

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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## June Meeting

Our next meeting is June 8th

Dayton FOP Lodge  
4275 Powell Road  
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

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

Please make your reservation at  
<https://mvff.us/reservation/>  
by 9:00 p.m. on June 4th

## Upcoming Mid-Week Events

June 9, Argonne Lake

June 25, Arthur Fisher Park

4:30 until dark (come anytime)

(see page 10)

## President's Thoughts



As spring transitions to summer, many of us celebrate the opportunity to reconnect with nature. Stepping away from our pressing daily stressors—even for just a few minutes—allows us to truly relax beside the

water. The familiar rhythm of casting and the quiet thrill of watching a fish rise to take a fly keep us deeply committed to this amazing sport.

What I love seeing most in our members is that fulfillment isn't just found in the flies we tie or the fish we catch. It is also found in the vast knowledge and skills you all willingly share, especially with our youth and new members. Introducing others to angling is the absolute best way to ensure the legacy of our beautiful sport while building a healthier community.

Studies show that fishing, especially fly fishing, provides measurable physical and mental health benefits that feed the mind, body, and spirit. Key benefits include:

- **Healthy, Low-Impact Exercise:** Wading and hiking streams engage core muscles and improve balance.
- **Digital Disconnection:** Time on the water significantly reduces harmful screen time.
- **Active Mindfulness:** Focusing on the physics of your cast naturally builds mental clarity.

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## President's Thoughts (cont'd)

- **Lifelong Memories:** Time on the river creates beautiful, lasting experiences with friends and family.

I want us all to know about everything our club does to support the local area; we truly have so much to be proud of. When we teach someone to fish, we offer them a lifetime of quiet reflection, outdoor adventure, and community connection. Let's continue expanding our casting circles, sharing our favorite fly patterns, and welcoming the next generation of anglers to the river, pond or lake.

Thank you for allowing me to continue leading this Club.

Karen Via, Club President

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## Secretary's Notes

May 11, 2026

The membership thanked our great cooks and others who helped prepare our meal!

We had an amazing number of people at the meeting, including several guests who were welcomed and one new member.

Karen shared updates from Board activities, including consolidating and creating a single logo for the club, purchasing additional pins and other membership items, and planning for review of our bylaws in late summer/early fall.

Karen also shared plans to have guest speakers come

to our summer meetings, not to provide education like in the winter, but to give updates on programs and projects across the fishing community.

Jim August shared financial documents and updates from our budget.

Jim Calvert shared an update on the club trip to Canada. Ken Davy discussed Mid-Week fishing activities as well.

A meeting following our regular business meeting was held to discuss opportunities for increased outreach and club support. Several members are interested in virtual opportunities to tie flies, and we are going to explore locations where we might meet informally to tie flies together at local bars or restaurants.

*~ Respectfully submitted by Karen Via*



## June Casting Competition

NYMPH FLY (4 WT rod)

Here are the rules for casting the nymph . . .

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

# June is Women's Fly Fishing Month

This month we celebrate the accomplishments and participation of women in fly fishing. From pioneering anglers like Joan Wulff to the many inspiring guides and experts on our waters today, come together and celebrate women in fly fishing during the month of June. What began as National Women's Fly Fishing Day on June 27th several years ago has grown into National Women's Fly Fishing Month. Join Fly Fishers International in celebrating women anglers.

## From Fly Fishers International

This June, celebrate women fly fishers all month and join FFI Women Connect for Womens Fly Fishing Month! Find a list of events below and follow FFI Women Connect on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on activities. If you would like to receive regular updates about FFI Women Connect, sign up for their email newsletter by clicking [here](#).

June Women's Fly Fishing Month 2026 Events (there are a few local and online events. A full listing can be found at [flyfishersinternational.org/events](https://flyfishersinternational.org/events))

## FFI Women Connect

June 1 through August 30, 2024

Fly Fishing Photo Contest

Win prizes for your photos. Entry fee applies.

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/FFIWC-Photo-Contest>

## FFI Women Connect

June 4

FFI Online - Zoom Event

Guests: Casting for Recovery volunteers

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

## Ohio Council

June 8

Women's Flyfishing 101 Workshop

Hudson Springs Park, Stowe, Ohio

[www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events](http://www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events) or Sara 216-310-3399

## FFI Women Connect

June 18

FFI Online - Zoom Event

Guests: Marion Hiller & Mary Ann Dozer share casting information.

