

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



November Meeting

Our next meeting is November 13th

Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

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

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



November Speaker

Our November speaker is George Daniel.

George has been chasing anything that swims with his fly rod since age 6 and still has the same passion 37 years later. George has competed at a high level for Fly Fishing Team USA, earning individual back-to-back US National Fly Fishing Championship titles and ranked as high as 5th in the World. George has also served as captain for Fly Fishing Team USA and Coach for the US Youth Fly Fishing Team. He has competed and won other regional and national fly fishing competitions over the years. At age 30, George decided to give up competitive fly fishing and focus on what he enjoys most-teaching.

George Daniel considers himself a teacher first and a fly fisher second. He has authored three best-selling fly fishing books and has authored dozens of articles for national fly fishing publications, including Fly Fisherman Magazine. He continues to travel the country conducting lessons and workshops for private groups, corporations,



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President's Thoughts

Hello everyone and welcome to my November 2023 report.

I want to thank everyone who attended the October meeting. It was a packed house and we want to

extend a special welcome to new MVFF members.

There were some good discussions about improving the rods used for the casting competition. Plus, there were ideas brought forth about standing reservations for the dinners at the monthly meetings. After a short discussion it was decided there would be no change in our dinner reservation procedure.

The board had its final meeting for 2023 on October 29th. We talked about this past year and ways to improve MVFF for 2024. The board also selected MVFF members who deserved recognition for their commitment in 2023 and past years.

The October trip to Michigan for salmon fishing for me was not the best. I did manage to land 4. I think those who had guides and drift boats did pretty well. Jim Calvert had a total of 175 salmon caught by our group. I will be back next year. There was a lot of great food every night and funny stories. Especially, when Ralph Thompson puts his spin on them. Get in contact with Jim Calvert if you would like to go in 2024.

Thanks to Joe Nagel for his presentation about the importance of the biological monitoring of the Mad River. He has dedicated years of his time doing this important work.

The 22nd of October I spent about 3 hours helping remove Honeysuckle from the west side of the Mad River at Pimtown Rd. Tom Allen and members from TU were there. One volunteer brought a huge bush hog, which just cut the Honeysuckle right down to the ground. Others used chain saws on the lower bank next to the Mad River. The rest



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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

of us piled up the cut Honeysuckle or used an herbicide to spray the smaller plants that had grown back from last year's cutting on the east side of Pimtown Rd. There will be another clean up in the same area on November 4th and 5th at 9:00 a.m. I was the only MVFF member there. I would like to see more of our members there at the next clean up. Tom Arnold has posted pictures of the Honeysuckle clean up on MVFF website.

The ODNR stocked trout about 2 weeks ago at most bridges on the Mad. They were probably 6 to 10 inches long. Browns are going to be spawning in November in the Mad River. So if you are there, please leave them alone. In December they will be really hungry. Use Big Head Woolly Buggers in Sculpin colors or use your favorite streamers.

Ken Davy has volunteered to help Frank Cox with the video presentations. Also, Frank's grandson is graduating from Army boot camp at Fort Sill Oklahoma next week.

Rich Blankenship is stepping down as Quartermaster after December. We need someone or persons to take over this duty. This is an important duty because we all enjoy the food at our monthly meetings.

Ripple Guides has offered a \$75 discount on guide trips through December 2023 to MVFF members. Contact www.rippleguides.com.

November is the month we elect Board Members. If you would like to serve on the Board, please contact me.

John Warner
President
Miami Valley Fly Fishers

Speaker (cont'd)

and conservation organizations. In 2022, George decided to come back to coach the US Youth Fly Fishing Team. He's a brand ambassador for a number of fly fishing companies. He is currently the Director of the Joe Humphreys Fly Fishing Program at the Pennsylvania State University. George currently lives on an old farm homestead with his wife, two children, and boykin spaniel.

Some of George's accomplishments include:

- Two Time US National Fly Fishing Champion-Individual
- Multiple US National Fly Fishing Medalist-Team
- Ranked 5th in World Fly Fishing Championships-Individual
- Versus Fly Fishing Master Competition Champion-Team
- Best Selling Fly Fishing Author

The presentation will be by Zoom.

