

TIGHTLINES



The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

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February Meeting

Our next meeting is February 9th

Kohler Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**
Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month. 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 February 5th

2025 Member Recognition

Our sincere apologies to Tom Boice. In our final edits of the January issue we failed to see that his name had been cutoff in the listing of award winners. Tom was honored as the Outstanding Member of 2025. Thank you Tom for all you have done.

Marty Vandebroek Outstanding
Member Award - Tom Boice

President's Thoughts



It's hard to believe February is already here. With snow on the ground and polar winds sweeping through, winter has us firmly in its grip. Even though the cold may keep many of us away from the rivers and streams, there's still plenty happening

—both in person and online—to keep our community connected and engaged.

For new members and anyone looking to meet more folks, this month's newsletter is packed with events, opportunities, and helpful links. If you've ever wanted to learn how to tie flies, our Secretary, Kelly, will be hosting a beginners' fly-tying class starting February 5th. It's a great chance to build foundational skills and get to know fellow club members. The class will feature several effective patterns along with guidance on how and when to use them.

If you can't make the tying class, consider joining Fly Fishers International (FFI) for their Town Hall Meeting on February 5th at 7 PM (with additional dates available). These sessions will provide updates on FFI's Strategic Plan and offer us a chance to help shape the future of this important organization. For more information, you can reach Rhonda at operations@flyfishersinternational.org.

The annual BUFF show is coming up on Saturday, February 7th, from 9 to 4. We encourage everyone to attend, support our friends, and maybe pick up some new gear for the upcoming season.

Later in the month, on Saturday, February 21st, we'll be hosting a table at the Five Rivers MetroParks Adventure Summit at the Wright State auditorium from 9 to 5. We're looking for volunteers to demonstrate fly tying and share the joy of this sport

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MVFF Board for 2026

Karen Via, President

Dave Williams, Vice President

Kelly Kingery, Secretary

Jim August, Treasurer

2026 Dues

We are now accepting payments for 2026 dues. The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card (you do not need a PayPal account). Just go to the bottom of our home page (see link below) and click on the Pay Now button.

<https://mvff.us>

NOTE: If you are a new member who paid on September 1st or later you are considered paid for the following year (2026).

50th Anniversary Video on YouTube

We have posted the 50th Anniversary video that many of you saw at our December 8th meeting. Dave Williams did a fantastic job of producing this video and it is now available for all to see. Below is a link to it and other videos on our YouTube channel.

www.youtube.com/@miamivalleyflyfishers6515

Also, our many photo albums are available at -
https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos_albums

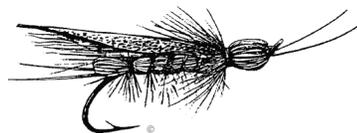
President's Thoughts (cont'd)

with attendees. If you're available to help, please let me know.

Our Board is also exploring new ways to increase member engagement—whether through fly-tying sessions, outings, skill-building opportunities, or social events. If you have ideas or would like to be part of a planning meeting, please let one of us know at the February meeting so we can set a time to gather.

Thank you again for the opportunity to lead this club and for everything you do to support our mission. Your enthusiasm and involvement are what keep this Club thriving.

Karen Via
MVFF Club President



January Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners

- White River Rod, 8ft/4wt, Tackle Bag and Nippers – Mike Browne
- Rise Form Rod, 9ft/5wt – Eric Rice
- Mad River Net and Bottle Opener – Joe Gilmore
- Mad River Gift Card and Forceps – Walt Konek
- Orvis Bag – Tim Atkins
- Esther Price Candy – Jim Calvert
- North Face Knit Hat – Bill DeShurko
- New Riff Single Barrel – Everett Vanatta
- Mystery Box (Texas Roadhouse Gift Card) – Tom Arnold

~ John Warner

February Speaker

Our February speaker is Matthew Parker. His presentation is titled Gem City Gold: Dayton a fly fishing destination? He plans on providing a roadmap of the local river tactics and strategies.

