

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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April Meeting

Our next meeting is April 13th

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 April 9th

Spring Fling Raffle

The April meeting is when we hold our Spring Fling Raffle! This raffle will again be filled with very special items and only club members can participate.

This is one you don't want to miss!

President's Thoughts



Well, we are finally entering the formal start of spring. From the adrenaline of the auction to the great attendance at our recent meetings, the energy is higher than a bass hitting a golden anniversary topwater plug (a reference to Jim's

great anniversary fly)! Here is the latest on where we've been and the great things coming our way.

I truly enjoyed convening our last few indoor meetings. It's been great to see new faces joining our long-time members; the depth of knowledge in the room is incredible, and I know everyone is itching to get back on the water.

A Record-Breaking Auction: I was thrilled by the incredible turnout for our auction—fantastic items, an excellent auctioneer, and enthusiastic bidders throughout the night. None of it would have been possible without Rick and his dedicated Auction Volunteers, whose hard work made the event such a success. Whether you donated gear, engaged in a bidding war over that special box of flies, or volunteered your time, you made it a resounding success. With your generosity, we've secured the funds needed to keep our club thriving and continue our vital conservation and charitable efforts.

Inspiring the Next Generation: It was also great to see students attend our auction again this year. I am incredibly proud of our members who conduct classes at Centerville High School and provide tying demonstrations at Bellbrook Sugarcreek Middle School. Ensuring the sport of fly fishing is passed on to the next generation is one of our most important missions.

Mark your Calendars: Our next meeting is the one

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

we've all been waiting for. In April, we will host our Spring Fling, where members in good standing can participate in a raffle for some serious prizes. We have a fantastic array of items hitting the table this year. And we have a special raffle for an amazing Montana Brothers Fly Rod that John Warner was able to acquire for the club. This is a world-class piece of equipment any of us would be proud to own. Be sure to bring some extra cash (and luck) for your tickets!

Outdoors in May: With warmer weather, it's time to ditch the fluorescent lights for sunshine and water! Starting in May, we officially move to outdoor meetings. We'll be enjoying beef and chicken on the grill again so be sure to make reservations to eat with us. We also look forward to the return of our casting competition and lessons on the lawn. We are considering guest speakers and other special opportunities for these summer sessions, so stay tuned for more details. Oh, you might want to bring a lawn chair, as we can get a bit crowded around the picnic tables, and bring your fly fishing gear to toss a fly at a few bluegill and bass!

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent our club and appreciate the support the Board and I have received. Stay safe, and I'll see you at the April meeting!

Karen Via, Club President

MVFF 2026 Auction Sets New Record!

The 2026 MVFF Annual Auction was a wonderful event! The night started out with cocktails and a nice buffet dinner provided by Koehler. Our usual hostess was on hand to help with anything we needed and did it with a smile. After dinner, the auction started 15 minutes early, which was a good thing as we proceeded. We had over 300 items including rods, reels, flies (of course), fly tying benches – vises – supplies, apparel, vintage tackle boxes, guided trips, original artwork, a canoe, two inflatable boats with motors, and that doesn't cover everything! We also had a wonderful auctioneer, Jeff Puterbaugh, who kept everyone interested and entertained. The bidding started out a bit slow, as it usually does while everyone got comfortable, and then the gloves came off. I think I heard Jeff say, "There are no friends at an Auction!" Bidding on most items was strong, as evidenced by the final tally of \$7,246.00!!!! Thank you ALL for attending and bidding!

The auction would not be possible without support from The Auction Crew. I will not make the mistake of trying to name them all as, knowing me, I will leave someone out, but we had over 20 people helping out. Pre-auction activities included: gathering donations weeks before the auction, retrieving items from the Club's storage unit, picking up special donations (such as a canoe and boats) from an estate, getting auction numbers and item numbers, organizing things at the Presidential Center, putting numbers on each item or lot, registering people as they enter, holding things up or projecting them during the auction, distributing the won items, recording the winning bid and buyer's number, cashing everyone out, clearing the hall at the end, and totaling the final numbers. It's exhausting just typing the list (which likely missed some activities). We also can't forget everyone that tied flies and set them up in groups for sale, and everyone who donated sporting items, and a few lawn care tools. We couldn't have done this without everyone's support!

As the Coordinator of the event, I know people will look to give me credit, but I just "coordinate" and help keep things rolling smoothly. The crew, the donators, and the auctioneer are the ones who deserve the credit, as well as the bidders which covers most of the rest of us. When you see people you saw working the event at the next meeting, be sure to give them a pat on the back and a big thank you for their support!

