TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers

Next Meeting
October 12th

Presidential Banquet Center
4548 Presidential Way, Kettering

PLEASE NOTE: The Presidential Banquet Center is not our regular meeting location – it is the larger building to the left (north) of our usual meeting site where we hold our Annual Auction. The more spacious room will help in meeting social distancing guidelines. Masks are required when entering and leaving the facility and as you move about the room.

(Directions on Website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
(Meal price is $15.00 and there will be a cash bar.)

NOTE: If you had a standing reservation for the outdoor meetings, that is no longer valid. If you want a standing reservation for the indoor meetings you must make a new one.

Make your dinner reservation at https://mvff.us/reservation/ by 8:00 p.m. on October 8th. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

October Speaker



Skip Morris, the author of twenty-one books on fly fishing and fly tying (among them, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*, *Trout Flies for Rivers*, and *Fly Fisher's Guide to Western River Hatches*), is the host on six instructional videos (*Tying Foam Flies*, *Fly Fishing for Bass & Panfish*...) and has spoken at sportsmen's shows, fly-fishing shows, and fly clubs in Arizona, New Jersey, Toronto, Alabama, Illinois—all over the US, Canada, and overseas.

Due to Covid concerns Skip will be speaking to us via a Zoom presentation. His topic will be dry fly & emerger techniques.

Check out Skip's website - http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com/

~ John Young

President's Thoughts ...



Hello again anglers and tiers,

It's that time again. I feel like I just wrote something for September and here we are at October. The leaves are starting to slowly change and make their way to the stream beds. The local rivers are still a bit low, but if you look and fish hard enough you can find some really nice fish. This is by far my favorite time of year as the smallmouth bass become more aggressive and the trout start returning to my thoughts. Salmon in Michigan and steelhead in northern Ohio return to the rivers to give anglers the tug we so strongly desire.

It's a little bittersweet for me as I realize my time as President is fast approaching its end. I want to thank everyone for making the few summer meetings we had a success. We will be moving back indoors this month to the Kohler Banquet Center. We will meet in the building to the left where the auction is normally held. This will give us more room to spread out, but still enjoy our time together.

Several of us hope to have a few whopper stories to tell at the next meeting as we will be back just in time from the Michigan salmon trip. If you haven't had a chance to make this trip with the club, I highly recommend it. The fishing is always spectacular, and the comradery is even better.

Thanks to Karen and Kathy for getting the new lanyards together. Get one at the meeting if you haven't picked one up yet. Thanks also to Shawn for putting the Flybrary together. I saw a few great looking flies turned in. If you have a pattern that you love and fish regularly, share it with the club. Everyone else will be very appreciative.

Please make your dinner reservation by 8:00 p.m. on October 8th at https://mvff.us/reservation/.

Tightlines and God bless,

Eric Rice, MVFF President

FFI Issues Updated Guidance on COVID-19 & Safety

BY FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL IN ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The world has changed dramatically since March 16th when Fly Fishers International issued guidance on Covid-19 to members, clubs, and councils on official FFI meetings, events, and workshops. At the time, there was tremendous uncertainty about the trajectory of the pandemic, only a small handful of states had issued restrictions on activities, and the Center For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had just announced blanket guidance on a national level. FFI leadership felt it was the most responsible action to postpone or cancel official FFI events until further notice. We have learned a lot since then.

During the intervening time, states have taken varying approaches to deal with the pandemic, the outcomes of these distinctive measures have had differing effects, and there has been extreme variability on the impact to communities around the country and the world. CDC guidance has evolved to the point where it is now challenging to view blanket guidance as applicable to all states and communities around the country. It would not be reasonable to provide the same restrictions for rural Montana as metropolitan New York.

WHAT'S NEXT

So where do we go from here? We know that people are excited to get back together with friends at club and council meetings, spend time on the water, and enjoy social events, but we need to be cautious. FFI is now providing updated guidance that reflects the variability of circumstances based on geography, considers human health, and allows FFI members to find ways to safely engage within their communities.

