

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## April Meeting

**Our next meeting is April 15th (not the 8th as originally scheduled)**

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. You can also cancel your upcoming reservation by going to the same page listed below.**

**Please make your reservation at**

<https://mvff.us/reservation/>

**by 9:00 p.m. on April 11th**

## April Speaker

Our April speaker is Jeremy Hunt on fishing the White River. It will be a Zoom presentation.

For more than a decade, Jeremy has stood out as one of the most passionate fly fishermen and guides in the White River Basin. His unwavering commitment to innovation in fly designs and techniques, aimed at increasing catch rates, exemplifies his true inventiveness and “outside the box” approach. When it comes to hard work and a profound understanding of how to safely and effectively fish in both high and low water conditions, Jeremy is undeniably among the best in the business.

Jeremy’s willingness to experiment with new strategies, particularly when traditional methods are falling short, has been a hallmark of his guiding career. Over the past eight years, few guides can claim to consistently provide opportunities for landing significant fish as frequently as Jeremy has. A day on the water with Jeremy promises to be brimming with exhilarating moments,



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## President's Thoughts

What a March we had, the MVFF auction was a great success! Thanks to all who volunteered their time and items - it will benefit this year’s expenses greatly. I will leave the honor of disclosing the amount to our Treasurer, Walt at the April meeting.

I received some very helpful suggestions from a club member

who gave insight into next year's auction and how to make it flow a little easier for the Auctioneer and Recorders.

Congratulations to our Facebook winners of the cover photo contest.

1st Place: Alan Nandrasy

2nd Place: Emily Reeves

They will receive their gifts at the April Meeting. Thanks to all of you who entered such awesome pictures for the contest!

Don't forget to join for Coffee, Casting and Catching on April 6, 2024 at Centerville McDonalds Restaurant, 1570 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd. at 8:30 a.m. Then off to Roselake Dr. in Centerville to wet some lines and catch some fish. All are welcome!! Learn to fish and connect with fellow enthusiasts. Share your knowledge or gain some. Most of all it will be fun to socialize and meet other club members.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Fling Raffle - Lots of items for Members Only. It's a great way to honor our members for their participation in the club. It is a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

Keep your eye on Facebook for upcoming events!!

Send in your pictures to be posted. Share some fish tales. Most of all enjoy fishing on the fly!!

Paula Smith  
MVFF President



## April Speaker (cont'd)

as his passion for fly fishing is apparent for all to see – he lives to see his clients succeed.

Jeremy's expertise extends to nymph fishing, where he ranks among the area's finest. He possesses a keen sense of when and where to present dry flies, provided the conditions are ideal, further solidifying his reputation as an angling authority in the region.

*John Young*

## Secretary's Notes for March 2024

It was exciting to see so many members and friends at the annual MVFF Auction. With help from V. P. Ken Davy, Todd and Diane Alexander, Randy and Joanne Evans, Greg Kiddon, Joe Garland, Chris Hill, Cynthia Davis, and Kelly Kingery, we were able to set up and run the most successful club auction in years. Others will tell you of the monies made and the hard-fought bidding, but here we want the individuals who made it work so smoothly recognized. What a crew! It is important to note that club member and artist Dave Williams donated over \$1,200 worth of wall art which was sold successfully. So many members donated flies, equipment, self-made fishing art including a salmon fly from Greg Czarnecki in Alaska which sold for \$100! It is great to see the enthusiasm and turn out to the club meetings. We must be regaining the old spirit that no pandemic could squash. So many exciting outings and activities are coming up in the next few months read **ALL** of your *Tightlines*.