Until next year...

Rick Ordeman, Auction Coordinator

Spring Fling Raffle

Our Spring Fling Raffle is the highlight of the April 13, 2026 meeting! Join us for a fun evening. It's always an exciting event and we have some great items you may very well be interested in. For those who are unfamiliar with this raffle - you will put your tickets in the bowl in front of the item or items you are interested in. And we assure you, there will be some attractive offerings as always. So bring lots of cash!

Worth Repeating: Only paid-up members may participate in this raffle. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, be sure to pay your dues before the event to ensure eligibility! If you are unsure of your dues status, please contact us at mvffemail@gmail.com.

Special Rod Raffle

A Montana Brothers Fly Rod will be up for raffle at the April Meeting. This Raffle is separate from the Spring Fling Raffle. The rod is a 9 ft 4 wt 3 pc, valued at \$975. Tickets are \$20 each and a limited number of tickets will be sold.

This is quite an opportunity to get one of the finest rods available anywhere. These rods are built by Dan and Doug Daufel, Lifetime members of MVFF.

On their website you can get more information on the rods and read reviews by respected members of the fly fishing community - <https://www.mbrflyrods.com/>

John Warner

Mid-Week Fly Fishing

The outing at Delco on March 19th was attended by two club members. Fish activity was very sparse with only a half dozen miniscule sunfish brought to hand.

April: Mid-Weeks are scheduled for Lincoln Park on the 7th, and Beaver Lake on the 23rd. The map data for these locations are in the Mid-Week Fly Fishing spreadsheet in this issue of Tightlines, on the Calendar page of the club website and on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/events>.

ODNR Trout Releases

The local releases of rainbow trout are Sycamore State Park on April 6th, Poplar Creek on the 9th, and Crystal Lake in Eaton on the 11th.

Tom's Pond Outings

There is an outing scheduled at the ponds of Mr. Tom Boice on the 15th of April. This will be a Take-A-Kid Fishing outing. Bear in mind that, even though this is an event for kids, it is still a fly fishing outing.

There will also be a general club outing at Tom's on the 29th of April. Both of these outings will begin at 4:30 p.m.

You must sign up for these events. Once you complete online form a confirming email with the address of the event will be sent to you. Sign up here - <https://mvff.us/outing-signup-form/>

See the announcements on page 5 of this issue.

Ken Davy

WOW!

What a great auction we had last month! I always enjoy helping during this event and was kept very busy tagging items as they kept pouring in - clear up to the start of the meeting! MVFF club members are indeed a generous bunch. It was most obvious when bids were cut off in favor of the student's bids so that they could get some gear for their new fly fishing endeavors. Another long night, but I think we garnered a fair amount of funds to be spent for the good of the club. I for one will be looking forward to the speakers this will bring in. There were some really quality flies tied and donated, as well. Some were donated by the Beginner Fly Tying students, and I hope you count yourself lucky to have purchased any of those.

Fly Tying Class Concludes

After 8 weeks of classes, the final session just wrapped up on March 26th. For fun, we had a tying competition where each student could submit a fly from the selection they learned during the program. They had 16 flies to choose from for submittal. Our volunteer crew had the honor of judging each of the 8 flies. Flies submitted were: (2) Wooly Bugger, Clouser Minnow, (2) Rubber Leg Copper John, Ken's Crazy Ant, Smoke Jumper, and Parachute Adams.

Our winners were: First Place (Tying Book and large MVFF fly box) Christopher Powell. Second Place (large MVFF fly box) Jeff Warden. Third place (small MVFF fly box) Chris Heaton. The judges had their hands full deciding the lineup as ALL did a good job. Considerations included proportion, balance, technique, and finish. Our top three tyers paid very close attention to detail, and that is what gave them the edge. Congratulations to ALL our tyers! They knocked it out of the park each night.

I also want to thank the club for entrusting the tying program to me this year. I have been a student for many years under the tutelage of Master Fly Tyer Woody Woodward, Frank Cox, and others in both the Beginner and Advanced programs. I consider it a great honor to have filled the instructor's seat this year. And I also want to thank all the volunteers who showed up to help the students during the instruction. In particular, Frank Cox was awesome with all his camera set up and projection through the large screen TV. A special thanks goes out to Eric Rice for teaching a fly. Everyone was doing so well that we ended early several nights, so Eric brought materials and taught a foam beetle pattern (and we still got out on time!). Another thank you goes out to John Young for bringing in handouts and teaching a knot clinic.