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

## Buckeye United Fly Fishers

<https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/events/categories/womens/>

Cari Vota [vota@zoomtown.com](mailto:vota@zoomtown.com)



There some great resources through FFI Women Connect. You can easily subscribe to be alerted to new issues and events.

<https://mailchi.mp/flyfishersinternational.org/january-2026-programs-12934062?e=fd808e749d>

# No One Left Behind

On May 2nd, MVFF's veteran program, No One Left Behind, had our first of what will now be an annual fishing trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club and Conference Center. Our vets braved the 3-hour, one way drive to Sandusky, Ohio and upon arrival, were faced with cold and sleeting conditions. The property has 2 miles of flowing stream with deep holes, tight bends, waterfalls and a lot of tree cover.

During the next 9 hours, our vets adapted to conditions and techniques outside of the familiar strategies used in pond and lake fishing. Everyone caught fish and had a great time.

In addition to the fishing, new friendships were formed on the 3 hour ride home.

I can't say enough about our host Jewel Young and her family. Thanks to them and their commitment to fly fishing service-minded programs, we will be looking to make at least one additional trip to Sunnybrook later this year.

Please check the MVFF Facebook page for upcoming local No One Left Behind outings and locations.

Nathan and Karen Via



Left to right: Chip Sutton, Ed Bailey, Jason Turpin, Tamie Chapman, Nathan, Ken Davy



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# Outdoor Casting Competition

The May meeting marks the beginning of our outdoor season and, of course, the Outdoor Casting Competition. The competition will be the same as past years. Here are the events for each month and a brief description of the rules.

Everyone will be using a club rod to even up the competition. So you don't even have to bring your gear.

These are fun events and a chance to learn a bit in the process as there are always folks to give you tips. Come give it a try!



## MAY - DRY FLY (4 WT rod)

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

## JUNE - NYMPH FLY (4 WT rod)

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

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

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

## AUGUST - BASS BUG (7 WT rod)

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

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

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

Look forward to seeing you at the pond!

*Allen Berg*

# 29

There is nothing better than a warm body next to you in bed in the morning.

“Oh, No. It’s 6 o’clock.”

And there goes the warm body and any thought of another hour’s sleep.

“Clint said he’d meet us at 8.”

And the warm body disappears from view tripping in the near darkness to the nightlight in the bathroom.

Clint, today’s guide, is probably still snoring a hundred feet from my warm, once warm, bed with no thought but bliss.

Breakfast of blueberry pop tarts, fruit cups, and a toaster pastry of egg, cheese, and bacon.

Two cup coffee ritual is a forgotten luxury.

We dress in the gathering dawn, helping each other into knee socks, waders, and boots.

(I’m still dreaming of warm bodies.)

She is clearly not wanting to miss a moment! Having floated the Au Sable and the Watauga, the thrill of a late spring start on the Pere Marquette has her organized and ready!

7:35 we open the inn door to frost.

Clint is out walking Zeus, the 4 lb. lap dog of mighty voice and wet tongue. Clint waves, noting he is still in sweat pants and tee shirt (which is common winter wear for Michiganners).

Too dressed to sit in the bedroom we tell ourselves we’re ‘acclimatizing’ and stay outside, but behind the breakroom as a breeze is building ...and rethinking every piece of clothing hoping it’s enough.

Cheerful Clint bounds out the front door to the warming truck and bids us enter.

At Green Cottage we stand and watch the launching and follow careful instructions to find we are melting ice off the seats in the skiff.

“29”, Clint hollers over his shoulder as he shoves off manning the oars. “29 degrees and the sky is too damn clear!”

Cindy has her hands in her pockets in the rear post and all I see of her eyes is what’s peeking out over the turned up coat collar.

The first ‘hole’ is ten minute’s oar downstream.

Clint sets the anchor, lets the line slip a few feet, and says “What a great day to fish”.

After instructions on the cast, the arch, and lay of the unseen steelys, Cindy puts a couple casts in midstream then hues a perfect bubble line chuck an’ duck.

Letting her get the feel of the flow and correcting timing I’m ready to warm up with a catch.

“OOH! Fish on”, she chocks out.

Clint looks at me and I at him, and sure enough the line is humming toward lake Michigan.

“Hand off the reel”, Clint calls out. Her hand is waving.

“Reel, reel, reel”, Clint barks as the fool has turned and is barreling for the boat.

