

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



July Meeting

Our next meeting is July 14th

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 July 10th



June Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners

- Atlas Vice...Paul Vollmer
- Echo Rod 9' 6#...Dr. John Balazs
- \$50 Panera Gift Card...Mike Wolford
- Water Resistant Jig Box...Cynthia Davis
- Fish Pond Sling Pack...JD Dukes
- Book: [Fifty Places to Fish](#)...Lew Hofmann
- \$50 Mad River Outfitters Gift Card...Jim Calvert

John Warner

President's Thoughts



Late May and early June brought some interesting events this year!

- o May 31st saw the first Take a Kid Fly Fishing event at Tom's Pond. There were sixteen people in attendance and some very nice fish caught.

- o The first week of June brought the Canada trip, with 15 participants. Jim reported that not only the number of fish was up from previous years, but also the average size of the fish caught. Unfortunately, the wildfires pushed swarms of black flies south to the lodge, but they don't seem to have dampened the fun very much!

- o An outing was held at Tom's Pond on the 21st of June for No One Left Behind. We left no one behind.

Upcoming fishing events -

Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings for July will be as follows:

- o On the 2nd of July, we will be at Arthur Fisher Park on the west side of Dayton. There are plenty of sunfish in this lake, and usually many yearling bass to keep us busy while the mature bass are on the beds.

- o July 17th will bring an outing at Rip Rap Road Park, on the Great Miami River. This is usually an opportunity to put your waders to good use or go retro and just wade wet. There are smallmouth and largemouth bass in the river, along with rock bass, sunfish, saugeyes, and northern pike.

Planning is progressing for the 50th Anniversary Bash at the December meeting. Bids have been solicited for a beautiful new commemorative pin, special articles will be inserted into Tightlines, and possibly a special edition of Tightlines.

The July meeting will take place July 14th, at 5:30 p.m. at 4275 Powell Rd, Dayton, OH 45424.

Ken Davy
President, Miami Valley Fly Fishers

Secretary's Notes for June 2025

President Ken Davy opened the meeting at 7 o'clock welcoming new member Brandon Wright and his family. Walt Konek gave the treasurer's report noting receipt of a donation from Magnified Giving for \$1,250.00.

Emily Reeves was honored for her service to Miami Valley Fly Fishers, receiving a card signed by all members present. Emily participated in many activities performing casting instruction to youth at park outings, teaching western fly tying classes, and being a constant encouragement to new members. After completing her masters degree at the Air Force Institute for Engineering she has been assigned duty in Montana. As it was also her birthday a rousing chorus was raised. Our sincere best wishes to Emily and many thanks.

Ken recognized Ken Hudak who moved to purchase three picnic tables and two trash cans to be placed in the pavilion at the Dayton Police F. O. P. Lodge, Jeff warden seconded the motion and the motion carried by a show of hands.

Mike Redmond reported that the Reel Recovery event has 10 cancer recovery patients attending the June 17th event,

Allen Berg announced the monthly casting winners...First Flight, Emily Reeves...Seniors, Tom Arnold...Masters, Bill Bennett. Sixteen people participated.

V. P. Karen Via announced a veterans outing on Saturday, June 21st. She is also looking for volunteers to help with the 50th anniversary preparations.

Ken Davy shared the upcoming Mid-Week Fly Fishing locations and closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully, J. W. Davis

50th Anniversary Meeting

Dear Friends,

I'd like us to hold a meeting in July for planning our 50th anniversary celebration. To make it easier for everyone to attend, I'm proposing that we meet virtually.

I'll be at the July MVFF meeting and will take that opportunity to ask people about the best day and time for our virtual meeting. Once we have that finalized, I'll send out an invitation via email and post it on the website.

In the meantime, please start thinking about ways we could celebrate this milestone. Do you have any photos, articles, or memories to share? Are there any people we should reach out to and include in the celebration?

I'm hoping we'll have some solid plans in place by the end of July, giving us several months to prepare.

Many thanks to those who have already shared ideas. I look forward to hearing from the rest of you—and seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Warm regards,

Karen Via
karenbw@hotmail.com



No One Left Behind – July 2025

This month there will be two outings at the Grotto ponds on the main VA Campus near the Gettysburg Pike entrance. The first will be on July 9th and the second on the 23rd. Both outings will begin at 3:00 p.m. (until 5:30 p.m.) and the fishing will be limited to military veterans. Non-veterans may attend as guides for the veterans.

