

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



March Meeting

Our next meeting is March 13th

Presidential 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 March 9th

MVFF Annual Auction

Get ready for another great event!

The time is quickly approaching for the MVFF Annual Auction on March 13th. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Presidential Banquet Center, which is the larger building to the north (left) of our regular meeting location. Please note: there will be a cash bar - no \$1.00 beer!



Grant Phipps of Phipps & Co., Plain City Ohio will be our auctioneer.

For the new members and those not familiar, there are a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - NO JUNK. If you would not pay money for it no one else will either. Also, you may request a donation voucher for tax purposes as we are a non-profit 501(c)(3).

Items that sell well are fishing items of course, as well as camping and hunting gear. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are also perennial favorites (so start tying some collections for inclusion in this year's event). This is also a wonderful time to go through all of your gear, pull out the stuff you no longer need or use, and bring it to the auction. One man's junk (but no junk here) is another man's treasure.

If you have a skill or a membership to various clubs, these make excellent items for bid. Examples are members who have

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President's Thoughts ...

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to my March report.

I want to thank everyone for their support at the BUFF show in Cincinnati. We could not have asked for a better turnout. I also want to thank everyone at our February meeting; we had a lot to discuss and the meeting was a little long. The board and club members had items they wanted to discuss and voice their concerns about MVFF. I and the board members are only trying to look at ways to improve MVFF's future. We will talk more about this in our April meeting.

I hope you enjoyed Lance Egan's presentation. It was very interesting to hear him explain the different methods of Euro-style fishing and how to present your fly to the fish in different areas of streams or rivers.

This month is MVFF's Annual Auction, which will be at the larger building at the north end of the parking lot. MVFF members and non-members will be donating special flies and streamers that take weeks to finish. There are going to be packaged flies, tying material, and tying tools, fly rods, and reels, nets, fishpond packs, and camping equipment. Please tie 10-12 flies and bring them to the auction. Last year's auction raised \$4,038.00 and I know we can exceed that.

I mentioned last month about cleaning up fly tying kits that were in the storage unit. I was able to assemble 10 complete kits (I think I said 9 before) and that should give us 22 complete kits. We will have a sign-out sheet for taking fly tying kits and fly rods out of storage. Only people who have access to the unit will be able to help you sign out items and return them.

April brings our Spring Fling Raffle. It is the biggest raffle of the year and the club has been active in getting items for this. Mad River Outfitters, Reel Fly Rod, club members and non-members will be donating to this. That will be our last indoor meeting until the fall; with the warmer weather coming we all will look forward to getting out to our favorite spot, tying on one of the flies we

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

finished this winter and waiting eagerly for those fish to take them.

I have planned a trip to Pine Lake Trout Club on Saturday, April 29th. There are 7 people signed up, I have rented a cabin that sleeps up to 10 people. Please let me know if you are interested as we may be able to rent more cabins.

June is Canada fishing time. Contact Jim Calvert. He can give you all the information. I have been tying flies and making poppers for it. I have never been there, so I am really looking forward to going.

I will see you at the auction. Let's hope that March will bring calm winds and warmer temperatures because I am getting cabin fever.

John Warner
President
Miami Valley Fly Fishers

MVFF Auction (cont'd)

offered guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. Whatever it is you can donate to the auction truly helps support the club.

This event generates essential funds for the club every year. Everyone has done a great job of supporting this event in the past and we are asking for you to do the same this year. Donate and bring your cash or checkbook along.

Time is getting short, but if you have donations that need to be picked up ahead of time please contact us at mvffemail@gmail.com or call Jeffrey Davis at (937) 766-2501. If you have any large items (like a boat!) please make sure we know in advance so we can plan our set-up accordingly. The doors will be open by 3:00 p.m. for drop-off of items.

See you March 13th.

2023 Dues

If you have not renewed, your dues are officially past due and we will soon have to remove you from the roster and expire your access to logging in to the website.

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.

Please pay now.

Mid-Week Events to Kick Off!

Start marking your calendars. The Mid-Week Fly Fishing events begin March 15th. Check out some of these fishing spots and meet up with fellow members. The schedule is in this issue, on the [Calendar](#) page and posted to Facebook (Events).

