

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



November Meeting

Our next meeting is November 11th

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
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on November 7th



November Speaker

Captain Gary Dubiel began fly tying and fishing at the age of eight in Western Pennsylvania, inheriting these skills from his father. He fished rivers and streams for trout, as well as lakes



for bass and panfish. His interest in saltwater fly fishing sparked in the late 1970's during visits to the Outer Banks, eventually leading him to relocate to North Carolina and begin his career as a guide. His service, named "Spec Fever" after his passion for speckled seatrout, also offers specialized trips for redfish, stripers, false albacore, and other local species. Gary boasts over two decades of experience in guiding.

Always looking to improve his techniques, Gary pioneered the popping cork craze for NC giant red drum, turning what was a nighttime bait fishery into a daytime artificial lure fishery.

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President's Thoughts

OK, here we are. It's November already! This year has flown by.

I want to welcome all the new members that have joined this year. It's incredible the amount of people that have signed up for the club. I hope that you are getting the

information you need and having good times with some of your fellow fly fishers. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

As I mentioned in last month's article that we need a vice president for 2025. I have had one person that is interested and possibly two. Considering the number of members that we have in the club, I was hoping for more. If you are interested, please let me know by at least 5 November so that I can make out the ballots. If you have been a member for months days or years, it doesn't matter. If you would like to volunteer your time to apply for the vice presidency we would be more than happy to have you apply. You're welcome to call me at 937-409-0568 and leave me a message if I don't answer. Or email me at rvrfly49@gmail.com. Also remember that at the end next year our treasurer and secretary positions will be open, letting our wonderful secretary and treasurer be free after serving two terms. It's time for someone else to take the reins.

Even though I exit as President in December, I will continue to run the FB page. Thanks to all who have given pictures. Continue to send more please. I have some ideas to make it better. Keep a look out for things to come.

See you at the meeting!!

Fish on!
Paula Hill
President MVFF



Speaker (Cont'd)

Progressing one step further, Gary invented the Pop-N-Fly rig and revolutionized fly fishing for these giant reds in North Carolina. He has more recently started developing an artificial lure and fly fishery for tarpon on his home waters.

Captain Gary is renowned for his expertise in light tackle and fly fishing, having written extensively on the subject and delivered lectures. His knowledge has been showcased on various angling programs across ESPN 2, WFN, UNC-TV, NBC Sports, the Sportsman Channel, and Discovery Channel Europe. He's a regular presenter at fishing shows nationwide, such as the Saltwater Sportsman's National Seminar Series, the Fly-Fishing Show, and the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival. His innovative fly patterns have gained recognition in numerous leading sports fishing publications and books. Additionally, Gary holds an IGFA Fly Rod World Record for silver salmon, caught using one of his unique fly designs.

Gary has collaborated with Rick Pope at TFO rods for nearly two decades, serving as a Regional and National Advisor before recently transitioning to the rod design team at Sawgrass Rods alongside Collins Illich. Additionally, Capt. Gary is the innovator behind the Pop-N-Fly, which is currently produced and marketed by the Flymen Fishing Company. He

has also entered the pro program with Ahrex, focusing on new product development. His extensive professional network includes roles as Brand Ambassador for Florida Fishing Products, Pro Staff positions with Rapala, Storm Lures, Sufix Fishing Line, and Regal Vise, as well as a professional guide associated with Scientific Angler, Costa Sunglasses, Columbia Clothing, and Simms.

Gary's enthusiasm for fly fishing and exploration has led him to various destinations across North America, the Caribbean, and Europe. He has recently channeled this passion into a secondary career as a travel advisor, focusing on both hosted and independent trips to Europe, particularly in Poland, Ireland, and Croatia.

John Young

This will be an in-person presentation but we will be Zooming it so that our out-of-area members and those who cannot otherwise make it to the meeting can enjoy. A Zoom invitation will be sent separately by email.

Note of Understanding

This was a month of transition to new equipment and personnel which often isn't perfect. We thank Frank Cox for his years of service providing a seamless connection to distant members and speakers. Our thanks also goes to Dave Williams and his team for putting us into a new technological era and anticipate that November's speaker will be available to all members through Zoom.

You will, as in the past, receive an invitation and details before the November meeting.

