

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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## February ISSUE DEADLINE:

Friday,  
January 28, 2011

Membership Fees  
Increasing After  
The January Meeting!

## Next Meeting

**January 10, 2011**

**Kohler Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way,  
Kettering, Ohio**

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. ,  
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.  
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or  
E-Mail him at: [toflyfish@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfish@woh.rr.com)  
by **Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011.**

## This month:

# Steve Waak Fly Fishing the Little Miami River Basin

Steve Waak has been fly-fishing for 36 of his 41 years. At an early age he was introduced to sport by a chance and the love was born. He spent his youth at Pine Lake Trout Club outside of Cleveland, learning to catch the stocked trout ranging from 1 to 6 lbs. Here Steve fell in love with the pursuit of fish on the fly.

Moving on to warm water fishing when he moved to Cincinnati at age 9, bluegill and largemouth bass became the favorite quarry. Having spent many vacations in Colorado skiing and seeing the incredible environment, Steve decided college was not his thing, packed up and moved to Breckenridge Colorado to pursue deep powder and the life of ski bum. Steve's first summer was spent on the rivers learning as much as possible. This lead him to Breckenridge Outfitters where he would apprentice and become a guide on the Blue River, South Platte, Arkansas, Colorado and Williams Fork rivers.

Circumstances brought Steve back to Cincinnati in 1997 to his roots of warm water fishing. He spent many hours plying the waters of the LMR and many tributaries and his warm water pursuits were reborn.

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## President's Thoughts



Being your president for 2011, I wish to thank you for your trust in me to lead our great organization. We have two new board members, Ken Hudak (vice-president) and Phil Clay (membership/secretary) along with one returning board member, Juan Gomez (treasurer). Together, we will continue to strive to make the MVFF the best organization in the area.

If you have not paid your dues for 2011, I encourage you to do so prior to the January meeting as the membership fees will increase effective January, 11, 2011. Each member of our club is important and we should strive to make every new member, and guest, feel welcome. Please take a minute to introduce yourself if you see somebody you have not met.

My goals for this year are all based upon promoting the club, retaining and encouraging membership, public relations, and getting as many members as possible to participate in club events. I was very shy growing up and I know there are members in the club that would like to help in some capacity but are not comfortable in asking what they might be able to do to help. If you are one of these people, I would like to hear from you. My e-mail and phone number are on the front page of the Tightlines.

There is a lot that can be done via the media to help promote our club and I plan to utilize the media to our benefit. My goal is to increase our membership by at least eighty (80) new members in 2011. For the past two years I have met people in our basic fly-tying classes that did not know our organization existed. A lot of the younger (than me) people are tied up with their children in sports and other activities but, perhaps, would find that this could be a chance for them to have some time to relax and refresh during the month.

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I am willing to go to a group, or organization, and talk with them about fly-fishing and the benefits of membership in our club. All you have to do is let me know when, where, and approximate number of people who might attend so arrangements can be made. If anybody else would be interested in helping me, again, my number and email is on the Tightlines. Marty Vandenbrock is working with the fishing club at Alter High School to help promote fly fishing and I commend him for his efforts.

As you read this, our fly-tying classes for this year have started. This is a very good place to learn how to tie flies, make new friendships, and feel more relaxed in our great organization. Woody Woodward, Bob Cain, Dale Stephens and I have been busy during the month of December getting everything set up for another great season of fly-tying. If you have looked at other web sites offering fly-tying instructions (Little River Outfitters is one), you realize that the knowledge learned in our club's classes would cost you several hundred dollars if you had to pay for it somewhere else. This is just one of the benefits of your membership.

John Young is in charge of our speakers for this year and has a good line up of people for us. Marty Vandenbrock has agreed to head up our auction again, Mike Wolford will remain as my "go to" person for meeting reservations, Greg Sherwood will continue with our monthly raffles, Dave Oertel will head up Project Healing Waters, and Joe Nagel will continue with his vital role as editor of the Tightlines. These are just a few of the many people that put in extra time to help our club. Brian Furderer will be in charge of the TNT but needs some help with this. If you are interested in helping Brian please contact him, or I, as soon as possible.

Speaking of all of the members that put in a lot of time to help our club, I again congratulate all who received award recognition at our December meeting. Without their help, our club would not be as good as it is.

Upcoming events that need to be mentioned are the fly tying classes starting the first week of January. The Beginners will be on Tuesday, Intermediate on Thursday. The New Advanced Techniques Class will have its first session on January 14, 2011 (information listed with fly-tying classes). All classes are at Gander Mountain starting at 6pm and the flies and recipes are on the web site. February 5, 2011 will be the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, and one of our most important events, our auction, will be in March.