~ John Young



Secretary's Notes For October 2023

Fifty members and five guests met for the first indoor meeting of the year. Guests included Colleen Flaum, Donnie Bell, Chris Bell, and Troy & Brock Bermel. The guest speaker was member Joe Nagel who leads the river monitoring of the Mad River for Trout Unlimited Chapter 477. Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8, ten members helped at the Subaru Outdoor Experience at Eastwood MetroPark, Dayton. Thirty applications were handed out, but more importantly was the time shared in teaching children and adults about fly fishing. Thank you to Ken Hudak, Jeff Warden, Ken Davey, Trevor Ibsen, Emily Reeves, Ken Norton, Frank Cox, Mike Wolford, and Jeff & Cynthia Davis. Kelly Kingery of Five Rivers MetroParks (and a member of MVFF) organized the Miami Valley Fly Fishers involvement in the event. J.W. Davis

2024 Dues

We are now accepting payments for 2024 dues. The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card (you do not need a PayPal account). This is also the easiest way for us as it eliminates the burdens of dealing with check and cash deposits.

<https://mvff.us>

2023 Salmon Fishing Trip

We invaded Michigan this year with 27 fishermen to check in at Barothy Lodge on October 1st. We also had Karen Via and Kathy Williams camping at Baldwin and joining us for Sunday dinner and some fishing on the Lodge property.

This trip has always been my favorite fishing trip of the year and this year was no exception. The evening dinners were 'outstanding' and the great time spent with fishing friends at the lodge are always memorable.

The forecast for the Salmon Run this year was very promising for numbers and size of the fish coming out of the Great Lakes. However, Mother Nature decided to throw us a curve this season and the "September Rains" didn't happen and the summer temps stayed around longer than normal. These conditions made for easy low

water wading and short-sleeved fishing, but also delayed the migration of the Great Lakes King Salmon spawning run. When we arrived at the Pere Marquette River on Sunday morning it was clear that the number of Salmon in the spawning areas was on the low side compared to the last few years. The upside of this condition was that the fish were very fresh and large in size, and due to fewer Kings in the stream there were more resident browns and rainbow trout around the salmon spawning areas. The other advantage of the late run was that fresh migrating King Salmon were arriving every day while we were there and we were hooking up more trout than usual.

Every other day after dinner I would take an informal count of the fish in the net for the group. I call it my "Liar's Tally" fish count for obvious reasons but it really is a recap of our fishing results for the week.

The count is: King Salmon "landed" - 175
Brown trout - 32
Steelhead - 11
Rainbow trout - 27

As you can see from the above numbers we had a busy week on the water, and these are the netted fish. The giant salmon that are hooked and get away are some of the best memories.

Check out the [MVFF website](#) for more pics.

I have next year's dates on my calendar and can't wait to do it again.

One of my great friends, Ralph Thompson, who has been on the salmon trip for the last 22 years with me, is also a gifted poet, and the poem below describes the Salmon trip much better than I can. Hope you enjoy reading it.

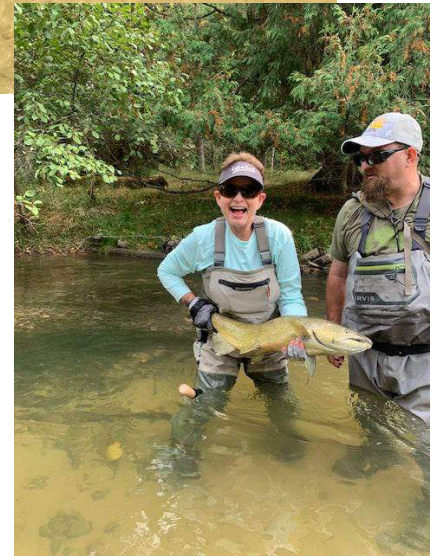
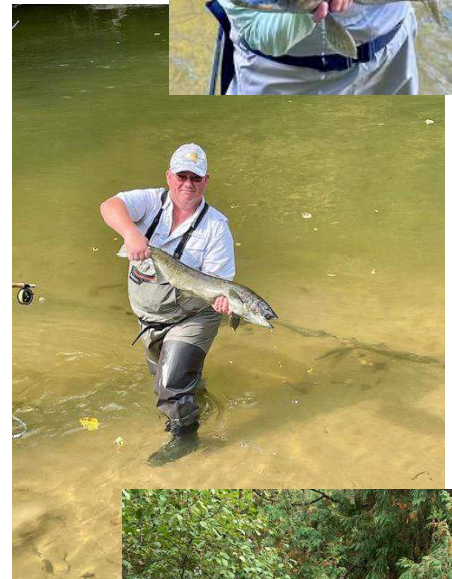
Jim



