

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## June Meeting

Our next meeting is June 12th

Dayton FOP Lodge / Casting Pond  
4275 Powell Road  
(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 June 8th

## Secretary's Notes For May 2023

Our first outdoor meeting of the year drew a great crowd of 56 including past president Ron Johnson, guest Paul Palmer, and our newest member Nathan Wilson. Many took advantage of the fishing pond while others tried their hand at the casting competition (see results). Shawn Johnson and crew soon had our mouths watering with steaks and chicken on the grill. We want to thank Rich Blankenship for his hard work as quartermaster, seeing we are well supplied for food and drinks and express appreciation for Todd and Diane Alexander for stepping into the role for the June outing.

J. D. Dukes, president emeritus, presented a well-deserved, but delayed, *Member of the Year* award for 2021 to our editor and webmaster, Tom Arnold. This award exemplified all the hard effort Tom has consistently put into our newsletter which is viewed through the FFI portal internationally and for maintaining our top notch website with all of its complexity, making all our club's activities, photos, and links accessible and user friendly. Thank you, Tom.

President John Warner shared the experience of introducing six junior high school classes at Bellbrook Jr. High to fly-fishing and MVFF. With the help of Frank Cox and Jeff Davis the students were taught respect for their environment, local fisheries, tying artificial flies, and casting techniques. The course was well received by the administration, showing an interest in repeating the course next year.

Vice-president, Paula Smith asked for volunteers to help with a club booth at the June 10th Little Miami River Watershed Network River Festival. Paula presented the opportunity to sponsor a woman

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## President's Thoughts ...

Welcome everyone to my June President's report.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for May's outdoor meeting. It was a packed event. Thank you, club members, for

supporting Casting For Recovery. This is an important opportunity to send a lady to this event. Thank you, Kelly Kingery, for reminding us why it is important for MVFF to support this organization and thank you John Young for your motion to move this forward. The MVFF board voted to fund one gentleman to Reel Recovery this year as well. We will have club members vote on this on June 12th. Mike Redmond, thank you for the contact information. We will be presenting checks to these two organizations on June 12th. Cancer is a terrible disease, all of us have had someone touched by it. I personally have lost 2 sisters and a brother from it.

Thank you, Todd and Dianne Alexander, for volunteering to do Quartermaster duties in June. Rich Blankenship will be back in July. I enjoyed those great steaks and food at the May meeting, I know you did as well.

Paula is still trying to get her volunteer list together so she can order t-shirts. She has told me that some are ready to be handed out. There will be an article in June's newsletter that will provided info on the Little Miami Watershed Network River Festival on June 10th in Bellbrook, Ohio. Paula is still looking for VOLUNTEERS to help. They are expecting 300 people there.

TU Mad River Chapter will be doing monitoring of the Mad River on June 24th at 6 locations. I attended the April session and learned a lot about the conditions and different invertebrates that live in the water. They are always looking for help. I will not be able to attend because I will be recovering from surgery.

I saw members giving casting lessons at May's meeting and I noticed that others were helping Bob Zitney with the casting competition. This is what makes MVFF so special. Volunteers helping others to promote a sense of sharing of what they have learned.

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## President's Thoughts (cont'd)

Jim Calvert will be reaching out to people going to Canada to make sure they have the documentation to get into Canada and hotel lodging the night before they cross into Canada. He may still have 2 openings left. Contact him if you have any questions. I'm still tying some flies for the trip and getting things together that I will need.

Caesar Creek fishing for white bass was a lot of fun. It's the first year I have tried it. Joe Garland and I found a school of about 300 fish in one spot. My arm was tired but it was great. I went back a couple of other times and caught bigger fish but the action was slower. I was surprised that the white bass fight pretty hard. I was using a 4wt rod and hooked some fish I could not turn and the hook pulled out. Can't wait until next year.

The MVFF Board Members are always open to suggestions to improve our club. Please contact us at [mvvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvvffemail@gmail.com) or speak to any of us directly.

Hoping to have another great turnout for June's meeting at the FOP Lodge in Huber Heights.

