

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



August Meeting

Our next meeting is August 14th

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 August 10th

Secretary's Notes For July 2023

Briefly: Thirty-five members attended the July meeting during which Mary Lee Hahn was awarded a check for \$1,500 for Casting for Recovery women's cancer survivor outreach. The club welcomed new members Chris Treon and Trevor Ibsen.

Respectfully, Jeff Davis

Mid-Week Events!

The July outings were better as far as angler turnout, although we could not get the fish to respond in kind. Our high for participation for this year was tied at Delco on the 11th, with five MVFF members and a plus one. Coming up in August is Germantown MetroPark on August 8th, and Beaver Creek Community Park on August 24th. I am planning to fish below the dam at Germantown, which calls for waders. The park in Beaver Creek has a small pond that at least holds bluegills and crappies. There are some large carp as well. I suspect there may be a few bass, however I have not been able to prove the truth of that suspicion. All the Mid-Weeks start at 4:30 pm. If you can't make it until a bit later, that's just fine.

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

~ Ken Davy

President's Thoughts ...

Hello everyone. Welcome to my August 2023 report.

I want to thank Paula for filling in for June and July meetings and for her article in Tightlines. Also, thank you Paula for taking on the lead of the



volunteer shirt program and the Little Miami Watershed Network MVFF booth on June 10th. Your hard work towards the club is greatly appreciated.

Another appreciation goes to Todd and Dianne Alexander for providing food for the month of June. I got good reports on the food for that month. So thank you for your time and effort.

I am still recovering from knee surgery on June 20th. Surgery went well and my therapy was in home 3 times a week. Therapy has ended so I am a free man. Doing very well.

Since having surgery and not being able to get out, I would like to reflect on the Canada trip. I started getting ready by looking on YouTube for ideas on tying flies. I found a video by Charlie Craven on tying a Lefty's Deceiver. It looked pretty cool and I had all the material needed to tie it. Game on!! I tied some on 34007-SS hooks in a size 1 and 2, then I down-sized them using a Gamakatsu SC15 size 2 and 4 to catch white bass in Caesar Creek which really helped build my confidence that they would catch fish. The first day in Canada I caught a 28 inch northern pike and a 16 1/2 inch smallmouth bass using Lefty's Deceiver. After that I used one all the time in Canada. But the hunt continued for a fish that would get me a free shirt.

Fishing was average on Monday and Tuesday with smoke from the wildfires trying to block out the sun and bringing in hordes of hungry mosquitoes. Yikes!! Wednesday was very windy, so we spent most of that day looking for sheltered areas to fish. On that day it was also shore lunch day with

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

fried fish, potatoes, beans, salad, and cold drinks. It was all delicious. Thursday morning smoke covered all the lakes making it hard to navigate. Plus, breathing in the smoke was a problem. Later that afternoon, the smoke lifted so Denny Davy and I went out fishing and found a beaver mound and we caught several fish. I hooked a northern pike which came out of the water and flipped my fly out of its mouth. Denny called it a pro-release. I called it frustration.

I still felt like I was not catching enough fish, so on Thursday I signed up for a trip to Horseshoe Lake on Friday.

That night at dinner, Eric Rice told me the office had overbooked that trip and I could go with him to McCarthy Lake instead.

Friday morning Nathan, Karen, Eric and I plus the driver set out for the one-hour drive to McCarthy Lake. We stopped along the way to give two local dogs their dog treats. Evidently, this is what the locals do. We saw 4 bears, 2 cubs, and a sow. Then we saw an older bear that ran right in front of the ATV before ducking into the woods.

Eric and I took a boat and went to one side of the lake while Nathan and Karen took the other side. Eric caught a couple of northern pike and I caught one. As we came to the other end of the lake a beaver swam up to our boat and put its front feet on

the boat but did a quick turn around. Thankfully. We then switched boats and headed down the lake. Eric soon caught a 19 inch smallmouth and I caught a northern pike. We caught several more fish including an 18 inch bass. I was still looking for a free shirt.

The best moment of our outing that day was watching 2 northern pike follow Eric's streamer to our boat. While one fish turned away the other one stopped about 5 feet away, Eric cast his streamer close to that fish and it followed the streamer just to the edge of the boat. Eric moved his fly just a little bit and the pike just crushed it. Wow!! I netted the fish and it measured 32 inches. I still have that pictured in my mind. It had to be one of the best moments of the whole trip.

Waterfalls Lodge is a great place to go. Great scenery, great food, comfortable accommodations, and a very friendly staff. Put it on your bucket list.