A true "locally grown" product of Dayton's Gem City, Matthew Parker has spent a lifetime decoding the waterways of Southwest Ohio. From the technical currents of the Mad River to the scenic stretches of the Stillwater, Great Miami, Twin Creek, and the Brookville Tailwater, Matthew's obsession with his home waters is the driving force behind his career. Known since childhood by the nickname "Pescado," his journey from a kid on the banks of the Little Miami to a professional guide is a testament to a life lived entirely by the water's edge.



Matthew's transition from passionate angler to professional guide was galvanized by the local fly fishing pioneers at the Rusty Drake. Seeing Tom and Bill establish Dayton as a legitimate fly fishing destination provided the blueprint for his own dreams. Their mentorship proved that the Great Miami and Little Miami River corridors were more than just local streams—they could be destination fisheries waiting to be shared.

What sets Matthew apart from the average guide is a deep-rooted foundation in the life sciences. As a trained Wildlife and Conservation Biologist, he spent over a decade serving as a biologist for Five Rivers MetroParks. During this tenure, he worked on the front lines protecting the very natural areas and river corridors he now fishes. This biological background allows him to offer his clients a "fish-eye view" of the river, blending technical angling with insights into entomology, river morphology, and ecosystem health.

Matthew's influence on the fly fishing industry extends beyond the boat. For over ten years, he served as the General Manager of ReelFlyRod, working alongside Todd Mikesell to help build the business into one of the premier fly shops in the United States. This experience at the top tier of the fly fishing retail world gave him a global perspective on gear, industry trends, and the high standards of service required to provide a world-class outdoor experience.

While his heart remains in the Ohio waterways, Matthew's pursuit of fish has taken him across North and South America. Having fly fished in 45 states, he brings a wealth of diverse experience back to his local clients. Matthew's new career in the finance administration world as a Sourcing Director at the University of Dayton brings new balance to family, work, and fly fishing. Matthew's focus remains on precision, strategy, and the preservation of the sport.

Today, Matthew continues to share his local expertise and biological insights through his 20 years of guiding services. He remains a vocal advocate for the Dayton river systems, proving daily that you don't have to travel across the globe to find exceptional fly fishing. You can find more information on his current projects and booking availability at www.daytonflyfishing.com.

Hope you can join us February 9th for a real opportunity to gain insight into our wonderful local fisheries.

~ John Young

Dear Fellow Club Members,

I wish to thank you for showing your support of the 50th anniversary of the club by donating or purchasing a walking stick and 50th anniversary medallion. The medallions are made from a single branch of a Walnut tree found (as are the walking sticks) on the Birdsong Ridge property of Randy and Joanne Evans. The walking sticks are unique in that each stick is hand cut, hand sanded, polycrylic sealed by me. I believe each stick has a personality with unique characteristics that can only be matched to a single hiker. Those that are fortunate to have found theirs already, congratulations on your ownership. You might notice the "Two Birds" burned in the wood of each creation. The two bird meaning is a story representing the residents, BIRDSONG RIDGE and a love story and life of two people who found each other "later" in life than most in their Generation; they fell in love, were married, raised a family, retired and now enjoy their grandchildren and they Fly Fish too! We are truly the "Cracker Jack Couple". Ask us about our story. It's well worth repeating. ~ Randy Evans

(All of the proceeds go to MVFF.)

Secretary's Notes

January 12, 2026

Can you believe it? Here we are a month and a half into 2026 already. How many of us as a kid thought, "I'm gonna watch the ball drop in Times Square in 2026!" (I'm not even sure Dick Clark thought that!) But here we are, and it looks like it's going to be another great one with Miami Valley Fly Fishers. New members keep coming and longstanding members keep coming back. I'm excited to see what all the year will bring serving as the new club Secretary. I want to thank our former Secretary, Jeff Davis, for running such a tight ship, handing off a neat little package, and taking time to train me on what the job entails. Thankfully, he has offered to stand by his phone in the event of any questions I may have – which I assured him I would. Thanks, Jeff!