“Let him run”, Clint almost whispers as Cindy finds her rhythm and stands in the brace.

Again, he’s headed upstream. Clint is out of the float in an expert’s leap never tilting the skiff.

Net in hand he coaches a perfect retrieval around the rear of the anchor.

Catch in net, Cindy let’s her long held breath out in a fog, shakes one arm then the other to regain blood flow.

Her smile is broader than the sunrise.

It’s her birthday and it’s 33 degrees on the Pere Marquette.

~ Jeff Davis



# ReelFlyRod

ReelFlyRod has ceased operations. Both the physical store and the website are shut down. “It was not an easy decision to make, but things haven’t been good since before Covid.” said owner Todd Mikesell. “Dayton was never meant to support a fly shop, but we had a great run with the website for 20 years”, he added.

ReelFlyRod had a nice operation, helpful staff and Todd graciously supported the club and its members for years. We are sorry to see it close.

We wish Todd all the best.

*Editor*

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## Little Miami Watershed Network

*June:*

Creek Cleanup lead by the City of Kettering – June 5th

- 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. State Farm Park (2510 Blackhawk Road, Kettering 45420)
- We are picking up where we left off last Fall in and along the Little Beaver Creek.



16th Annual Little Miami River Cleanup – June 6th

- 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. various locations along the river and throughout Greene and Warren Counties.
- The annual cleanup that started it all here at Little Miami Watershed Network.

Quarterly Corporate Cleanup - June 10th

- 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Little Miami River
- New for 2026 we are offering quarterly cleanups to corporate and community groups looking to gain some team building while improving the environment. Meet other businesses or groups that are prioritizing community service and stewardship along the Little Miami Watershed!

Keep up to date at <https://lmwn.org/>

## 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:

- 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

<https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/events/categories/womens/>

~ Karen Via

Contact Cari for more information [vota@zoomtown.com](mailto:vota@zoomtown.com)

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## Mid-Week Fly Fishing

**May:** The outing to Eastwood Lagoon on May 5th had two participants, namely myself and Alec Freeman, a visiting Air Force Captain in town for a school. My tally for the day was three bluegill, but poor Alec couldn't keep one on long enough to be called a catch. The outing at Oak Grove on May 21st turned out to be a solo mission, with only seven bluegills brought to hand. I think the cold snap had put the fish down.

**June:** Coming up this month are trips to Argonne Lake in Possum Creek Metropark on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Arthur Fisher Park on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bear in mind a kayak or canoe will greatly aid your angling at Argonne Lake.

The map data for these locations are in the Mid-Week spreadsheet, on page 10 of this issue and on the Club Calendar at <https://mvff.us/calendar/>.

~ Ken Davy



## Tippet Chart

Choosing the right tippet depends almost entirely on the fly you choose. It's mainly based on the size of the fly, although sometimes water clarity or the size of the fish you are after can influence the tippet size you choose—but it should still fall within the range of the fly sizes shown in the chart below.

<https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/how-to-articles/tippet-chart/>

~ Jeff Warden

# Fly of the Month: Klinkhammer Speial



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photography by Bob Cain

## Recipe

Hook..... Curved Caddis, size 12-22  
Thread ..... Tan 6/0  
Abdomen ..... Lt Tan Dubbing  
Wingpost ..... White/Lt Gray Polypropylene Yarn  
Hackle ..... Dry hackle, Dun  
Thorax ..... Peacock Herl