Thank you all for the get-well card. Hope to see you at the August meeting.

John Warner,
President MVFF

(See a photo album of the 2023 Canada trip on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.732005252131283&type=3>)



Passing of Bill Grimpe

Sadly, long-time MVFF member Bill Grimpe passed away on July 8th.

For years Bill coordinated MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program. He was instrumental in securing funds from the regional and national offices of PHWFF that helped us in purchasing additional rods, reels, lines and other gear to handle the very active program we had, including multiple fishing outings to local waters. Bill strengthened MVFF's PHWFF program and increased participation among veterans. For all of his contributions he was made a Lifetime member by the MVFF Board.

You may also remember that Bill was very involved in Canine Companions for Independence. He regularly brought a dog-in-training to meetings. Bill and his wife, Joanna, would work with a dog from pup until about 18 months in preparation for their advanced training to become a companion for individuals who needed such assistance and support. One of the many ways he contributed to making life better for others.

Our condolences to his family. A very good man who will be missed.

There will be a memorial gathering on September 17th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Tecumseh High School auditorium. Please see more information at - <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/dayton/name/william-grimpe-obituary?id=52432141>



Mentoring Update

Here is the latest news from the Mentoring Committee -

I was recently asked by one of the Mentors how many Mentees we have now.

MENTEES

- Since inception, we have to date 11 (as of July 20, 2023).

MENTORS

- Since inception, we have to date 7 Mentors officially signed up (as of July 20, 2023).

MATCHES

- Since inception we have had 13 matches total - 11 official and 2 Self Matches (as of July 20, 2023).

Self Matches are great too, we just ask that you drop us a line about your match so we are aware. A quick simple email to MVFF Mentoring Mailbox, MVFFmentor@gmail.com with your name and the name of the person you self-matched with to Mentor will suffice. The Committee thanks you in advance for helping to promote the program, the sustainability of the club, and fly fishing in general!

Here is some information on how the Mentees heard about the Mentoring Program (only applies to Mentees that signed up since we started using the web site to collect information):

How did you hear about the program?

- 2 - Internet/web search
- 2 - Mentoring brochure at Cabela's (1 of those also said club meeting)
- 2 - Tightlines (1 of those also said club meeting)
- 1 - Mentoring Brochure at Reel Fly Rod

We encourage all club members to sign up as either a Mentor or Mentee. We are now matching people quicker than in the past, but we are having to match Mentors with more than one Mentee. Some Mentors have informed us that 2 people is all they can handle and can no longer take on any new Mentees. Having more Mentors sign up would help the program and help avoid overloading current Mentors. Please consider signing up to be a Mentor (must be a registered club member on the club web site to access sign-up page).

It would be great to hear from current Mentors or Mentees by submitting an article on how they are doing! Maybe a "Mentoring Minutes" column.

The Mentoring Committee
(written by Jeff Warden)

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.

(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>.)

Roll Cast Competition Winners

Here are the July roll cast winners.

First Flight - Allen Berg
Seniors - Jim August
Masters - Ken Hudak

Allen Berg and Tom Sabick helped me with the competition.
Thanks guys!

August is the bass bug competition.

Bob Zitney



Up Nor'east

The rain stopped, waking me. We had driven from Binghamton, NY the day before in an increasing downpour. It is hard to say when we crossed into the wilds of southern Vermont, no signs could be read. Our screened bedroom window opened below the deck off the kitchen that was built into the hillside; the winter's wood pile two yards further out. It may have been the rain stopping or the now curious roar of the rising Battenkill just a hundred feet from the door that caused an undercurrent of dread. The rising river had its own tone of rushing destruction. Six inches of rainfall in twelve hours between the Taconic and Green Mountain ranges channeled through narrow rivers that could not contain the flow spread into small fields of truck crops and lowing cattle. I sat upright in the early dark aware that trout fishing was off the calendar, yet from across the reach between us came sounds of a young girl dreaming of the day ahead and I was happy.



The day began with navy gray clouds and light rain. Up the nine-mile ride on route 7A from Arlington to Manchester she talked out of nervousness and anticipation. She had a broad-brimmed hat, rain slicker, fingerless gloves, and a pink in her cheeks. Truel met us at the door and introduced Forrest. Nine women would make up the first day's class at the Orvis Fly Fishing school. A quick peck on the cheek and I was dismissed!

