

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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March Meeting

Our next meeting is March 9th

Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Cash Bar This Meeting

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. There are no standing reservations. You need to make a reservation each month. You can also cancel your upcoming reservation by going to the same page listed below.

Please make your reservation at
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on March 5th

Get Your Donations Ready
for the MVFF Auction!

Great Buys on Equipment, Flies and
Much More!

A Fun Event You
Do Not Want to Miss!!!

President's Thoughts



March is finally here, and with it the promise of warmer days ahead. We've enjoyed some wonderful winter meetings — great food, great speakers, and great company — and our Annual Auction is just around the corner. The

auction is our one fundraiser, and it supports everything we do, including Casting for Recovery, Reel Recovery, and No One Left Behind. If you haven't taken a spin through your garage, closets, or storage spaces for those unused treasures, there's still time. And we can always use flies — fly collections tend to spark some impressive bidding wars at the auction. You'll find all the details about donating items in this newsletter.

And if you've never made the trip to Kettering for the auction, what are you waiting for? Let's extend a heartfelt thank-you to Rick Ordeman and his team of volunteers for the work they are putting in to make this event happen. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

We've also had a strong presence at recent community outreach events. The BUFF Show and the MetroParks Adventure Summit were terrific opportunities to showcase our talented tiers and connect with potential new members. I truly appreciate everyone who came out to support these efforts, and I'm excited for more chances to tie, cast, and share our love of fly fishing with each other and the wider community.

Fly Fishers International has introduced a new "Fly Fishing Fundamentals" program — six one-hour sessions designed to give beginners a solid foundation in all aspects of the sport. I've asked the Board to take a look at the program and consider

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February Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners

- White River 7'6", 3wt, 4pc fly rod - Doc Balazs
- White River Riseform fly line - John Young
- Cliff Bugger Beast fly box - Chris Powell
- North Face back pack, Super Line scissors - Everett Vanatta
- White River 7-8wt fly reel, fish net - Paul Dennis
- White River 9', 6wt, 4pc fly rod - Kelly Kingery
- Wyoming Trout Guide fly box - Chris Heaton
- White River bag, clip on glasses, Texas Roadhouse gift card - Stephanie Estes
- Fireball pack - Tamie Chapman
- Esther Price Candy box - Steve Rader
- Mystery Box: Mad River Outfitters \$50 gift card, slim fly box - JD Dukes

~ John Warner

President's Thoughts

how we might offer it, whether through group lessons or independent study. If you're interested in learning more, please let one of us know. If there's enough enthusiasm, we'll set up a time to explore it together.

We're also looking to create more opportunities to simply spend time together — informal tying sessions at a café or local brewery, outings with other clubs like BUFF and Women on the Fly, and in-person or virtual gatherings where our members can share their knowledge and skills. In short, I'd love for us to have more chances to connect.

Thank you again for the opportunity to help lead this Club. I'm proud of what we've accomplished and excited for everything still ahead.

Stay safe and warm — the sun is on its way.

Karen Via, Club President

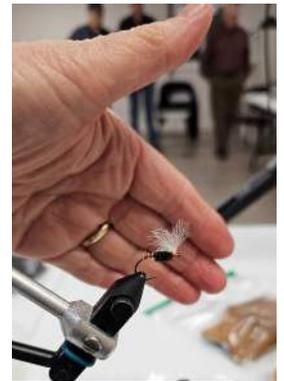
Tying Class Reaches Halfway Point

Fly tying classes are halfway over already. Everyone is doing such a great job! Look for flies from this year's crop of students at the auction March 9th. I think you'll be quite happy with your purchases. I couldn't do it without the aid of our great volunteers, either. They have been a wealth of knowledge and help. A special thank you goes to John Young for his mini knots lesson and the handout! I think we all learned something from it. Jeff Warden also shared a DVD on "Bugs of the Underworld". I found it fascinating and enjoyed all the educational information about the bugs fish eat and their life cycles. I'm really looking forward to the next half of the program!

~ Kelly Kingery

See more on our Facebook page -

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



MVFF Annual Auction

Get ready for another great event!

The 2026 MVFF Auction is almost here!