Respectfully, Jeff Davis

## 2024 Dues

***We have 36 members who have not yet renewed for 2024 and we will have to remove them from the roster and expire their access to logging in to the website.***

*Please renew now.*

The payment link is at the bottom of the Home page of our website . . . <https://mvff.us>

## MVFF Auction Results

	TOTAL	GENERAL FUNDS	VETERAN'S PROGRAMS
2024	\$ 7,013	\$ 7,013	\$ -
2023	\$ 5,093	\$ 5,093	\$ -
2022	\$ 4,038	\$ 4,038	\$ -
2021	\$ 5,201	\$ 5,051	\$ 150

### 2024 Payments by Type

Cash	\$ 3,207	46%
Check	\$ 2,238	32%
PayPal	\$ 1,568	22%
Total	\$ 7,013	100%

Thanks to the efforts of all involved, the 2024 auction was a huge success. From the people who tied and donated flies to those who donated general merchandise, the items for sale were outstanding. Thanks to all of the volunteers and to the auctioneer for a great job done. Finally, thanks to those who purchased items. We could not do it without all of you.

## Coffee, Casting & Catching

April 6<sup>th</sup>

- 8:30 a.m. - Coffee & breakfast at Centerville McDonald's at 1570 Miamisburg-Centerville Rd.
- Afterwards - Fishing at Rosewood Park at 475 Roselake Dr., Centerville

The MVFF Mentoring Committee cordially invites you to:



COFFEE, CASTING, & CATCHING

On Saturday, 6 April 2024 at 8:30 A.M., we will meet at the Centerville McDonald's Restaurant on 1570 Miamisburg-Centerville Road. After coffee and conversation, we will move to Rosewood Park at 475 Roselake Drive in Centerville for fishing.

Bring your rod, reel, and flies, for an exciting time of telling stories, chasing gills, and having fun.

In the event of inclement weather, we will host a fly tying event at McDonald's.



ODNR has released the stocking dates and locations for rainbow trout . . . . .

Location	County	District	Date	Map
RUSH RUN WA POND	Preble	5	3/15/24	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/S4rtHvpeMn3tFGm57">https://maps.app.goo.gl/S4rtHvpeMn3tFGm57</a>
SYCAMORE STATE PARK POND (LARGE)	Montgomery	5	4/11/24	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewU5Qv3iT86izsp1A">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewU5Qv3iT86izsp1A</a>
SYCAMORE STATE PARK POND (SMALL)	Montgomery	5	4/11/24	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewU5Qv3iT86izsp1A">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewU5Qv3iT86izsp1A</a>
CRYSTAL LAK	Preble	5	4/13/24	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/6jA9k48FyKX8S4SP9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/6jA9k48FyKX8S4SP9</a>
ENGLEWOOD NORTH PARK POND	Montgomery	5	4/16/24	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/M9d6LkcXKbmzi6Oy8">https://maps.app.goo.gl/M9d6LkcXKbmzi6Oy8</a>
TAYLORSVILLE POPLAR CREEK POND	Montgomery	5	4/16/24	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/hPhp7J5UBqV7RnHw5">https://maps.app.goo.gl/hPhp7J5UBqV7RnHw5</a>

## Sharpening Your Casting Skills

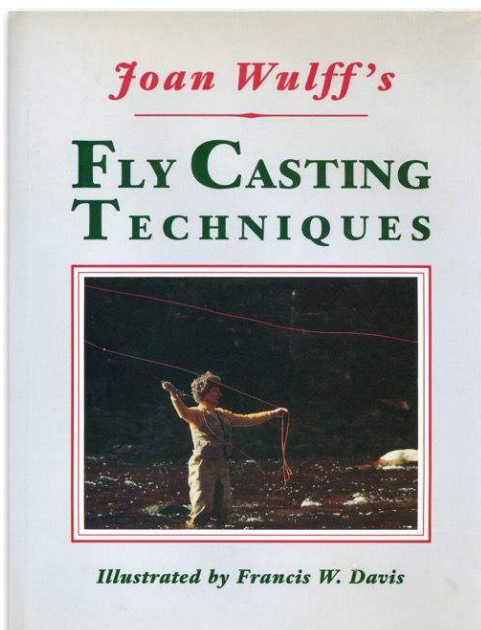
*Exercises you can do at home to help you meet onstream casting challenges*

Allen Berg, MVFF Casting Competition Coordinator, sent an article to us from the June 1987 issue of Fly Fisherman magazine. It is a featured article by Joan Wulff - Sharpening Your Casting Skills. We obtained permission from Fly Fisherman magazine to publish this article from their June 1987 issue. The article is long and would not display well in Tightlines; however, Fly Fisherman magazine also provided a link to the article. View it here: <https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/joan-wulff-sharpening-casting-skills/493656>

It is really quite informative.