Anticipating the Run Salmon Fishing on The Pere Marquette River 2023

by Ralph Thompson

The Fish are waiting in the Lake they say,
stacked by the thousands in Ludington's Bay.
The rain is threatening the Pere Marquette,
but the Salmon are not in the river just yet.
The showers must come, and the temps must drop,
or this year's "Run" could be a flop.
The ones that are swimming from the Lodge to the Cottage,
are suffering severely from a degree of the "rottage".
They but died last week and yet they swim on,
Hell-bent to finish the Great Annual spawn.
They wait for "Jim Calvert" with his "PM Wiggler",
or some other fisher's fancy tied "jiggler".
In spite of the rain or the size of the run,
we'll ascend on Walhalla like The Attila's Hun.
With baggage & wader & rod & vest, with food and liquor,
whose story'll be best?
After Chili on Sunday and a short night's sleep,
we'll search for a hole where the water is deep.
For there hide the Salmon hearty and stout,
or we might be lucky and catch a Brown Trout.
Now my 22nd year has come and will pass,
as part of a trip that has become world class.
I'll look to the north and I'll drive real fast,
arriving four hours early like like every year past.
I'll approach her at the office, wearing a grin
thinking this year'll be different, she might let me in.
Ain't gonna happen, she won't back down,
So I'll wait at the entrance next to the young Sam Brown.



Mentoring Update

We continue to have people sign up as Mentees wanting a Mentor, but we are running short on available Mentors to match with all these new Mentees. Current Mentors now have 2-3 Mentees and are now maxed out in their abilities to successfully Mentor new people.

Please take a minute or two to go to the club website and sign up as a Mentor - it's that simple.

You don't have to be an expert in any particular area, just a willingness to share your knowledge with others. Signing up could give you that extra boost or excuse to get out of the house and do something you enjoy - fly fishing!

Please consider becoming a Mentor and help spread the "wealth" and enjoyment of all that Fly Fishing entails. You can contact the MVFF Mentoring Committee via email: mvffmentor@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

MVFF Mentoring Committee

October Raffle Winners

Here are the October meeting winners . . .

- TFO NXT Black Label 8wt 9ft rod, complete kit WON BY: Jerry Connally
- Loon UV Set WON BY: Bryan Peters
- Fishpond Nomad Hand Net WON BY: John Young
- 2 Trout Beer Glasses + 2 Bottles of Beer WON BY: Mike Browne
- Simms Insulated Socks WON BY: Kelly Kingery

Good luck at the November raffle!

~ Lew Hofmann

Mad River Monitoring

On Saturday, October 7, TU Mad River Chapter members met on the Mad River to conduct our third and final monitoring session of the 2023 season.

Here are our Level 1 results from the monitoring session:

Rt 36 - 35
Rt 29 - 32
Watson Property - 34
Pimtown - 25
Mac-o-Chee - 27
West Liberty Park - 32

(On scale used for the above results, any score above 23 is rated as "Excellent". The results show the presence of the different types of macro-invertebrates, but they do not (and cannot) convey information about bug diversity or density.)