Throughout the program I would consult the "peanut gallery" of volunteers for their personal input on a technique, or material, or hook types. It was great to be able to give several perspectives and I think the students benefited from it.

If you might be interested in tying classes, let the Board know. We are looking into adding some popup tying get-togethers and would appreciate your ideas and attendance. Stay tuned!



Submitted by Kelly Kingery

Upcoming Special Outings

Ken Davy, in coordination with Tom Boice, has arranged for two fun outings on the ponds at Tom's property. The details are below. We ask that you to register in advance for these events so we have an idea of the number of participants we can expect. The signup link is below; you can sign up for both events at the same time. If you have questions or your plans change email us at mvffemail@gmail.com.

TAKE A KID FLY FISHING

APRIL 15, 4:30 - 7:30 PM

TOM'S POND, XENIA, OH

THIS IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR MVFF MEMBERS ACCOMPANIED BY 1 TO 3 KIDS 12 OR UNDER.

Since this event is held at the farm of MVFF member Tom Boice, we would like to get an idea of how many members are coming, who they are and who they are bringing. Please fill out the form at the URL below to allow us to collect this information. When you submit your form an email confirmation will include the address for the event (check your junk/spam folder). Let's get a new crop of anglers started! This is a bring-your-own snacks activity! Sign up below.



MVFF MEMBERS ONLY AT TOM'S

APRIL 29, 4:30 - 7:30 PM

TOM'S POND, XENIA, OH

THIS IS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR MVFF MEMBERS ONLY

Since this event is held at the farm of MVFF member Tom Boice, we would like to get an idea of how many members are coming and who they are. Please fill out the form at the URL below. When you submit your form an email confirmation will include the address for the event (check your junk/spam folder).

Fishing these ponds is a truly memorable experience! Come on out and join the fun! This is a bring-your-own-snacks activity! Sign up below.



Sign up here: <https://mvff.us/outing-signup-form/>

In Memory of Greg Ogdan

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of long-time MVFF member Greg Ogdan on March 11th.

Greg was an active and valued member of our club for many years. He was always willing to share his knowledge with less experienced members, offering guidance, encouragement, and a helping hand whenever it was needed. His generosity of spirit made a lasting impression on many within our club.

Greg was also actively involved in our Project Healing Waters volunteer efforts serving veterans, giving his time and energy to support others through the healing and enjoyment of fly fishing.



He brought a welcoming, positive attitude to every gathering—with a smile on his face and a story ready to share. Greg had a way of making people feel comfortable and included, and his presence added something special to every event.

Greg will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but fondly remembered for the kindness, warmth, and enthusiasm he brought to our club.

I was saddened to hear that Greg had passed away. He was one of the good guys that was fun to fish with but also had many humorous experiences that he was eager to share. He also was very reliable in volunteering to participate in the Healing Waters program and MVFF. May he rest in peace. – Carl Markstrom



TU Mad River Chapter Annual Meeting - April 18

Join the Mad River Chapter of Trout Unlimited for a morning of conversation, connection, and celebration of the Mad River.

This year's gathering will be a casual annual meeting rather than a formal gala. We plan to host the larger gala every other year and alternate with a more relaxed event that allows members and friends of the chapter to spend time together and stay connected to the work being done on the river.

The business portion of the meeting will be brief. The focus of the morning will be fellowship, sharing updates about chapter activities, and celebrating the community that supports and cares for the Mad River.

We'll also have a small raffle with a few fun prizes to wrap up the morning.

This event is free and open to members and friends of the Mad River Chapter.

We hope to see you there.

Pam Allen, TU Mad River Chapter

Mad River Chapter Annual
Meeting - April 18
Van Dyke Club
11044 Old Columbus Rd.
Springfield OH 45369

Mad River Stream Water Quality
Monitoring - July 18
West Liberty Lions Club Ball Park
West Liberty OH 43357

Mad River Stream Water Quality
Monitoring - May 30
West Liberty Lions Club Ball Park
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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

Some Deals and Interesting Gear

Decent graphite reels for only \$20. For the frugal fly fisher.

<https://www.flyshack.com/DisplayItem.aspx?ItemID=102524&LCI=X>

Essential for your tying bench: OttLite® Slimline LED Desk Lamp
LED, folds flat. \$39.99 at Michaels, but you can often save 20-30% if ordered online.

<https://tinyurl.com/yb88hf65>

An Interesting “fly box”: Buggalow Fly Box

<https://shop.littleriveroutfitters.com/buggalow-fly-box-free-shipping/>

How about a gadget for safely measuring and weighing your catch quickly.