Read about Joan and her history (and wonderful photos) at the American Museum of Fly Fishing - <https://www.amff.org/portfolio/graceful-rise-today/agr-joan-wulff/>



Joan Salvato Wulff is “The First Lady of Fly Fishing”. Her story and career have inspired countless women to pursue the sport. Wulff revised her first book as Joan Wulff’s New Fly-Casting Techniques republished many times.

In 1979 she and her husband, Lee Wulff, founded the Joan and Lee Wulff Fishing School (today is known as the Wulff School of Fly Fishing) in Lew Beach, New York. Through the casting techniques taught at the school, the couple designed (and Garcia produced) the Fly-O, the first indoor casting practice tool ever made.

By 1980, she had a monthly casting column in Outdoor Life magazine, and the following year she began a regular casting column in Rod & Reel [eventually called Fly Rod & Reel, which died of natural causes of having too good writing] titled “Joan Salvato Wulff’s Fly-Casting.”

In 1985, Wulff wrote a book that would be the first to analyze casting mechanics; Joan Wulff’s Fly Casting Techniques published by The Lyons Press in 1987. Since then, she has published Joan Wulff’s Fly Fishing: Expert Advice from a Woman’s Perspective (1991) and Joan Wulff’s Fly-Casting Accuracy (1997) and released an instructional DVD, Joan Wulff’s Dynamics of Fly Casting (1997), and more.

# The Unreasonable Virtue of Fly Fishing

Mark Kurlansky  
297 pages

I just finished reading "The Unreasonable Virtue of Fly Fishing". It was a fairly light read, more of a history of the sport than philosophic ramblings. He breaks it down by the general history of the sport and then devotes chapters specifically to the histories of rods, reels, lines, hooks, and the attached from a chapter simply called "Fisherwomen". It seems that women in fly fishing are portrayed as a rather new phenomenon, but as the picture and writing show, women have been involved and doing quite well in the sport for a couple of hundred years!

Thought this might be of interest.

*Bill DeShurko*

Some excerpts . . .

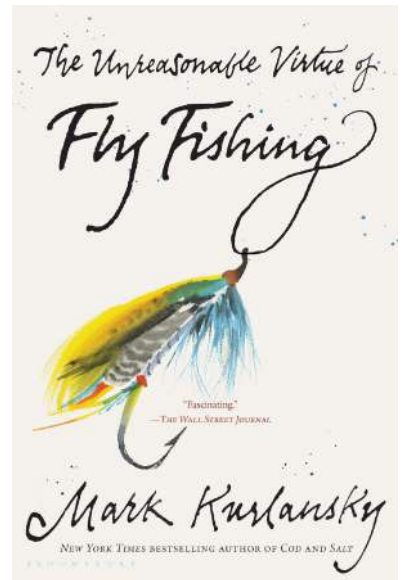
*The first bona fide fishing club for women, "the Woman Fly Fishers Club," was founded in New York in 1932.*

*One of the great British fly fishing legends is Georgina Ballantine. On October 7, 1922, she was fishing the River Tay in Scotland on a boat handled by her father, who was the fishing official on the Glendelvine Estate through which the river runs.*

*She was having a respectable day catching good-size salmon of twenty-five, twenty-one, and seventeen pounds. She was fishing two rods—one with a Wilkinson fly, a salmon fly with a long feathery tail, and the other with bait. A salmon grabbed the bait and she fought it for most of an hour, trying to get to the bank. The fish was so large and so strong that even when she finally got it to the bank, she could barely lift it. According to one account, she sat on it. It weighed sixty-four pounds and was four feet six inches long. That is the standing record for the largest rod-caught salmon in Britain.*

*But since Ballantine caught the salmon with bait, the record for catching the largest salmon with a fly was still open to challenge, and two years later, another woman, Clementina Morison, established that record. Popularly known as "Tiny" Morison, she caught a sixty-one-pound salmon on the Deveron in the Highlands with a fly known as the "Brown Wing Killer."*

