

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



May Meeting

Our next meeting is May 12th

Dayton FOP Lodge / Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(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 May 8th



Spring Fling Raffle Winners

Congratulations to our winners!

- 9 wt. Rod & Reel...Chris Evans
- Tenkara Rod...Alvin Vollmer
- Orvis 3 wt. Rod & Reel...Dave Williams
- Renzetti Traveler Vise...Mike Browne
- Blanton whisky...Ken Norton
- Emily Reeve's hand-made flies...John Warner
- Jim Calvert patriotic bass poppers...John Young
- Spring Run fishing outing...Jeff Dusko
- Sue Duke's hand made "Trout" quilt...Rick Sheehan

President's Thoughts



The weather until now has been less than ideal for the Mid-Week outings and trout releases. Fortunately, it had no impact on the Annual Spring Fling at the April meeting. John Warner did a great job of assembling a wide variety of prizes that kept us engaged, and everyone had a good time.

Our April speaker, Mr. Bob Lundquist, was also very well received, and his presentation was very informative.

Upcoming events:

o Mid-Week outings: Next on the list is a trip to Wellfield Park on the 6th of May. This is a small pond near Union, and it contains representatives of any species that inhabit the nearby Stillwater River. Hoppers with droppers are a popular choice here as there are many sunfish and crappies in this pond. Following that outing is a trip to Deer Meadow Park in Moraine on May 14th. This is a pond of decent size, with a healthy population of sunfish, crappies and largemouth bass. The crappies like streamers fished deep. The bluegills fall for small poppers, and the LMB may take larger poppers or streamers, depending on the cloud cover. The final outing for May will be held at Beavercreek Community Park on the 21st. This pond also holds sunfish, crappies, and largemouth bass. You can stay busy using beetles, spiders, or poppers. Woolly Buggers are also very popular here.

o Casting for Recovery Ohio will be holding their first retreat at their new location in Newark on June 1st. They already have enough guides for that outing. The fall outing will be held in September. They do ask that any of you who are so inclined file an application to become a guide in the future. The volunteer application can be found at: <https://castingforrecovery.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>

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Secretary's Notes for April 2025

President Ken Davy opened the business meeting with 52 members present.

Walt Konek gave the treasurer's report noting that the annual auction held in March had again broke a net income record.

It was shared that Ken Davy and Jeff Davis had attended the Magnified Giving presentation with students, teacher and Roger Grein, founder and philanthropist. MVFF has been awarded \$1000 through a student program aimed at introducing them to community non-profit organizations and their work. MVFF was chosen by the entire senior class at Archbishop Alter High School for its efforts in environmental education.

Nathan Via spoke about future veterans outings. Jim Calvert updated information about the upcoming club Canadian fishing outing. Sixteen members are expected to travel to Spanish, Ontario for a weeks fishing at Waterfalls Lodge, May 31st- June 6th. John Warner spoke about speaking at Bellbrook Jr. High School. He moved to purchase 25 club hats for use as gifts to the students at the end of each class presentation. The motion was seconded and passed. John also led the Spring Fling Raffle (see winners in separate article).

John Young introduced the evening's speaker, Bob Lindquist, a guide on the Delaware River system, author, and podcaster ("Ask About Fly Fishing"). Mr. Lindquist gave a spirited and well-informed presentation on observation and understanding of where the trout are truly feeding. We are grateful for his willingness to share his decades of experience and intimate knowledge of fly fishing. Respectfully, Jeff Davis

Take a Kid Fishing Event

An outing has been arranged with Tom Boice on May 31st at his farm, located in Xenia. This trip is planned as a Take A Kid Fishing event for children aged 12 and under, with one child per adult. The list of participants will be closed two weeks before the event to provide Tom with an accurate headcount. Please reply to tiggr75@gmail.com to get on the list! The exact location and directions will be provided to those who sign up. Lunch will be provided and the whole thing starts at 10 a.m.