January is notorious for setting resolutions and goals. In my voluntary position, I would like to encourage you to think about ways you could volunteer to help the club. Maybe you could help with club meetings, getting raffle prizes, or help with the No One Left Behind outings, or fly-tying classes, or outreach events. Maybe you could help with the school programs and help pass on our amazing sport to the next generation (remember, they're all about being cool – and fly fishing is super cool!). Take time during the year to see what each position would require, chat with those already doing the work, offer to shadow them for a task/day and think about taking a turn helping out. At risk of receiving the biggest eyeroll ever... I've seen the same dogs pulling the same sled for a long time. We have a lot of talented members, from all walks of life, who would be amazing

at pulling the sled for a bit. I'd hate to see things disappear because no one was willing to take up the torch and run with it. Together let's make 2026 one of our best years yet!

January Meeting: President, Karen Via opened the meeting recognizing guests and new members. Charles Sweet was a guest that had seen an article in the paper and looked up the club on the internet. There were two new members, Matt Shaltry and Paul Dennis. Fifty-five members were present. Jim Calvert reported on the upcoming club outing to Canada. Jim tantalized the group by commenting on the 700+ smallmouth that were caught last year. Spots are still available. A great time is promised. Jim August presented the treasurer's report and stated that any budget requests be made for Board approval. Kelly Kingery gave the Secretary's report which was simply encouraging volunteerism. The committee reports were given. Bill DeShurko mentioned the status of the Centerville HS program, Shawn Johnson gave the benevolence, no veterans report, indoor casting opportunities to be announced, Mike Redmond and Kelly Kingery talked about Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery, announcing upcoming events. The call for the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Expo volunteers was made for the MVFF booth with a signup sheet being passed around. A separate signup sheet was passed for volunteers to help during the Beginner Fly Tying classes. At a glance, it looks we will have a lot of help! John Young introduced our guest speaker, Sara Low who, via Zoom, presented on the basics of fly fishing and tips and tidbits on the essential gear. Sara has quite the list of accolades and involvement in the fly fishing world! John Warner once again ran a great raffle.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly Kingery

Women's Stuff

Ladies, Cari Vota, coordinator of women's activities for BUFF has invited us to participate in outings and other activities with our fly fishing sisters to the south. So far, the following day trips have been planned:

- April 14 Tuesday - Club Spring Casting Warmup
- April 27 Sunday - Fishing with Kids, Miami Meadows Park, Milford (open to all club members)
- May 28 Thursday - Women's Weekday Day Trip, Brookville
- June 18 Thursday - Women's Weekday Day Trip, Mad River, Urbana
- July 16 Thursday - Women's Weekday Day Trip, Brookville
- Aug 22 Saturday - Women's Day Trip, Mad River, Urbana

This is a great opportunity for us to share time with other MVFF women and meet new women from BUFF. Cari will be sending more details about these and other activities, but we wanted to be sure you could set these dates aside for some great fun.

~ Karen Via

A Day Well Tied: Appreciation for an Outstanding Fly Tying Class

On January 10th, our club enjoyed a truly memorable fly tying class, and it's fitting to begin with a heartfelt thank you to Tom Perry for graciously hosting the event at Spring Run Farms. The setting was welcoming, comfortable, and perfectly suited for a day of learning, conversation, and creativity at the vise.

The class was elevated by the remarkable talents of its instructors – Jim Calvert, Eric Rice and our host Tom Perry - each of whom brought a distinct strength and teaching style that made the day both informative and enjoyable.

Eric Rice shared valuable insights on the ever-popular Clouser Minnow, diving into effective color combinations and explaining how size variations make this versatile fly suitable for a wide range of fish species. His practical approach and clear explanations gave tiers new confidence in selecting and adapting this pattern for different waters and conditions.

Jim Calvert guided us through the challenging but rewarding skills of spinning and packing deer hair. His vast knowledge and patient instruction helped demystify the process, allowing tiers at all levels to better understand technique, control, and application. Many of us left with a renewed appreciation—and improved skill—for working with this demanding material. (I am still finding deer hair in my wool sweater from that day!)