Keep Fishing,  
John Warner  
President MVFF

## May Raffle Winners

Here are the June meeting winners . . .

- Orvis Encounter 8ft 6in 5wt Outfit with Rod, Reel, and Line - John Balazs
- Complete Set to Tie Super Bugger and Stonefly Prince Nymph - Dave Williams
- Fishpond Vertical Chest Pack & Buff - Greg Ogdan
- 2 Trout Pilsner Glasses & 6-pack of Fat Tire Ale - Sam Hudak
- Mystery Box: \$200 Gift Card for Mad River Outfitters - Rick Ordeman

Good luck at the June raffle!

~ Lew Hofmann



## Secretary's Notes (cont'd)

cancer patient to a week at the Casting for Recovery camp. John Young moved to pay the \$1,500 for the sponsorship, a second was voiced and the membership voted in hearty support.

Walt Konek presented the Treasurer's report.

Shawn Johnson shared that Centerville H. S. senior Environmental Science classes' yearend outing would be at Tom Boice's private fishing ponds on May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the second year for this event that culminates winter classes organized by member Bill DeShurko. Thank you to Shawn, Steve Rosengarten, Frank Cox, John Young, and Mike Wolford for their support and involvement. (Member Tom Boice and his wife Sue not only opened their property to 20 students, but also fed the crowd. Everyone caught fish!)

Shawn also noted the sudden passing of FFI Treasurer Ken Nixon's wife.

Bob Zitney presented the winners of the casting competition. Allen Berg has volunteered to help with this summer event.

Reports were heard from Jim Calvert, Nathan Via, Ken Davy, Jeff Warden and Eric Rice. Kelly Kingery urged the members to continue their support for the Five Rivers MetroParks fishing classes by being volunteers. She also noted that photos were up on the MVFF Facebook albums page.

Bill Bennett offered casting lessons after the conclusion of the business meeting.

Respectfully, Jeff Davis, MVFF Secretary



## Mid-Week Events!

Warmer weather is here!

Upcoming Mid-Weeks: The Mid-Weeks for June will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Fisher Park and on the 29<sup>th</sup> at Lofino Park.

Fisher Park: Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills.

Lofino Park: 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.

The schedule is in this issue, on the [Calendar](#) page and posted to Facebook (Events).

# MVFF Volunteers Needed

## Little Miami Watershed Network River Festival

Date: Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Where: Washington Mill Park - 3311 Washington Mill Rd, Sugarcreek Township, OH 45305

Meet up time: Please arrive at 10:30 AM to begin setting up our table at Washington Mill Park. Have table set by 11:30 AM.



What to bring: We are provided one table and 2 chairs. Bring a fly rod, a vise if you would like to demo fly tying, please let me know who you are. A camp chair to rest your bones. They are planning for at least 300 people or more!! They will have: Pas Pork, El Meson and Shelly's Ice Cream and Popsicle Treats showing up to feed hungry appetites! I will have your t-shirts ready at next meeting, make sure you come and pick it up . . . or at the festival if you can't make it to the meeting. I will bring a cooler with water for Volunteers.

Any club member can volunteer to help out to promote fly fishing. I have 5 so far.

Thank you

Paula Smith, MVFF Vice President - [rvrfly49@gmail.com](mailto:rvrfly49@gmail.com)

<https://lmwn.org/2023-river-festival/>

## Mentoring Update

The Mentoring Committee met recently and worked on matching up the recently signed up Mentees. We have determined matches for 4 of the 5 and will be in contact with them hopefully no later than the end of June with information on their matches. We've updated the sign-up page for both Mentors and Mentees to include the city in which they live so as to help keep the matches within their identified travel limitations.

With the growing number of new Mentees signing up, the Mentoring Committee has decided to meet on a monthly basis to work on matching them with a Mentor. By meeting monthly, our goal is that a new Mentee should not have to wait more than two months to find out about their match with a Mentor.

We could certainly use more Mentors. We have matched every current Mentor at least once and are now having to match Mentors with additional Mentees.

