



October Meeting

Our next meeting is October 14th

Kohler Center 4572 Presidential Way (Directions on Website)

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 <u>https://mvff.us/reservation/</u> by 9:00 p.m. on October 10th



October Speaker

Our October speaker is Devin Olson. Devin started fly fishing

in Yellowstone at age 9. Within a couple of years, it became an addiction he could not shake, and he begged for rides to local streams until he could drive. He started competing at age 19 and made Fly Fishing Team USA in 2006 when he was 21 years old. He has competed in 14 consecutive World Fly



Fishing Championships with Fly Fishing Team USA. He has earned a bronze individual medal, a silver and two bronze team medals from these championships and numerous medals from competitions in the United States.

Away from competitive fishing he holds a bachelor's degree in ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science. He worked as a fisheries biologist for several years before starting his company Tactical Fly Fisher. He has produced three

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President's Thoughts

Happy October! Fall is definitely coming in like a lion with all the much-needed rain. I am sure the fish are happy and just waiting on an angler to toss them a fly.

I want to reach out and ask for anyone



interested in running for Vice President for 2025 to let me know. The Treasurer and Secretary positions will be open for filling in November 2025 and maybe that is something that interests you in the future. Board positions are open to any club member who would like to serve on the board. Please let me know if you are interested at the next meeting on October 14, 2024 at the Kohler Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering. (directions on website) at 5:30. Feel free to email me as well if you have questions. You can email me at rvrfly49@gmail.com.

The Salmon run is happening in Baldwin, Michigan. I can't wait to see pictures and hear about the trip. I would like to post your pics on Facebook so please remember to send me your best pictures. Of course, if it's of you and a fish, it's always the best picture.

Be safe out there. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Fish on! Paula Hill President MVFF

Last MWFF Event of 2024 Cedar Lake at Carriage Hill - 10/17/2024 (<u>see page 8</u>)

Speaker (Cont'd)

instructional films - Modern Nymphing: European Inspired Techniques, Modern Nymphing Elevated: Beyond the Basics, and Adaptive Fly Fishing. He is also the author of the books Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers and Stillwater Fly Fishing: Competition Inspired Strategies for Everyday Anglers.

He will do a Zoom Presentation on Tactical Fly Fishing.

tacticalflyfisher.com

John Young

Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience

Saturday , October 5th Sunday , October 6th Eastwood MetroPark

The Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience is a FREE adventure festival celebrating outdoor lifestyle and culture. This multi-day event features competitions, live music, food trucks, gear shopping, pro-athlete shows, activities to try, camping, and much more! This is a dog-friendly event with an off-leash dog park, dog activities, dog shows, and supervised pooch parking so you can explore and try new activities. This is a WASTE-FREE event, so please bring your own beverage vessel or plan to buy a steel cup.

More info at . . . https://outdoorx.metroparks.org

Want to see what other events might be of interest to you? Go to https://www.metroparks.org/programs-events-finder/

September Raffle Winners

- Orvis Clearwater 9'8" wt. Fly Rod, Clearwater Large Arbor Reel, Scientific Anglers Frequency Magnum Fly Line - John Berg
- Loon Bench Boss Randy Evans
- Fishpond Dakota Carry-on Doc Balazs
- Two Coffee Mugs + Coffee Jim Calvert
- Oros Strike Indicators Ken Hudak
- Steaks Walt Konek
- Chicken Emily Reeves

~ Lew Hofmann

Lew is still looking for an assistant to run the raffle when work takes him away on the second Monday of the month. This is uncommon, but without help the raffle can't happen. He will take care of preparing tickets, procuring the raffle items, and getting everything to you. You'll need to take the raffle items to the site, run the raffle, and hold on to the leftovers until Lew can gather them back from you. If you are able to assist, please contact him at <u>lewhof@mac.com</u> or 301-503-2398.