*FOR DECADES, MARY Orvis Marbury, born in 1850, was the world's leading fly expert. Even today there are few people with the depth of knowledge she had. The daughter of Charles Orvis, she grew up during the years when her father was just starting to establish his famous fly fishing shop in Manchester, Vermont.*



## Yellow Stonefly: A Novel

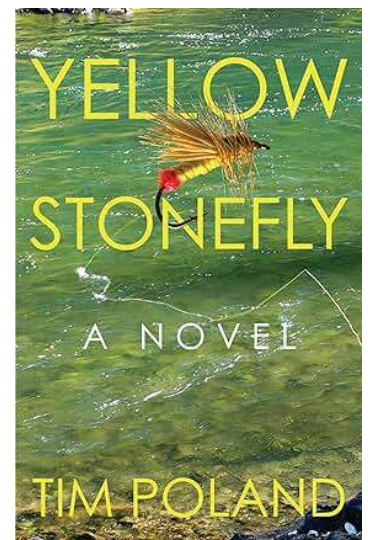
Ohio University Press in Athens is pleased to announce a new paperback edition of a fly fishing novel of suspense set on a stream in southwest Virginia.

In *Yellow Stonefly*—a rare fly fishing novel with a female protagonist—Tim Poland weaves suspense and introspection into an unforgettable read, at once mournful and bracing.

In her day job as a nurse, Sandy Holston cares for the elderly and the sick, even as she is haunted by her own questionable past and the deaths that marked it. Her true self resides among the mountain trout streams of her Appalachian home, where she wields her fly rod with uncanny accuracy as her life plays out along a tight line between herself and a fish on the other end.

Author: Tim Poland

\$18.95 paperback



## Facebook Cover Page Photo Contest Winners



*Congratulations to our Facebook Cover Photo Contest winners.*

*First place - Alan Nandrasy (with his daughter)*

*Second place - Emily Reeves*

*Thanks again to all of you who submitted those great photos!*



## Fly Casting Skills Workshop, Presented by FFI Ohio Council

Join us for the FFI Casting Skills Development Program. The Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, workshop is FREE and based on practical fishing applications. Everyone from beginners to experienced casters is welcome to come learn or improve your fly casting. Bring your favorite fly-fishing outfit or use one of ours.

Workshop demonstrations & instructors will be provided by FFI Certified Casters & local Buckeye United Fly Fishers club instructors. Show up any time between 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Cottell Park, Deerfield Twp., 5847 Irwin Simpson Rd, Mason, Ohio.

For more information on the FFI Casting Skills Development program, go to <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources/Fly-Casting/Skills-Drills>.

RSVP and pre-registration are required. Email [Info@ffiohc.org](mailto:Info@ffiohc.org), with your contact information and questions.

*Cari Vota*

## Save the Dates

### Mud Run Conservancy Annual Meeting

April 15th - 6:00 p.m.  
Greenon High School

### TU Mad River Chapter Annual Meeting

April 20th - 9:00 a.m.  
Van Dyke Club  
11044 Old Columbus Rd  
South Vienna, OH 45369

### Stream Monitoring

April 20th - 1:00 p.m.  
US 36 Bridge over the Mad River  
Urbana, OH

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=c3baf14950>

## Links to Explore

From Jeff Davis:

Great Lakes Fishing Decree takes effect

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/385a045>

Hatch Magazine – Ask the Instructors

FB post by Dan Daufel

<https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/ask-instructors-fly-fishing-qa/7715874?fbclid=IwAR07Yu-RwofkP8kV0-xktmYVP5QPONZHnRYh3ImKbAKYcmuKQzdTC7ZNTYY>

From Jeff Warden:

Trout Unlimited . . . [https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-reading-water/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=U42w3](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-reading-water/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=U42w3)

Tons of information and free online classes/schools . . . .