Come on out and help us get a new generation started on this wonderful sport! There's still time to sign up.

The May Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are on May 6th, May 14th and May 21st. They start at 4:30 p.m., but you can show up anytime and stay as long as you like.

Join other members for some late afternoon fun . . . See page 7

President's Thoughts (cont'd)

o Summer meetings: The time has come, groundhogs notwithstanding, for our annual pilgrimage to the F.O.P. Lodge on Powell Road in Huber Heights. The meeting times will remain the same, although the menu will change. Featured at our summer meetings is your choice of steak or chicken, hot off the grill. If you are a new member who has never been to our outdoor meetings, there are some things you should know. 1) Fishing is available and encouraged in the pond behind the lodge. 2) There are casting competitions. It is highly recommended that you participate in the competitions to improve your abilities with different types of casting. Note: If you decide to compete, please go to the competition area right away so the people running the contests will have time to eat. 3) There is other casting instruction available. Mr. Bill Bennett usually makes himself available to mentor beginners in the rudiments of casting.

The May meeting will take place May 12th, at 5:30 p.m. at 4275 Powell Rd., Huber Heights, OH 45424.

Kenneth A. Davy
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers



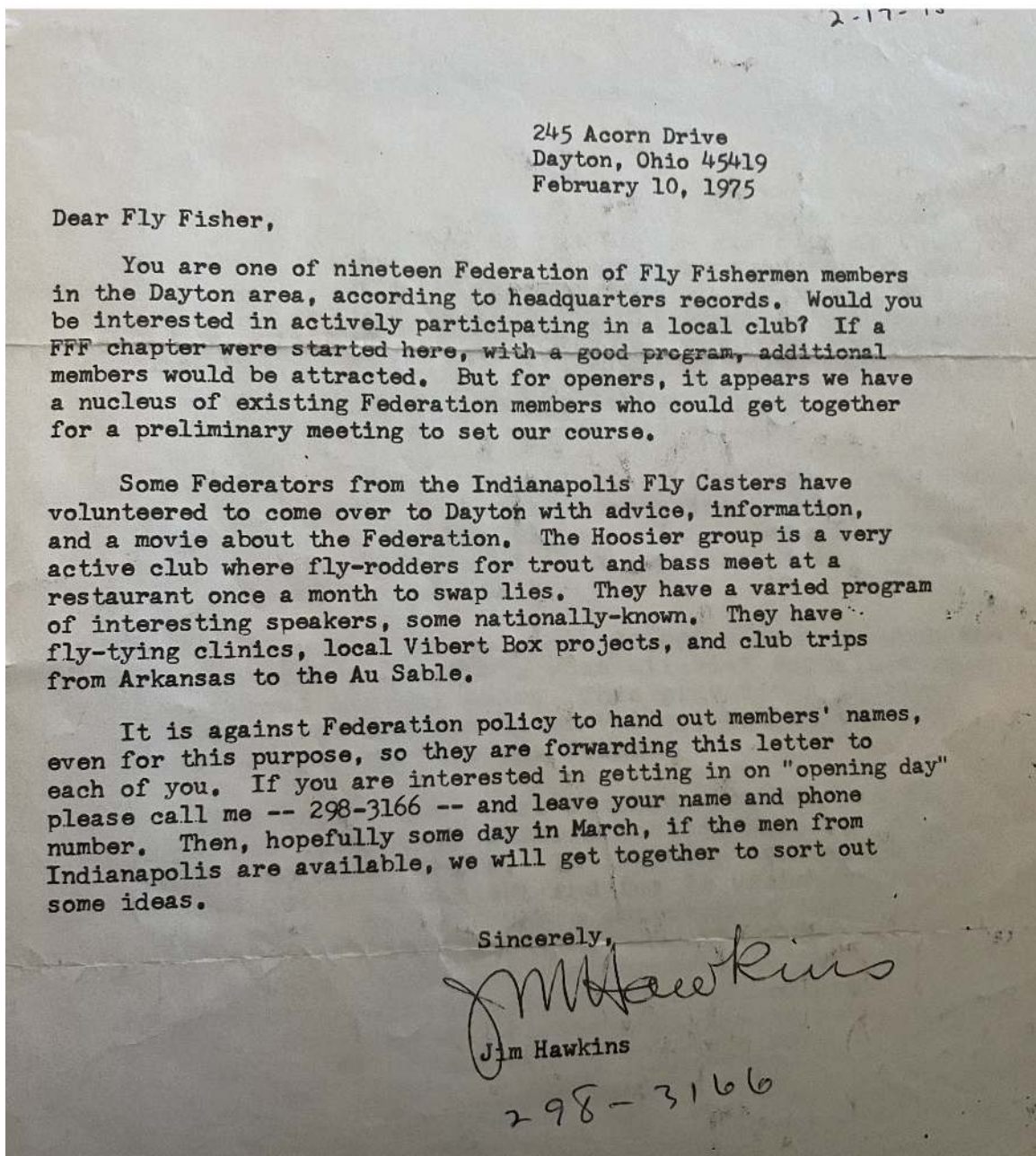


Miami Valley Fly Fishers

1975 - 2025

Miami Valley Fly Fishers got its start in 1975. Jim Hawkins drafted this letter, which was sent by FFF to Federation of Fly Fishermen members in the Dayton area, to determine their interest in a local club. It did spark interest and MVFF eventually emerged. The Indianapolis Fly Casters (they still exist) were very helpful and their bylaws were used as a model for ours.

~ Tom Arnold



Casting

As the weather and water warm it's time to tune up our fly casting. Spending 15 minutes a day in the back yard for just a few days can't really help in improving your accuracy and efficiency.

Steps to a pick-up and lay-down cast:

1. Rod tip low to the grass/water with no slack.
2. Pickup: Slowly peel the line off the grass/water without stopping.