Manchester hosts our country's history like a warm mackinaw. Battles that helped to win America's independence from Britain were fought and won nearby, Robert Frost's farm is close, Norman Rockwell drew his iconic Saturday Post covers near, Todd Lincoln (the oldest and only sibling to survive his parents, Abe and Mary) built his home and career here as a lawyer and diplomat, and Charles F. Orvis tied his first commercial flies here, building a world class fishing supply company. The American Museum of Fly Fishing is on a bordering property with a wealth of history and respect for those who fostered and fed the growth of fly fishing in America.

Marty and Valery Oakland welcomed us to their ancestral home (The Quill Gordon) on the stretches of the Battenkill River west of Arlington. In 2011 hurricane Irene charged up the American east coast causing billions of dollars in property damage, but perhaps least noted was the alteration to freestone trout streams such as the Battenkill, Marty shared with me as we sat in front of the windows on the second floor facing the rising river whose flow had increased from 417cfm to over 1,400 in just hours. After, Irene Marty's son had canoed around the flag pole in the front yard! The greatest changes come after such deluges altering the bottoms ... pools that had held fish were filled in, riffles had become smooth planes, large boulders had been washed out of tributaries threatening the bridge supports, and the brownies and rainbows took weeks to find new anchorage. But for Marty's lifelong love of the Battenkill and fly fishing his greatest heartbreak has been the inundation of "floaters" ... those individuals who whether tubing or kayaking had brought with them a sense of entitlement, trashing the river and having no respect for fishermen on the waters. How to find common usage and respect has become Marty's late-life endeavor. (We learned later one kayaker had attempted to access the engorged river above a bridge that had waters up against the rails.)



Soaking wet, cold to the bone, my sweetheart was waiting on the school porch. Six hours they had stood in the rain ... casting. But she was radiant. Dry clothes, new rain pants and boots, and a meal to remember at Mulligans (finished off with wild blueberry pie and homemade vanilla ice cream) and all was right in this rain soaked, green world. Day two was to apex with the catch of her first rainbow trout ... unaided ... in a spring-fed pond ... but still what a success!

Jeff Davis

The Unabashed Angler's Dictionary

I am beginning a serial work that I hope will become known as The Unabashed Angler's Dictionary. I have only just begun assembling entries for this tome. Below are some of the definitions I have put together so far.

A

Angler – (noun) gender neutral, age indiscriminate, a person who attempts to draw fish from a body of water, by any number of means, may be a pragmatist, but is usually overtly optimistic, with an overriding belief that the next technique, lure, bait, or location will yield the fish of a lifetime (SEE: Last Cast)

Acquaintance – (noun) someone you sometimes fish with, but not worthy of the title of Buddy.

B

Buddy – (noun) Also indiscriminate as regards age or gender, a person of nearly infinite compatibility to the angler, agreeable to a fault, and capable of conjuring up necessary items, or ideas, when they are most sorely needed. Buddies come in varying grades, usually determined by factors such as their willingness and ability to accompany the angler on trips of indeterminate duration, or degree of difficulty at any time of day or night, often with little or no warning. Bonus points are awarded for access to necessary items such as boats, extra lures, access to private waters, and such knowledge as may be required to make any trip a success. Persons not possessing the social, knowledge-based or physical properties required to qualify as a buddy are usually classified as an Acquaintance.

C

Cast – (noun) the process of propelling a bait, lure, fly or net into the water for the purpose of catching fish. The means of casting is

contingent on the type of gear the angler is using, the type of fish being pursued, the skill of the angler, and the weather. Fly casting in particular has variants including the stately overhand cast, the chuck and duck, which results in the angler looking more like a Cro-Magnon man trying to avoid a mad hornet, or the spey cast, which is equal parts skill and alchemy. Each cast has a character of its own, imbuing it with the possibility of becoming the cast that caught the fish that will be lionized in tales, told, and retold, over the remainder of the angler's life. The cast most fraught with possibility is the Last Cast. (SEE: Last Cast)

Catch – (noun) a variable term, dependent on numerous factors, up to and including whether one is fishing with a buddy or an acquaintance. The most universal definition is a fish brought to hand, in the grasp and control of the angler. Acquaintances usually insist on strict adherence to the grasp and control portion of the definition of catch. Buddies take a more liberal interpretation. Most buddies include any fish the angler touches as a catch. Some may include fish hooked and lost at boatside, as a pro-release, especially in the case of small fish that neither angler considers worth much bother. On certain days, the radius of the pro-release seems to expand as time goes by, although even buddies have been known to launch a sideways glance or caustic remark in the direction of an angler who claims a pro-release on a nice fish that was still twenty feet away.

