

TIGHTLINES



The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

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August Meeting

Our next meeting is August 10th

Dayton FOP Lodge
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required. 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 August 6th

Upcoming Mid-Week Events

Fuggin Pond on August 4th, and a trip to Deer Meadow Park on August 20th

4:30 until dark (come anytime)
([see more](#))

President's Thoughts



Summer's still here, but many of us are already looking for those cooler days when trout get more active and we won't risk melting in our waders. Until our indoor meetings return in October, we've got plenty going on—

Mid-Weeks, salmon trips, BUFF outings, OWOTF meetups... basically, if you want to fish, we've got options.

Our Mid-Week outings continue through the next few months, and Ken deserves a sincere thank-you for keeping them going. If you haven't joined one yet, consider this a gentle nudge to give it a try—they're relaxed, friendly, and a great way to get on the water without a lot of fuss.

In late September, a number of us will head north for the annual salmon trip to Barothy Lodge along the Pere Marquette. The lodge fills quickly, but there may still be campgrounds and cabins nearby for anyone who wants to come along. It's a beautiful time of year up there, and the trip always brings back good stories and even better memories.

Our friends at BUFF have a full slate of local fall fishing opportunities, and MVFF members are welcome to join in. If you've ever thought about expanding your fishing circle by joining the club, BUFF offers their members some great fishing excursions, especially in the fall, when the crowds thin and the fish seem a bit more cooperative.

Ohio Women on the Fly continues to offer great local meetups and fall events, along with virtual opportunities to connect.

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

If you've been wanting to meet more women in the sport, these gatherings are welcoming, fun, and a great way to build community with other women hooked on the fly.

Looking ahead, the Wagner Subaru Outdoor Experience returns October 3-4 at Eastwood Lake. We always need volunteers at this MetroPark event to help teach and demonstrate fly tying. If you enjoy sharing what you know—or simply enjoy encouraging newcomers—you'll fit right in. It's a relaxed, enjoyable weekend and a wonderful way to represent MVFF.

And don't forget the Fly Fishing Film Tour (IF4) on October 16 at Nocterra Brewing in Powell, Ohio. This event brings us some really great films, raffles, good brews, and the chance to support TU's conservation work on the Mad River—it's a pretty perfect combination. Let's plan a club trip to this event and support our TU community!

Finally, I want to say how excited I am to see our club growing. We've welcomed new members and guests over the last few months who are eager to learn, eager to fish, and eager to make friends who share a passion for this beautiful sport. Your involvement and enthusiasm are what make MVFF such a strong, welcoming community.

Let's enjoy the last stretch of summer, step into fall with purpose, and keep building the warm, supportive, slightly fish-obsessed club we all love.

Karen Via, Club President

July Raffle Winners

Our lucky winners . . .

- Coast FX 411 Folding Knife - Mike Browne
- Fireball Birdie Shot 10 pack - Dave Williams
- White River 5wt Fly Rod Combo - Ashley Fernandez
- Yeti Rambler 30oz Tumbler - Loryn Bryson
- Mystery Box (\$50 Kroger Gift Card) - Bill DeShurko
- Cabela's Gift Card - Ashley Fernandez
- REI Hands Free Cooler - Stephanie Estes
- Orvis 5wt Fly Rod Combo - Tamie Chapman
- White River 4wt Fly Rod - Rich Blankenship
- Packs of Steaks and Chicken - John Young
- 250th National Anniversary Bald Eagle Deer Hair Fly Display and case - Bob Zitney

~ John Warner

Volunteers Needed for Scout Merit Badge Help

We need 4 or 5 volunteers to work with a scout leader and 4 of her young people to get their fly fishing badge on a day we will select in August. The boys need to catch a fish on a fly rod to get their badges and she's asking our help. I will share details at our August meeting.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

Karen Via

karenbw@hotmail.com



In Remembrance of Max Close

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of long-time MVFF member, Max Close. While details were limited when we first heard, we recently learned that a service was held in late June to honor his life.

Max was a true Renaissance man—an avid outdoorsman, entrepreneur, devoted family man, and a wonderful friend to many in our community. We invite you to take a moment to read his obituary and celebrate his legacy.