Thank you, Jeff Davis.

2025 Dues

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.

Secretary's Notes for October 2024

We began our winter speaker series with noted author and world Fly Fishing medalist, Devin Olsen. His Tactical Fly Fishing series is available on line and in print. Devin can be reached through his website, tacticalflyfisher.com.

With fifty-five members, including new members Jack Kinsey and John Berg, the Kohler Banquet Center was soon warm and full of lively conversation. Paula welcomed our guest, Anne O'Brien. Paula announced the purchase of new A/V equipment and thanked Dave Williams and Emily Reeves for their work in researching and procuring the system. We are also looking for photographs for the club Facebook account.

Vice-president Ken Davy shared the weekly fishing report and made note that October 17th would be the final outing of 2024 at Carriage Hill Farms.

Treasurer, Walt Konek, asked for a motion and discussion to move the club's bank accounts for better returns. Cynthia Davis moved to do so with multiple seconds. After good discussion the motion was approved.

Member and Vice-president of Spring Run Farms Trout Club, Rick Ordeman, made an appeal to the membership for contacts for a new properties manager. Anyone interested or with knowledge of someone who might be interested in the live-in position please contact Rick.

We have been notified by Alter High School in cooperation with Cincinnati businessman and philanthropist, Roger Grein, to apply for a grant as an environmentally active organization. We were identified for this grant because of our involvement with Trout Unlimited to maintain the Mad River as one of only two natural trout streams in Ohio. The Board will review the request and complete the application.

Special thanks goes to the volunteers who helped at the Wagner Subaru Outdoor experience on October 5 & 6th... Ken Hudak, Jeff Warden, Ken Davy, Emily Reeves, Shawn Johnson, Ken Norton, and Steve Rader. Thank you also to Kelly Kingery and Five Rivers MetroParks.

Shawn Johnson spoke about the mentoring program and outings. He also read a note of thanks from the Spreher family for MVFF's involvement with Doug before his passing.

Remember that you can now pay your dues for 2025 at the meeting or through PayPal at mvff.us. Respectfully, J. W. Davis

Spring Run Farms Operations Manager Search

Spring Run Farms (Spring Run) is currently seeking qualified candidates for the Operations Manager position. The manager's role is a truly unique opportunity for the right individual and requires many diverse skillsets. These include: administrative supervision of an established 150-member private club, daily management of our 342-acre farm, building maintenance, and most importantly, managerial supervision of our treasured trout stream and lake fisheries. The successful candidate will receive a competitive benefits package, to include on-site housing. They will be hired in early 2025 to transition with the current manager, then take over completely on July 1, 2025.

Spring Run has a vested interest to ensure that the right individual is selected for this position. We seek to preserve and improve the quality of fishing and the overall experience that Spring Run has always provided to our members and guests. We seek your input as fellow fishermen and fisherwomen to fill this position. As we all maintain extensive networks through our families, friends, and acquaintances - we encourage you to share information on anyone who might be a good candidate for this role.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, or you know someone you think would be great in this role, please reach out to Chuck Ellis at 937-609-0025, or via email at cmin42@yahoo.com.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in our search.

Rick Ordeman
Vice President
Spring Run Farms Board of Directors

2024 Michigan Salmon Trip

September 29th – October 4th

This summer and fall were a bit unusual with the drought conditions in Ohio and Michigan. As I read the guide reports for the Pere Marquette River in Michigan I had great concerns that the streams were running quite low and could have a delaying effect on the salmon migration and spawning run this fall. As October 1st got closer the run of fish did indeed start slowly and a bit later than some years. However, we had a strong rain the weekend before we arrived that brought a surge of fresh salmon upstream to the

spawning areason the P.M. River.



We checked into Barothy Lodge on September 29th with 34 eager fishermen and indeed the river was on the shallow side of normal but it was not a problem for the guide boats and actually made wading a bit easier in some areas. The fish were in all the usual places and the

number of fresh run fish looked good on the river. The weather remained quite warm all week with temps in the 60's and 70's but the fish didn't mind and neither did we. I have seen years when there were more fish in the system and bigger fish to be had, but the fish in the river were "Fresh and Strong" with the size in the 18-25 lb. range and plenty to

fish for. The 30 lb. and over fish were pretty rare this fall.