3. Back cast: Cast up and back, stopping crisply with the rod vertical 12 o'clock position.
4. Wait briefly for the line to straighten.
5. Forward cast: Cast forward, stopping crisply around the 10:30 position.
6. Presentation: Lower rod tip to grass/water.

Dissecting the basic cast into 4 parts allows one to better understand the different body and rod movements that are necessary during each phase of the cast, with the goal of producing an efficient casting loop.

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| 1. Pick-up | 50% of the cast |
| 2. Back cast | 25% of the cast |
| 3. Forward cast | 15% of the cast |
| 4. Presentation | 10% of the cast |

In order to properly execute the basic cast there are 5 essential principles one needs to understand. The 5 principles will apply to almost every casting variation.

1. No Slack All slack must be removed from the line before the pick-up is made. Slack should also be avoided during all other phases of the basic cast.
2. Smooth acceleration Smoothly accelerate the rod tip to an Abrupt Stop!
3. Pause After the rod is stopped on the back cast or the forward cast the rod must be paused in order to allow the fly line to unroll completely. The more line being cast the longer the pause time.
4. Straight rod tip path The rod tip must move in a straight plane to generate tight loops. Moving the rod tip in an arc by excessive bending of the wrist or pivoting the forearm will produce wide "open" loops, which are generally inefficient. If the rod tip travels in a concave or "dipping path" the result will be a tailing loop which is not effective and - can cause knots in the leader or tippet.
5. Variable casting strokes A short cast requires a short casting stroke. A longer cast requires a longer casting stroke.

Practice in your yard for 15 minutes a day to a cone or a paper plate at various distances. Concentrate on your form and creating sexy loops. Practice circles and eights then straight lines. Or the Triangle Method - <https://vimeo.com/238358298>.

Remember, as in our casting competition, you're really only competing with yourself to constantly improve your casting abilities. As Lefty Kreh once said, "I can teach an old woman to cast 60 feet; it doesn't take big muscles to cast long distances."