Remember to pay your dues and become an active member in 2011. It is by being active that you increase your knowledge of fly fishing, meet more great people, and create a lifetime of memories. Help spread the word about what our club has to offer and try to bring in at least one new member in 2011.

Tom Courtney

## The 2010 MVFF Award Recipients

<b>Founders Award</b>	Bob Hazlett	<b>Executive Chef</b>	Bernie Fritz
<b>Presidents Award</b>	Juan Gomez	<b>Sous Chef</b>	Shawn Johnson
<b>Jake Jaeger Award</b>	Joe Nagel	<b>Quartermaster</b>	Mike Wolford
<b>Dick Matson Award</b>	Bill "Woody" Woodward & Bob Cain		
<b>Outstanding Member</b>	Dave Oertel		

## Outstanding Service Awards

Tom Courtney - Vice Pres., Fly Tying Class, PHW  
Howard Guscar - Secretary & Speaker Ch.  
Marty Vandenbrock - Auction Ch. , Outside events  
Greg Sherwood - Raffle Chairman  
Tom Arnold - Website Manager  
Steve Rader - Auctioneer, Bluegill fishing class  
Jim Corbin - Rod Building  
Ray Lee - Rod Building  
Ken Hudak - Ohio Power, Casting Competition, PHW  
Jeff Warden - Casting Competition  
Dan Matousch - Casting Competition  
Brian Furderer - TNT  
Bill Bennet - Casting Instruction, PHW

Jim Calvert - Pere Marquette Salmon Trip  
Tom Perry - Zanesfield Outing, Board Advisor  
Alan Ashley- PHW  
Dale Stephens - Fly Tying Class, Bluegill Fishing Class  
Bill Grimpe - PHW  
John Young - PHW  
Ken Logan - PHW  
Jerry Redford - PHW  
Ron Lewis - PHW  
Ray Jones - PHW  
John Raisbeck - PHW, Zanesfield Outing  
Gordon Mackenzie - Trout Flies Class  
John Schoenauer - PHW

## Casting Competition Winners

**First Flight** - Brian Furderer  
**Seniors** - John Raisbeck  
**Masters** - Bill Bennett

***Congratulations to All of Our Award Winners!***

# This Month's Fly – January 2011 Edition

## KATTERMAN

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward /  
Photograph by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12 - 18  
Thread.....Cream, 6/0  
Tail.....Brown hackle fibers  
Body.....Peacock herl  
Rib.....Brown hackle, palmered  
Face/Thorax.....White hackle, dry  
Head.....Thread



1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Strip a small bunch (15-20) of fibers off a brown hackle feather and tie them in at the hook bend as a tail. The tail is short for a dry fly and should be about the length of the hook gap. Trim off any excess fiber butts and return the thread to the base of the tail.
3. Now select a brown dry hackle feather sized for the hook being used. Strip off the base fluff and tie it in by the base at the hook bend. Trim off any excess feather butt.
4. Select 3-4 peacock herls and tie them in by the butt at the hook bend. Trim off the excess herl butts. Twist the peacock herls into a loose "rope" and wrap them forward to a point about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Remove any excess herl.
5. Now wrap the hackle feather forward in close turns (similarly to a Griffiths Gnat) to the front of the herl body and tie it off. Remove any excess feather.
6. Select a suitable white dry hackle feather and strip the fluff from its base. The hackle barbs on this feather should be slightly longer than the brown hackle barbs. Tie this hackle in by its butt tight against the front of the herl body, then wrap the thread over the butt to slightly behind the hook eye. Trim any excess butt and let the thread hang.
7. Now wrap the hackle feather forward in touching turns to right behind the eye and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle feather
8. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

This fly was developed by the famous Catskill fly tier, Walt Dette. It combines the features of the Bivisible, the Renegade, and Griffiths Gnat. It is commonly used as both a dry and an attractor pattern.

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Keeping the trout bum alive he learned and fished the Mad River, and on to the Brookeville Tail Waters. Trips to the Great Smoky Mountains allowed him to get a quick fix of small stream fishing for quick hitting trout located there. In the meantime Steve tried his hand as a fly shop owner and now works for Delamere & Hopkins as a shop employee, instructor and guide. Steve tries to balance work with a busy family life with two young boys (who love to fish) and time on the water himself.