Thanks go out to Ken Davy for setting this up again this year. We had some pretty good turnouts last year. Let's see even more participation this year!



Flies for the Casting Competition

As I said at a recent meeting, the fly boxes being used for the casting competitions are starting to resemble a beggar's purse. While you are tying flies for the coming season, or for the upcoming auction, please remember Bob Zitney and tie one or two extras and clip the hooks off. We need dry flies, nymphs, and bass bugs. Wet flies could be used for the roll cast competition, but they are not necessary. Let's all give Bob a helping hand! He works hard at running the competitions and he deserves our support.

~ Ken Davy

Final Library Notes

March 2023

For many years the library has been housed and maintained in different individual's homes and a table display set up at club meetings to encourage use. We have found that the most used information has in recent years been maps both local and to club outing destinations. Tom Arnold has continued to do a superb job of providing links to both government and private entities in *Tightlines*, which is available internationally through the FFI portal in addition to our own club website, mvff.us. We are privileged to be heard (or read) by such a wide audience.

The board members have agreed that it is time to end the physical library as we know it. The times we live in have exceeded even Star Trek in an individual's ability to access information instantly, anywhere. I remember my grandmother sitting with us as we watched Neil Armstrong step onto the moon. When asked if she believed he was really there, she told

us of riding the sideboards of the first car to come to her little Pennsylvania town; of listening to a voice come out of the first phone she had ever seen. "Yes." "she said. "That man is really on the moon." And we never doubted her. Some day we may very well talk with each other across the world without holding a cell phone!

We will be auctioning special collections, autographed editions, and unique publications at the March 13th auction. All of the other volumes will be on tables for sale at a cost no less than \$5.00 per item. It is the board's intent that the library's sale generate funds for special outreaches of the club. Any remaining books will be donated to Dayton area public libraries in hopes that they may inspire others to learn the art, and it truly is an art, of fly fishing and fly tying.

It has been our joy to share this unique library with you. We will continue to have displays at club meetings of maps, guides, adventures, special events.

Respectfully, Jeff & Cynthia Davis

Secretary's Notes

For February 2023

We first wish to acknowledge the omission of Ken Davy's name at the February meeting from the list of individuals who tied flies and helped represent the Miami Valley Fly Fishers at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Expo, which was a huge success. Ken along with John Warner, J.D. Dukes, Eric Rice, Frank Cox, Phil Ritter, Todd Alexander, and donations from Randy Evans and the fly-tying class allowed us to give away over 75 hand crafted flies with club stickers. Hats were given to young enthusiasts, and two new members joined the club.

The February meeting of MVFF was led by president John Warner. Six new members were in attendance: Doug Spreher, Randy Arrowood, Rick Barber, Philip Falter, David Hwang, and David Leitch of Scotland. Guests included Cedarville University student Trevor Riemer, Ronald Moore, and Jeff & Cindy Wassom.

Club member and accomplished fly fisher/artist, Greg Czarnecki of Wasilla, Alaska has created two new display salmon flies that will be sold at the March auction. A friend of MVFF and award winning fly tyer, Joel Standsbury, also has agreed to donate a display fly. His art work has regularly exceeded \$200.00.

Treasurer, Walt Konek urged discussion on moving a portion of club funds into short-term certificates of deposit to gain a high interest yield. Motion was made by Sam Brown and seconded by Eric Rice and the motion was approved.

Chaplain Shawn Johnson noted that Lifetime member Bill

"Woody" Woodward had been moved to an assisted living care home. Woody is known for his intense desire to teach and mentor others as well as for his fly tying classes that always drew a crowd. Member and father of member Kelly Kingery, George Barr, continues to recover after surgery. We wish him well.

Nathan Via shared that the local Project Healing Waters efforts would begin again in March with six weeks of fly tying classes at the V.A. facility with hopes of getting a number of veterans on the water fishing by mid-May.

The FFI Fly Fishing Film Tour will be held on March 23rd at Studio 35, Columbus, Ohio hosted by Mad River Outfitters.