TU Mad River Chapter Update

Thanks to the volunteers that assisted with the TU Mad River Chapter work on Sunday, October 22nd, to remove honeysuckle on the Mad. The work will continue at Pimtown Rd. on November 4th, starting at 9:00 a.m. and we welcome any volunteers. The track loader with the honeysuckle remover worked so well last Sunday that we will only be working on this Saturday, not renting a chipper. The work crew will be meeting 9:00 a.m. at Pimtown and preparing things for Bo Ward to arrive at 10:00 a.m. with the track loader and machine. Planning to work until 3:00 p.m. and if we have time there is a logjam to address at the RR trestle, upstream of the Pimtown bridge.

(photos on [Mad River Chapter FB page](#) and [MVFF FB page](#))

In the past two weeks the ODNR-DOW stocked yearling brown trout in the Mad River. Please support the proper handling and release, of the trout. The TU Mad River Chapter is collaborating with ODNR-DOW on developing signage, with information on proper handling and release.

Thanks!

Tom Allen

As is usual for this time of year, the density of bugs was less, and the size of the bugs seemed to be smaller. The most prevalent bugs found were mayflies and caddis. The river was low (~100 cfs at the Rt. 36 gauge), and water temps were steady at 54 degrees.

On a personal note - it has been a pleasure serving as the Manager of Water Monitoring for these past several years, and I thank you for giving me this opportunity. But, I am certain the time has come for me to step aside. I look forward to seeing how the program evolves under Tyler Wright's leadership.

Joe Nagel



The Unabashed Angler's Dictionary (Part 4)

G

Gear – the materials, supplies, equipment necessary for an angler to pursue the sport of fly fishing. This includes rods, reels, flies, lines, nets, waders, et cetera that accumulate in closets, car trunks, truck beds, garages, sheds and/or any other storage points employed by anglers for that purpose. Gear has a nasty habit of expanding to fill any empty space in our storage units as well as most of the available money in any bank accounts. This is also true on a smaller scale. For example, have you ever tried to plan a trip only to discover that one of the biggest challenges is finding room for all the fly boxes you wanted to take to cover all the different types of fish you might encounter?

Guide – a person who attempts to aid anglers in catching fish. Guides tend to specialize. Some concentrate on a species, while others may focus on a body of water. It becomes incumbent on the angler to ensure that the guide they choose pursues the type of fish they want, in water they won't mind fishing.

H

Haul – a manipulation of the fly line designed to accelerate its speed, or to provide more line from the reel to extend the cast. Also, the act of moving gear from its various storage locations to load a vehicle for a trip, driving to the trip location, removal of the gear at the trip location, and the subsequent reversal of that entire process at the end of the trip.

Head – generally, the thicker, heavier fly line in the first 30 feet of a fly line. It can also refer to an attached portion of fly line, designed to sink, enabling the angler to pursue fish holding in deeper water. Also, the foam at the top of an adult beverage that is regarded as an appropriate libation for someone who just completed a full day of chucking a heavy head. (SEE: Chuck)

Headwaters – the extreme upper reaches of a river or stream, also, the biological result of the previously mentioned adult beverage.

Hook – a short piece of cylindrical metal, usually steel, formed into a 180-degree curve, with a sharpened point, and attached to a fishing line. Fly fishing hooks are normally referred to as flies, owing to the fact that they are adorned with any number of materials including thread, weights, feathers, fur, mylar, tinsel, wire, foam, cork, balsa wood, paint, and/or adhesives. Fly anglers usually only refer to hooks when they are engaged in tying flies or buying supplies before tying a batch of flies.

I

Indicator – The function of an indicator is to alert the angler to light bites on a subsurface fly. Indicators generally come in one of several types. Float indicators are basically miniature bobbers. They can be constructed from Styrofoam, wood, plastic, or yarn. A subset of float indicators is the hopper and dropper combination, where a fly that floats on the surface is used as an indicator for a subsurface fly that is often suspended directly from the floating fly. Yarn indicators are just what they sound like, a tuft of yarn attached to the leader. They are usually dunked in some sort of flotant, which usually helps, but often succumbs to being waterlogged just as the largest fish in that body of water takes aim at the attached fly.