It just takes a little practice and patience.

Allen Berg

Here is a link to really good article, *7 FLY CASTING TECHNIQUES EVERY ANGLER SHOULD LEARN*, by Zach Buchenau on fly casts and their uses that is worth reading

<https://flyfishingfix.com/fly-casting-techniques/>



7 Fly Casting Techniques Every Angler Should Learn
flyfishingfix.com

Outdoor Casting Competition

The Outdoor Casting Competitions are expected to be the same this year.

MAY - DRY FLY (4 WT rod)

- o A maximum of 3 false casts per target will be allowed.
- o We will have you start with the fly in target 1 or in your hand. (Judge's decision on meeting night.)

JUNE - NYMPH FLY (4 WT rod)

- o Here are the rules for casting the nymph. You will start with the fly in target #2.
- o You will pick up the fly and have unlimited false casts to target #1.
- o You will then only be allowed 1 false cast to each remaining target.

JULY - ROLL CAST (MAX. OF 15 CASTS ALLOWED TO ATTEMPT ALL TARGETS) (7 WT rod)

- o Here are the rules for the Roll Cast. Limit of 15 casts total.
 - o Start with fly in target #1. Cast to target #1 until scored (inside one of the rings).
 - o Then on to the remaining 4 targets or until a maximum of 15 casts are made.
- § Any target not scored is a demerit of "-2" points. Highest score with fewest casts wins.

AUGUST - BASS BUG (7 WT rod)

- o Start with bug in hand and allowed unlimited casts to target 1.
- o Then only two (2) false casts to all remaining targets.

SEPTEMBER - DISTANCE COMPETITION (USING AN AVERAGE OF SEVERAL CASTS) (8 WT rod)

- o Make 5 casts MAX (in 5 minutes). (minimum of 3 casts)
- o While we may not enforce the 5 minute rule, we do want to give everyone a chance to cast and still have time to eat dinner. No fly, just a piece of yarn.
- o Tip: While there are no rules about how many false casts you can make, the fewer you make, the better your results will be. And don't rush the cast – give the rod time to load.

I would also like to set up some sessions after the meeting for folks that should like to try their hand at an FFI certification.

Allen Berg



McNally – The Emotional Support Cat

by Ken Davy

They had met, quite by accident, several years before. Jim had been at Hinklestein Park, fishing, as was his custom on warm April afternoons. He was going to cut this session short because the fish were not cooperating, and Jim's shoulder was getting a little sore from casting the 6-weight fly rod. It struck him as odd that the motion of casting should cause soreness, while the motion of paddling his kayak felt good.

He got up a little extra momentum as he approached one of the rock bridges that enabled hikers and bank anglers to move from one part of the shoreline to another. As he cleared the arch and picked up his rod to start casting again, he heard a faint noise. It seemed to be coming from the foot of the bridge. Jim grabbed the paddle and turned the kayak to investigate. He scanned the grass carefully. Then he detected a small tuft of fur. It was black, tan, and rust colored.

It was a kitten, a tortoiseshell, huddling against the foot of the bridge, probably because the bridge was absorbing warmth from the sunshine. Jim skillfully maneuvered the kayak up to the shore and reached out to collect the tiny animal. It immediately became clear to Jim that the poor little creature was quite alone and desperate for help, as it clung to him. He quickly undid a couple of buttons on his flannel shirt and slid the kitten inside. The kitten seemed to understand and settled right down. Within the 10 minutes it took to reach the takeout point, it was fast asleep.

The most delicate part of loading to go home was extracting the tiny ball of claws from its cozy shelter. After that, the rest went quickly, as did the drive home. Arriving at his house, Jim scooped up the kitten still nestled in the old, worn sweatshirt he had found behind the seat of his truck. His wife, Katie, met him at the door, with a quizzical look on her face. "What do you have there?", she asked. Jim opened the bundle to show her the contents. "A castaway I found in the park", he said. "I don't know what to call her."