Please contact [Nathan Via](#), [Karen Via](#) or [Ken Davy](#) if you would like to act as a guide for the veterans! There will be prizes for the largest fish and the angler with the most fish. It should be a great time. See you out there!

Waterfalls Lodge Canada Trip 2025

We invaded the Canadian Border this year on May 31st with 15 fly fishing enthusiasts for our annual trip to Waterfalls Lodge in Ontario Canada. The week-long weather forecast was very positive with warm temps and very little rain in the forecast. While conditions were great the fish count started out slow as the topwater bite was slower than some years. However, the fish we were hooking up were large on average with many in the 15 – 17” range and very heavy. We seemed to be in a pre-spawn stage and were seeing more beds and bedding fish every day and the bigger fish were to be caught in bedding areas around the right rock structure. Being the topwater fisherman that I am, I was late to the party changing to the streamers and working those fish, but I must admit my boat partner Eric Rice gave me a crash course on Clouser Minnow smallmouth fishing. He was hooking 5-1 or more to my topwater action and you can't argue with success. By week's end the Clousers he was throwing to the smallmouth were down to the bare hook with the bucktail being almost gone. The pike were also in some of the same areas and added to the fish count.

If you are interested in what patterns worked for your box next year, you will have to ask him. All in all, I would sum up the trip as Great Fun – Great Weather – Good Food and Big Smallmouth, but a bit of a running battle with the Canadian black flies this spring.

Our reservations are set for next year again for the first week in June and I am looking forward to it. We took a Liar's Tally every evening at dinner and the catch numbers for the trip were as follows:



Mike Wisniewski

Smallmouth Bass - 513 (largest fish was 19 1/2")

Largemouth Bass - 15 (largest fish was 21")

Rock Bass - 233 (none were bragging size)

Northern Pike - 59 caught (largest was 26 1/4")

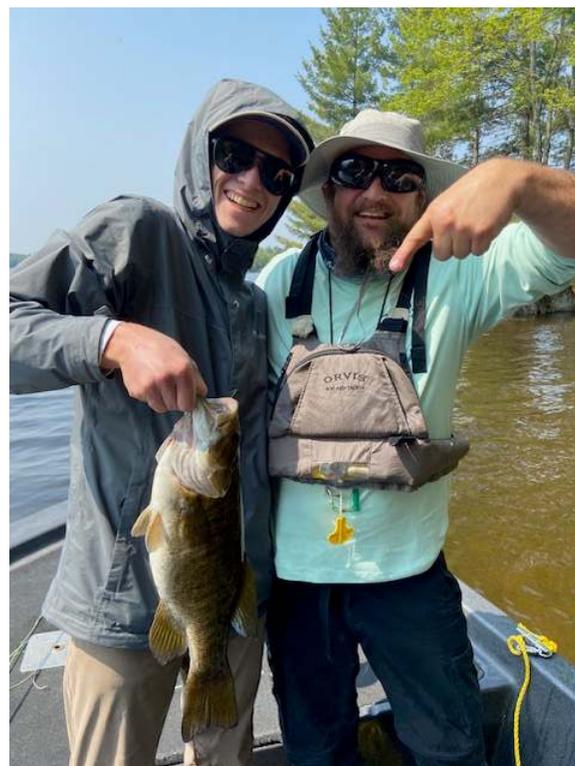
Assorted other fish 11 Perch, Bluegill and even a Sucker.

Almost everyone in the group caught and released a trophy smallmouth over 18" which wins them a Waterfalls fishing shirt.

As a personal note, I had the opportunity to take my grandson along this year and it was great fun to teach him why we love fly fishing so much. I believe we now have another fly fisherman in the family, as he made it look so easy catching bass, pike and perch on his first time fly fishing. Special thanks to Eric for helping me teach Kaleb the art of fly fishing.

If you want to join us next spring on this adventure and bring someone along to teach them the fun of fly fishing, let me know.