<https://www.stubbsconner.com/obituaries/morris-close/obituary>



Fly Fishing Club Disbanding

Three Rivers Fly Fishing Club – Sad News

From Ken Mandel

I am sure that a number of our members are familiar with the Three Rivers Club which is located in Fort Wayne, IN. About 2 weeks ago I had a call from Ron Dixon, Treasurer and a board member of Three Rivers. Ron shared the very sad news that they had come to a decision to close the club. I was very surprised to hear this, as they had about 100 members.

The issue and problem, as Ron explained it, was that he and about 4 others who had led their club's programs and activities for many years wished to step down. However, they could not get anyone from their membership, not a single individual, to step up and take on club leadership and support roles. It was a very sad, and to me, a disheartening call and discussion.

The news that Ron Dixon shared with me struck a bit of a chord. Though BUFF has about 350 members, we also struggle to get members to take on roles and responsibilities. As we often say at meetings and other gatherings, "we are a volunteer organization". Activities, events, trips, etc., only happen because members volunteer to either organize them or help.

Volunteering to take on a role or responsibility, or to help with an activity, is critically important to sustain and grow our club. One does not need to be an expert! Anyone can build into a role. It is also very rewarding and enjoyable to be able to share our enthusiasm for this sport with others.

Please give consideration to getting more involved by volunteering for a team or activity. It is most often not much of a time-demand. I do not think anyone would regret getting more involved.

(We appreciate Ken Mandel's permission to use his article in this issue of Tightlines. The article appeared in the July 2026 issue of The BUFFER, the newsletter of Buckeye United Fly Fishers.)

It is worth reading this on the Three Rivers Fly Fishing Club website - <https://3rff.org/3rff-membership-information-and-updates-5-4-2026/>. This details the difficulty they have had to get members to volunteer to serve on the board and in elected positions and it shows how fragile an organization is when they do not have the support of members. Again, this is a club with about 100 members and a 31-year history. On July 11th the club had a posting "We regret to inform you that this club has elected to formally disband. Also, the group's FB page is no longer active." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1491091091396286/>

Fortunately, MVFF has not experienced this hardship. It is important, however, for all of us to keep in mind that organizations such as ours cannot survive without the willingness of members to serve in leadership and other volunteer positions.

Tom Arnold

Secretary's Notes

July 13, 2026

New members: Ashley Fernandez, Heather and Ray Phillips

Guests: John from Columbus

Kipp Brown will be our speaker for the August meeting. Kipp is a fish biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife in the Xenia office that serves District 5 (our district) since 2014. I have known Kipp for many, many years and have worked with him on several occasions. His knowledge of fish and habitat always has me learning new things. I look forward to his presentation!

Jodi Hoover and Stephanie Estes received the donation of \$1,500 as representatives of the Casting for Recovery Ohio chapter. Both are past participants,

know the value of the retreats, and how this money will help pay for a lady who will be truly blessed for having been able to attend. Stephanie shared a remarkable story of her introduction to her breast cancer retreat. Thank you, Stephanie!

Mike Redmond also accepted the \$1,500 check for the Reel Recovery chapter stating that their retreats are for men who have any kind of cancer. Both are commended for their emotional support and the camaraderie of the other participants, and the feeling of not going through their diagnosis alone. Thank you to these folks, and to the club for their continued financial support for these very worthy causes.

Bill DeShurko was in attendance and received his Jake Yeager Award.

~ 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. Here are events scheduled at this time.

- August 22, 2026, Saturday - Women's Day Trip, Mad River, Urbana
- October 7, 2026 – October 11, 2026 – [Women's Fall North Carolina Trout Trip](#)

To see all events - <https://buckeyeflyfishers.com/events/categories/womens/>

~ Karen Via

Contact Cari for more information 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>

2026 SUMMER PICNIC

Casting. Connection. Community.

August 29, 2026 | Granville, Ohio

Calling all women from across the state! Join OWOTF this Summer for a fun-filled fly fishing picnic. Whether you've been fishing for years or are just getting into the sport, this is a chance to connect with women who share a love of fly fishing. Spend the day casting alongside new friends, swapping stories and tips, sharing a meal and soaking up the beauty of a Summer day.