The Mid-Week Fly Fishing schedule has been posted to the website and to Facebook. Thanks goes to Ken Davy, who continues to do a stellar job of scheduling, geolocating and leading this effort to get members and others interested in local fisheries.

Jim Calvert and Eric Rice gave information on upcoming club outings to Waterfalls Lodge, Canada and Buffalo Bill Scout Camp Cody, Wyoming.

The speaker for the evening by Zoom was master fisher and caster Lance Egan. The topic was Euro-nymphing. Thanks goes to John Young who continues to bring an amazing cast of speakers for the winter meetings.

The Miami Valley Fly Fisher's Annual Auction to raise monies for special projects and speakers is March 13th.

Respectfully, J.W. Davis, Secretary

Interview: Montana Brothers Rodworks' Dan and Doug Daufel

An interview with two of the world's most interesting fly rod designers

For at least the last 30 years, the majority of fly rod manufacturers have moved in the same general direction. Fly rods have grown stiffer and faster, which means they require more force to bend and they're harder to cast. At the same time, the consensus among America's top anglers seems clear. Today's rods are not as much fun to fish. Here's the interview below . . .

https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/interview-montana-brothers-rodworks-dan-and-doug-daufel/7715644?fbclid=IwAR2SztMx2MIYuZJFjl4g0afbA1f-vxVDpZJkU9DNPuUPYW7SQywmvrrR_w

And here is a review of their rods . . .

<https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/review-montana-brothers-rodworks-904-and-904i-fly-rods/7715517>

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. Check out the December Tightlines for another article on their endeavor. ~ Editor



50th Anniversary of the Little Miami Watershed Network Founding

In January I had the opportunity to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Little Miami Watershed Network Founding. The guest speaker was former First Lady of Ohio, Hope Taft.

The Little Miami River has a great deal of early American history. It was home to Miami and Shawnee Indians who fought for the French. During the early French and English conflicts, notable Miami Indian chiefs were Little Turtle and La Demoiselle. Notable chiefs for the Shawnee were Black Hoof and Tecumseh.

The headwaters start in Clifton, Ohio, which is home to one of the largest grist mills in the United States. Col. Robert Patterson, an ancestor of the founder of NCR, James Patterson, chose Clifton for the site of a woolen mill, which furnished material for the American army during the War of 1812. Davis Mill, established 1802 and in operation today as Clifton Mill, produced meal and flour for Civil War troops.

The Wild and Scenic River Act of 1968 designated a portion of the river as Ohio's first National Wild and Scenic River. The remaining river was added to the Scenic River Act in 1971 and the Little Miami Watershed Network Foundation was formed in 1973 for the preservation and protection of the Little Miami River. There are 87 species of fish, turtles, frogs, snakes, birds, mammals, and invertebrates that survive in the Little Miami River.

A study done between 2020 and 2021 found that the first 43 miles of the river generated \$14.3 million in revenue. That is \$332,000 per mile.

There is a 30-minute video titled [More Than Rocks and Water - The River Speaks](#) that provides an oral history of the river.

I have fished in the river near my home in Bellbrook and have enjoyed the solitude of my surroundings and the closeness of nature. So I hope that the next time you are at the Little Miami River you would think of the rich history of the river and the people who have sacrificed their time and efforts to make the river a special place.

John Warner

Tie or Buy

Preparing for a major fishing trip is always a traumatic experience. There are always so many decisions to make. Meat sticks or jerky? Granola bars or snack crackers? Bottled water or Gatorade? All this minutiae serves as a blind to protect you from the truly weighty matters. Which rods should you take? What length? What weight? Floating, sinking, or sink-tip line? Of course, you can (and probably should) allow your wallet to make many of these decisions for you. Rods and lines can get expensive in a hurry. Which is not to mention the problems with storage, cargo area, and the occasional disapproving looks or remarks from other persons tangential to the proceedings. The truly horrible ordeal has yet to ensue.