Jim Calvert



Kaleb & Eric

Be sure to take a look at the Facebook album where we have over 100 pictures from this trip!

https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos_albums



Miami Valley Fly Fishers

1975 - 2025

The Early Years of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

Our very first fly-tying class took place on December 15, 1975. Thirteen members showed up—at least eight of whom had never tied a fly in their lives! From that night on, monthly fly-tying get-togethers became part of our club routine.

As one early write-up put it:

“Our first attempt at a fly tying clinic, complete with novices, experts, vises, hackle pliers, and broken threads, was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of Jim Hawkins, Harry Speert, and Dave Volin. This stalwart threesome prepared the evening's activities while eating Harry out of smoked salmon and silently swiping his bourbon. By the time they got around to reviewing the Indianapolis Fly Casters' slides, it was decided that any operation beyond clamping a hook in a vise was far too complex. The boys recovered, however, and conducted an interesting, informative class concentrated on basic techniques. Of the thirteen people who attended on that miserable, wet evening, at least eight had never tied flies before and left with a distinct feeling of accomplishment.”

Our first Annual Dinner was held February 9, 1976 at Neil's Heritage House, and by April 22–29, 1976, we were off on a camping trip to the Smokies.

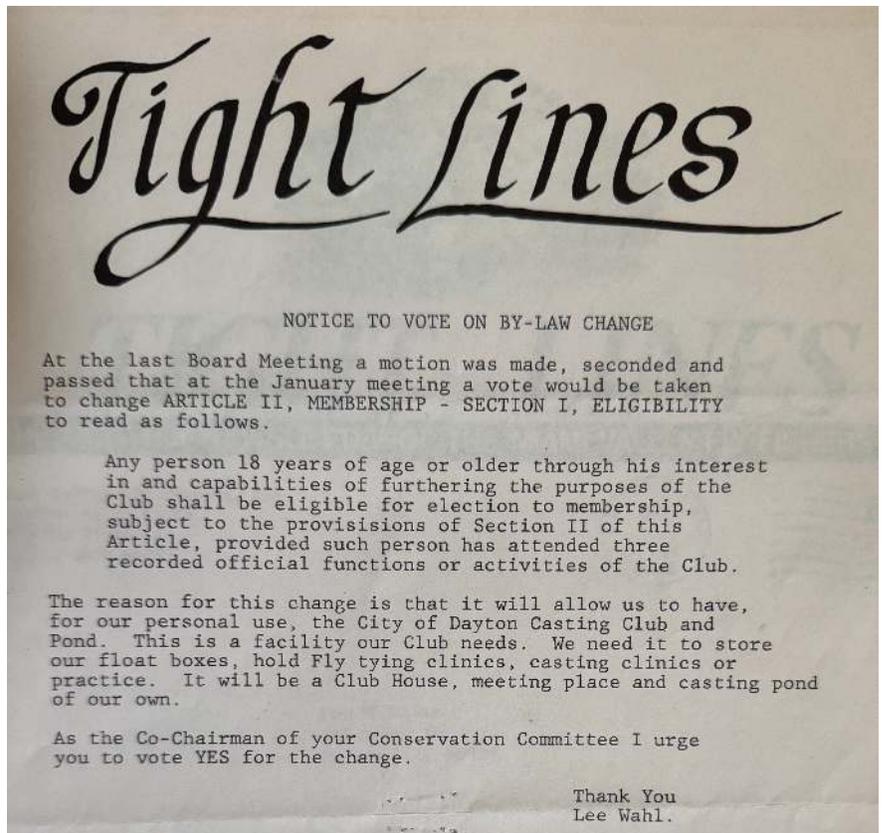
Back then, joining the club was a bit more formal:

- You filled out an application.
- The Board had to approve it.
- Once accepted, you paid \$10 dues and received an embroidered patch, a membership card, a member roster, and a copy of the bylaws.

Plans were also underway for some exciting adventures. A trip to Goose Bay Outfitters in Labrador was scheduled for June 22–29, and four of the six available spots filled up quickly. Another trip, this time to the Eagle River in Labrador for Atlantic salmon, was planned for August 1977.

The April 19, 1976 meeting marked our first gathering at the Deed's Park Casting Pond. Though much of our fishing centered on trout, that evening's speaker focused on “How to Catch Bass on a Fly Rod.”