Tom Perry added a unique and enriching dimension by sharing his extraordinary background in the history, tying, and artistry of the soft hackle fly, as well as the various techniques in fishing these flies. His perspective gave us a deeper appreciation for the historical place this classic style holds in our sport, connecting modern fly tying with its rich traditions.

As if the tying and teaching weren't enough, Tom's culinary skills added yet another layer to the experience. The food and hospitality rounded out the day. Thank you, Tom.

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to tie alongside fellow club members, to learn from outstanding instructors, and to share a day filled with flies, stories, and camaraderie. It truly was a great day - one we'll remember every time we tie a Clouser, deer hair bug or soft hackle!

Tom Arnold



The Women's Open Forum at the 2026 BUFF Fly Fishing Show

Our topic for this year's Women's Open Forum is "*Safety on the Water*". It doesn't matter if you fish alone or with friends, you will come out with a few new tips to keep yourself safe. Join our panel February 7th at 12:00 p.m. and be part of a women-centered conversation. If we miss something, just ask!

As part of the topic, we will cover solo angling safety tips, overcoming fear, and dealing with awkward or uncomfortable interactions. Preparedness and safety gear will be discussed and on display, including river preparedness, wading staffs, whistles and other communication devices, optional life jackets and 1st aid kits.

The panel this year will be hosted by Cari Vota, BUFF Director of Women's Programs, Karen Via, MVFF President, and Linda Franklin, NKFF past Women's Outreach Coordinator. It should be, as always, a lively discussion!

The Region's Premier Outdoor Adventure Exposition

The Adventure Summit presented by Wagner Subaru celebrates 20 years of inspiration on Saturday, February 21st, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and is FREE.

Thousands of outdoor enthusiasts will converge on Dayton, Ohio: *The Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest* for a weekend of outdoor skill, culture and experience. Join them and see what the excitement is all about!

The Adventure Summit has a rich history of featuring world class outdoor personalities. From endurance runners to long distance backpackers and the founding father of mountain biking to polar explorers, our featured personalities each year are sure to inspire and amaze and this year will be no different with Michelle and Brian Coleman, Erick Cedeño, and Trapper Haskins.

New this year, on Friday, February 20, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., is [The Adventure Summit Kickoff Event: An Evening Featuring Films, Music, & Inspiration](#). The evening will feature the film "The Way, My Way", Q and A's with each of the featured presenters, and music by Trapper Haskins along with snacks (included) and a cash bar.

More at <http://theadventuresummit.com/>



MVFF Annual Auction

Get ready for another great event!

Many MVFF members, particularly our long-time members, know all about the Annual Auction and look forward to it each year. However, we have added a good number of new members in the past year and this event will be new to them.

The 2026 MVFF Annual Auction will be here before you know it (March 9th), so it is not too soon to begin preparing! The importance of the auction cannot be stressed enough; the club generates about half of its revenue from this single event, which helps support our speaker program, fly tying classes, and other events and activities of our club.



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. 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 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 offer guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. We have had some spectacular trips in the past that have been very popular. Whatever it is you can donate to the auction truly helps support the club. Secondly, be sure to show up and bid on the items! This would be an excellent meeting to bring along a guest or two that have a passion for the sport.

We'll have more information in the March issue.

Back to Waterfalls 2026

We will be going to Waterfalls Lodge on June 6th this spring and returning on June 13th.



At this time we have 14 people going up to Ontario and have room for 20 so if you haven't been on this trip you should consider it. Lots of good fishing and lots of fun!

The rate is \$875 for the week trip and includes a bass boat for every 2 people and a great evening meal at the dining room every day. If you bring your own boat each fisherman gets a \$100 discount off the week rate.

If you want more details check out the web site at WaterfallsLodge.com.

Or catch me at the February meeting and I will fill you in on the details.