- FFI clubs and councils must defer to health experts, following official, location-specific state and local regulations provided by respective health departments. This may include recommendations regarding acceptability and size of gatherings, travel restrictions, use of personal protective equipment, social distancing guidelines, and other precautions.
- It is further recommended that all FFI club and council event organizers wait at least 15 days from the announcement of relaxed restrictions to assess impacts before moving forward with activities. This allows time to assess whether these new restrictions adversely affect the Covid-19 case rate, and reduces the likelihood of planning an event only to cancel it due to adverse outcomes.
- FFI will continue with the current policy to cancel or postpone all international and centrally sponsored events through July 31 (International Expo, exam, and exam preparation events). Such events already scheduled after July 31st can be evaluated on a case by case basis, again deferring to local health and safety recommendations.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are some additional safety recommendations regarding local fly fishing, casting, tying or administrative events:

- Please remember that all face to face gatherings carry risk, regardless of size, and assess that risk against the importance of the event. Airline travel to and from events may pose risk for many travelers and as well those in the destination community. Gatherings that can be accomplished by telephone and videoconferencing remain preferred.
- Please request that potential participants exclude themselves if they have or may have been exposed to Covid-19 within 2 weeks prior to the event, have a pending Covid-19 test, or have symptoms such as fever or cough.
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet apart from one another and wear facial coverings, even outside. Facial coverings really do reduce the spread of infectious respiratory droplets transmitted by speech (especially loud speech), cough and sneezing.
- Frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitizers, and disinfectant wipes are an important part of reducing infection.
- Equipment, such as fly rods, fly tying materials, etc. should not be shared. If gear is shared for some unavoidable reason, it and the user's hands should be disinfected after use with disinfectant wipes or 70% alcohol solution.
- Participants at gatherings should bring their own snacks, food, and water. If a meal must be served, individual packaging ("box lunch") is far safer than a buffet or "grab and go" scenario.

Trout Unlimited Guidance

Here's what Trout Unlimited recommends for responsible fishing, given what we know about the threats posed by the coronavirus outbreak and the COVID-19 disease:

- Practice appropriate social distancing. The Centers for Disease Control recommend keeping six feet between you and other people. We'll make it even easier — stay a rod's length apart.
- Wear a face covering when you come into contact with other anglers. A Buff or a mask can help keep you safe, and it's a sign of respect for others who are trying to stay healthy during these trying times.
- Avoid fishing from boats if you can — it's tough to maintain social distance in a boat. If you must fish from a boat, remember to cover your nose and mouth with a mask or a gaiter.
- Fish local. Stay close to home.
- Drive to the river separately if you're meeting a fishing buddy. Better yet, consider fishing alone (where that's safe, of course).
- If you don't feel well, or are running a temperature, it's best to stay home.

Notes from the Library

October 2020

Books were not uncommon in our home, Mom read to us each night. No actual library existed there though books could be found beside chairs, on nightstands, and on the kitchen table. Mom was a reader, Dad a doer, and somewhere in there we learned to love books. The first library card came from the two-story white house with colonial columns turned into a public library on River St. The mighty flooding Susquehanna flowed westward behind the short row of houses. We were taught to respect books and treasured our first I.D. card that bore our own name and gave us privileges beyond imagination and imagination is exactly what it inspired.

I recently gave my youngest son a book and he noted that it had been marked. (Dad!) Sentences underlined, whole paragraphs highlighted, even pages with bent corners. Confessing that I had found such inspiration in the author's writing that I did not want to miss finding certain passages nor have him miss them too. In the MVFF library exists a workbook that has passed through many hands and by its bookmarks, insertions, and highlights it must have been not only a favorite, but a well-used volume. So we pass this treasure on with the hope that you will find what others treasured in those pages, your treasure.

Tying and Fishing the Small Fly/Micropatterns by Darrel Martin is a workbook intended to help the fly tier manage everything from hook selection to the step-by-step process of tying a worthy presentation with the goal always being the successful capture of a trophy. The workbook has, by the names and notes, had more than one owner. Each has added personal inspiration to special pages; special to the owner of the moment. Beginning with a well-illustrated bibliography of aquatic insects, what waters they are most often found in, seasons, adaptations, and function in water and environment quality, the volume has been tabbed to make quick reference to patterns, tools, materials, hooks, and specialty ties. The illustrations are monochromatic, but someone has annotated the book with colored inserts.

