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the middle of the hook bend with the hair tips pointing straight out to the right. **(The wing should be approximately the length of the hook shank.) Do not let the hair spin around the hook shank.** Keeping the hair butts on top of the outside of the hook shank, wrap over them with tight thread wraps back to the beginning of the hook bend. Trim off any excess hair butts and return the thread to the wing tie-in point in the middle of the hook bend.
4. Select a hackle feather with barbs equal to 1 1/2 times the width of the hook gap. Strip off any fluff and tie it in by the butt at the same point as the wing. The dull (concave) side of the feather should face toward the hook shank. The length of the feather should extend to the right similarly to the wing. Keeping the feather butt on the outside of the hook shank, wrap tight thread wraps over it to the middle of the hook shank. Trim off any excess feather butt, then continue wrapping the thread to behind the hook. Let the thread hang.
5. Now reposition the hook in the vise by the hook eye so that the hook point is up and the hook shank extends straight out to the right.
6. Strip off a bunch of hackle barbs and even the tips, then tie them in as a tail right behind the hook eye. **(The tail should be one hook gap in length.)** The tail tips should extend forward over the hook eye. Wrap thread over the tail butts back to the end of the wing butts, then remove any excess butts and return the thread to the tail tie-in point behind the hook eye.
7. Lightly dub the thread and wrap it up the hook shank to slightly below the wing, forming a neat body, then tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and move the thread to a point 4-5 wraps below the wing tie-in point. (You may wish to do a half hitch at this point to keep the thread from sliding back down the hook bend.)
8. Now take the hackle feather and, holding it with the dull side down, wrap it parachute style down the hook bend for 4-5 wraps and tie it off. **(You may wish to stroke the fibers upward with each wrap to help avoid tying down fibers from the previous wrap.)** Remove any excess hackle and do a horizontal whip finish where you tied off the hackle in the middle of the hook bend. Cut the thread. You're done.

**Note:** *The waterwisp style of tying (that is tying a fly in reverse) is adaptable to many standard dry fly patterns and is greatly facilitated by the waterwisp hook, which is proprietary. Daiichi produces the hooks and you may have to look to find them. Here's one source we found as the waterwisp.com site is no longer active . . . <https://www.bearsden.com/product7360.html>*



# 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/>

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about local PHWFF activities.

## 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/?>



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>

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>.

## DOW eNewsletter

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/downnewsletter>

## 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/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app>



## 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>



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## 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>



# MVFF

Miami Valley Fly Fishers Inc., established in 1975 and re-organized in 2016 as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

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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 Latest Michigan Trip Photos

A great trip. See the story in the November 2022 issue of [Tightlines](#)

and check out the photos from this trip - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.566679295330547&type=3>

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

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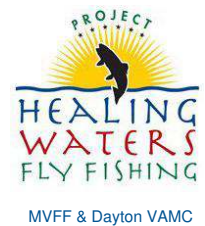
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937.222.2224  
[fishermanshq.net](https://fishermanshq.net)

ReelFlyRod.com  
1908 N. Lakeman Dr.  
Bellbrook, OH 45305  
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[ReelFlyRod.com](https://ReelFlyRod.com)

Mad River Outfitters  
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614.451.0363  
[madriveroutfitters.com](https://madriveroutfitters.com)

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Piqua, Ohio 45356  
937.335.7400  
[smithfly.net](https://smithfly.net)



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