All in all, we had a great week of outstanding fishing, great food, and good times with friends and storytelling at the Lodge. My Liars Tally of 'Fish in the Net' this year indicated we landed (and released) 225 king salmon, about a dozen brown trout and 8 steelhead. Put another way we caught

4,500 lbs. of king salmon for the week. As always, hookups are too numerous to count but some of the fish that fight and get away are some of the best memories.

As I have said many times, if you haven't done battle with a fresh king salmon on the fly rod you are missing out on some great fishing fun. I am looking forward to next year already.

Jim Calvert

As a related article, please read the following poem about our trip which was written by my good friend and long-distance club member Ralph Thompson.

He has been on our salmon trips for almost 25 years, and is the only fishing poet that I know and he has a rare talent with the words. Hope you enjoy the poem as much as I did.



Wednesday Evening At Barothy Lodge (October, 2024)

As the cooling mist begins to settle upon the stream,
they return to the lodge from the day's fishing dream;
The men hang their rods, their waders and vest,
and listen for stories of whose day was best;
Ron netted a brown - 24 inches at least,
Calvert caught a king - a 30 pound beast;
JD chimes in and offers - "I landed six",
As Eric calmly speaks - "add my four to the mix";
Lew revealed that he landed not one,
but he'd hooked up six and had lots of fun;
Then Sam Brown startles the crowd,
when rising to his feet he shouts out loud;
"I had the fish, the biggest I've seen,
when a guide boat slid right in between";
"That guy shattered my rig and he broke my line,
and it bothered his ass little - that I should whine";
Not much sympathy did Sam get from the guys,
for others had stories and not a few lies.

The meal for the evening was being prepared,
as Phil's adult libations were now being shared;
Muffled mutterings heard from 'round the room,
were sounds not unlike bees in fields a'bloom;
Stories of rods and line and hackle,
problems with hook and knot and tackle;
As the crew in the kitchen brought food to plate,
each grabbed chairs, wanting not to be late;



Every man was ravenous and eager to eat,
moving quickly past the "sides" they went for the meat;
As open mouths were met with food,
a sudden quiet, had changed the mood;
For now the task was stomachs to be filled,
tastes to be relished and drinks to be swilled;
When the meal was finished and the plates had been cleared,
Norm put forth desserts for which his daughter was endeared;
Finally it's done - all are finished with food,
again comes another change in the mood;
Your fear was - will we have enough - when you saw that long line,
but all went well, you can relax, knowing the food was fine;
As Alex and Jay stare at the kitchen, they see the mess that was made,
yet they know it's all worth the effort as they hear each accolade;
While the chef-crew moves to clean up the dishes,
most head outside for cigars, drinks and more stories of fishes.

In closing, my Brothers of Barothy Lodge, on this my 23rd year,
I express to you my friendship, which I hold so near and dear;
I will never forget the pleasures you've brought,
regardless of the number of fish that I've caught;
I hope next year to pen another rhyme,
If God will only allow me the time;
And if He does grant me this wish,
I hope I'll catch just a few more of His Mighty King Salmon Fish.

Tight lines to all,
'til I see you next fall!

Ralph A. Thompson
(September, 2024)



November Fly of the Month

Clouser Swimming Nymph



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook	Nymph, long shank, size 4 - 10
Thread	Color to match body, 6/0 or 8/0
Weight	Lead wire .15 or .20
Tail	Rabbit fur or marabou, cream/tan/brown/ olive, your choice
Flash	Krystal Flash or Flashabou Accent, copper
Rib	Gold wire or oval tinsel
Body	Cream/tan/brown or olive dubbing
Wingcase ...	Peacock herl
Legs	Partridge or speckled hen, natural or brown
Head	Thread

1. Put the hook in the vise and make 10-15 wraps of lead in the middle of the hook shank. Remove any excess lead.
2. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap it back over the lead wraps, building a thread ramp at either end of the lead wraps, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Select a piece of rabbit zonker and trim off a substantial bunch of fur close to the skin. Clean out the underfur and tie the fur in as a tail at the hook bend. (The tail should be at least half the hook shank in length.)
4. Take a piece of flash material and fold it in half. Tie it in at the hook bend by the fold with one side of the folded flash on each side of the tail. Trim the flash so that it is equal with the end of the tail. The thread should be at the hook bend.
5. Now cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by the end at the hook bend. The length of the ribbing should extend back over the hook bend.
6. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess.
7. Wrap the rib forward in evenly spaced turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing.
8. Select 5-7 strands of peacock herl, remove the brown waste at the butt ends, and tie them in by their butt ends tight

against the front end of the body directly on top of the hook shank. The lengths of the herls should extend back over the top of the body. Remove any excess butts.