Thanks for everyone's help and patience,

The Mentoring Committee

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Members - please check your spam or junk folder periodically in case that is where our emails from the MVFF Mentors mailbox might be ending up.

Questions? Drop us a line at [mvffmentor@gmail.com](mailto:mvffmentor@gmail.com)

(Want more info on the Mentoring program – check our past articles in Tightlines at <https://mvff.us/tightlines/> beginning with the August 2021 issue and also here - <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/mentoring-brochure.pdf>.)

## Dry Fly Competition Winners

Here are the May dry fly winners.

First Flight	Jim Jones
Seniors	Kelley Kingery
Masters	John Young



Only one person has volunteered so far to help with the competition and that is Allen Berg. We really need another committed person to help Allen.

Bob Zitney  
[rzitney@aol.com](mailto:rzitney@aol.com)

# Casting Competition News!

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.

**June Casting Competition** – this month we will be doing the Nymph competition.

You will start with the fly in target #2.

You will pick up the fly and have unlimited false casts to target #1.

You will then only be allowed 1 (one) false cast to each remaining target.

## Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

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

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

**Masters:** Former winners of the Seniors casting division.



## Competition Guidelines:

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

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

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

All casters will start with 100 points.

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

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

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

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

Good Luck!

*Bob Zitney*



*Also, we need someone to step up and volunteer to help with the casting competition. Please contact me at [rzitney@aol.com](mailto:rzitney@aol.com). Thanks.*

# Another Successful Year at Centerville High School

We have finished another successful year at CHS with our fly fishing class. I started the school year with classes on the history of fly fishing, equipment, and casting. This year I was joined early by the rest of the MVFF volunteers as we hit a local pond for a quick lesson and to try and catch a few fish to build interest before going into the winter months.

Second semester was busy with five fly tying lessons, and a lesson on knot tying before heading out to Tom and Sue Boice's ponds to

finish the year. The weather had warmed nicely before the outing and brought the bluegills out! Everyone caught fish and had a great time. Mr. Erwin, the teacher for the Environmental Sciences class where we instruct, made a point again of letting us know that the students feel that our classes (and the fishing), are the best part of the class!

Of course, we couldn't do this without the help of MVFF providing the fishing and tying equipment. And a special thanks to the classroom volunteers, Jeff Davis,

Shawn Michael Johnson, Steve Rosengarten, John Young, and Frank Cox. And of course, a big thank you to Mr. Erwin for allowing us into his classroom. If you'd like to help out next year we could always use more help. With three years under our belts, I hope to make next year the best one yet.

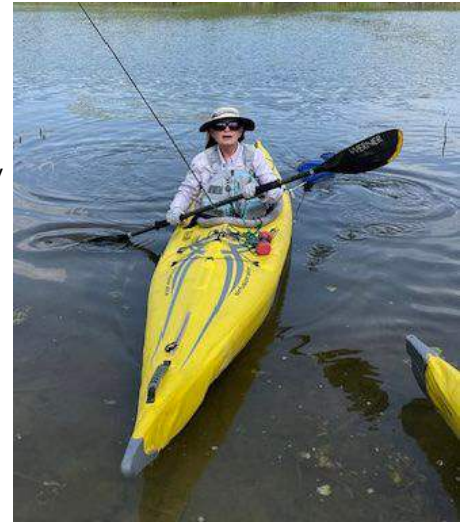
~ Bill DeShurko



# Ohio Power (AEP) Recreation Lands

It turns out that Barry and I were the only ones, that we know of, who went to Ohio Power the last week of May (other than John Warner). We arrived Sunday afternoon (5/21) and found a sunny spot for our van at Campground K. The plan was to stay 4 nights and leave Thursday morning --- that's what we put on our reservation card and on the campsite post. Campsites are free and it's all first-come-first-served. The weather was beautiful the whole time and I only got five mosquito bites, yay!