In November 1976, we held a vote to change the club bylaws after questions arose about whether membership was limited to men.



The Early Years of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers (*cont'd*)

Around this time, we started a new tradition—signing in at meetings with the idea of giving out prizes for attendance. The second MVFF Annual Auction followed on March 14, 1977, drawing 30 members.

A real highlight came on April 4, 1977, when Dave Whitlock made his first appearance at an MVFF meeting. Just about everyone showed up to see his two slide presentations: “The Joys of Bass, Panfish and Pike” and “Midge Fishing for Trout.” Both were big hits, and most folks stayed until 11:30 that night. Earlier in the day, Dave also hosted a fly-tying clinic.

Not long after, on April 21, two camping groups set off for a weekend of fishing the Little River in the Smokies.

We also started reaching out to younger anglers. The first Fly Casting Clinic for young people was held at Deed's Park on April 2, 1977, followed by another on April 9. A total of 11 students took part, and 20 club members were on hand to help.

And of course, monthly raffles have been a staple since the early days. The raffles quickly became a favorite part of club meetings—and they've done well to support the club financially, too. As we know they're still a regular fixture and always bring a bit of fun (and a chance to win something cool!).

Fly-tying clinics continued to draw a great crowd each month, with members eager to learn new patterns or just enjoy tying alongside friends.

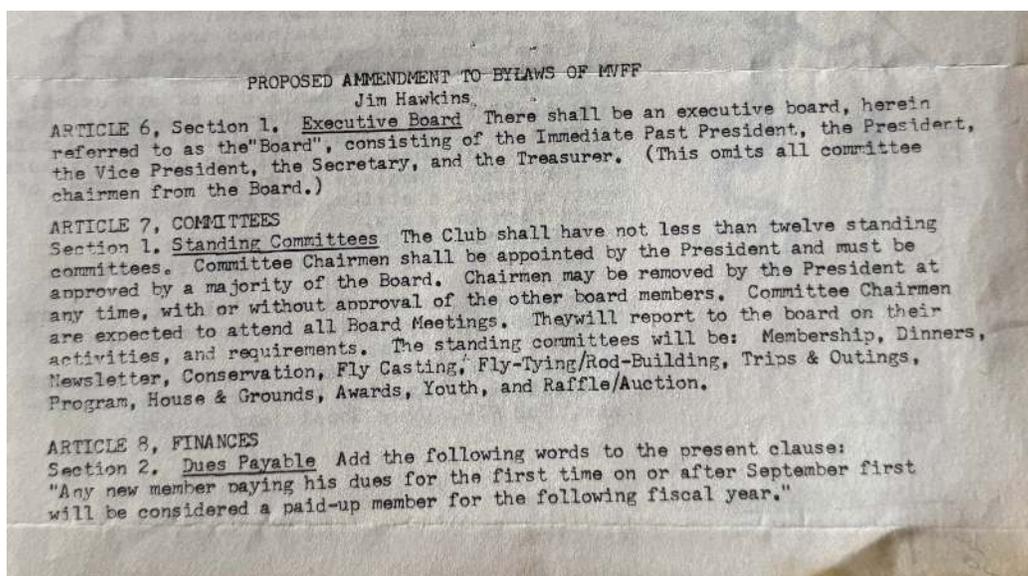
On July 30th, we held the first-ever MVFF Fly-Casting Championship—a fun and spirited event that added a bit of friendly competition to our casting practice.

As the club grew and got more established, we began building strong connections with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, since our conservation goals were closely aligned. One of our early contributions included helping to stock the Mad River with 5,000 rainbow trout fingerlings and 20,000 brown trout fingerlings—a project that really showed our commitment to local waters.

An October 1st outing to the Stony Creek Trout Club, a private fishing club, gave members a special opportunity to enjoy some great trout water and good company.

And in the spirit of keeping things active during the colder months, fly-tying clinics were held every Tuesday in December at the Rose E. Miller Recreation Center—a way to keep the club connected and learning through the winter.