9. Select a partridge or hen feather with barbs that will reach back to the hook point. (DO NOT REMOVE THE FLUFF FROM THE BASE OF THE FEATHER.) Tie it in by the tip, concave side down, directly in front of the herl. The length of the feather should lay back over the body.

10. Dub the thread and wrap a tapering thorax from the front of the body to slightly in back of the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing.

11. Now closely palmer the feather forward through the dubbed thorax and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess feather.

12. Wet your fingers and stroke the feather barbs down from the top of the thorax so that an equal number of barbs are on either side and leaving an open area on top of the thorax.

13. Grasp the bunch of peacock herls and pull them over the top of the thorax between the feather barbs as a wing case. Tie them off behind the hook eye and remove any excess herl.

14. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement, if desired.

Tying Classes

The 2025 tying classes are in the works! They'll be held every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. starting January 9th and going on for eight weeks. J. D. Dukes, Kelly Kingery, and Emily Reeves will be the instructors. We'll be meeting at the Rona Hills Community Church.

Stay tuned for more details, including sign-up info, coming soon!

TU Mad River Chapter Update

We are continuing to improve access on the Mad and currently removing honeysuckle and clearing the path on the east side of the Mad downstream of the St. Rt. 29 bridge.

ODNR-DOW has stocked the Mad with brown trout, the Plymouth Rocks strain that has been used in previous years and a new strain called Crawfords. I will provide more information in December about the Crawford strain but it is expected to grow faster. To hopefully encourage more carry overs for the future we have posted signs, approved by ODNR-DOW, on recommendations for fishing, handling and releasing the trout.

Also, here is a photo of our 2 year old granddaughter Quinn catching a trout, with Pam's assistance.