Secretary's Notes for September 2024

We enjoyed great weather for our last outdoor meeting for the year with 44 members in attendance. We welcome new members Jack Kinsey and Jonathan Berg (Alan's son). It has been a growing year with new members signing up nearly each month. President Paula Hill awarded Mike Redmond a \$1,500 check to support the men's cancer support group, Reel for Recovery. V. P. Ken Davy discussed the weekly/monthly fishing outings. Kelly Kingery talked about the annual Subaru Outdoor Experience and encouraged members to sign-up for the display table MVFF will have at the event October 5 & 6th. Fly tying classes will be held Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 9th and will run for eight weeks. J. D. Dukes, Kelly Kingery, and Emily Reeves will be the instructors. The classes will be held at the Rona Hills Community Church. There was discussion on purchasing new A/V equipment. Paula deferred the matter to the Board. Respectfully, J. W. Davis

P.S. My Texan brother recently sent a book, *Casting Forward*, by fellow Texan, Steve Ramirez. I was reminded that long-time MVFF member and now a transplanted Ohioan to Texas, Ralph Vermillion, sends his annual dues from 1200 miles away each year because of his continued love and support of the people in the Miami Valley Fly Fishers club. Thank you, Ralph. 2025 Membership dues will be collected beginning October 1st. Take a hint from Ralph and support the best fly fishing club in Ohio... (no matter where you now call home!).

Ohio Fly Tying Guild Fly Tying Demos

Join us each month at the Ohio Fly Tying Guild Zoom meeting for live online fly tying and techniques demonstrations. These events will be held the 3rd Friday of each month at 6:30 pm Eastern time. So mark your calendars to plan ahead. If you missed the first sessions, you can view the recordings at the following YouTube link:

https://www.youtube.com/@OhioFlyTyingGuild

Subscribe and you should get notices when new videos are available.

Fly Fishers International member Gary Begley from the Buckeye United Fly Fishers club near Cincinnati, Ohio will be leading the sessions. Topics of discussions and demonstrations will cover tying tools, materials, hooks, and the techniques to put it all together to create a fly that will catch fish. These are interactive events, so don't be afraid to make comments, or to ask questions. We hope to see you at the meetings.

If you are an FFI member you can subscribe to the Ohio Council of FFI at the link below and you will get notification of the next session with the Zoom invitation.

https://mailchi.mp/bb30fc8451a5/ffi-ohio-council-newsletter-10328552?e=e08d356fda

Too hot for trout: Why some anglers are rethinking their approach to fly fishing

Nathan Rott

Western Montana is particularly water-starved this year after a meager snowpack and scorching July. Hot water temperatures forced state officials to implement fishing restrictions on 17 rivers this summer, including — for a spell — the iconic Blackfoot, which is at its lowest level in 30 years. The so-called hoot owl restrictions prohibit fishing during the hottest part of the day to give fish a reprieve, forcing anglers to get out on the water early.



Montana's fishing industry, which brings in nearly a billion dollars per year, is trying to adjust.

Read the article at . . . <u>https://www.npr.org/2024/08/31/g-s1-19833/fishing-angling-trout-montana-water-climate-change-blackfoot-river</u>

Nathan Rott is a correspondent on NPR's National Desk, where he focuses on environment issues and the American West. https://www.npr.org/people/348779465/nathan-rott

September Distance Casting Results

Greg

Eric

John

Kiddon

Rice

Young

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57

Having gone the distance, the summer is alas coming to an end.

The distance casting was a nice later summer evening with a slight tailing to quartering breeze. The Cortland 7/8 fly rod with a slow action made for a tough casting event. Fourteen casters in total with Ken Hudak having the longest cast with 70 feet of the night and winning the master's with an average of 65.8. Kelly Kingery won First Flight with an average of 65 feet and very good consistency. Allen Berg rounding out the Seniors with an average of 66.6 feet. All in all, a very good summer of casting events has come to another end. We look forward to seeing more folks come out next year to have some fun and improve our casting abilities with a fun and friendly competition.

Thanks to all.

Allen Berg

Below are the results with the distance of each of the competitor's 5 casts, their longest cast and their average (highest average wins).

			FIRST	r flight				
Last Name	First Name	1	2	3	4	5	Longest	AVG
Angust	Tim	48	53	47	49	52	53	49.8
Dukes	JD	62	62	63	60	60	63	61.4
Franz	Jack	58	54	56	56	54	58	55.6
Kingery	Kelly	68	64	64	66	63	68	65
Smith	Paula	42	44	51	40	45	51	44.4
Vollmer	Alvin	67	66	58	65	55	67	62.2
Wisniewski	Mike	55	55	56	57	55	57	55.6
			SE	NIORS				
Last Name	First Name	1	2	3	4	5	Longest	AVG
Berg	Allen	64.5	64	67.5	68.5	66.5	68.5	66.6
Reeves	Emily	37	43.5	40	45	45.5	45.5	42.2
			MA	STERS				
Last Name	First Name	1	2	3	4	5	Longest	AVG
Bennett	Bill	58	60	57	59	60	60	58.8
Hudak	Ken	70	65	63	63	68	70	65.8