Fly selection is a prelude to the truly pithy matter. Should I buy or should I tie? This decision depends on a number of other decisions that must be taken, in turn. First, which flies will be best suited for the species being pursued? Unfortunately, this decision is not nearly as much of a limiting factor as it may, at first, seem to be. Many flies have wide appeal as regards species they attract. Depending on the size of the individual fish to the size of the fly, a Muddler Minnow may be as likely to attract a musky as it would a bluegill. The same may be said of a Grey Ghost, Mickey Finn, Zoo Cougar, or Slump Buster.

The next necessary decision revolves around the skill of the tyer. Can you, in fact, tie the pattern(s) you propose to take along? Without a skilled tyer, all the materials in the world are of no importance at all. If you don't have the skill at this point, can you learn to tie the pattern in time to have sufficient numbers of the fly for your trip? This also brings into focus the speed of the tyer and the complexity of the fly. Some tyers never seem to develop much speed at the vice no matter how rudimentary the pattern.

I happen to be one of those types of tyers. I don't think I have ever managed to complete more than eight flies during any single session at the vise. By that time, my fingers have cramped, my shoulders and back are in pain, and my eyes are somewhat crossed. And those were simple patterns such as Woolly Buggers or Schminnows. I have mentally processed entering into tying more intricate patterns. I have secured the requisite materials for several intricate patterns, up to and including the Game Changer.

I just lack the resolve to pull the trigger when I know it will likely cost me well over an hour at the vise to tie a truly involved pattern. And the results have often been substandard to say the least. To tie enough flies for a major outing would be the work of an entire year.

The other option, of course, is to buy the necessary flies. There are several companies on the internet that sell flies at nearly wholesale prices. The truly intricate patterns carry prices commensurate to their intricacy, as well as the number and scarcity of the materials included in them. It may seem the less valorous course, but it is often the more sensible option. Then the problem involves other choices. How many of each fly will you need? All of us have those days on the water when we switch to a certain fly, only to draw an immediate savage strike. The fly is lost in the encounter and the fly boxes you have with you all tell the same, sad story that it was the only copy you had with you that day.

This is the beginning of a very real compulsion that will develop in the mind of anyone who has experienced this type of situation. You will become desperately afraid of carrying a single copy of any fly that has attracted a nice fish. This fear is only compounded if the destination is remote, with little to no access to fly shops. The fear will also deepen in direct proportion to the number of good fish you have caught on that particular pattern. One response to this problem is to limit your selection of flies as your confidence in certain patterns grows.

An article in Fly Fishing Magazine once chronicled the journey of a legendary angler who fished almost exclusively with a Rio Grande King. As I recall, he carried only two fly boxes. One was filled with Rio Grande Kings and the other held the few other patterns he kept with him. It was told that the Rio Grande Kings were all new and in good shape, while the other flies showed signs of age and lack of use.

The tale of the tape is that no matter how you decide on each of these matters, it may have an impact on the outcome of your trip. How great an impact it will have, only time will tell. It may be best to concentrate on your relative victories in the less impactful decisions. Meat sticks and Gatorade it is then!

Ken Davy

Waterfalls 2023 Update

We are quickly approaching the 2023 trip to Waterfalls Lodge in Ontario, Canada. If you have not been on this trip, you are missing a great fishing opportunity.

We have 24 reservations on hold and 2 spots still open for this spring. Grab a buddy and sign up now if you are interested in great smallmouth, pike and walleye fishing on a chain of 7 lakes. We check in on June 3rd and come home on June 10th this spring.

Check out their website at www.waterfallslodge.com and let me know if you would like to go, have any questions or need more details.

Jim Calvert: (937) 925-1211



Jim Calvert poppers sure to grab the attention of bass and pike alike!

Book Review by Jeff Warden: "To Hell with Fishing or How to Tell Fish from Fishermen", by H.T. Webster and Ed Zern. Copyright 1945

Note: Some of the cartoons by H.T. Webster have copyright going back to 1932.

I picked this book up one year during the big annual weekend long book sale at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds (second weekend in November). I always keep an eye out for fishing books, but in particular, the older books on fishing and fly fishing. This book is a very short 87 pages long. There are 11 sections - too short to be called much of a "chapter" as they are only a page or two at most of text followed with cartoons.

In one of the sections the sub-title of the cartoon is "How to Torture Your Husband" - where his wife is on her 6th fish of the day and he hasn't caught a thing all day. She offers to let him use her complete rig and spot so he might catch a fish.