Date: August 29, 2026

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Infirmary Mound Park | Granville, Ohio

Picnic Schedule

11:00 am - 11:30 am - Arrive

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Fishing • Casting/Rigging Lesson • Fly Tying Lesson

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Lunch (provided)

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Fishing • Fun Fish Games

The picnic is free to attend. It is female focused and mom's we invite you to bring your kids! Those who register before August 9th will receive a picnic t-shirt.

Register here: <https://www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events-1/2026-summer-picnic>

We hope to see you on August 29th!

The 2026 Summer Picnic is supported in part by a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife.

OWOTF Events

There are more Ohio Women on the Fly happenings that you might be interested in. Check them out

<https://www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/events>

A Sincere Thank You from Casting for Recovery Ohio

The tears of joy flowed when receiving the generous check. Tears are also hard-fought when you realize that a beautiful breast cancer thriver gets to experience a once-in-lifetime experience like Casting for Recovery Ohio.

On behalf of Casting for Recovery Ohio, thank you for your generosity, volunteer service, and belief in our mission. Your generous donation will provide a fellow Ohioan with breast cancer this life changing opportunity.

My retreat changed my life. For one weekend, I was more than a breast cancer diagnosis. I found healing, connection, and the reassurance that I was not alone.

My guide, Kevin Ramsey, will forever hold a special place in my life. His patience, kindness, and encouragement created a memory I will always carry. He showed me that a guide does far more than share fly-fishing knowledge—a guide can truly change a life.

My retreat also brought Kelly Kingery into my life. I will forever admire her and remain grateful for the bond and lifelong friendship we formed. Without this experience, I would not have met the wonderful ladies and gentlemen of MVFF, who have welcomed, encouraged, and supported me along the way and have also welcomed many survivors/thrivers such as myself to the club.

I am now honored to return as a volunteer and look forward to welcoming the guide volunteers representing our club to make an impact at our upcoming retreats, to make that same impact in so many women's lives. You may not yet realize the impact you will have, but your time and compassion can become an unforgettable part of someone's healing journey.

Casting for Recovery provides free retreats offering oncology-informed support, fly fishing, nature, and community to women affected by breast cancer. Because of you, more women will discover that healing can happen beside a lake, with a fly rod in hand, surrounded by friendship, encouragement, and hope. A fun fact is 70% of these women you give your time to . . . continue fly fishing!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jodi Hoover, Retreat Alumna and Volunteer on Behalf of Casting for Recovery Ohio

IF4 - The International Fly Fishing Film Festival Film Tour

Fly Fishing. Cold Beer. Big Prizes. Epic Films.

The International Fly Fishing Film Festival IF4 is October 16th - don't miss it.

Hosted by:

Mad River Trout Unlimited

Read all about it here -

<https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/If4-International-Fly-Fishing-Film-Festival/>