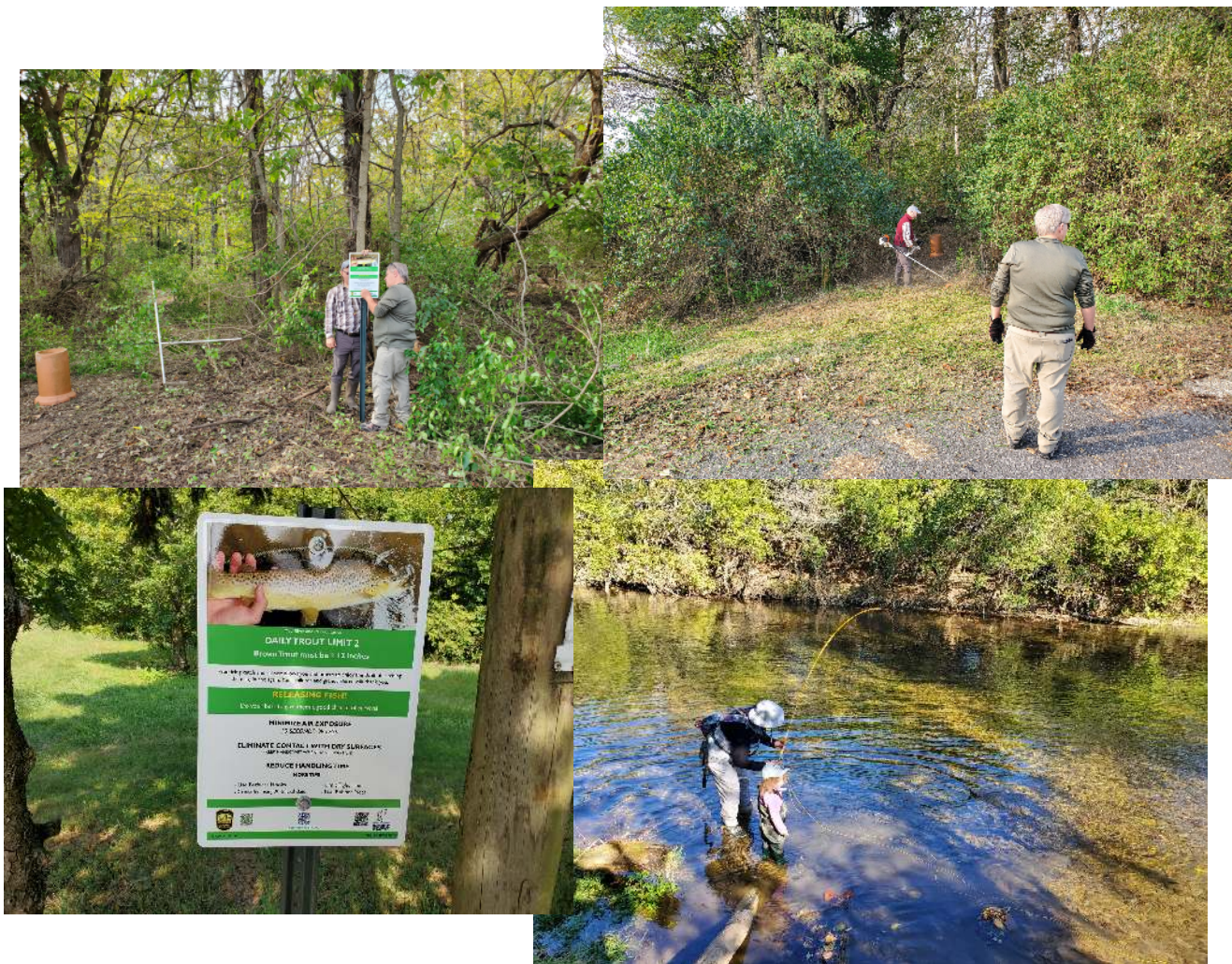
What a day! Our TU Mad River/Ohio Women on the Fly Women's Fishing Meetup on the Mad River was a huge success!

See photos at . . .

<https://www.facebook.com/TUmadriver/posts/pfbid02Q6hFmPdQEuSSPeV4F5SasS6qRmFE4wzT7NYxCZCoUeQqjju1JTie5nKjTAbkWuUqI>

Be sure to check out our Facebook page . . . <https://www.facebook.com/TUmadriver>

Tom Allen



Best Knot to Attach Your Fly – According to ChatGPT

ChatGPT is a form of generative AI that allows users to input questions or requests, which the tool then provides answers to in a human-like response format.

Query: "Provide a recommendation of the best knot to attach your fly to the tippet and why".

ChatGPT said:

The **Improved Clinch Knot** is one of the best knots for attaching a fly to the tippet in fly fishing. It's favored for several reasons:

Advantages:

1. **Strength:** The Improved Clinch Knot maintains a high percentage of the tippet's original strength when tied properly, ensuring that the knot itself does not become the weakest point.
2. **Simplicity:** It is relatively easy to tie, even in cold weather or low-light conditions. The steps are straightforward, which makes it suitable for beginners and experienced anglers alike.
3. **Compatibility:** This knot works well with a variety of tippet materials, including both monofilament and fluorocarbon.
4. **Secure Hold:** The knot's design ensures a snug hold on the hook eye, preventing slippage even during strong fish runs or erratic movements.

How to Tie the Improved Clinch Knot:

1. Pass the tippet through the eye of the fly.
2. Wrap the tag end around the standing line five to seven times.
3. Pass the tag end through the small loop near the eye, and then back through the big loop created.
4. Moisten the knot and pull it tight by pulling both the tag end and standing line simultaneously.

While the Improved Clinch Knot is widely used, other options like the **Non-Slip Loop Knot** (for more fly movement) or the **Orvis Knot** (for easier tying) can also be considered based on specific conditions or preferences.

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 p.m. 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>

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>

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



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Below is the link to Little Miami Watershed Network newsletter (current and past issue) and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=d0849e781ada00f84ee13de0b&id=cdf41a0888>



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Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts>

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/documents-publications/backyard-wildlife-documents>



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>

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<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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