In December the proposed amendment to the bylaws was introduced. Article 6 excluded committee chairmen from the board. Article 7 stipulated that committee chairmen shall be appointed by the President, but must be approved by the board. It further stipulated that board chairmen were expected to attend board meetings. Meetings were held in locations that would allow for larger attendance at board meetings. Board meetings were announced in advance and members were encouraged to attend.



The Early Years of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers (cont'd)

Here's a report on the December 1977 board meeting. Board meetings were announced in advance to members, committee chairs were expected to attend and members were invited to attend as well.



REPORT ON DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

On Dec. 13 at Rose Miller Rec Center, we had a very productive meeting, led by our new President, Lee Wahl. Most general club business is carried out at these board meetings, to keep the regular monthly meetings more social and entertaining than businesslike. Every member is welcome to attend board meetings, if he wants to be involved in the workings of MVFF. All committee chairmen and trustees are expected to attend whenever possible. Here's a run-down on what happened.

FINANCES: Every committeeman who has need of club money for his operations should call Bill Alspach immediately to request funds. Bill is working on the 1978 budget. Raffle/auction funds will be accounted for separately from now on, rather than going into the general fund.

CONSERVATION: Clay Appleton, our new chairman, will have 20,000 or more brown trout in April or May, and will be looking for stocking help. Say yes when he calls.

CONVENTION CENTER SPORTS SHOW: Joe Ledbetter will handle visual displays, Dick Matson is in charge of fly-tying, and Bill Barnes is running the fly casting show

TIGHT LINES: Chuck Hirsch, our new editor, has all sorts of new ideas. He needs your contributions. If you have a story for him, turn it in by the 20th of the month, his deadline. Committee Chairmen are urged to use Tight Lines for getting out the word.

MEMBERSHIP: John Smith, chairman, proposed Harlan Andrews and Steve Pester for membership. Both were approved unanimously.

YOUTH: Tom Didas and Ron Andrews are co-chairmen of this vital new committee.

AWARDS: Jack Ellis plans an awards banquet in March, the same night as the auction.

RAFFLE/AUCTION: Jack Ellis is also in charge of this area, and Jim Hawkins passed on his pile of booty for future raffles, including that 10½ foot Orvis rod, reel, and line, which will be raffled at one of our spring meetings.

PROGRAM: Jim Hawkins announced program for the next nine months, detailed elsewhere in this issue. Looking for ideas for fall meetings. Tell Jim if you have any speaker you would especially like him to line up.

DINNERS: Tim Mulhern will be responsible for selection of restaurants. Again, if you know a place that has good meals at reasonable prices, and a good meeting room, tell Tim. A suggestion was made that because of the successful December meeting, we should set up a phone committee to contact all members that don't phone reservations. So please phone your reservations in early, to save somebody the task of calling you.

CASTING: Bill Barnes agreed to run casting tournaments at the summer meetings.

FLY TYING: Bill Baker will be chairman for 1978.

OUTINGS: Bob Tritsch is in charge. Outings planned so far: Michigan for steelhead in March or April. Smoky Mountains in April. Mini-Conclave for Great Lakes FFF clubs after Labor Day in Michigan. We need farm ponds, cabins, private clubs, or other outings ideas. Bob wants your suggestions. Let's go fishin'.

HOUSE & GROUNDS: Lash LaRue says a new roof and new paint are coming for Deeds Cabin.

AUDIO/VISUAL: Joe Ledbetter wants to have an "official photographer" at all MVFF affairs, to make a permanent record for our historian. The board authorized the purchase of a six foot square portable projection screen for club use.

Lee Wahl told all his new Committee Chairmen they are to take charge of their part of the club and run it as well as they know how. Each chairman has just one job to do, and should try to make his committee put out the best program possible, without prodding from the trustees. Original ideas are encouraged. Chairmen are urged to get help from other members to serve their committees. 1978 should be a good year.

Labrador Trip

We had a fabulous trip to Three Rivers Lodge in Labrador. Temps were in the 30's to 50's (water temp 50) and we fished mostly in river rapids where guides actually walked our boats through the boulders while we fished. They were amazing! We caught large brook trout, pike, large suckers and whitefish.