2025 Dues

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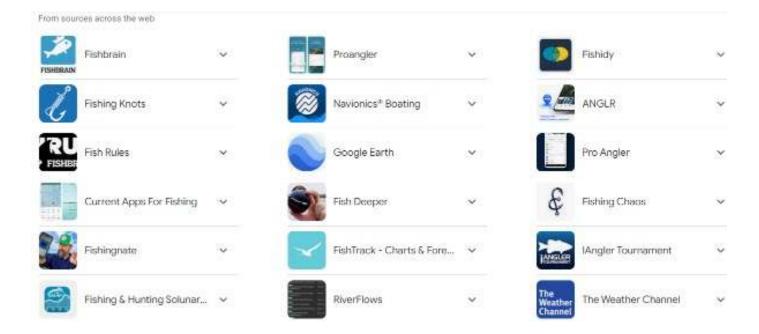
We are now accepting payments for 2025 dues. The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card (you do not need a PayPal account). This is also the easiest way for us as it eliminates the burdens of dealing with check and cash deposits.

https://mvff.us

Dues paid by new members on or after October 1, 2024 will be considered paid through 2025.

Fishing Apps

No, not fishing games. Fishing apps are designed to facilitate fishing in the real world. A Google search for fishing apps reveals a light screenful of apps.



Sorting through the apps above, it became apparent that there are far fewer apps that would be applicable for amateur freshwater anglers. Some are slanted toward tournament fishing, others are set up for saltwater angling, and there are apps that apply specifically to items that will help anglers with fishing rules, knots, river flows, and weather. The apps that appear most applicable to everyday freshwater anglers are FishAngler, ANGLR, and FishBrain. All of these apps allow anglers to post catches, use maps to find water to fish, and find what types of fish have been caught on which bodies of water.

Posting catches is greatly facilitated by these apps. If you post the catch at the place and time where it occurs, the app adds ancillary data, such as the weather, a map, the time and date. This means that your posts will become a sort of fishing journal you can refer to for tips concerning places you continue to visit. You can also restrict what information shows up in your posts, to prevent losing your best spots to overcrowding.

Is a fishing app right for you? Only time will tell! Those of us who use them in the meantime will be able to provide information concerning how effective the apps are.

Ken Davy

Did You Know?

We now have 208 members. 133 (73.5%) of adult members have registered on the club website.

There has been an increase in forum posts this year. You can view recent forum topics on the home page without logging in.

www.mvff.us

October Fly of the Month



1. Place the bead on the hook and place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the bead and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook.

2. Select 8-10 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. Wrap over the fiber butts with thread to slightly behind the bead. Remove any excess fiber butts. The tail should be about 1 to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ times the length of the hook shank in length. (At this point we are trying to create an even underbody for the wire body, so fill any irregularities with thread to keep things even.)

3. Cut a 5"- 6" piece of copper wire and place one end inside the back of the bead, then, keeping the wire on the near side of the hook shank, wrap a tight thread base over the wire back to the hook bend. Now reverse the thread and wrap a tight thread base back to behind the bead. Let the thread hang.

Green Drake Nymph

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook	Mustad 3906B, size 10 - 14
Thread	Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Bead	Black brass or tungsten bead
Tail	Black pheasant tail fibers
Body	Black wire, medium or small depending
	on hook size
Thorax	Peacock herl
Collar	Cape or saddle hackle, dark green or
	green grizzly

4. Grasp the wire and wrap it toward the bead in tight touching turns and tie it off slightly behind the bead, forming a tight wire body. Remove any excess wire.

5. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in by their butts about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the bead, then wrap them toward the bead forming a thorax. Make sure to not have any gaps between the wire body and the thorax. The thorax should be thicker than the wire body. Be sure to leave a small space behind the bead for the hackle collar.

6. Select a hackle feather with barbs slightly longer than the hook gap and tie it in by its tip behind the bead. Take 2-4 wraps of hackle behind the bead, then tie it off and remove any excess hackle.