"Her?", said Katie. "Well, I haven't looked yet, but I assumed because she's a tortoiseshell, that it must be a female." "Guess again, Einstein!", said Katie pointing to the portion of the kitten's anatomy that was the subject under discussion. "Well, I'll be", said Jim, "that makes this little guy a rare creature indeed. We won't know for a while yet if

he's extremely rare." "What do you mean?", asked Katie. "Almost all male tortoiseshell cats are sterile. If he's fully capable in that department, he could be worth his weight in stud fees."

That was the beginning. It rapidly became apparent that this was a rare kitten, indeed. In terms of growth, he was reasonably standard. But that was where his normality ceased. Concerning his behavior, this kitten was quite out of the ordinary. He acted toward Jim more like a dog than like a cat. He routinely followed Jim all around the house, and then around the yard. He even came when called, usually jumping into Jim's arms. When Jim had stationary tasks to attend to, the kitten would either sit, intently watching the proceedings or adopt an attitude reflecting an intent to be present but otherwise uninvolved. Jim soon noticed the kitten had a distinct preference in deciding what tasks were most worthy of serious attention. Tying flies, stocking fly boxes, creating leaders and servicing reels were all regarded as mesmerizing. Other activities, such as paying bills, home repairs and other mundane tasks were met with attendance and then a nap.

Jim had decided that a rare cat was deserving of a rare name. When observing the activities that commanded the kitten's attention, Jim decided that his name should reflect that tendency. This reminded Jim of a sportswriter he admired from his youth. Thus, the kitten became McNally. For his part, McNally seemed aware that his new name was important and something of an honor.

It was at this point that McNally apparently decided he should do something befitting his new sobriquet. One day, while Jim was stocking his vest with fly boxes containing patterns he would need for that day, McNally was right at his feet, meowing and batting the vest. This was new and Jim and Katie paid attention. "It's like he doesn't want you to go!", said Katie. "I guess so", said Jim sinking into an armchair after hanging his vest on the back of his desk chair.

This action sent McNally into a flurry of activity, batting the vest, jumping up to Jim's lap, and then rocketing down the hall to the door leading into the garage. After they both laughed heartily at his new antics, Katie looked at Jim and said, "I think we got it wrong, honey! I think he wants to go with you!" "Let's see!", said Jim. He rose from the armchair and picked up his vest. McNally came to his feet and looked up at him expectantly. Jim put the vest on and looked down at the cat. "Shall we go?", he asked McNally. McNally immediately jumped into his arms.

That was the beginning of something truly special. The two friends, one human, one feline, were practically inseparable.

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McNally (Cont'd)

They could be seen along local rivers, lakes, ponds, and in Jim's favorite shop for fly fishing gear, where McNally was accorded the status of just one of the gang around the big table near the back. McNally would either nap in Jim's lap or wrap himself around Jim's neck and seemingly follow the conversations. Along the waters, Jim would fish, and McNally would explore the shorelines, or just remain in a shady spot near Jim, sleeping or just lounging in the natural surroundings.

It wasn't long before their relationship attracted some other attention. A young reporter happened to be at a park they were exploring one day. He took notice of the unusual pair and moved closer for a better look. As he watched, Jim caught and released several small fish, which McNally approached as if to inspect the fish and give his approval of the proceedings. After a short time, the reporter's curiosity got the better of him, and he approached Jim and introduced himself. "Hello", he said in a friendly tone. "Hi", said Jim who had been watching him from the corner of his eye. "I notice you have a rather unusual fishing guide." "He's more of a cheering section than a guide.", Jim said.

"What made you decide to bring a cat on a fishing trip", asked the reporter.