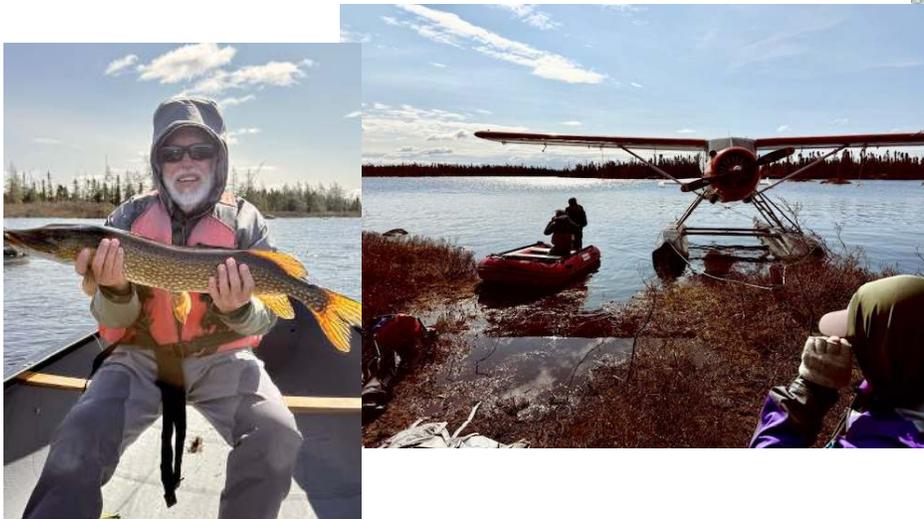
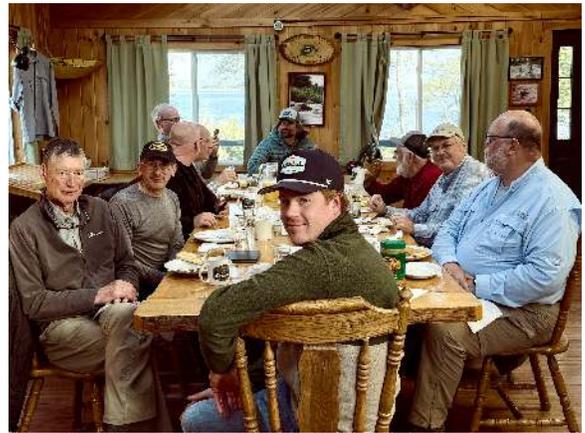
Two float plane excursions were included— one to an outpost overnighter and the other a day trip including the 10' Kodiak raft. The food was excellent, along with all the staff. They were very accommodating with any preferences or fishing options.

This trip was set up through Mad River Outfitters and we joined JD Dukes, Nathan Via, Lew Hofmann, and Sam Brown. Four others made up the total of 10 rods at the lodge. It was a trip of a lifetime! (Note: these types of trips need to be booked at least a year + in advance).

Kathy Williams/Barry Schroeder

Go to our Facebook page and you'll find the photo album from this great trip!

https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos_albums



How Fashion Got Obsessed with Fly-Fishing

Fashion's latest obsession? Fly-fishing gear. Labels like Creek Angler's Device, South2 West8, Kith x Columbia, and Barbour have adopted fishing's multi-pocketed, rugged aesthetic, turning functional vests, jackets, and mesh shirts into streetwear staples. Influencers and urban buyers love the durable fabrics and nostalgic vibe, even if they've never cast a line. The trend owes its momentum to pandemic-era outdoor leanings, cultural influences like Yellowstone, and a craving for well-made utilitarian pieces. Despite some angler nostalgia, brands rooted in fly-fishing are cashing in—and the urban crowd is all in.

Ed. – They have come to realize the practicality and comfort of much of this style.



Casting

Outdoor Casting Competition

We had greater participation for the nymph fly competition and much more pleasant conditions compared to the last month's event.

There was a total of 16 casters and the winners were . . .

First Flight - Em Reeves

Seniors - Tom Arnold

Masters - Bill Bennett

July Roll Cast Competition

Here are the rules for the Roll Cast:

- Limit of 15 casts total. (7 wt. club rod)
- Start with fly in target #1. Cast to target #1 until scored (inside one of the rings).
- 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.

We look forward to having more folks come out and test their skills.