The first afternoon we fished at a pond off of Lincoln Hwy. and only caught some small bluegills. Monday it was off to Site Q, which is a larger pond that we have fished many times with the club. Unfortunately, one end of the lake was extremely weedy, with some smelly algae. Nothing exciting biting there. At the other end of Q was a beautiful tall/narrow waterfall. Farther around we started catching decent bluegills over a rock bed area, but it was later in the day and had to leave. Tuesday, we headed to a small 'special' pond off of Tilton Run. A great choice with lots of 9-10" bluegills and 12-14" bass. Then for Wednesday morning, we had more of the same at the Twin Lakes also off of Tilton Run. All of these locations had no one but us on the water...nice! Our total catch was 62 bluegills with only about 10% of these being females with eggs (we did see a lot of beds).



As in our prior two trips, we did have one incident Tuesday night as we came back to the campsite. Some folks had set up a tent and taken off our reservation tag. Well, we told them it was our tablecloth they were putting their stuff on and we had two more nights there. They claimed ignorance but did move down to the end of the road. We weren't so lucky in the past years. It seems many people were anxiously setting up early to save sites for Memorial Weekend. Anyway, we decided to leave Wednesday afternoon to avoid any more issues. I also wanted to avoid a night in mid-30's temperatures, as I was freezing in my summer pjs.



One more item of interest. There were quite a few trucks with mini oil drilling outfits on them. We heard they were looking for new places to drill; also, that old oil wells were being re-opened. Hmm.

We'll have to see what next year brings, but hopefully there will be better rule enforcement or a camp host. Uh, maybe with double fingers crossed?

~ Kathy Williams



# Great Miami Riverway Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge

The 4th annual Great Miami Riverway Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge registration is now open. This year's tournament is from June 17 - August 13 and is sponsored by the Great Miami Riverway, Molson Coors, and the International Game Fish Association, as well as Fisherman's Headquarters, ReelFlyRod, and others.

We're trying to attract as many anglers to register for this year's tournament as we possibly can, so if you'd help us, please share the tournament registration page with family and friends who are interested in fishing on the Great Miami River, we'd be grateful. The link to register is below:

## *Tournament information:*

- Register now for a virtual, family-friendly fishing tournament - the 2023 Great Miami Riverway Fishing Challenge is June 17 - August 13.
- The Great Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge is a family-friendly, catch-and-release virtual tournament where anglers will utilize the I-Angler app to register and send in their catches.
- This year's tournament includes a conventional tackle only or fly fishing only option.
- The tournament is open to all ages. Registration is \$30.
- Prizes include gift cards, reels, rods, and more!

"Recent records show that the largest smallmouth bass caught in the Great Miami River measured 24.3 inches," said Barry Puskas, a Montgomery County resident, and an avid fly fisherman. Donnie Knight, a biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, states that "Smallmouth bass are plentiful in the Great Miami River from June through August, so it's a great time to encourage anglers to get out on the water."

For complete rules and to register for the tournament:

<https://www.greatmiamiriverway.com/blog-entry/2023riverwayfishingchallenge>

We'll also once again hold an awards event after the conclusion of the tournament, and we'll notify all registrants of that date and location once the tournament is concluded.

Thank you!

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Barry Puskas, PE, GISP  
Chief of Technical and Engineering Services  
937-223-1278 ext. 3243



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## TU Mad River Chapter Update

With this weather we ask that anyone visiting the Mad to please help picking up litter. If they have a special area please consider joining the TU Mad River Chapter ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program and keep that area clean.

The TU Mad River Chapter will be conducting monitoring on June 24th. Meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the US36 bridge.

Fishing on the Mad can be good early morning and evening to dark.

Please have everyone go to [www.cleansweepofthegreatmiamiriver.org](http://www.cleansweepofthegreatmiamiriver.org) to get details of the largest sweep of the GMR. It will be held July 22nd, meeting at Indian Lake dam at 9:00 a.m.

Thanks!

Tom Allen

Subject: A look at some of Ohio's top smallmouth bass destinations

A couple of scenic rivers are mentioned in this article. You should be able to copy and paste this link to the OSRA page.