1. Take a pair of pliers and bend the front of the hook shank downward about 10 degrees at the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> point on the hook shank. Now place the hook in the vise so that the bent front section is parallel to the ground, giving a flat surface on which to tie on the wing post.
2. Tie in the thread behind the hook and wrap a solid thread foundation back to where the hook shaft was bent, then wrap the thread back to the middle of the thread foundation. The thread should now be in the middle of the bent section of the hook shank.
3. Cut a 2-3" length of poly yarn and divide it in half lengthwise. Lay one of the halved lengths of poly yarn on the hook shank so that its middle is located where the thread is hanging and tie it in with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. Then, with your left fingers, pull both ends of the length of yarn straight up and take several thread wraps of thread around the base of the yarn, creating an upright wing post and a thread foundation for the hackle.
4. Select a hackle feather with barbs 1 ½ times the size usually required for the size hook being used. Strip the fluff off the base of the hackle feather and, with the dull side of the feather facing you, tie it in vertically along the side of the wing post with several thread wraps going up and down the wing post making a thread foundation on which to later wrap the hackle. The bottom hackle barbs should be located so that they are slightly above the top of the post thread foundation. Return the thread to the base of the wing post.
5. Now wrap the thread in tight wraps down the hook shank to the hook bend. Dub the thread sparsely for a thin body and wrap it back up the hook to just behind the wing post and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing from the thread.
6. Select three peacock herls and tie them in directly in front of the dubbed body. Twist the herls and thread together into a herl "rope" and make 2-3 wraps of the "rope" behind the wing post, then wrap it under the wing post and continue wrapping the "rope" to just behind the hook eye. Untwist the herl from the thread and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove the excess herl, make a whip finish behind the hook eye, and cut the thread.
7. Reposition the hook so that the wing post is perpendicular with the floor.
8. Reattach the thread at the base of the wing post. Grasp the hackle feather and bend and crimp it vertically to the wing post at the top of the wing post thread foundation. Wrap the hackle feather counterclockwise down the wing post for 5-7 wraps. After the last wrap, hold the hackle feather horizontally out from the wing post and make 2-3 tie-off wraps around it at the base of the wing post. Remove the excess hackle and tie a whip finish at the base of the wing post. 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 [tiggr75@gmail.com](mailto:tiggr75@gmail.com).

Date	Location	Special Considerations	Map	Fishing Info
19-Mar	Delco Park		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/iUgJXwx2Rx19tNwRA">https://maps.app.goo.gl/iUgJXwx2Rx19tNwRA</a>	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		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/RAuwMRdYH7JMxsv9">https://maps.app.goo.gl/RAuwMRdYH7JMxsv9</a>	This pond is new in the rotation, Still collecting intel.
23-Apr	Beaver Lake		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/nvuVgjETgaVdxD62A">https://maps.app.goo.gl/nvuVgjETgaVdxD62A</a>	Also access to Beaver Creek.
5-May	Eastwood Lagoon	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUJazx8fYWboSu5">https://goo.gl/maps/7LSKUJazx8fYWboSu5</a>	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		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6">https://goo.gl/maps/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6</a>	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	Argonne Lake - Possum Creek MetroPark	Kayaks	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVVhfK6">https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVVhfK6</a>	Panfish, bass, crappies.
25-Jun	Arthur Fisher Park		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziIDf6FYLZvb36">https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziIDf6FYLZvb36</a>	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		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDj3uM8">https://goo.gl/maps/to6qZjp9aqVDj3uM8</a>	Bluegills, catfish and bass.
23-Jul	Rip Rap Road Park	Wading, Kayaks (long portage)	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA">https://goo.gl/maps/79oLpdMUDLkNyGWQA</a>	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		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqJh49">https://maps.app.goo.gl/ha93VqBtqDNXqJh49</a>	Bluegills and largemouth bass.
20-Aug	Deer Meadow Park		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766">https://goo.gl/maps/CquLJXGskM7Ug1766</a>	Fishing for bass and big bluegills.
8-Sep	Wellfield Park		<a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDevam6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/imxBay3ZpyTDevam6</a>	This pond gets deep abruptly. It holds anything that is in Stillwater River.
24-Sep	Lofino Park		<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Nejs6">https://goo.gl/maps/nfzb6jGFax84Nejs6</a>	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	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5">https://goo.gl/maps/Syz7GDDjR9uSaGiu5</a>	Fishing for bass, crappies and bluegills.

## Save the Dates

### Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events

June 9, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)

Argonne Lake, Possum Creek MetroPark (see page 10)

June 25, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)

Arthur Fisher Park (see page 10)

### MVFF Monthly Meeting

June 8 - start at 5:30 p.m.

Dayton FOP Lodge, 4275 Powell Road, Dayton, Ohio 45424

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

### Mad River Stream Water Quality Monitoring

July 18 - 9:00 a.m.

West Liberty Lions Club Ball Park  
West Liberty, OH 43357



### 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](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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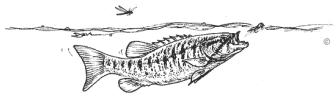
## Little Miami Watershed Network

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.

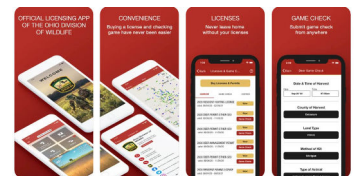
### DOW eNewsletter

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

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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](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com).

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