We don't often reprint long quotations, yet taped into the opening fly pages of this well-worn guide is the following:

"It seems fly fishing becomes more complicated and technical every year, and perhaps this is necessary to achieve best results under demanding circumstances. But shouldn't fly fishing be a joy as well as a challenge? Men in less harried times certainly thought so. They fished the wet fly with grace and pleasure, not feeling that every fish in the stream had to be yanked out of it. The surprising thought is that they just may have been using the most effective imitation of all." Author unknown.

Further reading…*Trout Rigs & Methods* by Dave Hughes.

Ralph Vermillion's library will soon be available through the MVFF Library Catalog. With a little spit and shine we hope to have the remaining volumes cataloged by the end of October. Check it out! J.W.

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

J.D. Dukes scored big in September, having four winning tickets drawn. Congratulations to all the winners!

- J.D. Dukes won the Redington Dually II 4 pc. Rod, Case and Redington Behemoth Reel
- Phil Ritter won the MVFF Carry-All Bag with Metz Feather Cape, White River Hooks & Zap Z-ment
- Owen Huff won the CNR Net
- Gary Reese won the Fishpond Ripple Reel Case
- J.D. Dukes won the Orvis Hydros Bank Shot Fly Line and Scientific Anglers Rod Sleeve
- J.D. Dukes won the Yeti Rambler 20 oz. Cup with MVFF Emblem
- Eric Rice won the Lake Trout Vanilla Bavarian Cream Cake
- Chip Sutton won the River Flyz Threadworks Embroidered Cap & Towel (Thanks Paula Smith!)
- Mike Wolford, J.D. Dukes and Chip Sutton each took home a 100 ft. Tippet Line Reel (Thanks John Warner!)

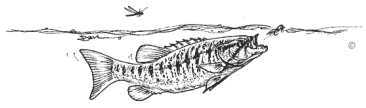
~ Jana Champ

BUFF Show Canceled

After extensive research and discussion we've decided to cancel the 2021 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show scheduled for February 6, 2021. Based on currently available scientific information regarding COVID-19 trends, potential treatments, and shifting state regulations, we cannot confidently predict that conditions will change enough over the next several months that we can ensure we would be able to hold a safe show. This is a difficult decision for our organization as this breaks a 30 year tradition and imposes a hardship for our exhibitors and a disappointment for folks who annually attend the show.

We DEFINITELY plan on having a bigger and better show in 2022!

Buckeye United Fly Fishers



October Fly of the Month

March Brown Emerger



Instructions by Bill
"Woody" Woodward

Photography by
Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook..... Nymph/Scud, size 10 -14
Thread..... Black 6/0 or 8/0
Tail ..... Deer hair
Body..... Peacock herl
Wing..... Deer hair
Hackle..... Brown cock
Head..... Thread

1. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye, flatten the thread, then wrap it back in touching turns to over the barb making a good thread base. Twist the thread tight and let it hang.

2. Select a few deer hairs, stack them to even the points, and tie them in as a tail.

(Avoid flaring the deer hair by making the first couple of thread wraps slightly loose and then tightening the thread wraps as you wrap forward. Be sure to hold the tail in place until you have made several wraps to avoid having them slide around the hook shank.) Wrap forward over the tail butts covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Trim off the excess hair butts and return the thread to the tail tie-in point

3. Tie in 2-3 strands of peacock herl. Wrap the herl loosely around the thread to form a herl rope. Wrap this herl rope forward in touching turns to cover the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Tie off the herl rope and remove any excess herl.

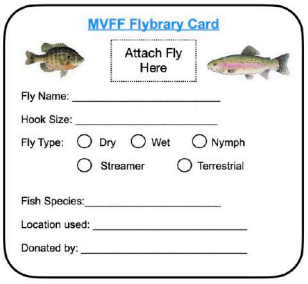
4. Cut a bunch of deer hair slightly larger in diameter than the hook eye. (You can check this by twisting the hair together loosely and comparing it to the hook eye.) Stack the hair to align the tips. With the tips pointing back toward the hook bend, tie the hair in as a wing on top of the hook shank at the front of the herl body. (To control flaring of the hair, make the first wrap around the hair without too much tension, then gradually increase the tension for the next 4-5 wraps. Do not release the hair until you have finished the thread wraps.) Trim off the excess hair butts at an angle toward the hook eye. Flatten the thread and wrap over the hair butts to form a smooth base for the hackle. Wrap the thread back to the front of the wing.