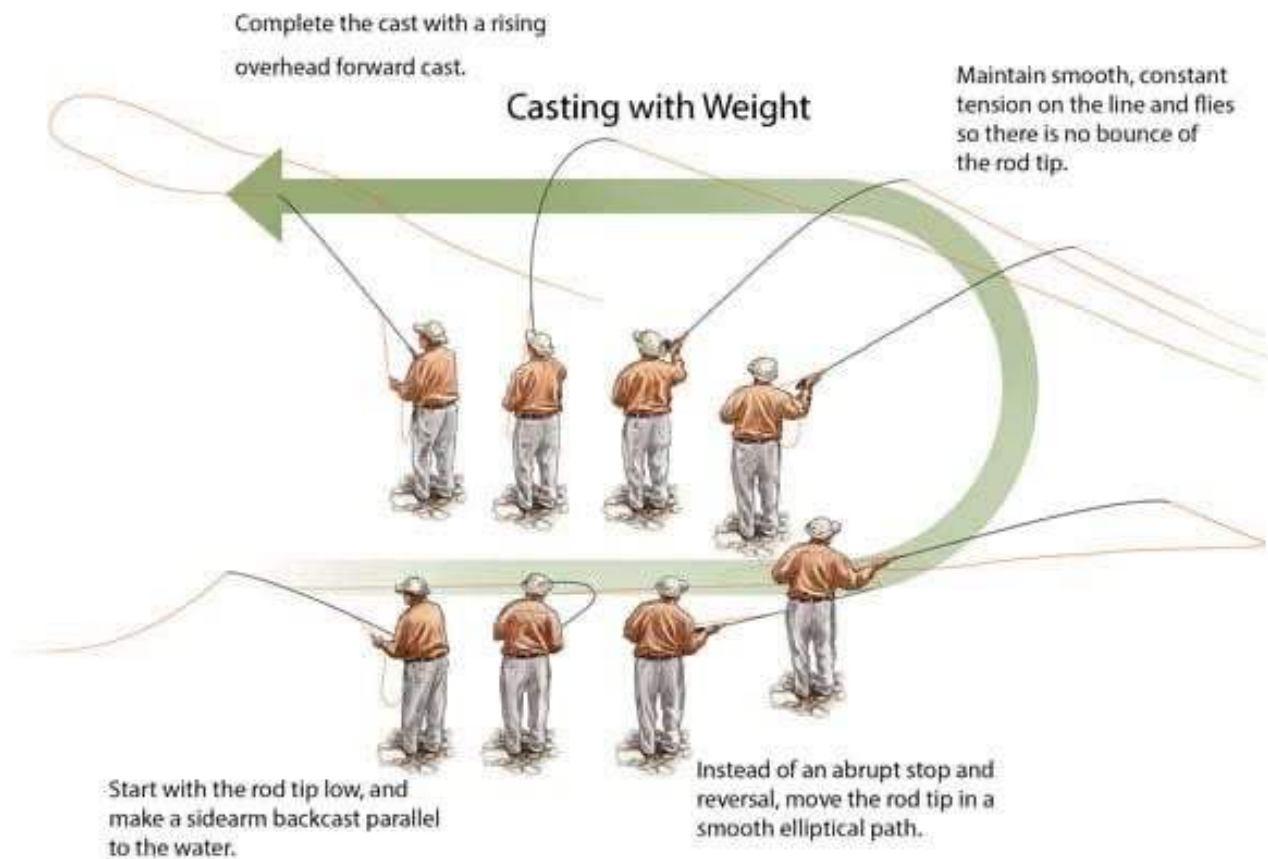
Outdoor Casting Competition

The upcoming event should be fun and we hope to see more of you giving it a try.

- 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.

Casting a larger fly, and often a weighted fly, can be challenging for many of us. However, follow these tips and you will find it to be much less intimidating.



July Roll Cast Winners

First Flight - Steve Wright
Seniors - Tom Arnold
Masters - Eric Rice

Look forward to seeing you at the pond!

Allen Berg

New Email Address is Official!

We have finally received our approval and activation from Google Workspace for Nonprofits. This allows us to use our new email address - admin@mvff.us! This will improve the delivery of emails to members, avoiding many of the issues we have been experiencing in using a Gmail account.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped by replying to our test email. It was very helpful.

- 104 members (out of 170) confirmed they received it.
- Only 3 noted that it landed in their junk folder.
- 0 emails were blocked or failed.



One Quick Favor...

To make sure you never miss an update, please take a quick second to add admin@mvff.us to your contacts or safe senders list. It makes a huge difference in ensuring our emails land safely in your inbox.

Tom Arnold

Mad River Cleanup

The Mad River Chapter of Trout Unlimited has already begun its planning for their upcoming annual Mad River Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, October 17th.

We all know that the Mad River is a vital coldwater fishery and a beautiful community resource but keeping it healthy requires a team effort. Each year, volunteers remove hundreds of pounds of trash, clear debris, and work to restore the natural habitat.

We have reached out to MVFF and other organizations to partner with us to help supply the volunteers.

Another way to support the effort is for MVFF members to serve as volunteers. More information will be forthcoming.

And consider adding www.tumadriver.org to your bookmarks, as well as signing up for our newsletter to keep current on activities and projects at <https://mailchi.mp/f9f328204f05/mad-river-drift-june2026>.