This year's auction will be on March 9th, 2026, at Koehler's Presidential Center in the building to the left of the building where our winter meetings are held. 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. The auction is built on donations from members and businesses who have extra gear they no longer need, so I am reaching out to you to get some things together to donate!

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, a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant, 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 used goods are another man's treasure. If you have a skill or a membership to another club, a gift certificate for a day on the water makes an excellent item for bid. Members who offer guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing, shooting, or golfing at a private club are also great items. We have had some spectacular outings in the past that have been very popular. Whatever it is you can donate to the auction will truly help support the club.

Donations can be dropped off starting at 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of March 9th at the Presidential Center. The front doors will be open and people will be there to help you unload. If you would like to drop off the items earlier, or get them picked up, reach out to me at 937-558-6993 or Rick@OrdesignEnv.com and I will get you taken care of. Please try to have all of your donations to the Auction **by 5:30** so we can get them numbered and organized.

Finally, **be sure to show up and bid on the items!** You will love whatever you buy, and the Club will benefit as well. It's a Win-Win situation! This would also be an excellent meeting to bring along a friend or two that have a passion for the sport. The more the merrier, and the better our activities will be for the coming year!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Rick Ordeman
Auction Coordinator

Auction Items Pickup

I have volunteered to collect flies that people will tie for the Auction. They can drop them off at my house or mail them to,

John Warner

4159 Possum Run Rd.

Bellbrook OH 45305

Call me (937-545-9846) and I will pick them up if within a reasonable distance.

PayPal Payments Will Be Accepted for March Auction Purchases

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

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

Secretary's Notes

February 9, 2026

The March meeting was brought to order at 6:27 p.m. All Board members present. 55 members present. Reminded to silence phones, to step out if you must talk and to please remember to wear your name tags.

New members – Tim Ryan, came because of Kelly Kingery's Five Rivers MetroParks fly fishing programs. Steve Brock came back to his hometown after he started fly fishing last year in Maryland, saw us online and decided to join us.

Guests – Buzz Hemmen, guest of Tom Perry.

"Welcome Tim, Steve and Buzz!!"

Board Reports:

President: Karen Via - Signups for Adventure Summit and thank you to tyers and chatters at Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishers Show. BUFF said thanks for coming and having such a great presence as well.

An ask was put out for members to donate some of their membership brochures that may be sitting around until more can be printed.

Vice President: Dave Williams – Generic club business cards will be available to club members to take while chatting with people about the club. Backs will have blanks so you can fill in a contact name/number.

Treasurer: Jim August – discussed the balances of the club monies.

Auction helpers, thanks in advance.

Secretary: Kelly Kingery – Three options will be available for vote on club pins. To be posted in Tightlines, and the vote will be at the March meeting.

Youth Program: Shawn Johnson for Bill DeShurko. Centerville High School class is underway with 18 students (only 4 boys). The class has met 3 times, 5 more to go, tying 2 flies each visit. In the spring they fish their flies. They are very excited!

Chaplain: Shawn Johnson – Benevolence cards, one for Jeff Davis surgery going out, Randy Evans' death in the family, Jim Calvert's wife having hip surgery next week.

No One Left Behind: Nathan Via – open to ALL veterans. April [Sunnybrook Trout Club](#) outing scheduled. Good fishing with cold, clear waters coming from nearby Clear Creek/Blue Hole. [Alan F. Bailey](#), a veteran that has a distinctive history with Honor Flight, has worked with us in serving veterans. We have Honor Flight applications. Most critical served first that had active duty during WW2, Korean, and Vietnam wars. Words were shared to encourage people to get their veterans application in.

[Reel Recovery](#): Mike Redmond – RR is looking for fishing buddies to help the participants June 16-18. If interested contact Mike or go online.

[Casting for Recovery](#): Stephanie Estes – 2 retreats again this year! (June and September).

Adventure Summit fly tyers and club chatters needed. Chat about the club, encourage membership. Contact President, Karen Via to sign up!