Another one along the same lines - the wife produces a nice box she found and tossed the contents for something she needed (sewing perhaps) as he gasps at seeing his tackle box.

In the collection of cartoons of H.T. Webster, one of the cartoon sub-titles is "How to Torture You Wife" - where she has opened an anniversary gift box of waders and wading boots while the husband is telling her all the fantastic particulars. At the end, he tells her if he can afford it, he'll get her a nice 2 ounce rod for the next anniversary. Of course, she is more than thrilled - not!

The small book is full of some anecdotal cartoons, some more amusing than others.

Because it was hard cover and quite old, it cost me \$10.00 at the book sale. It intrigued me to look and see if you can still find it for sale. I managed to find it and a couple of other interesting looking books are still available. I was not able to find anything by Ed Zern at my local library. The book can still be found on Amazon for a little over \$9.00.

You might also like "To Hell With Hunting", by Ed Zern (1946) - \$10.00 also on Amazon or "Hunting and Fishing from A to Zern" by Ed Zern (312 pages, 1985) for just under \$11.00 on Amazon.

Five Rivers MetroParks Volunteering

Here's a profile of Five Rivers MetroParks volunteer and MVFF member Jeff Warden in a recent MetroParks publication.

https://metroparks.galaxydigital.com/blog/display/five-rivers-metroparks-volunteer-newsletter-february-2023/?blog_id=22183

They could always use more volunteers – sign up using the link in the accompanying article to the right.

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=Lf8KnJPUYMHlwOQQ0GjhMuB91PXUcoWdE2pSBkMzwK7dIXSMlgFcvl9d2Ox16CH%2FgMGIzpcfeLRqUR%2BLFgNjHg%3D%3D>

Raffle Winners

Here are the February raffle winners . . .

- Echo Traverse 9ft 8wt complete outfit including rod, reel, and line WON BY: Dave Williams
- Complete Set to Tie Lightning Bug Pattern WON BY: Ken Hudak
- Simms Taco Bag for Waders and Boots WON BY: Tom Sabick
- 2 Trout Mugs and 2 Pounds of Seattle's Best Coffee WON BY: Everett Vanatta
- Mystery Box: Dr. Slick Nippers, Hemostat, and Zinger in Fly Box WON BY: Everett Vanatta

Thanks to all for participating!!!

Lew Hofmann

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>.



The image shows a screenshot of a web form titled "MVFF Flybrary Card". At the top, there are two fish icons flanking the text "Attach Fly Here". Below this, the form has several fields: "Fly Name:" with a text input; "Hook Size:" with a text input; "Fly Type:" with three radio button options: "Dry", "Wet", and "Nymph"; "Fish Species:" with a text input; "Location used:" with a text input; and "Donated by:" with a text input.

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>

Save the Date - TU GALA

Here is the link for the announcement of the TU Mad River Chapter GALA on April 22nd at Simon Kenton Inn. It's shaping up to be a fun and casual night and hope to see you there.

Tom Allen

<https://mailchi.mp/eba005bd1cd0/2023madrivergala?e=62a69fff91>



FFI Women Connect Launches *The Connection*

New for 2023, *The Connection* is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect>

Did You Know?

Over 65% of MVFF members have registered on the website. Why don't you consider doing so as well. There are a number of pages that are only available to logged in members such as Board member and club committee contact information. Registered members also can access the contact information of the other registered members while keeping that information safe from others. This protects member information and reduces annoying spam and phishing issues.

You may have noticed some recent use of the Forum. You can view recent topics on the Home page but must be registered to post new topics or respond to a topic.

Mentoring

The MVFF Mentoring Committee would really like to get more members to sign up as mentors and mentees. Do so by going to the website's mentoring page (<https://mvff.us/mentoring/>). There you can learn more about the program. You'll have to login to the website (you must be registered) in order to complete the signup process.

Don't wait! Sign up to be an MVFF Mentor or Mentee today!

You can email us at mvffmentor@gmail.com with any questions.

