

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



February Meeting

Our next meeting is February 10th

Kohler 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 February 6th

February Speaker



Our February speaker is Bart Lombardo. He will do a Zoom presentation on fly fishing for panfish.

Bart Lombardo is the creator of [Panfish On The Fly](#). Bart has been fly fishing and fly tying for over forty years. Although he travels the country to fish for trout and salmon and chases

fish in the salt, his true passion is fly fishing for bass, panfish, and other warm-water species.

Bart enjoys teaching others about fly fishing and the art of fly tying. He is fly fishing guide for Shannon's Fly Shop in Califon, NJ and is on staff as fly fishing and fly tying instructor for Orvis in Princeton, NJ. He regularly conducts classes and presentations for organizations like Trout Unlimited and participates in various fly tying shows on the east coast.



John Young

February 2025

President's Thoughts



In a brutally cold January, we had tying classes, casting classes, and a wonderful class taught by our guest speaker, Jason Randall.

As of the time of the posting of this edition of Tightlines, we have a team at the fly fishing [show in Loveland](#), tying flies, meeting the public, inviting others to join us, and generally publicizing our wonderful club. Of course, the tying and casting classes will continue this month. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting on February 10th.

March will bring the annual auction at the monthly meeting on the 10th. Dinner reservations will be required. Please start assembling whatever items you intend to donate and see Jeff Davis to volunteer. By the time I write up my input for the March Tightlines, I will be able to pass along the information concerning the collection points.

One thing we need to do better, as a group, is to pay our yearly dues! It seems that we go through this struggle every year, and it can make planning more of a challenge than it should be.

Kenneth A. Davy
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers

Indoor Casting Event

The next indoor casting event is February 15th. A great way to take a break from the winter blues and improve your casting skills.

See all the information on page 4.

January Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our January winners!

- Backpack . . . Matt Arnovitz
- Rod & Reel . . . Everett Vanatta
- Fish Pond Net . . . Sam Brown
- \$50 Gift Card for Mad River Outfitters . . . Heather Williams
- Gift Card for Texas Road House . . . JD Dukes
- Liquor . . . Greg Kiddon
- Jason Randall Book . . . Lew Hofmann
- MVFF hat . . . Dave Williams

2025 Dues

The deadline for this year's dues is February 28th.

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. If you have not paid, please do so today.

<https://mvff.us>

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

Jimmy Carter

President . . . humanitarian . . . fly fisher

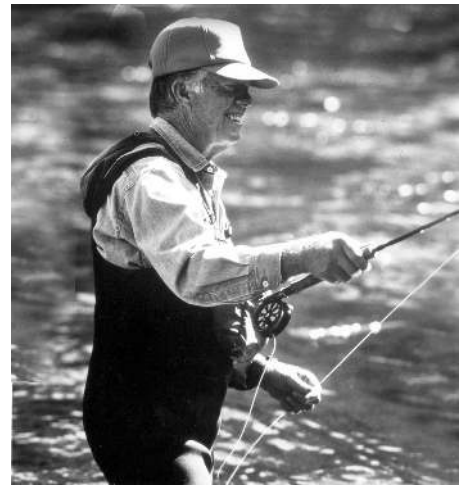
President Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States (1977–1981), was known for his dedication to humanitarian efforts, environmental conservation, and his lifelong love of the outdoors. An avid fly fisherman, Carter often turned to the sport as a means of relaxation and connection with nature. His passion for fly fishing was evident during and after his presidency, as he frequently sought solace in the rivers and streams of Georgia and beyond. Carter has written about the tranquility and joy he finds in fly fishing, emphasizing its meditative qualities and the importance of preserving natural habitats for future generations.

The American Museum of Fly Fishing site has a very nice tribute and links to more photos.