AUCTION: Rick Ordeman, March 9th – HELPERS NEEDED! ..., sorting items/set up, numbering, managing fly donations, bid spotters, item runners, etc. Rick will reach out to last year's volunteer list. Need donations! No junk! (things already donated: flies from Greg Czarnecki, rods, artwork, a stay at a cabin in TN.) Rick will be willing to pick up if you can't deliver.

Northern Fly Fishing Expo: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., March 7th, Kirkland, Ohio (up by Cleveland). If no booth, there will be a caravan of members. Contact Karen or Nate Via for details. MVFF members have been invited by BUFF for their "Celebration Dinner", March 11th, 6-9:00 p.m. [Please register on BUFF site.](#)

Mid-Weeks: Ken Davy – dates are on the website, on Facebook and in Tightlines. Meet up to fish at the various locations - spread events around so convenient to everyone sometime. Wading and boating options throughout the year.

Trips: Jim Calvert reporting – Canada, June 6th, Waterfalls Lodge, Ontario, couple openings yet. Yellowstone – no report from Eric.

NOTE: Todd Alexander, member – approved for double lung transplant. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Guest Speaker, Matt Parker with "Decoding Local Waters".

Matt gave the group a wonderful presentation that was packed full of great species-specific tips and technical information. He laid out his professional foundation by giving a timeline of his growth through his fishing journey, as well as his inherited pedigree from his father. Being a wildlife biologist (Five Rivers MetroParks), a general manager at a local fly fishing shop (Reel Fly Rod) and working in finance with a local university (University of Dayton) has all been part of molding his expertise. From traveling far and wide, to living daily on the local waters in the Dayton region, Matt has been able to shape a resume that fits anyone's interest in chasing the fishing dream. He talked of tactics for smallmouth, tips for trout, and prime hot spots for "Kentucky Bonefish" (carp for those less enlightened) and gar, too! He also gave a list of his preferred flies for each, through season changes, water temperatures and depths, as well as specific casting techniques. Listening to Matt's presentation and seeing his passion, it was evident that he means it when he says, "I want you to be successful, not just get paid." Check out [DaytonFlyFishing.com](#) to book your trip with Matt Parker soon!

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



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

Whitewater River Cleanup

Buckeye United Fly Fishers

Mark Your Calendar!

March 28 Whitewater River Cleanup

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Please join us for a cleanup along the banks of the Whitewater River outside Liberty, Indiana. The cleanup will be along the area where we annually fish for White Bass in late April and early May. This is being organized with assistance from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. This will be primarily on land but you may want to bring waders just in case they're needed. Since this is spring, wet conditions are likely.

The event will take place Saturday, March 28th 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Meet at the access just west of the State Road 44 bridge that crosses the Whitewater River. Sign up on our website in the events calendar. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sign up here -

<https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/events/whitewater-river-cleanup/>

Website & Related Updates

You should now receive an email confirmation after making your dinner reservation. You'll still see the usual confirmation page on the website—this email is simply an extra layer of reassurance. Hopefully it helps those of us who sometimes can't remember whether we already made a reservation!

Please keep an eye on your spam or junk folder for this confirmation email, just in case. System-generated emails occasionally end up there, and depending on your email provider, there's a small chance they could be blocked.

Speaking of blocked emails—some of you may have noticed issues receiving *Tightlines* when we send it as a PDF attachment. Recently, more of these emails have been blocked, particularly by Spectrum and legacy Road Runner email accounts, as they've tightened their bulk email filters. Attachments (like our PDF newsletter) can sometimes trigger those filters, and sending through Gmail doesn't always help.

For now, we're sending a link to the newsletter on the website instead of attaching the file. Simply click the link to open or download it. We're exploring a dedicated email service for bulk mailings, but the link-only approach should work well in the meantime.

Website Registrations

75% of our members have registered on the website. We'd love to see that number grow! Registering (and logging in) gives you access to members-only areas, including the searchable member directory. You'll be able to look up contact information that isn't visible to the public.

Finally, please take a moment to review our website tips here:

<https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/MVFF-Website-Tips.pdf>

If you run into any problems with the site, please let me know. I'll do my best to help sort things out. Just email me at mvffemail@gmail.com.