FishTechy 1.4" Proof Ball: The FishTechy 1.4" Proof Ball is a unique system for quick, precise and stress-free fish measurements. Using the AI-powered Fishtechy App, it captures length, girth, and weight in seconds.

<https://shop.littleriveroutfitters.com/fishtechy-1-4-proof-ball-free-shipping/>

Enjoy, Jeff Warden



Handle Fish Safely for Soft Release

Fly Fishers International continues to lead efforts to increase fish survival by advocating a new Conservation Initiative, “Handle Fish Safely for Soft Release” when the fly fisher does not intend to “keep” the fish. This is especially important as the sport of fly fishing continues to expand and fishing pressures increase. Moreover, some fish species are declining due to both overharvest and habitat loss. The fact that photographing our catch for posting on social media has become so prevalent also makes proper fish handling increasingly more important.

Read more at <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Conservation/Conservation-Education/Handle-Fish-Safely>

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](https://www.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/>

Fly of the Month: Galloup's Ant Acid

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook..... Dry, size 12-16 1XL
Thread..... Brown/Tan/Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Abdomen..... Fine and Dry Dubbing, tan
Under wing..... Flashabou Accent, holographic
gold/copper
Wing..... Deer hair
Thorax..... Fine and Dry dubbing, Rusty
Brown/dark brown
Legs..... Centipede legs

1. Place the hook in the vise, then tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook bend.
2. Dub the thread thinly with dark dubbing and wrap a football shaped abdomen between the hook bend to slightly behind the middle of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess. The thread should now be at the front of abdomen.
3. Cut 7 - 8 strands of flash legging material and tie them in on top of the hook shank by one end tight against the front of the abdomen. Trim off any excess flash butts and cover them with thread wraps. The length of the flash should be going back over the hook bend as an underwing. Trim the flash even with the back of the hook bend.
4. Dub the thread with a lighter contrasting dubbing and wrap a small ball over the thread wraps tying in the flash underwing. This ball should be about equal in thickness to the abdomen thickness and should extend from the front of the abdomen to slightly past the middle of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess. Remember, keep this ball small.
5. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair and measure the tips to reach back to the end of the flash underwing. Tie the hair in on top of the hook shank in front of the small ball with tight thread wraps, then trim the butts close to the wing and cover any remaining butts with thread wraps. You should now have about ¼ of the hook shank bare between the wing and hook eye.
6. Dub the thread with the dark dubbing and wrap a thorax similar in shape (football) to the abdomen and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. Be sure to end tying the thorax with the thread in front of the wing ready for tying in the legs.
7. Cut two 1"- 2" pieces of legging material and tie one in by its middle on each side of fly right between the back of the thorax and the front of the wing. Do a whip finish right in front of the legs and cut the thread. Trim the legs so that the back legs reach back to the end of the wing and the front legs reach to slightly in front of the hook eye.

Upcoming Mid-Week Events

April 7, Lincoln Park Pond

April 23, Beaver Lake

4:30 until dark (come anytime)

(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 tiggr75@gmail.com.

Date	Location	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
19-Mar	Delco Park		https://maps.app.goo.gl/jUgJXwx2Rx19tNwRA	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	Lincoln Park		https://maps.app.goo.gl/RAuWMRdYH7JMXsxV9	This pond is new in the rotation, Still collecting intel.
23-Apr	Beaver Lake		https://maps.app.goo.gl/nvyUvgjETgaVdxD62A	Also access to Beaver Creek.
5-May	Eastwood Lagoon	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUazx8fYWboSu5	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/iBV9FWjR2wITtXsR6	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/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.
4-Aug	Fuggin Pond		https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqJh49	Bluegills and largemouth bass.
20-Aug	Deer Meadow Park		https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766	Fishing for bass and big bluegills.
8-Sep	Wellfield Park		https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDeyam6	This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.
24-Sep	Lofino Park		https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6lGFax84Nejs6	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 Higgs's SOS.)
13-Oct	Carriage Hill - Cedar Lake	Kayaks, canoes	https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5	Fishing for bass, crappies and bluegills.

Save the Dates

Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events

April 7, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)
Lincoln Park Pond (see page 10)

April 23, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)
Beaver Lake (see page 10)

MVFF Monthly Meeting

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Ohio 45429

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Van Dyke Club
11044 Old Columbus Rd.,
Springfield OH 45369

<https://tu.myeventcenter.com/event/Mad-River-Chapter-Annual-Meeting-122654?redir=1>



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>

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 link below to access the newest newsletter to read or download.

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



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

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

Mobile App

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



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

MVFF

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

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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 - -

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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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