<https://guiderecommended.com/about-guide-recommended/>

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/true-cast-how-to-choose-a-fly-rod-for-trout/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=msKv3](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/true-cast-how-to-choose-a-fly-rod-for-trout/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=msKv3)



*The next Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are April 11th at Eastwood Lagoon and  
April 23rd at Deer Meadow Park..*

*Come join us - for more info . . . . . [See page 8](#)*

## Little Miami Watershed Network

The River Speaks events continue in April with a talk by Meg Maloney on restoring ecosystems around Dayton. Meet at the Jones Pavilion in Armco Park by 7:00 PM on April 19.

Also, mark your calendars for the River Festival on Saturday, June 29. We will have a Little Miami River Clean Up in the morning and the Festival starts around noon after the trash has been removed from the river. More details to come soon.

Keep in touch at . . . <https://lmwn.org>



# The Unabashed Angler's Dictionary (Part 9)

## **W**

**Wading** – proceeding on foot into the water. Wading can be pursued wearing special, waterproof, boots called waders. This is the cause of some confusion since the anglers wearing the waders are also known as waders. Waders wearing waders as they quickly dodge the 'gators'? Wading is very popular among fly anglers due to the need for backcast room.

**Wet Fly** – a fly designed to be fished below the surface. Wet flies basically come in two types, insect imitations and attractors. As one might suspect, the insect varieties of wet flies imitate the immature stages of aquatic insects such as mayflies, caddis, or stoneflies. Attractors do just what the name suggests. They don't resemble any insect. They simply stand out from the crowd and attract fish by their gaudy appearance. Higga's SOS, for example, does not imitate any specific insect, but it displays a very buggy appearance that fish seem to find very attractive. Royal Coachman wet flies also do not look like any known insect, yet they definitely draw the interest of many different types of fish.

**White Bass** – *Morone Chrysops* is a genus/species that more closely resembles a tribe or a wolf pack. These aggressive little mobsters travel in large schools, the better to corral and attack schools of baitfish. Considering this behavior, the best way to catch white bass is to use small streamers. Shad patterns are often best for whites.

**Wind** – The noun, not the verb. Wind gets very bad press among fly anglers. It is accused of causing errant casts, closemouthed fish, and the dreaded wind knot. Granted, there is ample evidence that certain errant casts come about due to wind. There are times when there is scarcely any way to accurately adjust one's cast to offset for heavy winds. It becomes three times as difficult if the wind is sporadic, or changes direction often. The same offset that resulted in one cast landing precisely where you want it may result in the following cast landing squarely on the adjacent shoreline because the wind suddenly died.

**X** – There is really only one X associated with fly fishing. Tippet diameters are referred to by a number followed by an X, such as 0X, 1X, 2x on up to 8X. A basic rule of thumb to use in determining which size tippet to use is to consider which size hook you will be throwing and divide by 3. A size 24 hook should be on an 8X tippet, while a size 6 should be thrown on a 2X. This will work fairly well on smaller flies. However, one must remember that the higher the X number, the weaker the line. 8X tests out at just over 1- pound test, which is not going to stop a rampaging 6-pound carp, no matter how well the carp might react to a tiny nymph. On the other hand, a leader that terminates in 35-pound test may not scare away a hungry striper, but a trout in clear water will not come anywhere near a fly tied to anything nearly that thick.