Jim Calvert (cell: 937- 925-1211)



Ohio Council Newsletter

Ohio Council's Winter 2026 Newsletter is linked below for everyone's reading enjoyment. The periodic newsletter is OHC's ongoing attempt to keep fly fishers in Ohio up to date on regional matters and events. This email is being sent to all of the current FFI members in the Ohio Council. Feel free to forward this email to other FFI affiliate club member and fly fishing friends who are not FFI members. The OHC officers hopes that everyone will enjoy these newsletters; and please consider joining us by becoming an [FFI member](#) if you are not already.

If anyone has note-worthy content that they would like to contribute for future newsletters; please send an email to our [Newsletter Editor](#) for consideration. Use the linkn below to access the newest newsletter to read or download.

https://mcusercontent.com/38c4ba82eb8cd3357490ee92c/files/1e8f5d76-534b-331e-1fec-a4613d493ee1/Winter_2026_3.pdf

Prepping Your Hands for Tying & Tying Tips

Some helpful guidance from TU magazine that I thought is worth sharing.

Removing grit and grime from your hands will improve your overall experience and protect your materials. Keeping an emery board nearby is also a good practice.

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/fly-tying/trout-tip-prep-for-tying-flies/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=3eXI4

Also, here are some good short videos by TU with tying hints.

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/fly-tying/trout-tying-tip-prepping-materials/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=tATGb&zl=pMdn4

Jeff Warden

BUFF Banquet

I would like to invite you and the members of Miami Valley Fly Fishers to the Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual Banquet on Wednesday, March 11th at Oasis Conference Center.

The evening will feature a variety of raffle items, including fishing and non-fishing prizes, as well as guided trips. Registration can be completed online through our website, or members may print and mail in the registration form using the link below.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 513-827-5437.

Hope to see you there.

Bryan Tudor
Banquet Chair
V.P. Buckeye United Fly Fishers

[Annual Banquet - Buckeye United Fly Fishers](#)

When Nathan and I went to the BUFF meeting recently, we were encouraged to come to their annual banquet. Might be fun to see if a group of folks would be interested in going and get a table to support their program. Nathan and I are probably going to attend. ~ Karen Via

Yellowstone Angler's Basecamp

Anglers, I know everyone is busy, but just a quick email in case you missed it, registration for this summer is again in full swing. We have enjoyed seeing you in the past and would love to host you again this summer.



If you do have questions, please don't hesitate to email me at anglersbasecamp@awbsa.org or shoot me a text on my cell, 402 806 0185.

Looking forward to hearing from you, Bill Scheele.

Yellowstone Anglers' Basecamp is a 501(c)(3) non-profit fly fishing fundraiser activity for adults. We utilize Scouting America's Camp Buffalo Bill facility located on the banks of the Shoshone River between Cody, WY and Yellowstone National Park (about 10 miles from the east entrance). Proceeds support the Adventure West Council of Scouting America.

Your stay includes lodging, meals, and transportation to fishing. The camp is an incredible value for what you receive and offers the opportunity to fish some of the premier trout waters in the USA. Our 2026 Basecamp runs from July 22 until September 12, with full and half week stays.

Here is a little video one of our volunteers put together for participants [Video Here](#)

Research the camp website here [Yellowstone Anglers' Basecamp](#)

And register here [Full week registration here](#) [Half week registration here](#)

(MVFF member Eric Rice has made this trip several times and can give you insight on his experience. He plans on going this year as well.)

TU Mad River Chapter Updates

The Mayfly Project

The Mayfly Project uses fly fishing as a catalyst to mentor and support children in foster care.

Come join us for a fun social hour & raffle on February 5th at Nocterra-Audubon in Columbus from 6-8:30pm. It's a great opportunity to meet other fly fishing enthusiasts and raise money for a helpful cause.

Learn more about The Mayfly Project & get involved here: <https://themayflyproject.com/columbus-ohio-project/>

Follow them on Facebook and Instagram <https://www.facebook.com/The-Mayfly-Project-Columbus-OH-110128968244463/>



Trout in the Classroom

Volunteers in Action—

Huge shout-out to our TU Mad River Chapter volunteers! Rainbow trout eggs are officially on the move for another Trout in the Classroom season.