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# The Fish Hound

He wasn't much to look at. Nobody seemed to be able to determine the exact genetic markers that composed his heritage. Even his proximate origin was nothing but a matter for conjecture. He just seemed to materialize one day back in the seventies, as I fished along Mazon River. I made a cast to a spot I thought looked like a perfect place for a smallmouth bass. Unfortunately, my fly failed to attract even a miniscule creek chub. I had the feeling I was being watched.

I turned around and found a nondescript dog watching me from the edge of the stream that ran along Mister Holcomb's pasture. He seemed friendly enough, so I said, "Hey, pup! Seen any fish?" As if in answer to my question, he moved along the bank until he was just downstream of the massive walnut tree that marked the southern boundary of the Holcomb place. Beneath its perch on the abrupt bank, there was a slow, deep pool. I had never done well there, but that had been the same situation with all the other places I had tried so far that day.

I was pondering whether or not to try it when the dog began wagging his tail so hard it looked like he was trying to part company with it. I figured I had better cast before he scared away every fish in the whole river. The streamer landed lightly just above the tree and was swept along the edge of the cliff by the current. The line stopped suddenly. I was fearing the fly had snagged a root or rock. I raised my rod and felt the welcome sensation of live resistance pulsing along the line.

The fight ranged all across the pool. I was finally able to subdue that bass, which was a new personal best for me. Looking back, I'm not sure exactly how long it was, but I don't think seventeen inches would be stretching the truth. To say that I was looking to find that dog after the bass was securely on my stringer is a gross understatement.

I found him about ten more yards downstream. He was perched at the upper end of a sandbar, doing his characteristic oscillation. Another cast brought a vicious strike, and a fight with another bass only slightly smaller than the previous one.

The next hour went along with this pattern repeating four more times. Look for the wagging hound, make one to two casts and fight a decent fish. The final tally was three nice smallies, two good

rock bass, and a fifteen-inch crappie. The dog came up to me and accepted some petting and a spirited belly rub. Then he abruptly rolled to his feet and looked back along the stretch of the river we had just fished. I looked and saw Mr. Holcomb approaching. I stood as he came up.



"I see Boris has introduced himself", he said as I shook his offered hand. "He sure has", I replied. "I wasn't doing very well until he started showing me where the good ones were." "That's no surprise for Boris", Mr. Holcomb said, "He is a one-of-a-kind fish hound!"

"He used to serve aboard my brother's fishing boat in the North Atlantic. He said Boris just showed up on the pier one day when they were about to put to sea. When the hands started making ready to shove off, he just trotted down the gangplank, went forward, and curled up on a coil of rope. When they got to the fishing grounds, it only took Boris a couple of days to figure out why they were there. Then he started to show my brother and his men that he could earn his keep. Whenever they started to come in on a bank, Boris would go forward. When Bill saw him go into his dance, he would let go the anchor." He reached down and patted Boris on the head.

"Why isn't he still at sea?", I asked. "My brother died last year. The hands tried to keep him on, but after Bill died, nobody could get him to go aboard the boat. The hands wrote me about Boris and I went to Maine and brought him back here. Now he just lays around most days. But when a car parks down here, nothing will keep Boris from coming down to guide whoever shows up."

I made several more trips to that stretch of the Mazon, with Boris as a guide. One year, when I had been away at college, I drove to Holcomb's farm. When I parked, I noticed that Boris had not come to guide me. I understood why that was and thought better of going to the house to inquire after him.

~ Ken Davy

## Website Info

- We've seen more posts on the forum lately. We are now displaying a preview of the most recent posts on the Home page. If you click on a post you will be able to read it without logging in. To reply to the post, follow the topic or create a new topic you will have to log in. Give it a try!
- Register on the site if you have not already done so - 70% of the members are currently registered. Go to Member Area > Register on the menu.
- Looking for contact info on a member? Login and go to Member Area > Members on the menu to find the email and phone number of a member (it's searchable). We've had members fill out a contact form or email the club address to get contact info on another member and most of that is readily available to you if you are registered.
- Forgot your password? You must reset it yourself. Our "staff" cannot reset your password. Just click on "Forgot Password?" on the log in page.