<https://www.amff.org/in-memoriam-jimmy-carter/>

This link to Flyfisherman.com should be available to you even if you do not subscribe.

https://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/fly-angler-jimmy-carter-passes/469372?utm_source=WhatCounts-Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=FFN&utm_content=FFN%20NL12%20Months%20Engaged%20Use%20this%20one#replay



Secretary's Notes for January 2025

January's guest speaker, Jason Randall, from Temple Fork Outfitters, graciously presented an extra course prior to the meeting expounding on his years and knowledge as a fly fisher, author (latest, *Nymph Masters*), and rod designer. Many members attending the class and meeting expressed that it was a most informative presentation with usable knowledge for our conditions and location.

President Ken Davy opened the meeting welcoming Mr. Reed from Cedarville University, a guest of member Trevor Reimer. Forty-two club members were in attendance. Kelly Kingery introduced Thomas Nugget who will replace her at Five Rivers MetroParks on February 1st.

Reports were made by Treasurer Walt Konek, Shawn Johnson - Mentoring and Benevolence, Allen Berg - casting classes, and JD Dukes and Emily Reeves on fly tying classes.

Kelly Kingery talked about the women's cancer recovery program, Casting for Recovery, noting that they had moved the outreach to a new and better location and would be hosting two events one in May and another in September.

Mike Redmond shared about the men's cancer outreach, Reel Recovery. The outing will occur the first week of June. Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. takes great pride in sponsoring both programs and members who have benefited and participated in these programs.

John Young introduced Jason Randall noting his long accomplishments and skills.

Respectfully, J. W. Davis

P.S. Dues are paid for each calendar year, January through December. If you have not paid your dues for 2025 please remember you are an important part of the whole club. Your support matters.

Save the Dates

The Adventure Speaker Series

Wright State University Student Union Center
3640 Col. Glenn Hwy., Dayton, Ohio 45435

February 5 & 26, 2025, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

March 5 & 19, 2025, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You can also monitor the [The Adventure Summit](#) website for updated information on the speakers.

2025 Northern Ohio Fly Fishing Expo

Saturday, March, 1 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lakeland Community College, Main Campus
7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, OH 44094
(H-Bldg. South of Interstate 90 Exit 193, onto Route 306)

A gathering of expert fly fishers, fly tiers, vendors, non-profits, and the public to explore the sport of fly fishing. The Northern Ohio Fly Fishing Expo is the leading fly fishing show in Northeast Ohio.

<https://www.northcoastflyfishers.com/2020-expo>

Midwest Fly Fishing Expo

Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center
14500 E. 12 Mile Road. Warren, MI

March 8, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

March 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

<https://midwestflyfishingexpo.com/>

Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual Banquet

March 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Oasis Conference Center

MVFF members are invited. There will be a variety of raffle prizes, including fishing and non-fishing prizes and guided trips. Below is the link to the BUFF website where you can register online or print the form and mail it in.

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/banquet/register.asp>

TU Mad River Chapter GALA

Simon Kenton Inn on April 5th

Please join us for a fun night and support the chapter's work. The main focus is protecting the Mad River.

<https://mailchi.mp/4f5eae3f3f1c/2025madrivergala>

Indoor Casting Event – February 15th

Our next indoor casting event will be on February 15th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Xenia Community Center, 1265 W. 2nd Street, Xenia.

We will continue with the Foundation Level Skills. These are all skills that one needs to master to become a better caster.

Foundation Level Skills

F1. Assemble Gear: All fly fishers must be able to properly assemble gear. Assemble the rod, attach the reel, line the rod and get about 1 rod length of fly line past the rod tip, and straighten the leader.

F2. Feeling the Line: Pancakes, Eggs, and Bacon: With the fly at 20-25 ft., the angler will move the near-vertical rod in a clockwise circle forming “pancakes.” After about 6-8 revolutions, move the rod in a clockwise oval (eggs) for another 6-8 revolutions. Finally, make the oval narrower back to front until the rod is moving nearly straight forward and then back (bacon).