After the meeting I shall be available to work with folks to move up on their FFI casting skills. I imagine Bill shall also be available as he normally is to assist folks in their casting.

Allen Berg



We attended the Dayton Convention Center re-opening and photographed MVFF member Dave Williams with his art. Dave was commissioned to paint a 6' x 8' Tarpon for a permanent installation.

Jeff and Cynthia Davis



The July Mid-Week Fly Fishing events are on July 2nd and July 17th. 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 10](#)

July Fly of the Month

Craven's Wiggle Damsel

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Tail Section

Hook.....Nymph, long curved, size 14
Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail.....Marabou fibers, olive
Abdomen.....Marabou fibers, olive

Thorax Section

Hook.....Dry, size 14
Connector.....Monofilament
Eyes.....Bead chain, small
Tail.....Marabou fibers, olive
Thorax.....Marabou fibers, olive
Wing case.....Marabou fibers, olive
Head.....Thread

Tail Section

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Select 8 – 10 bushy marabou fibers and strip them from the quill. Pinch the ends off the fibers to even them up, then tie the tips in as a tail at the hook bend on top of the hook shank with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. The tail should be $\frac{1}{2}$ hook shank in length. The length (butts) of the fibers should be going toward the hook eye.
3. Lift the marabou butts and move the thread in front of them, then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye. Now wrap the marabou butts forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie them off. Remove any excess butts
4. Form a thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
5. Take a pair of wire cutters and cut the bend off of the hook shank.

Thorax Section

6. Place the hook in the vise, tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
7. Cut a 3-4" inch length of 3x monofilament. Thread the line through the tail section hook eye and then firmly lash both ends of the mono line to the side of shank of the front hook. Note: Carefully position the tail section so that the tail hook eye is directly behind the main part of the front hook shank and keep the connecting loop short with just enough slack space to assure that the tail has room to wiggle when fishing the fly. (If the loop is too long the tail section will foul around the bend of the front hook.) After making sure the trailer hook is properly positioned, firmly wrap the thread forward over both ends of the mono line to behind the hook eye and then fold the mono line back and wrap back over it for several wraps. Remove any excess mono line and return the thread back to a point about three hook eye lengths behind the hook eye and let it hang.

8. Select a pair of bead chain eyes and tie them in on top of the hook shank using tight figure eight wraps about three hook eye lengths behind the hook eye. Move the thread back to the hook bend.
9. Cut another small clump of 8-10 marabou fibers and even the tips by pinching them off. Measure the tips to equal $\frac{1}{2}$ the hook shank and tie them in on top of the hook shank as a tail at the hook bend. The marabou butts should be going toward the hook eye.
10. Lift the marabou butts and wrap the thread in front of them and forward to behind the bead chain eyes. Now wrap the marabou butts forward to behind the eyes, then wrap them under the bead chain eyes and tie them off behind the hook eye. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS BUTTS.**
11. Now wrap the thread back over the top of the bead chain eyes and around the hook shank right behind the bead chain eyes. Pull the remaining marabou butts back over the middle of the bead chain eyes, forming a wing case, and tie them off right behind the bead chain eyes.
12. Pull the remaining marabou butts forward again over the bead chain eyes and trim them off even with the front of the hook eye. This will leave a small tuft of marabou behind the eyes.
13. Whip finish behind the bead chain eyes 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	Beaver Creek Community Park	https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6	Also pre-spawn bass.	
5-Jun	Fuggin Pond	https://maps.app.goo.gl/ixNEBnDfWLR2g2A	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/D8UQUYWmoxhcDGMRA	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

July 2nd - start at 4:30 p.m. (come anytime)
Arthur Fisher Park

Plenty of sunfish in this lake, and usually many yearling bass to keep us busy while the mature bass are on the beds.

No One Left Behind Outing

July 9th - The Grotto Pond on the VA Medical Center grounds - 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

See article in this issue of Tightlines.

MVFF Monthly Meeting

July 14th - 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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Rip Rap Road Park

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No One Left Behind Outing

July 23rd - The Grotto Pond on the VA Medical Center grounds - 3:00 to 5:30 p.m.

See article in this issue of Tightlines.



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

Visit our website for updates on activities and opportunities to support us in volunteering.

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

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/?>



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>

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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>

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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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