# 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](mailto:tiggr75@gmail.com).

Location	Date	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
Possum Creek Ponds	3/15/2023	Usually windy	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Wellfield Park	4/13/2023		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68">https://goo.gl/maps/No37irseev1Z49o68</a>	Plenty of fish here! LMB, SMB, bluegills, crappies and big carp.
Deer Meadow Park	4/25/2023		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766</a>	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		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FwJr2wJTtXsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FwJr2wJTtXsR6</a>	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	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVvhfK6">https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVvhfK6</a>	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven!
Fisher Park	6/14/2023		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36</a>	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		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6</a>	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		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>	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		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYwmoxxhcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYwmoxxhcDGMRA</a>	There are big bluegills here. When they decide to hit, they do not waste any time!
Germantown Park	8/8/2023	Waders	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/jyk1tiuMD3vk73YK9">https://goo.gl/maps/jyk1tiuMD3vk73YK9</a>	I usually work the spillway. Waders should be considered.
Beavercreek Community Park	8/24/2023		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Y2L4mc65KuaBKNAg9">https://goo.gl/maps/Y2L4mc65KuaBKNAg9</a>	New entry, I have no idea what is in it or what flies are best.
Rip Rap Road Park	9/12/2023	Waders, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/1NzBZUKDj8w9kw8E8">https://goo.gl/maps/1NzBZUKDj8w9kw8E8</a>	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	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/hE5TL9BohrrjdpCm7">https://goo.gl/maps/hE5TL9BohrrjdpCm7</a>	Carriage Hill comes into its own in the late season.

# June Fly of the Month

# Dead Caddis



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

## Recipe

Hook ..... Wide gap Scud hook, size 12-16  
Thread .... Gray, 6/0 or 8/0  
Body ..... Muskrat natural fur dubbing (or equivalent)  
                  blended with cut deer hair  
Wing ..... Elk hair or fine deer hair  
Antenna ... Pheasant tail fibers  
Head ..... Dubbing

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to slightly past the hook bend.
2. Prepare some dubbing by cutting up some elk or deer hair into small pieces and blending them with gray muskrat dubbing. You can do this by hand or by using a coffee grinder. When you're done, you should have gray dubbing with different lengths of hair projecting from it.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of elk or deer hair as a wing and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the end of the dubbed body. The hair tips should project back to or slightly past the hook bend with the hair butts projecting over the hook eye. DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN AROUND THE HOOK SHANK. Trim the hair butts even with the front of the hook eye and let the thread hang.

5. Cut 2 pheasant tail fibers to serve as antenna and tie one in on each side of the fly at the same point where you tied in the wing. The antenna should extend back past the tips of the wing but not be part of the wing. Trim off the fiber butts and let the thread hang.
6. Now dub the thread and wrap it forward over and through the hair butts to the back of the hook eye. Ensure that you cover the wing thread wraps with dubbing. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
7. Do a whip finish right behind the hook eye, cut the thread, and apply head cement if desired.

Note: This fly purposely looks somewhat ragged with pieces of hair sticking out of the dubbing. Do not trim off these hairs as they are part of the fly - remember - this is a dead bug. It is best fished in a dead drift in slow current.

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## Ohio DNR Education Registration

The Department of Natural Resources regularly has educational opportunities on a variety of outdoor, wildlife and sporting topics. Check out the link below and click on Register to read more about particular events you might be interested in attending.

<https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/educationregistration/>

## 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>

# Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



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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>

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>

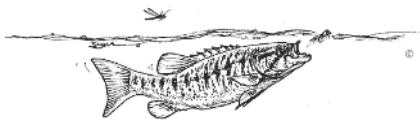
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## Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter (current and past issue) 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/home/?u=d0849e781ada00f84ee13de0b&id=cdf41a0888>



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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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Subscribe to the Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife eNewsletter by filling out the form below. Once submitted, check your email to confirm your subscription.

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## 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.



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# MVFF

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

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## 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 Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on this page.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

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