F3. Horizontal Loop Formation Drill: Starting with the fly at 25 ft. the angler moves the rod in a horizontal plane (rod is parallel to the ground) with smooth acceleration through the right size arc to an abrupt stop causing loop formation. Line and leader are allowed to fall to the ground and should be relatively straight. The goal is to create a narrow, casting loop with 4 ft. or less distance between fly and rod leg. The horizontal plane this allows easy observation of the forward and back cast loops which should be nearly identical. **This is also a great drill to do with longer bits of line.**

F4. Horizontal False Casting Drill: Starting with the fly at 25 ft. the angler makes the same horizontal casting motion but does not allow the line/leader to fall. The angler must pause just long enough to allow the line to straighten, but not fall to the ground, before the next cast. Narrow loop formation (4 ft. or less fly to rod leg) is still the goal. Nope: **When practiced with longer lengths of line, a bit longer pause is needed.**

F5. Climb the Wall: Starting with the fly at 25 ft. the angler will start with horizontal false casting with narrow loops and raise the rod tip in 10-20 degree increments up toward a near-vertical casting position. Narrow loops are maintained throughout. Once an angle close to vertical is reached, the caster will work back down to horizontal in like fashion.

F6. Cast to Targets: There are two targets, both 30 ft. from the angler but 20 ft apart. Starting with the fly at one target, the angler uses a series of near-vertical false casts to change direction to the other target. The fly should land within 2 ft. of the center of the targets.

F7. 35 ft. Lob or Water Tension Cast: Starting with the fly stretched to 30 ft. behind the angler, a lob or water tension cast is made with a crisp forward stop so the line/leader land relatively straight 180 degrees from where it started.

Details on the tasks are in the casting forum and at FFI's site. <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources/Fly-Casting/Skills-Drills>

We also have the room to set up most of the Bronze level casts.

Bronze Level Skills are as follows:

B1. 35 ft. Pick Up and Lay Down (PULD) Cast, Dominant Side: Starting with the fly at 35 ft. the angler will do a PULD cast in a nearly vertical plane (no false casting or hauling) returning the fly to within 2 ft. of the center of the 35 ft. target.

B2. 35 ft. PULD Cast, Non-Dominant Side: Starting with the fly at 35 ft. the angler will do a PULD cast with the rod tip and line traveling over the non-dominant shoulder, (no false casting or hauling) returning the fly to within 2 ft. of the center of the 35 ft. target.

B3. 35 ft. Horizontal PULD Cast: Starting with the fly at 35 ft. the angler will perform a PULD in a nearly horizontal plane (no higher than 2 o'clock) with the fly landing within 4 ft. of either side of the tape. The leader must not pile but may be curved. (No false casting or hauling)

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Indoor Casting (cont'd)

B4. Shooting Line to 40 ft.: Starting with the fly at 40 ft. the angler will strip the fly back to 35 ft. The angler will cast and shoot the line to 40 ft. No more than 3 false casts are allowed but slipping/shooting line is only allowed on delivery. The fly must land within 2 ft. of a 40 ft. target.

B5. Accuracy to 25 and 35 ft. Targets: Starting with the fly at 40 ft. the angler strips the fly to approximately 20 ft. The angler must now achieve targets at 25 ft. and 35 ft. on the tape. The line will be lengthened during false casting between targets. The fly must land within 2 feet of the center of the target. If a target is missed the angler picks up where the fly has landed and tries again but has only 3 tries for each target. Angler must achieve both targets. No hauling.

B6. Minimum 35 ft. Roll Cast, Dominant Side: Starting with the fly at 35 ft. or more, the angler will perform a roll cast with line/leader landing relatively straight and within 2 ft. of either side of the tape. The D loop (back loop) should be formed by slowly dragging the line into position such that the fly and leader do not leave the water surface or grass. A roll cast tool is suggested if performed on grass or indoors. No hauling.

B7. Distance to 50+ ft.

Starting with the fly at about 55 ft. the angler will strip the fly back to 35 ft. A cast is made to 50 ft. or more with the fly landing within 4 ft. of either side of the tape and leader relatively straight. False casting, hauling, and shooting are allowed.