Pam Allen and Theresa Casey delivered eggs to Ohio's Northern Ohio TU chapter volunteers:

- Western Reserve
- Emerald Necklace (East & West)
- Fallen Timbers

Tom Allen also delivered eggs to five schools supported by TU Mad River Chapter, with Scott Shane wrapping up the remaining deliveries.

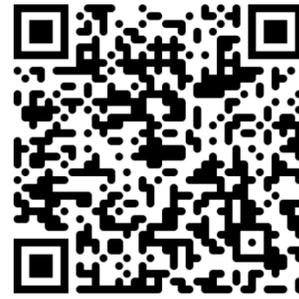
Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is a hands-on education program where students:

- Raise trout from eggs to fry
- Learn about water quality & habitats
- Connect science, conservation, and stewardship

TIC gives students a real connection to their local streams and rivers — and shows them how healthy water = healthy fish = healthy communities. Endless thanks to Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife for providing the eggs, expertise, and support that make this program possible.

Tom Allen





Saturday, February 7, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oasis Conference Center
902 Loveland-Miamiville Road
Loveland, Ohio

Admission is \$15 (kids under 12 free) / Exhibits of gear, supplies guides fly shops /
Demonstrations all day / Kids activities / Indoor casting pond / Fly Fishing 101
Women's Open Forum

Register for workshops to be held on February 6th at:

<https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/fly-show/fly-show-workshops/>

All the information at buckeyeflyfishers.com or scan the QR code above.

This is a great show that a good number of MVFF members attend each year. We will, as always, have a table at the event. If you are interested in helping and/or tying flies contact us at mvffemail@gmail.com.

2026 Northern Ohio Fly Fishing Expo

WHEN: Saturday, March 7, 2026

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

TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

MVFF has been invited to participate as a club to demonstrate tying and share the sport of fly fishing with attendees. If we can get enough interest in attending, we can set up a table and perhaps have a great adventure. We need at least 4 people to participate. If you are tying, there is no cost for you and a guest, but travel and lodging is on your own. We could consider sharing the ride, and lodging is available.

The show features a world-class seminar program, expert fly tiers, fly fishing clubs, a variety of vendors, guides, lodges, fishing/park locations, and related support organizations. It is an opportunity for experienced fly fishers to network and learn about new techniques, gear, and fly fishing locations. Beginners will learn about the sport and how to get started. There is something for the whole family.

I'm proud that they are asking us to attend to share our skills and the work of our Club.

~ Karen Via

Fly of the Month: Holy Grail Nymph

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook..... Curved caddis , size 12 – 20
Bead..... Gold or Copper
Thread..... Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Rib..... Mylar tinsel, holographic chartreuse
Body..... SLF Squirrel, olive
Wingcase..... Pheasant tail fibers, natural
Legs..... Hungarian partridge or brown
 speckled hen
Head..... Thread

1. Place the bead on the hook, then attach the thread in the middle of the hook shank and wrap a tight thread base back to above the hook point.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank over the hook point. (*The length of the ribbing should be going out over the hook bend.*) Wrap over the ribbing in tight touching turns back to close to the middle of the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Dub the thread lightly and wrap a tapered body forward to just in front of the hook point and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the ribbing and palmer it forward over the body in 3-4 turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing. Wrap the thread back to the front of the ribbing and let the thread hang.
5. Cut 7- 8 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in by their butts on **top** of the hook shank tight against the front of the body. (*The length of the fibers should be going back toward the hook bend.*) Remove any remaining fiber butts and cover the stubs with tight thread wraps.
6. Dub the thread lightly and take 2-3 wraps to cover the thread wraps binding down the pheasant tail fibers. (*There should now be bare hook shank between the front of the body and the hook eye equal to about 4-5 hook eye lengths.*)
7. Now push the bead back tight against the body, wrap the thread to the front of the bead and make several thread wraps to hold the bead back in place.
8. Select a hackle feather for the legs and trim away the fluff at its butt end. Fold the barbs back creating a notch at the tip, then strip the barbs off one side, and tie it in by the tip tight in front of the bead. Wrap the feather forward in 1-2 turns and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess feather butt.
9. Spread the feather fibers evenly down on each side of the fly, then pull the pheasant tail fibers forward over the bead and in between the feather fibers and tie them down behind the hook eye. Remove any excess pheasant tail fibers.
10. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

Mid-Week Fly Fishing 2026

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. (come anytime). If you have specific questions about events contact Ken at tigr75@gmail.com.