"He insisted", said Jim. "I didn't think it strange, since he is such a great companion all of the time, not just out here", he continued. "He comes when called better than most dogs I have had. "If he does his business while we're out, he does so where I never see it. Best of all, he gives me someone to share the outdoors with. He's never late. He never has family obligations that keep him from going, and if I tell the story of a catch down at the bait shop, he never contradicts me, although I do my best to tell them all true so he can be proud of me."

"It seems to me that he's as much an emotional support cat as he is a fishing buddy", said the reporter. "Would you like to meet him", Jim asked. "I'd be honored", said the reporter. "McNally! Here boy!", called Jim.

This piece is inspired by my cat, Carmi, and the way I intend to train her to be.

TU Mad River Chapter – Stream Monitoring

Our Quarterly Stream Water Quality Monitoring event (originally scheduled for April and canceled due to weather) will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 AM. We hope you'll be able to join us!

Date & Time: Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 AM

Location: Lions Club Ball Park, West Liberty, OH

[Google Maps Link](#)

Bring the family and explore the Mad River with Trout Unlimited's water quality monitoring team! We'll search for macroinvertebrates in the river and assess stream health based on what we find.

What to Know:

- This is a hands-on activity that involves wading in the river.
- Children must be able to walk and stand in moving water.
- Wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get wet. The water will be cold - waders are recommended if you have them.
- Prefer to stay dry? You're still welcome to participate from the riverbank.

We're excited to continue this important work with your help. See you on May 10!

Tyler Wright

View this information in your browser:

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?e=9f8b78641a&u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=01e6722e19>

May Fly of the Month



No Name Steelhead Intruder

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....	Tube Stinger, your choice of size
Shank.....	55 mm
Thread.....	Black/Purple/Pink 6/0
Eyes.....	Dumbbell, plated
Hook connection.....	Braided line or wire.
Rear Dubbing.....	Prism dubbing, blue
Tail Hackle.....	Neck hackle, pink or color of choice
Rib.....	Wire, blue/black/pink
Body.....	Sparkle braid, pearl or color of choice
Front Dubbing.....	Prism dubbing, pink
Flash.....	Flashabou accent, purple/pink/pearl
Underwing.....	Fox hair, purple or pink
Overwing.....	Neer Hair, black/purple/white
Collar.....	Schlappen, purple/black/pink
Hackle wing.....	Saddle, color of choice
Accents.....	Ostrich herl, color of choice
Head.....	Prism dubbing, your choice of color

1. Place shank in vise by open end, then tie in thread behind shank eye and wrap a thread base back to the rear.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" of connection material and fold it in the middle creating a loop. With the rear of the fold loop extending back beyond the rear eye by about an inch, lay one side of the fold loop on each side of the hook shank and tie it in tightly at the rear shank eye. Wrap the thread forward over the butts to the middle of the shank, then fold the butts back and wrap the thread tightly over them back to the rear shank eye. Remove any excess butts. (At this point, you should have a 1+" loop extending back behind the rear shank eye.) Return the thread to behind the front shank eye.
3. Now tie in a set of dumbbell eyes on top of shank about 1/8 inch behind the front shank eye using tight x-wraps of thread. Turn the dumbbell eyes to under the shank and wrap the thread back to the rear shank eye.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a small ball in front of the rear shank eye. Tie off the dubbing, remove any excess, and let the thread hang.
5. Cut a 4" piece of ribbing wire and tie it by the end in front of the dubbing ball. The length of the wire should extend back past the rear shank eye. Return the thread back to the front of the dubbing ball.
6. Cut a 5" piece of sparkle braid and tie it in by one end in front of the dubbing ball. The length of the braid should extend back over the rear shank eye. Cover the braid butt with thread wraps and then wrap the thread forward to a point about 1/4 of the shank behind the dumbbell eyes.
7. Now wrap the sparkle braid forward in touching turns to about 1/4 of the shank behind the dumbbell eyes and tie it off. Remove any excess braid.
8. Grasp the ribbing wire and palmer wrap it forward over the braid body and tie it off in front of the braid body. Remove any excess wire.
9. Dub the thread and wrap another small dubbing ball in front of the braid body. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess dubbing from the thread.
10. Cut 9 -15 pieces of flash and tie them in tightly on top of the shank in front of the dubbing ball. Cover the butts with thread wraps. Make sure to keep the flash centered on top of the hook shank.