Fish Every Cast

This is from an article by Justin Pickett that is on the Gink & Gasoline site. <https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/fish-every-cast/>

The key point of his article is to emphasize that regardless of how good or poor a cast is, if the fly hits the water, fish it!

Justin is a guide, and he opens the article by saying, “Just about every day that I spend on the water with a client, I’ll find myself, at some point, explaining to them the reasons why I want them to fish each and every cast to the very end. Flies only catch fish when they are on, or in, the water. All too often we all lay our fly on the water and immediately rip it off the surface to make another, hopefully better, presentation. This is a major mistake.

- For one, the act of landing flies on the water and then ripping them off creates noises, ripples, and splashes which can either spook fish, or at least alert them that something’s going on. If the fly hits the water, leave it and let it drift out of the run, or at least well downstream of the fish, before picking it up.
- Secondly, take your time and regroup. Yanking your flies from the water only to cast again without changing anything isn’t likely to make the next presentation any more successful. Take time to adjust before recasting. Change your position, check your distance, maximize your chances to make your next cast better or more on target.
- The third thing that I emphasize is the “you never know” factor that is always there. Just because you think you’ve made a crappy cast doesn’t mean it will have crappy results. Fish don’t know that you just made lackluster cast. And that presentation just may lead to a hook-up.

Making an awful cast is just part of the game. We all do it, but sometimes those “awful” casts can produce some amazing results. So, even if you’re certain that a presentation is a dud, it is best to let it go to save you some grief. Let each drift play out and view each cast as a learning experience. Use them to adjust for the next presentation and you’ll be more successful on the water.”

Allen Berg

February Fly of the Month

Two Bit Hooker

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook Wet, size 18-22
Beads Two to match hook size
Thread Red, 6/0 or 8/0
Rib Black thread, 6/0
Thorax Rusty dubbing
Flashback Flat tinsel, pearl
Legs Hen hackle fibers, brown
Tail Hen hackle fibers, brown

1. Place 2 beads on the hook and slide them up to the hook eye, then place the hook in the vise. Start the thread (red) behind to beads and wrap it back to the hook bend, forming a tight thread base.
2. Tie in 4-5 hen feather fibers at the hook bend as a tail. (The tail should be 1/2 the hook shank in length.) Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, wrap thread forward over them to the back of the beads. Remove any excess fiber butts. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut a 6" piece of black thread and tie it in by one end behind the beads with the length of it going back toward the hook bend. Keeping the black thread (ribbing) on top of the hook shank, wrap the red thread over it back to the hook bend. **DO NOT CUT THE REMAINING BLACK THREAD AS IT WILL BE THE RIB.**
4. Now wrap the red thread forward to the back of the beads, creating a slightly tapered thread abdomen as you go.
5. Take the black thread and wrap it forward over the abdomen in evenly spaced turns and tie it off behind the beads. Remove any excess black thread
6. Tie in a 2"-3" piece of tinsel by one end on top of the hook shank right behind the beads and wrap thread over it

back to about 1/4" behind the beads. The length of the tinsel should be extending back over the hook bend. Let the thread hang.

7. Dub the thread and wrap it back to behind the beads forming a dubbed thorax, then slip the dubbed thread over the backmost bead and fill in the space between the two beads with dubbing. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang between the beads.

8. Select a clump of hen back fibers and separate them into two bunches.

9. Tie one bunch in on either side of the hook shank between the two beads with several tight wraps of thread. The fibers should extend back to about the hook point. Remove any excess fiber butts and let the thread hang.

10. Now bring the tinsel forward and tie it off between the two beads with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. Trim off any excess tinsel.

11. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.

12. Coat the top of the flashback with epoxy or UV resin as an option.

Fly Tying Classes

The 2025 introductory and beginning fly tying classes are well underway. They are held on Thursday nights from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Rona Hills Community Church and run through February 6th. They are hosted by JD Dukes.