5. Select a suitably sized hackle feather, strip off the fluff, and tie it in by the base at the front of the wing. Clip off any excess hackle butt. Wrap the hackle forward in 3-4 turns toward the hook eye. Tie off the hackle behind the hook eye and trim off any excess.

6. Form a small thread head, whipfinish, cut the thread, and apply head cement if desired.

The MVFF Flybrary

No, this is not a typo.



The "Flybrary" is an idea I stumbled upon while reading a flyfishing website this Spring. What it involves is a manner in which members and/or guests can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish. I can't tell you how many times someone has given me a fly and they have no clue the name of the fly, or how it's used, or the actual effectiveness of the fly. By sharing flies using the "Flybrary," all of those hurdles are overcome.

How the Flybrary works is by establishing a box displayed at our monthly meetings with cards in it. A person wishing to share a fly with others, gets a card, fills out some information about the fly, attaches the fly to the card, and returns it to the box. When another person sees a fly they might want to use, they can take the fly and the card out of the box. Now they have a fly that has been effective in catching fish, some information about how to use the fly, and they have the name of a MVFF member they can contact if they have questions about the fly, or the recipe to make it themselves.

You can get cards at the meeting or on the website at https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf.

~ Shawn Johnson

2021 Dues and Membership Reminder

Members are reminded that payment of your 2021 Club dues in the amount of $35 is being accepted. Dues must be paid in full by March of 2021 in order to retain active member status. Any new member paying dues between September 1 and December 31st will receive credit for the last months of 2020 and the payment will also be applied to the 2021 membership! Dues can be paid at club meetings, online through our PayPal account (see website) or by check, made out to "MVFF", and sent to our PO box.

As mentioned previously, we do have a membership opportunity specifically for an independent youth. This membership is designed for a young person under 18 who wants to join the club but does not have a parent/guardian joining as the primary member. We hope to conduct educational service projects in local high schools and vocational programs again this year, and we expect some of these students will want to join our club. The cost for Independent Youth Membership is $10.00 per year.

All members of MVFF receive an email copy of the newsletter – *Tightlines*, with new members receiving a badge, patch, window decal, lapel pin and flies donated by club members. Membership also includes access to a number of club activities and programs at no cost, including fly tying classes, mid-week fishing outings and the opportunity to make friends you will never forget!

We also have several memberships that were donated by other members of the club that can be extended to those who may be struggling with making their annual dues payment. Please talk to one of the board members should you or someone you know be in need of this benefit.

If you have any questions, about dues or your membership, please call or email me. Thanks for helping support the Club through your dues, donations and attendance.

Karen Via, Club Secretary
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DEVELOPMENT OF ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH PROGRAM



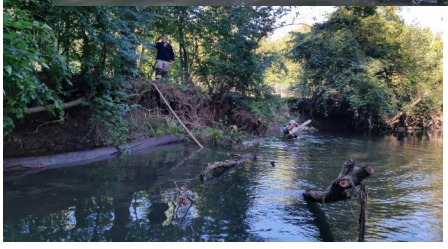
For years the TU Madmen Chapter has conducted cleanups on the Mad River. In recent years the Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter, the TU Madmen Chapter along with other groups and individuals have conducted 2 major cleanups per year. This year, because of Covid, there hasn't been a cleanup but hopefully later this fall. Cleanup of litter doesn't just make the area more aesthetically pleasant, but is also great for public relations with communities and landowners. Unfortunately, the cleanups are not enough to address the constant littering, especially at bridge areas with access to the Mad. Also, in recent years there are more episodes of open dumping. To address the litter and open dumping issues the TU Madmen Chapter is developing the ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program. As the program is developed we will be reaching out to local officials, businesses, agencies, groups, organizations and individuals in Clark, Champaign and Logan counties to get involved and support the program. But, for now we are looking for volunteers to adopt a bridge or area in the Mad River watershed to pick up litter on a more consistent basis and as part of the semi-annual cleanups. Is there an area or bridge(s) that you would volunteer to pick up litter? If yes, please contact Tom Allen at 740-816-2213 or ptallen111@insight.rr.com. Please help us keep the Mad River clean!

