

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



## March Meeting

Our next meeting is March 10th

Presidential 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 March 6th**

## MVFF Annual Auction

Get ready for another great event!

The time is quickly approaching for the MVFF Annual Auction on March 10th. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Presidential Banquet Center, which is the larger building to the north (left) of our regular meeting location. Please note: there will be a cash bar - no \$1.00 beer!



For the new members and those not familiar, there are a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - NO JUNK. If you would not pay money for it no one else will either. Also, you may request a donation voucher for tax purposes as we are a non-profit 501 (c)(3).

Items that sell well are fishing items of course, as well as camping and hunting gear. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are also perennial favorites (so start tying some collections for inclusion in this year's event). This is also a wonderful time to go through all of your gear, pull out the stuff you no longer need or use, and

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## President's Thoughts



The February meeting featured a thorough presentation concerning fly fishing for panfish by Bart Lombardo. It was very informative and exhaustively researched.

Coming up at the March meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> is the annual auction in the

Presidential Banquet Center, 4572 Presidential Way. As of this writing, the auction team is working feverishly to bring things together to ensure it will be a success. We have arranged for a professional auctioneer this year. His name is Nathan Sheridan. One of the most important donations this year is from the estate of our late friend Bill Grimpe. There are numerous rods included along with other assorted gear. We will continue to take donations of rods, reels, and lines in good repair, along with fly tying materials and flies right up until the time of the auction. You can email us or leave a message on FB messenger if you have questions or need to drop off items early.

Of course, the April meeting, on the 14<sup>th</sup>, will bring the Spring Fling Raffle for members only. The Spring Fling is a celebration of the members who have generously given of their time and other resources throughout the year. Guests may buy raffle tickets if they become members at that meeting and pay the required dues.

Also beginning this month are the Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings! First up, on March 25<sup>th</sup> is Carriage Hill. Cedar Lake in this park can be an excellent fishery early and late in the season. Other outings that will soon be posted will be trips to Tom's ponds, opportunities to get in on the white bass runs at Caesar Creek and Buck Creek, and the annual stocking of hatchery rainbows in local park ponds.

FFI raffles: I still have two (2) tickets left for the raffle of the Winston Air 2 rod. This rod is valued at nearly \$1,200. It is a 9 ft 4 wt. The raffle tickets cost \$10 each.

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## MVFF Auction (cont'd)

bring it to the auction. One man's junk (but no junk here) is another man's treasure.

If you have a skill or a membership to various clubs, these make excellent items for bid. Examples are members who have offered guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. Whatever it is you can donate to the auction truly helps support the club.

This event generates essential funds for the club every year. Everyone has done a great job of supporting this event in the past and we are asking for you to do the same this year. Donate and bring your cash or checkbook along.

Time is getting short, but if you have donations that need to be picked up ahead of time please contact us at [mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com). If you have any large items (like a boat!) please make sure we know in advance so we can plan our set-up accordingly.

The doors will be open by 12:00 p.m. for drop-off of items.

## PayPal Payments Will Be Accepted for March Auction Purchases

At the upcoming MVFF auction in March, you will be able to pay with cash and check as in the past.

In addition, this year we will again be accepting payments through the PayPal app on your mobile device. We will have an MVFF QR code at the check-out area for you to scan. If you have already installed the PayPal app, you can scan the QR code from within the app and easily make your payment.

## President's Thoughts (cont'd)

We have also received twenty-five (25) tickets for the raffle of a two-day fishing trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club. It includes an overnight stay for two at the Farrell House Lodge. The raffle tickets cost \$10 each.

Kenneth A. Davy  
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers

## February Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our February winners!

- Rod .... Everett Vanatta
- Small Mystery Box, \$100 gift card ... Jim Calvert
- Large Mystery box, leader indicators ... Dr. John Balazs
- Blanket .... Phil Ritter
- Glasses ... Allen Berg
- Wine .... John McGinnis
- Vest ... Walt Konek



## 2025 Dues Deadline

The 2025 dues deadline (end of February) has passed and we have 81 members (46%) who have not renewed. Please do so today - we really do not want to lose you.