Contact:

Paul Cicconetti
Cleanup Coordinator
Trout Unlimited Mad River Chapter
330 988-3200
www.tumadriver.org

Schoe's Strip Teaser

By: Phil Clay

The brown trout effortlessly maintained position near the stream bottom in the light current, waiting for the next tempting morsel to drift or swim past her preferred position in the small stream. When she occasionally rose to inspect an item drifting near the water's surface the sun caught the bright yellow of her sides and bright red spots that interrupted the golden color of her more than five pounds of nature's artistry and beauty. Most of items that she inspected were rejected through learned caution and she would return to her spot near the stream bottom. Occasionally, if an item passed her inspection, she would sip it into her mouth and swallow it as she returned to her spot.

Suddenly, she saw something new that she had never seen before coming into her territory. It drifted. No, it darted. No, it stopped. Then moved again. In a matter of a few seconds, she was overcome by an overpowering impulse to consume this aberration before her. She flashed forward and upward, opening her mouth to engulf this bizarre item, her momentum hurling her two feet out of the water. As she fell back into the stream she felt the barbells hook pierce her lower lip as the fly fisherman lightened the 4X tippet attached to Schoe's Strip Teaser fly that had caused her to throw years of learned caution to the wind and attack this new fly.

The Schoe's Strip Teaser was developed by John Schoenauer to address the challenge of getting fly-wary large trout to take a fly. He has developed a number of other flies in the past several years with good success, but this new fly has been a runaway success.

How To Use the Strip Teaser Fly

This is how I fish my Strip Teaser Fly. My fly is weighted so you have to be forceful with your cast.

How to fish the fly after it hits the water.

1. Let it sink about 6 to 8". Twitch it two or three times. Let the fly sink about two feet. Retrieve your line with the tip of your rod. Keep the fly moving 2" at a time? Make sure to keep the line tight.
2. Let it sink about 6 to 8" twitch it two or three times. Let the fly sink about 2' retrieve your line 6" at a time. If the water is clear and you can see the fly, watch for the orange in the fly and if it disappears, set the hook!
3. Let it sink about 3' or more, twitch it a few times on the way down. Strip the fly 2 or 3' at a time. Watch the indicator and set the hook if it stops.
4. Let it sink about the bottom of the stream; twitch it a little on the way down. Retrieve your line fast and if you can see the fish following the fly, speed your retrieve faster. This makes the fish attack the fly.
5. If you can see the fish and you want to cast to it watch it. When or if the fish turns on the fly, retrieve the fly like it is getting away. Get ready to speed it up. The attack is coming. The fish that turns 4 or 5' to the fly is on the attack, so get ready to set the hook.
6. When you retrieve the line out of the water for your back cast, watch the fly coming to the surface. The fish is following the fly. (I've had the fish come out of the water trying to catch the fly in the air.)

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN. HAVE FUN!!!

~ John Schoenauer



Fly of the Month: Biot Body BWO Parachute



Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12 - 18
Thread.....Gray 6/0 or 8/0
Post.....Light gray poly yarn
Tail.....Medium Dun dry fly hackle barbs
Abdomen....Olive goose or turkey biot
Hackle.....Medium Dun dry
Thorax.....Olive Fine and Dry dubbing
Head.....Thread