Date	Location	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
19-Mar	Delco Park		https://maps.app.goo.gl/iUgJXwx2Rx19tNwRA	Tiny streamers or mayfly nymphs for the crappies. Foam beetles or beadhead nymphs for bluegills. Bushy marabou streamers or crawdad imitations for the bass.
7-Apr	Rosewood Park		https://goo.gl/maps/D8UQYWmoxhxDGMRA	Bluegills, some are large, reports of bass.
23-Apr	Beaver Lake		https://maps.app.goo.gl/nyuVgJEtGaVdxD62A	Also access to Beaver Creek.
5-May	Eastwood Lagoon	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUJazx8fYWboSu5	Bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Marsh Hares for the bass. Many SMB in this water.
21-May	Oak Grove Park		https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTiXsR6	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.
9-Jun	Beavercreek Community Park		https://maps.app.goo.gl/8j1rWa75WWGAocHB6	Panfish, bass and some huge carp.
25-Jun	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. Cast about 5 feet from shore for gills, up to 10 feet for the bass.
7-Jul	Miami View Park		https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDj3uM8	Bluegills, catfish and bass.
23-Jul	Rip Rap Road Park	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNvGWOA	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.
4-Aug	Fuggin Pond		https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqlh49	Bluegills and largemouth bass.
20-Aug	Deer Meadow Park		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJGskM7Ug1766	Fishing for bass and big bluegills.
8-Sep	Wellfield Park		https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDevam6	This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.
24-Sep	Lofino Park		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6JGFax84Nejs6	Fishing for bass, crappies and bluegills. Olive Woolly Buggers, Zoo Cougars, and Muddlers for the bass, both LMB and SMB. Green Wienies or tiny streamers for the Crappies. Popper and dropper for the bluegills. (Or, if you're Shawn, a sponge spider and a Higga's SOS.)
13-Oct	Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	Kayaks, canoes	https://goo.gl/maps/Svz7GDDjR9uSaCiu5	Fishing for bass, crappies and bluegills.

Save the Dates

MVFF Beginner Fly Tying Classes

February 5, 12, 19, 26 / 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Buckeye Wealth Partners, 203 W. Franklin St.,
Centerville

Instructor - Kelly Kingery

Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

February 7th - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oasis Conference Center
902 Loveland-Miamiville Road
Loveland, Ohio

Registration for workshops (February 6th) is open -

<https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/fly-show/fly-show-workshops/>

Full information at buckeyeflyfishers.com

MVFF Monthly Meeting

February 9th - start at 5:30 p.m.

Kohler Center, 4572 Presidential Way, Kettering,
Ohio 45429

Speaker: Matthew Parker

Make your reservation now at <https://mvff.us/reservation/>



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>

Adventure Summit

February 21st - 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wright State University Auditorium

Full information at <http://theadventuresummit.com/>

2026 Dues Renew Now!

We are now accepting payments for 2026 dues.

The best way to pay is online through our PayPal portal either with your PayPal account or as a guest with a credit or debit card. Just go to the bottom of our home page (see link below) and click on the Pay Now button.

<https://mvff.us>

NOTE: If you are a new member who paid on September 1, 2025 or later you are considered paid for the 2026.

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>



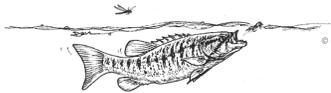
Little Miami Watershed Network

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.

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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>

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CALENDAR

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

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

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



Did You See the 2025 Michigan Trip Photos?

Another great trip!. See the story in the November 2025 issue of Tightlines and check out the photos from this trip and many others on our Facebook page - -

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

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 by emailing me at mvffemail@gmail.com.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

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