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).

New members - if you joined between October 1 and December 31, 2024 that dues payment is good for 2025!

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

# Indoor Casting Event

The next indoor casting event is March 22nd. A great way to take a break from the winter blues and improve your casting skills. See all the information on page 4.

## Secretary's Notes for February 2025

Forty-one members attended the February club meeting and guest, Keith Enix. We welcome returning member Jack Snyder and new member Ryan Sagasser. President, Ken Davy opened the meeting intertwining reports on casting and fly tying classes and the treasury. It was noted that a \$1000 grant had been awarded to MVFF for educational outreach programs. This grant came through the work of senior student at Alter High School, Charles Uhl. We are grateful for the recognition and look forward to continuing these outreach programs through local school districts and park district special events. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in past efforts.

Guest speaker, Bart Lombardo, of Fly Fishing Radio spoke to the club by Zoom on panfish fishing. Our thanks to John Young and Bart for making this presentation possible.

Fish on!

Jeff Davis, Secretary, MVFF

## Roll Casting

We probably don't pay enough attention to roll casting. There are a number of books written about perfecting loops and the overhead cast. Most certainly there's a lot less on roll casting. When I'm fishing, I find myself rolling over false casting on small streams.

Roll casts are like running plays in football. Not really dramatic, but effective and necessary. One can think of overhead casting like the football coach who swore by the ground game by explaining that when you throw the ball, three things can happen and two of them are bad.

Why roll cast? Efficiency, especially with streamers or tandem rigs. You let the current do the work. And, probably you spook fewer fish if you're not constantly false casting overhead.

Three things for the roll cast.

**One:** create surface tension as you start the cast with a low rod tip and accelerate backward.

**Two:** make sure to let the "D" shape form behind you *before* you unleash the cast. The D loop is the key to the roll cast.

**Three:** as with an overhead cast, stop the rod tip high as you unfurl and shoot the line, if you drop the rod tip at the end you take all the energy away.

*Allen Berg*

*How about welcoming spring with this! The first Mid-Week Fly Fishing event is on March 25th at Carriage Hill.*

*Kick off the season by taking part . . . See page 7*

# Indoor Casting Event – March 22nd (re-scheduled from February 15th)

Our next indoor casting event will be on March 22nd from Noon - 2:00 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>

## Bronze Level Skills

We also will have the room to set up most of the following Bronze Level casts.

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.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Allen Berg at [arberg@ameritech.net](mailto:arberg@ameritech.net) or 937-503-6884.

## 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/](http://michiganscouting.org/anglers-basecamp/)



*Michigan Anglers' Base Camp  
Mitten Outdoor Adventure & Events  
14258 Michigan Street | Eagle, Michigan 48822*

# March Fly of the Month

# Wonder Bugger



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

### Recipe

- Hook ..... Streamer/Nymph, size 2-12
- Thread ..... Suitable color 6/0
- Head ..... Bead, sized for the hook, color of choice
- Weight (optional) ..... Lead wire/bead/cone
- Tail ..... Marabou, color of choice
- Rib (optional) ..... Fine wire/tinsel
- Body ..... Pearl chenille, med, color of choice
- Hackle ..... Long Schlappen, color of choice
- Legs ..... Legging material of your choice

1. Place the bead on the hook, then tie in the thread at the middle of hook shank and wrap it back to the bend of hook. (If using optional lead wire, first wrap a short length of lead wire forward in tight spiral turns from mid-hook shank forward to approximately 1/8" behind the bead. Then tie in the thread behind the bead and wrap it over the lead wire to lightly cover it, then wrap the thread back to the bend of hook. You may optionally apply cement to lead wire if desired.)
2. Select 1-2 marabou feathers and join them together as a tail. Measure the tail to equal 1-1½ the hook shank length.
3. Holding the tail at the hook bend, tie it in with 3-4 tight turns of thread then wrap the thread over the butt ends of the marabou to slightly behind the bead head. Trim off the butt ends of the marabou.
4. (If using a rib, tie in a 4-5" length of wire or tinsel at same point as you tied in the tail.)
5. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in tip first at same point as you tied in the tail.