Want more info on the Mentoring program – check our past articles in *Tightlines* at <https://mvff.us/tightlines/> beginning with the August 2021 issue.



Member Dues Status

Total Members	189
Lifetime	12
Youth	7
PHW Vet	3
Paying Members Total	170

% of 2022 members renewing
for 2023 as of 3/1/2023 71%

We still have a significant number of members who have not renewed. Dues should have been paid by the end of February to remain on the roster. A second email notice was sent February 28th to those who remain unpaid.

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.

Please help us out by paying your dues today!

Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2023

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	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/15/2023	Usually windy	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Wellfield Park	4/13/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Deer Meadow Park	4/25/2023		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.
Oak Grove Park	5/10/2023		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.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	5/25/2023	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVvhfK6	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Fisher Park	6/14/2023		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.
Lofino Park	6/29/2023		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.
Delco Park	7/11/2023		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.
Rosewood Park	7/26/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYwmoxxhcDGMRA	There are big bluegills here. When they decide to hit, they do not waste any time!
Germantown Park	8/8/2023	Waders	https://goo.gl/maps/jyk1tiuMD3vk73YK9	I usually work the spillway. Waders should be considered.
Beavercreek Community Park	8/24/2023		https://goo.gl/maps/Y2L4mc65KuaBKNAg9	New entry, I have no idea what is in it or what flies are best.
Rip Rap Road Park	9/12/2023	Waders, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/1NzBZUKDj8w9kw8E8	Bring you waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in September, meaning the Fall bite should be under way! Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
Carriage Hill Park	10/19/2023	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/hE5TL9BohrrjdpCm7	Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season.

March Fly of the Month

Balsa Bass Bugs & Poppers

Balsa bugs and poppers are great bass flies. If you are going on the club trip to Canada in June you've got plenty of time to start building an inventory of these babies! We all know how skilled Jim Calvert is at tying deer hair flies, but he also ties fantastic balsa bugs. Another very talented tyer of these flies is Eric Rice.



Basic Popper



Frog Popper



Sneaky Pete



Bluegill Popper

Material

Hook: Kinkshank in a variety of sizes from 12 to 4

Body: Balsawood variety pack

Adhesive: Superglue

Paint Products:

Delta Ceramcoat All-purpose Sealer

Acrylic water based paint (several primary colors)

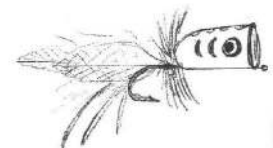
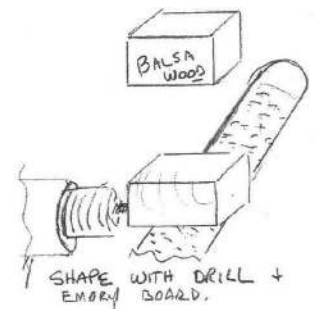
Delta Sparkle Glaze (optional)

Delta Ceramcoat Gloss Exterior/Interior Varnish

Various legs, feathers, etc to suit.

Special Tools for Balsa

- Small electric drill or Dremel
- Emery board, sandpaper pointer, or sand paper (220 grit works well)
- Very sharp knife (X-acto knife, or razor blade w/ holder)
- Hanger bolt (6-32 or 8-32 x 3/4") or screw with head cut off.
- Paint Brushes



1. Shape balsa body. (Diagram)
2. Slot bottom lengthwise for hook.
3. Superglue hook in slot
4. Apply two coats of Delta Ceramcoat water based sealer.
5. Paint body with Acrylic water based paint
6. Coat with Delta Sparkle Glaze (optional)
7. Add eyes, gills, or other decorative touches with brass or metal rods of various sizes.
8. Finish body with Delta Ceramcoat Gloss Exterior/Interior Varnish.
9. Add legs, feathers, etc to finish. (Diagram)

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<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources>

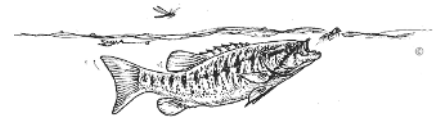
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Little Miami Watershed Network

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.

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Did You See the Latest Michigan Trip Photos

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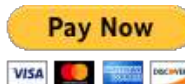
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