Tom Arnold

Back to Waterfalls 2026 - 2 Openings Available

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



At this time we have 2 openings for our adventure in Ontario. 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 March meeting and I will fill you in on the details.

Jim Calvert (cell: 937- 925-1211)



Check out our Facebook photo albums from past Canada trips -

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

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

Kroger Community Rewards Can Support Casting for Recovery – Ohio

Do you shop at Kroger? When you use your Kroger card, Casting for Recovery - Ohio could get your community rewards. We use the money to send Thrivers and Survivors through our program. Head to Kroger.com, log on, and select my account. If you scroll down on the left-hand side, you will see Community Rewards. Here you can select Casting for Recovery - Ohio. If the name search does not work you can use our Organization Number: UM620.

Casting for Recovery – Ohio on Facebook . . . <https://www.facebook.com/CastingForRecoveryOhio/>

Michigan Angler's Base Camp

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

The camp is in Clare, Michigan at Camp Rotary, one of Scouting America's camps owned and administered by the Michigan Crossroads Council. You will be very pleased to know that Clare is located right in the center of the lower peninsula of Michigan within an hour of every great trout river in this geographic region. Additionally, there are literally hundreds of lakes available for fly fishing including Beebe Lake, right on the property of Anglers' Base Camp. Canoes and kayaks are available for your use on Beebe Lake.

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

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

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

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

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

Tim Guilfoile | tim@riverjournal.org | (859) 652-0088
michiganscouting.org/anglers-basecamp/

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

Yellowstone Angler's Basecamp

Anglers, 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.)



Fly of the Month: Chan's Frostbite Chironomid

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook..... Curved Caddis, size 12-22
Thread Black or desired body color, 6/0 or
8/0 depending on hook size
Bead Copper or gold bead
Body Red tinsel, Flashabou accent, or
holographic flash
Rib Fine silver wire
Breathers White Antron or poly yarn
Thorax Peacock herl
Head Thread

1. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to slightly in front of the hook point, then wrap back to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove the thread tag and let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of white Antron and tie it in by its middle slightly behind the hook eye on top of the hook shank as breathers. Be careful to not use too much Antron so that the bead can slide forward over it. Keeping the butt end of the Antron on top of the hook shank, wrap back over the butt end of the Antron to the front of the hook point. Trim off the excess Antron butt, do a whip finish, and cut the thread.
3. Now slide the bead forward over the Antron butts to right behind the hook eye. Be sure that the Antron stays on top of the hook shank projecting out over the top of the hook eye.
4. Tie in the thread again behind the bead and wrap a small thread dam to keep the bead in place, then tie in a 6" piece of ribbing and 8"-10" piece of body material by one end and wrap back over the length of them with tight thread wraps back to slightly down the hook bend. Now wrap the thread back to slightly behind the bead. Make sure that you have a smooth thread underbody.
5. Wrap the body material forward in tight overlapping wraps to slightly behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess body material.
6. Now palmer wrap the ribbing forward over the body in 5-6 turns to slightly behind the bead and tie it off. Remove any excess rib. (Note: At this point you may opt to tie off the thread and coat the body with epoxy, UV resin, or nail polish to strengthen it and make it more durable.) After the polish is dry, tie in the thread at the front of the body and continue to step 7.
7. Now select 2 peacock herls, trim off the butt ends and tie them in slightly behind the bead. Wrap them forward to behind the bead, forming a herl thorax, and tie them off behind the bead. Trim off the excess herl, do a whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread.

First Mid-Week Event of 2026

March 19, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)

Delco Park (see page 10)

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/D8UQYWmoxhcDGMRA	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

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

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

Instructor - Kelly Kingery

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Kettering, Ohio 45429

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

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Oasis Conference Center
902 Loveland-Miamiville Road
Loveland, Ohio

Registration at:

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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>

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Buckeye United Fly Fishers

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Sign up and all information is here . . .

<https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/events/whitewater-river-cleanup/>



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>

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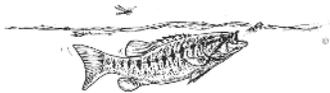
Little Miami Watershed Network

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>

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/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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