6. Cut a 5-6" piece of chenille, clean one end to reveal a short section of core, then tie it in by the exposed core end at the same point as you tied in the tail.
7. Now wrap the chenille in tight touching turns from the butt of the tail to one hook eye length behind the bead head. (You should brush back the chenille fibers with every wrap to avoid tying down too many fibers and maintain a bushy body.) Tie off the chenille and let the thread hang.
8. Now palmer the schlappen forward in closely spaced turns to end of the chenille and tie it off. Let the thread hang.
9. If using a rib, counter-wrap the wire/tinsel between the schlappen wraps to behind the bead head and tie it off.
10. Select 1-2 pieces of legging material about 5-6" long and tie them in tightly by their middle right behind the bead head so that there are legs of equal length on each side of the fly.
11. Whip finish behind the bead head over the legging material tie-in point to cover any exposed material, cut the thread, and apply head cement. Trim the legs to reach back to the rear of the tail or to the length you desire.

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## Fly Tying Classes Conclude

The 2025 Introductory and Western Fly Tying classes have officially wrapped up! Over the course of eight weeks, starting on January 9th, participants honed their skills and deepened their appreciation for the art of fly tying.

For beginners, the introductory class provided a solid foundation that will serve them well for years to come. Meanwhile, the Western Fly Tying class offered more experienced tiers an opportunity to expand their repertoire and refine their techniques.

A huge thank you to JD Dukes, Kelly Kingery, and Em Reeves for their expert instruction and patience as we tackled new challenges. We also appreciate Jeff and Cynthia Davis, Greg Kiddon, and Everett Vanatta for their invaluable support in making these classes a success.



# 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](mailto:tiggr75@gmail.com).

| Date   | Name                                 | Location  | Notes  | Special Considerations        |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 25-Mar | Carriage Hill                        | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5</a>         | Bass, crappies, and bluegills  | Kayaks, canoes                |
| 9-Apr  | Eastwood MetroPark Lagoon            | <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 (or similar weedless flies) for the bass. Many SMB in this water.   | Kayaks, canoes                |
| 25-Apr | Oak Grove Park                       | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTxsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTxsR6</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.   |                               |
| 6-May  | Wellfield Park                       | <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDeyam6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDeyam6</a> | This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.   |                               |
| 14-May | Deer Meadow Park                     | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766</a>         | The bass should be in pre-spawn appetite, and cruising for food.   |                               |
| 21-May | Beavercreek Community Park           | <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6</a> | Also pre-spawn bass.   |                               |
| 5-Jun  | Fuggin Pond                          | <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ixNEBnDFwLrL2g2A">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ixNEBnDFwLrL2g2A</a>   | Plenty of bluegills. LMB. At the back of Sinclair parking lot.   |                               |
| 11-Jun | Possum Creek - Argonne Lake          | <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.  | Kayaks, canoes                |
| 17-Jun | North Park – Englewood MetroPark     | <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. | Boats, Kayaks                 |
| 2-Jul  | Arthur Fisher Park                   | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziJdF6FYLZvb36</a>         | 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                    | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA">https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA</a>         | 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                   | <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/4jRSRdoaiZdfEpnW9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/4jRSRdoaiZdfEpnW9</a> | 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                          | <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/bRmrmX9RCJDeJfr5">https://maps.app.goo.gl/bRmrmX9RCJDeJfr5</a>   | 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                        | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUYWmoxhxcDGMRA">https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQUYWmoxhxcDGMRA</a>       | Bluegills, some are large, reports of bass.  |                               |
| 16-Sep | Delco Park Pond                      | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6">https://goo.gl/maps/pgKZCeQVD5wcU2Mo6</a>         | There should still be some fish available.   |                               |
| 8-Oct  | Carriage Hill MetroPark – Cedar Lake | <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5</a>         | 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                |

## Save the Dates

### The Adventure Speaker Series

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

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.

### 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>

## 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>



## FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL

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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## 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

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There are lots of other photos and albums on our Facebook 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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