Nymph aficionados have developed a new type of indicator called a sighter. It consists of a short section of coiled plastic wire that stretches out whenever the attached fly is molested by a fish. A sighter is usually installed between the fly line and the leader. This is a more modern, high technology rehash of a much older device which consisted of simply wrapping some brightly colored yarn or thread on the fly line just above the end loop. This makes the line much easier to watch, without complicating the process of changing out leaders for the duration of the day.

Ken Davy

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>

November Fly of the Month

Craven's Jujubee Midge

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook	Scud, straight eye, size 18 - 24
Thread	Black 8/0 and White 8/0
Abdomen	Black and White Super Hair or equivalent
Wingcase	Fluoro Fiber, Pearl Krystal Flash, or Pearl Flashabou Accent
Thorax	Black thread
Legs	Same as wing case
Head	Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie in the white thread about a third of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Flatten the thread and wrap a thread base back to half-way down the hook bend. Let the thread hang. (It is important to use white thread as a base so that the true color of the Super Hair used for the abdomen can be seen.)
2. Select 3 strands of Super Hair (2 of one color and 1 of a contrasting color) and, with the length of the hair extending past the hook bend, tie them in halfway down the hook bend, then wrap flattened thread over the hair butts back to the thread tie-in point. Let the thread hang.
3. Grasp the three strands of hair and, keeping them under tension, wrap them forward side by side toward the hook eye to a point about a third of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie them off. (This should create a banded body effect - see picture.) Remove any excess hair. Work carefully to avoid gaps in the wraps and be sure to maintain tension on the hairs as you wrap them. It is also suggested that you make the wraps with the hair at a 90 degree angle to the hook shank.

4. Select approximately 14 strands of Fluoro Fiber and, with the length of the fibers extending toward the hook bend, tie them by one end directly in front of the hair body. Cover the fiber butts with thread, trim off any excess butts behind the hook eye, then do a whip finish and cut the thread.
5. Tie in the black thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to and slightly over the Fluoro Fiber and the front of the body. Flatten the thread and build up an oval shaped thorax between the front of the body and the hook eye. Leave the thread behind the hook eye.
6. Grasp the Fluoro Fibers, pull them forward over the top of the thorax as a wing case, and tie them off behind the hook eye. **DO NOT CUT THE FIBERS!!**
7. Divide the fiber butts into 2 equal parts. Place one part on each side of the thorax as legs and tie them in place with a few thread wraps.
8. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Trim the legs to reach to the back of the thorax.

Watch Charlie Craven tie the Jujubee Midge . . . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7G8f3ZDaLwM>

Website Updates

Canceling a Dinner Reservation - You can now cancel a prior dinner reservation. Go to the Dinner Reservation/Cancellation page and you will see a checkbox to cancel you prior reservation. This replaces your having to email the club to cancel.

Forum Topics & Forum Topics Page - Remember you can view recent forum topics on the home page without logging in. There has been an increase in posts so take a look. If you want to respond to a topic or create a new topic you will have to log in - meaning you will have to register on the site (71% of members are registered). Give it a try.

Following a Conversation on the Forum - Be sure to use the checkbox "Notify me of follow-up replies via email" so that you will be alerted to new responses to a particular topic.

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

~ Tom Arnold

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>

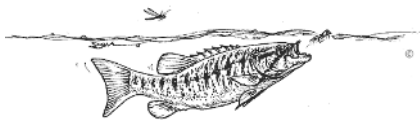
Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.



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>

DOW eNewsletter

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HuntFish OH is a mobile path for Ohio's hunters, anglers and shooters to licensing, game check, regulations, and communication with the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



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

MVFF

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CALENDAR

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

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

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

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



Did You See the 2023 Michigan Trip Photos?

A great trip. See the story in the November 2023 issue of Tightlines

and check out the photos from this trip - <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.814985170499957&type=3>

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

Help!

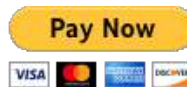
I always need and appreciate member-submitted material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips, a new fly pattern or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would 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

Dues!

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