## **Y**

**Yellow Sally** – a species of stonefly.

## **Z**

**Z-Wing Caddis** – a caddis fly emerger, tied with a synthetic wing.

~ Ken Davy



## 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>

# Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2024

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	3/20/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.
Eastwood Lagoon	4/11/2024	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYWboSu5">https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYWboSu5</a>	Bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares for the bass. Many SMB in this water.
Deer Meadow Park	4/23/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.
Oak Grove Park	5/8/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJTtXsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWiR2wJTtXsR6</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.
Arthur Fisher Park	5/21/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziDf6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziDf6FYLZvb36</a>	Fishing for early season bass, and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, or Muddlers for the bass, poppers or foam beetles for the bluegills. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	6/6/2024	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6">https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6</a>	Kayak opportunity! Bass tanking up for spawning and bluegills on their beds. Topwater heaven! You will definitely need a kayak or canoe for large bass.
Delco Park	6/11/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgK7CeQVD5wclJ2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgK7CeQVD5wclJ2Mo6</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.
North Park	6/19/2024	Boats, Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/JDUzia3Z85zSAMxy7">https://goo.gl/maps/JDUzia3Z85zSAMxy7</a>	This one is primarily for the kayak and boat crowd. The bank fishing here is very tough. Boats are allowed but these ponds are very narrow and shallow, so you'll want to stay with the trolling motor. I have fished here a little, but I have not been able to discern any patterns as of yet. UPDATE: in 2023, the smaller of the two ponds was stocked with trout by the ODNR.
Lofino Park	6/27/2024		<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. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higga's SOS.)
Rip Rap Road Park	7/10/2024	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA">https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA</a>	Bring you waders and/or your kayaks! This one is on the Great Miami River in July. Kayakers, bring your portage wheels because it's about 300 yards from the parking lot to the river.
Rosewood Park	7/23/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA</a>	Bluegills, some are large, reports of bass
Centennial Park	8/7/2024		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/3dwGErQAeDytK1tb7">https://maps.app.goo.gl/3dwGErQAeDytK1tb7</a>	At least bluegills and carp, possibly bass and catfish
Miami View Park	8/20/2024		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDi3uM8">https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDi3uM8</a>	Bluegills, catfish and bass
Fuggin Pond	9/5/2024		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqJh49">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqJh49</a>	Bluegills and largemouth bass
Huffman Metropark	9/17/2024	Kayaks, canoes	<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/mCu8cqTxV3cSR93n6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/mCu8cqTxV3cSR93n6</a>	Bluegills, crappies, Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass. Kayaks, canoes.
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	10/17/2024	Kayaks, canoes	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDdJr9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDdJr9uSaGiu5</a>	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.



# April Fly of the Month

# Pine Squirrel Streamer

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain



## Recipe

Hook .....	Streamer, 4-6xl, size 8 to 4
Thread .....	Brown or color to match body, 6/0
Under body/tail support .....	Foam rubber strip, 2mm
Tail .....	Pine squirrel zonker
Body .....	Pine squirrel zonker
Head .....	Thread

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to the hook bend, then wrap it back up the hook shank to about 1/8" behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a strip of foam approximately 1/4" wide and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank slightly behind the hook eye with the length of the strip extending back toward the hook bend. Keeping the foam strip on top of the hook shank, wrap thread tightly over it back to the hook bend. Be sure to bind and compress the foam tightly to the hook shank so it is okay to wrap the thread back and forth over the foam to fully compress it and achieve a level underbody. Now grasp the remaining strip (which should be laying flat on top of the hook shank over the hook bend) and trim it even with the back of the hook bend to create a small flat platform at the hook bend.
3. Take a full strip of squirrel zonker and separate the fur down to the skin approximately 1" from the end of the strip. (Be sure that the fur of the strip is flowing back toward the hook bend.) Lay the strip on top of the hook shank and tie it in tightly at the hook bend where you divided the fur to create a tail. (The fur of the tail should be flowing back over the hook bend.) Now lift the longer length of the strip, wrap the thread in front of it, then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye. (At this point, take a very small drop of super glue and

apply it to the top of the little foam platform, then press the bare skin side of the tail down onto it. Be careful not to get any glue on the fur. This step will stabilize the tail and keep it from twisting into the hook bend.)

4. Lift the front section of the zonker strip out of the way and place a light coating of super glue on the foam underbody all the way to behind the hook eye. Now wrap the length of the zonker strip forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie it off tightly.

Trim off any excess strip. (When you wrap the strip forward, be sure that the skin side of the strip is in contact with the underbody/hook shank. Also be sure to stroke the fur backward with each wrap so that it does not come in contact with the glue.)

5. Form a neat thread head being sure to cover any visible skin at the tie-off point. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.

Note: This fly has a lot of movement and will work all day but is especially effective in the evening. Try casting it down and across with a few short strips.



## 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

### 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/>

### 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>



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>

*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.

### DOW eNewsletter

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

<https://go.ohiodnr.gov/downnewsletter>

### Mobile App

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



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

# MVFF

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

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# CALENDAR

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

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

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

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



## Did You See the 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://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

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