The western fly tying course will begin on February 13th and run three consecutive Thursdays. This class will be taught by MVFF member Emily Reeves who grew up in Colorado and began fly fishing and tying with her father at age 4. This course is for those tiers who are more experienced. She will be leaving us late next spring for a new Air Force assignment.



Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2025

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.

Date	Name	Location	Notes	Special Considerations
25-Mar	Carriage Hill	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	Bass, crappies, and bluegills	Kayaks, canoes
9-Apr	Eastwood MetroPark Lagoon	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fyWboSu5	Bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares (or similar weedless flies) for the bass. Many SMB in this water.	Kayaks, canoes
25-Apr	Oak Grove Park	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.	
6-May	Wellfield Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDeyam6	This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.	
14-May	Deer Meadow Park	https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766	The bass should be in pre-spawn appetite, and cruising for food.	
21-May	Beavercreek Community Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6	Also pre-spawn bass.	
5-Jun	Fuggin Pond	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ixNEBnDFwLrL2g2A	Plenty of bluegills. LMB. At the back of Sinclair parking lot.	
11-Jun	Possum Creek - Argonne Lake	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.	Kayaks, canoes
17-Jun	North Park – Englewood MetroPark	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.	Boats, Kayaks
2-Jul	Arthur Fisher Park	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.	
17-Jul	Rip Rap Road Park	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA	Bring your 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.	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)
5-Aug	Poplar Creek Ponds	https://maps.app.goo.gl/4jRSRdoaiZdfEpnW9	These ponds are right beside the Great Miami River and get flood water from that river nearly every year, so it likely has the same mix of fish that is in the river. There is also wading access to the GMR here.	Wading
20-Aug	Stubbs Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/bRmrmX9RCJDeJfr5	This is new access. The ponds are all natural recruitment, so the species are anyone's guess. Also, fishing has not been allowed here for at least a few years.	
4-Sep	Rosewood Park	https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUYWmoxhxcDGMRA	Bluegills, some are large, reports of bass.	
16-Sep	Delco Park Pond	https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6	There should still be some fish available.	
8-Oct	Carriage Hill MetroPark – Cedar Lake	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	There are often bass and crappies chasing baitfish in October. A kayak would enable an angler to reach more of the active fish.	Kayaks, canoes

MICHIGAN ANGLERS' BASE CAMP



I am very happy to announce the opening of Michigan Anglers' Base Camp in partnership with Mitten Outdoor Adventures and Events in May of 2025. We chose the month of May because this is the month when all the great hatches are happening on Michigan trout waters.

The camp is in Clare, Michigan at Camp Rotary, one of Scouting America's camps owned and administered by the Michigan Crossroads Council.

You will be very pleased to know that Clare is located right in the center of the lower peninsula of Michigan within an hour of every great trout river in this geographic region. Additionally, there are literally hundreds of lakes available for fly fishing including Beebe Lake, right on the property of Anglers' Base Camp. Canoes and kayaks are available for your use on Beebe Lake.

You can view an interactive map of fly fishing destinations within easy reach of the camp [HERE](#).

There will be 3 full weeks and one short week available in May 2025. You can look at the available weeks and the cost [HERE](#).

The camp is all-inclusive including lodging, meals, snacks, and lots of other amenities. The facilities are modern, heated and include showers, bathrooms and changing facilities as a part of each of the lodges.

Look at all the details on our website [HERE](#), and please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or for additional information. We encourage you to register early to reserve your spot.

I hope to see you at Michigan Anglers' Base Camp in 2025.

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michiganscouting.org/anglers-basecamp/

Michigan Anglers' Base Camp

Mitten Outdoor Adventure & Events

14258 Michigan Street | Eagle, Michigan 48822

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>

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 . . . <https://lmwn.org>



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.

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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 2024 Michigan Trip Photos?

A great trip. See the story in the November 2024 issue of Tightlines

and check out the photos from this trip - [https://](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1066474248684380&type=3)

www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1066474248684380&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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