Pimtown: In-Stream Habitat Improvement



Here are photos of the Pimtown in-stream habitat improvement work that was recently done between September 20 and 26th. Thanks to Mike Palatas, Randy Kirchner, Jeff Lange, Kevin Ramsey, Scott Shane, Dave and Maddie Dailey for making this a success. The cobble was delivered by Neer's and the skidloader and operation was from Bo Ward. We will let you know about other workdays this fall and we still need volunteers for the ADOPT-A-BRIDGE/STREAMWATCH Program. Thanks!





Tom Allen
TU Madmen Chapter

Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events

Only 2 more events. While all the mid-week events are canceled as club-sponsord events we have left the schedule on the Club Calendar. The outings were all being held at area parks and many of those parks remain open. Individual members can still elect to fish.

Again, all the outings that were planned are still posted on the Club Calendar where you will see further information and they are on the MVFF Facebook page in Events.

10/8/2020	Carriage Hill Park	7800 Shull Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424
10/21/2020	Kiser Lake (Boats, no motors)	4889 OH-235, Conover, OH 45317

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

MVFF & Dayton VAMC

The MVFF 2020 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program has been on hold since March when the lockdown orders were instituted. We were in the midst of the rod building classes at the time.

There are still no plans for starting activities back up. We'll just have to figure out what to do when we get back to any state of normalcy. While we would like for the fishing outings to take place, it's probably going to be dependent on the spread of Covid-19. Given current trends that isn't likely to happen any time soon. The fishing outings, which we would normally be having, are educational in nature and often require close contact between members and vets. So there are inherent problems to consider in going foward. In the meantime, check out ProjectHealingWaters.org. There's lots of good information to find in exploring this site including virtual classes.

Mad River Drift

Here's a link to the TU Madmen Chapter quarterly newsletter . . .

https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=3e9466b8b8

You might want to subscribe – see tab to the upper left when you open this link.

September Casting Winners

There was a lot of wind and not many competitors. Chip Sutton coached some of the competitors.

First Flight - Robert Byrd
Seniors - no competitors
Masters - Ken Davy



How Money Makes You Lie and Cheat

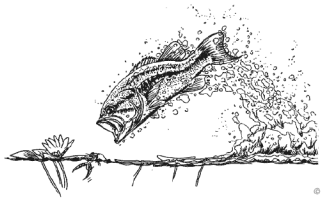
Money corrupts, they say, and now there's a study that shows why people get so sneaky when it comes to making a profit.

The research, which was published in the journal Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, revealed that people doubled the number of lies they told in order to earn extra cash if they were first prompted to think about money. The study involved more than 300 business students who participated in several experiments, all of which showed that cuing people to consider money increased either unethical intentions or actions.

Here's a link to the article. While it is an older study, there are others that give credence to how money and profit influence behavior.

https://healthland.time.com/2013/06/19/how-money-makes-you-lie-and-cheat/

With that being said, seems like some fishermen might be corrupted by the money in fishing competitions. This recent article in *The New York Times* gave me a laugh, but also was kind of sad. Pretty stupid guys as well. Check it out at https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/23/sports/bass-fishing-cheating.html



~ Tom Arnold

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CALENDAR

All events except the monthly meeting are canceled for the time-being. We have left those events, such as the Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings, on the schedule. They will not happen as a club activity until it is appropriate to do so. They are left there in case you want to individually go out to a park to fish. Ken Davy has included info for each outing on the fishing potential at these waters and there are links to a map for each location.

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/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/

Badges and Lanyards

Many of the newly designed member badges were distributed at recent meetings and those who have not received them will be able to get them at the upcoming meeting.

Karen Via reports that she will have lanyards for the badges, again to be available at the meetings.

Help!

We have had some very good articles from members in prior issues. It would be great if more of you would submit materials. 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 or some other knowledge you would like to share. Or you have run across interesting websites you think others might also enjoy. We would welcome the contributions.

Also, If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact info is on this page. Thanks.

~ Tom Arnold

Membership List

The member list is kept as current as possible. But we know that people move, change email addresses, etc. If you have had any of these changes please let Club Secretary, Karen Via know.

Also, if you have questions about your membership status contact Karen.

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