7. Whip finish behind the bead, cut the thread, and cement the thread wraps behind the bead, if desired. (Be careful to avoid getting cement in the hackle.)

Tying Classes

The 2025 tying classes are being planned. The classes will be held Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 9th and will run for eight weeks. J. D. Dukes, Kelly Kingery, and Emily Reeves will be the instructors. The classes will be held at the Rona Hills Community Church.

More idetails will be announced, including sign-up information, at a later date.

TU Mad River Chapter Update

Hi everyone! Please see the Mad River fish species data from the Ohio EPA 2023 Stream Survey.

https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/EPA-Fish-Species-Report.pdf

October 4th - International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4). Join us for this fun event . . . see the details below.

October 7th - 4th Public Meeting in West Liberty at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Bldg. to introduce and receive input on the DRAFT 9 Element Non-Point Source Plan for the headwaters of Mad River.

October 19th - Mad River Monitoring. The next monitoring of the Mad River by the TU Mad River Chapter is scheduled for October 19th at 9:00 a.m. at US36. The plan is to sample the usual 6 locations for macroinvertabrates but also include a fish sampling/identification in West Liberty Park. It is a great educational opportunity, especially for youth. Please help us spread the word.

Thanks!

Tom Allen

International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) Nocterra Brewing, Powell, OH | October 4, 2024

TU Mad River Chapter is using the IF4 screening to bring together the fly fishing community in Central Ohio and as a fundraiser for stream restoration work the Chapter is planning for the Mad River. It will be a free event, but there will be raffles and a silent auction to raise funds.

Donations will be accepted at the door.

Join us in the vendor garden before the film to hear what's happening in the Central Ohio fly fishing community!

Vendor garden opens at 5:30 p.m.

Film screening starts at 7:00ish (sundown)

Hosted by: Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter #477

This is a ticketless event, but those who register for a free ticket will be entered into a raffle drawing - must be present to win.

For information about this screening, please contact host at <u>pamallen@tumadriver.org</u>. For questions about IF4[™] or the presentation email <u>info@flyfilmfest.com</u>.

Tom Allen

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

Little Miami Watershed Network

There's much to be found on our website so be sure to check in regularly for updates on activities and opportunities to support us in volunteering.

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

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.

Location	Date Special Considerations		Мар	Fishing Info	
Possum Creek Ponds	3/20/2024		https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	Fishing for stocked trout and early season crappies.	
Eastwood Lagoon	4/11/2024	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYWboSu5	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		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGsKM7Ug1766	Fishing for early season bass, and big bluegills.	
Oak Grove Park	5/8/2024		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.	
Arthur Fisher Park	5/21/2024		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. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.	
Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	6/6/2024	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/dBKMawZhb3aHFwDR6	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		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.	
North Park	6/19/2024	Boats, Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/JDUzia3Z85zSAmxy7	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		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. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higga's SOS.)	
Rip Rap Road Park	7/10//2024	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA	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		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxxhcDGMRA	Bluegills, some are large, reports of bass	
Centennial Park	8/7/2024		https://maps.app.goo.gl/3dwGErQAeDytK1tb7	At least bluegills and carp, possibly bass and catfish	
Miami View Park	8/20/2024		https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDj3uM8	Bluegills, catfish and bass	
Fuggin Pond	9/5/2024		https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqJh49	Bluegills and largemouth bass	
Huffman Metropark	9/17/2024	Kayaks, canoes	https://maps.app.goo.gl/mCu8cqTxV3cSR93n6	Bluegills, crappies, Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass. Kayaks, canoes.	
Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	10/17/2024	Kayaks, canoes	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	Fishing for early season bass, crappies and bluegills.	



Little Miami Watershed Network

Below is the link to Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter (currentand 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 <u>https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/</u> 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-reportsforecasts

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-andlearn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documentspublications/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 <u>Apple</u> <u>Podcasts</u>, <u>Spotify</u>, and <u>Amazon</u>, or your favorite podcast source.

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https://go.ohiodnr.gov/downewsletter

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MVFF

Miami Valley Fly Fishers Inc., established in 1975 and reorganized 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 <u>MVFF Calendar</u> page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details <u>https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/</u>

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our <u>Facebook</u> 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 - <u>https://facebook.com/</u> <u>media/set/?set=a.814985170499957&type=3</u> 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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