11. Cut a small amount of fox hair as long as possible, clean the fluff out of the fur and tie it in by the cut end in front of and over the flash on top of the shank. This wing should extend back to the rear shank eye.
12. Now cut a small length of Neer Hair. It should reach from behind the dumbbell eyes back to the rear eye of the shank. Tie the hair in by one end on top of the shank right in front of the fox hair wing. Bind down the butts with tight thread wraps and remove any excess.
13. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in by its tip directly in front of the Neer Hair wing, then take 4 -5 wraps toward the back of the dumbbell eyes. Tie it off and remove any excess feather. If necessary, make a few tight thread wraps back over the schlappen fibers to ensure that they lay back over toward the rear shank eye.
14. Select two long saddle feathers (at least 3 to 3 1/2") and remove the fluff from their base. Tie one in by the butt on each side of the fly on top of the shank behind the dumbbell eyes. These are the hackle wings. Try to ensure they are the same length. Trim off any excess butts.
15. Now select two long ostrich herls to serve as accents. Tie them in by one end on top of the shank behind the dumbbell eyes tight on the outside of the hackle wing. They should be as long as the hackle wing feathers. Remove any excess herl butts. The thread should still be behind the dumbbell eyes.
16. Dub the thread and make 2-3 wraps behind the dumbbell eyes and x-wrap over the dumbbell eyes to behind the shank eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing, form a small thread head, whip finish and cut the thread.

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
24-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/JDUzia3Z85zSAmy7	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/D8UQYWmoxhxcDGMRA	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

Save the Dates

Mid-Week Fly Fishing

May 6th - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

Wellfield Park

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Deer Meadow Park

The bass should be in pre-spawn appetite, and cruising for food.

MVFF Monthly Meeting

May 12th - start at 5:30 p.m.

FOP Lodge, 4275 Powell Rd., Huber Heights

Grilled steaks and chicken, casting competition, and pond fishing.

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May 21st - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)

Beavercreek Community Park

Also pre-spawn bass.

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 issues) and where you can subscribe. Learn how you can join our network in caring for the well-being of this beautiful river.

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



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Ohio DNR Education Registration

The Department of Natural Resources regularly has educational opportunities on a variety of outdoor, wildlife and sporting topics. Check out the link below and click on Register to read more about particular events you might be interested in attending . . . <https://apps.ohiodnr.gov/wildlife/educationregistration/>

Find All Fishing Reports

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

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

Backyard Wildlife Documents

Some nice resources to check out . . .

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



FFI has made strides to grow the fly fishing community through the launch of a dynamic new Fly Fishers International website, including the revamped FFI Learning Center, accessible to anyone with a passion for the sport. This modern new website is easier to navigate and highlights FFI's strength in fly fishing education with an incredible repository of videos, articles, and manuals on casting, fly tying, conservation, and fly fishing skills.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources>

The Connection is the official quarterly newsletter of FFI Women Connect. FFI Women Connect encourages female leadership in FFI Clubs and the fly fishing industry by creating a platform where women can develop fly fishing skills, network with other women fly fishers, and come together for fly fishing experiences.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/FFI-Women-Connect>

Looking for another way to dive into the world of fly fishing? Try *Fly Fish Forever*, the official podcast of Fly Fishers International. Find *Fly Fish Forever* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Amazon](#), or your favorite podcast source.

DOW eNewsletter

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

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

Mobile App

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



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

MVFF

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

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CALENDAR

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

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

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

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



Did You See the 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://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1066474248684380&type=3>

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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