1. Tie in thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to about mid hook shank, then reverse your wraps and wrap back to a point about 1/4 hook shank behind the hook eye. The wraps should be tight and will serve as a thread base for the wing post. (At your option, you can apply a touch of glue to cement the wraps.) Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 3"- 4" piece of poly yarn, lay it on top of the hook shank, and tie it in tightly in its center about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Then lift up both loose ends of the yarn upright and take 8-10 touching wraps of thread up and down the yarn, creating a thread base for the hackle wing. Make additional wraps tight against the front and back of the yarn post so that it stands upright on top of the hook shank. Now wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Now take several dun hackle fibers and align their ends. Tie in the fibers on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. **(The tail should equal the hook shank in length.)** Bind down the tail butts up the hook shank to the back of the wing post using tight wraps of flattened thread. Trim off excess butt ends. **(Use the thread to create a smooth tapered body).** Wrap the thread back to over the hook bend.
4. Peel off a goose or turkey biot and mount it by its tip at the hook bend. **(The notch in the biot base should point down so that it will wrap a smooth body.)** Clip the biot base in hackle pliers and take one wrap around the hook shank **(be sure to cover the tail tie-in wraps)** passing the pliers from hand to hand to keep the biot flat as it is wrapped. **(Notice that there is a hairy fringe raised at the front of the biot.)** Take a second wrap of the biot, overlapping the first wrap by just enough to cover the fringe of the first wrap. **(Notice that the second wrap also has a fringe.)** Continue wrapping the biot forward overlapping the previous wrap just enough to cover the fringe on each wrap. This should create a well defined segmented appearance. When the wraps reach the back of the wing post, tie off the biot with several firm wraps of thread and remove the excess. **(At this point, it is recommended that you coat the biot body with cement or hard as nails polish to strengthen and protect it.)** Let the thread hang in front of the wing post.
5. Select one appropriately sized grizzly hackle feather and remove the fluff from its base. **(Remember that a parachute hackle can be one hook size larger than the hook you're using.)**
6. Tie in the hackle feather (with the dull side facing you) standing upright against the wing post. Wrap thread about 1/16 to 1/8" up the post covering both the hackle butt and the post. Then wrap the thread back down the post and under the hook shank so that the thread ends in front of the post. Trim off the excess hackle butt.
7. Grasp the tip of the hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap it **counter-clockwise** down the post over the thread wrap base on the wing post to the hook shank. Tie it off against the hook shank just at the bottom of the post. Trim off the excess hackle.

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FOM: Biot Body BWO Parachute (Cont'd)

8. Now apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and dub in the front and back of the wing post to behind the hook eye to form a thorax twice the thickness of the abdomen. **(You can avoid tying down the hackle fibers of your wing by simply grasping the wing and post and bending them over the hook shank out of the way.)**
9. Remove the excess dubbing, form a small thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement. **(In forming the thread head, you will find that you may be wrapping the thread over the dubbing to a small extent—that is just fine.)**
10. Trim the wing post to be one hook shank length in height.

Mid-Week Fly Fishing

August: Coming up in August are trips to Fuggin Pond by the Sinclair Community College satellite at 5800 Clio Road on the 4th, and a trip to Deer Meadow Park on the 20th.

The map data for these locations are on the Club Calendar at <https://mvff.us/calendar/>.

~ Ken Davy



TU Mad River Chapter Update

Here is the link to the TU Mad River Chapter events. <https://tumadriver.org/#News>

MVFF members may be interested in the updates to our website developed by our administrator Jeremy Reger. One example is how USGS gauge information for the Mad is provided.

<https://tumadriver.org/river-monitor/>

The next MONITORING IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND.

We will be meeting 9:00 a.m. in West Liberty Park and encouraging YOUTH to attend. It is also an important monitoring to get data before the projects begin.

Thanks!

Tom Allen

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/iUgIXwx2Rx19tNwRA	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/RAuwMRdYH7IMXsxV9	This pond is new in the rotation, Still collecting intel.
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/iBV9FWjR2wJTtXsR6	Fish quartering out from shore with poppers or foam bugs for big bluegills, or with Clousers, Buggers, or Zoo Cougars for bass. Some big bass in here. What to do for crappies is anybody's guess.
9-Jun	Argonne Lake - Possum Creek MetroPark	Kayaks	https://goo.gl/maps/ALMcXCTFBLkVVhfK6	Panfish, bass, crappies.
25-Jun	Arthur Fisher Park		https://goo.gl/maps/X45ziIDf6FYLZvb36	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 Higga'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

August 4, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)
Fuggin Pond (see page 12)

August 20, 4:30 till dark (come anytime)
Deer Meadow Park (see page 12)

MVFF Monthly Meeting

August 10 - 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

August 22 - 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



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>

[FFI / Ohio Council Winter 2026 Newsletter](#)



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>

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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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 2026 Canada Trip Photos?

Another great trip!. See the story in the July 2026 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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