Be sure to keep reading over the next months for other useful information!

Ken Davy



July Raffle Winners

Here are the July meeting winners . . .

- Reddington Field Kit: Trout 9 ft 5 weight Complete Outfit: Randy Evans
- Bass Bug + Panfish and Topwater Trout Complete Fly Tying Kit: Jim August
- Handy Pak Insta-Net: Jerry Connally
- 2 Trout Etched Wine Glasses + 2 Bottles of Wine: Doc Balazs
- Mystery Box: Loon Rogue Hook Removal Forceps: Jim Calvert

Good luck at the August raffle!

~ Lew Hofmann

Casting Competition

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.

Casting Competition – August is the Bass Bug

The next competition will be the bass bug. Starting with the bug in hand, the caster is allowed unlimited casts to target 1, and two false casts between targets after that.

Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

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

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

Masters: Former winners of the Seniors casting division.



Competition Guidelines:

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

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

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

All casters will start with 100 points.

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

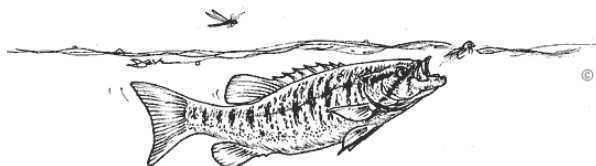
The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

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

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

Good Luck!

Bob Zitney



Great Miami Riverway Smallmouth Bass Fishing Challenge

There's still time to sign-up and participate.

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!

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



TU Mad River Chapter Update

Our next monitoring is on August 26th and we may do some litter cleanup at bridges/access areas. Meet at US 36 Bridge at 9:00 a.m. Come learn about the food supply and stay to fish in the afternoon.

We have a lot of work coming up in the next 4 months, including trail and honeysuckle removal and in-stream habitat/bank stabilization. Watch for more information as we get those items scheduled.

Many of your members fish the Little Miami and Stillwater rivers, so they may be interested in the Ohio Scenic Rivers Association (OSRA). Info at <https://osra.clubexpress.com>. There is a celebration event on August 20th of the 50th Anniversary of the Little Miami becoming a state and national scenic stream.

Thanks!

~ Tom Allen

<http://www.tumadriver.org/index.shtml>

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

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.

August Fly of the Month

Little Yellow Stonefly



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook Curved nymph, long shank, size 12-16
Thread Light cahill, tan, or pale yellow, 3/0
Egg Sac ... Red or pink fluorescent dubbing
Body Superfine dubbing, sulphur yellow
Wing Pair of sulphur CDC feathers
Hackle Grizzly dyed yellow saddle hackle (Light Ginger is an acceptable substitute)
Head Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and start the thread in the middle of the hook shank. Wrap a tight thread base back to slightly past the hook bend. Remove any thread tag.
2. Dub the thread with a small amount of red fluorescent dubbing and wrap a small ball of dubbing just behind the hook bend to simulate an egg sac. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
3. Now dub the thread with yellow dubbing and wrap a slightly tapered body from the front of egg sac to just past the middle of the hook shank. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang. Make sure that the dubbed body is tight against the front of the egg sac with no spaces.
4. Select two CDC feathers, place them back to back curved side down, and even the tips. Tie them in on top of the hook shank at the front of the dubbed body. Allow the feathers to come down the sides of the body very slightly. The feather wing

- tips should reach back to slightly past the bend of the hook shank. Remove any excess feather butts. Let the thread hang.
5. Select an appropriately sized saddle hackle and tie it in on top of the hook shank tight against the front of wings with the concave side down. Let the thread hang.
6. Now dub the thread with the yellow dubbing and form a thorax by wrapping it forward to slightly behind the hook eye in a reverse taper that is smallest just behind the hook eye. Be sure to cover all the thread wraps for the wings and hackle. Let the thread hang behind the hook eye.
7. Wrap (palmer) the hackle forward in 3-4 wraps to right behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle.
8. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the thread wraps if desired.

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>

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/>

Great Miami Clean Sweep

A Clean Sweep of the GMR will be held September 16th. To learn more and/or volunteer go to www.cleansweepofthegreatmiamiriver.org.

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.



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>

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.



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>



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>

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

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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.

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Did You See the Latest Canada Trip Photos?

A great trip. See the story in this issue of Tightlines and check out the photos from this trip - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.732005252131283&type=3>

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

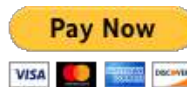
Help!

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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