Often overlooked, the Little Miami River offers some fantastic fly fishing opportunities for the warm water angler. Smallmouth bass, Largemouth bass, Spotted bass, White bass, Hybrid Striped bass, the occasional true Striper, Sauger, Saugeye, Channel and Flat head catfish, fresh water drum, carp, and one of Steve's favorite, the Gar all inhabit the LMR. With a few big musky also, there are limitless ways to spend your day fishing on the LMR. Steve will be discussing the various aspects of chasing these exciting fish and where to locate them. Everything from forage base to rigging and gear to best suite your needs will be addressed. Almost everything Steve will discuss can be applied to any of our streams, creeks and rivers, and will be helpful on your local waters.

## Auction Time Is Approaching...

It's never too early to begin thinking about the MVFF Annual auction! If you have received well intentioned but unusable fishing gifts, the auction is the perfect time to recycle them. One man's junk is another man's treasure.

As you begin gathering items to donate keep in mind - no junk. A good rule of thumb is - if you wouldn't pay money for it, most likely no one else will either.

Let's make this year's Auction a success!

# 2011 Fly Tying Classes

The 2011 Fly Tying classes begin this month at "The Lodge", inside the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights. Classes will run from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

**Beginner's Classes:** Will be on Tuesday nights, starting January 4, 2011.

**Intermediate Classes:** Will be on Thursday nights starting January 6, 2011.

A pizza party will be held for both classes on March 31, 2011.

These classes are **free to club members** and require no experience for the beginner's class. Tool kits will be available for sign-out with a security deposit required. Materials are also supplied.

## Advanced Fly Tying Class Update

The first class of the New Advanced Techniques Tying classes will take place at 6:00 pm on Friday, January 14 at "The Lodge" inside the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights.

This class will concentrate on various styles of dubbed bodies and dubbing brushes. We will learn how to dub furs, deer hair, marabou, feathers, and other materials.

We'll also learn about various styles of dubbing like direct dubbing, wire-core, lead-core, dusting, trap-loop, double strand, split-thread, and dubbing noodles, as well as learn how to make dubbing brushes.

Also on the menu is learning about using different types of dubbing to achieve various effects. We'll tie some flies to practice these techniques and then you're on your own. All you will need is your vise, tools and a pair of **SHARP** serrated scissors.

If there are any questions, please contact Woody Woodward at [aflytyer@woh.rr.com](mailto:aflytyer@woh.rr.com).

## Positions Still Available for the 2011 Rod Building Classes!

A **limited number** of positions are still available for the **2011 Rod Building Classes!** This is the **30th year** the rod building classes have been offered. Sign up today!

**When:** Rod building classes will begin **Saturday February 12**, and continue for about 4 weeks total.

- Morning Classes (5 new students only) are from **10 am - 12 pm** (see note below).

- Afternoon Classes (5 old grads only) are from **1 pm - 3 pm**.

Should there be an overflow (as has happened previously), a Sunday class (10-12 am) may be added.

**Where:** At Jim Corbin's shop (165 Miami Dr.) In Yellow Springs.

**How to enroll:** If you're at all serious about securing a position in these classes send a deposit of \$100 immediately! It's a first come, first served basis. Don't wait a month and then find out we're filled up. A phone call or e-mail (see below) will buy you one week to get your deposit in. You're not in until you've paid!

**Total cost?:** The course fee is \$6.00 – covers thread, glues, finishes, etc. (no tattoos!). Rod parts (reel seat & insert, cork rings, & guides) run about \$50. This is using the lower end of the best components – we don't tolerate junk! Of course you can crank this figure up with nickel-silver seats, burlwood inserts, tic guides, etc. I offer both St. Croix & Sage blanks. The St. Croix ultra-legend series is excellent, and is less expensive than Sage. These blanks can run from about \$80 - \$400 American dollars. Bags & cases of various types are also on hand.

**What else?:** If you've got questions, need advice on choosing what's best for you, or whatever, give me a call. Answers are generally free (correct answers are .05 ea.). You're welcome to test cast my personal rods. Visiting professor **Raymond Lee** has assured me that he will again honor us with his presence. In addition, this year I've got new rod wrapping jigs available as well as the turning motors for curing finishes. A modest rental fee is charged.

Jim Corbin

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**Note: first class for beginners starts at 9:30; remaining sessions start at 10 am.**

# MVFF CALENDAR For January, 2011

- 4, 11, 18, 25**     **Beginner's Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights
- 6, 13, 20, 27**     **Intermediate Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights
- 14**                    **Advanced Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights  
(All Tying Class Times: 6:00PM to 8:30PM )
- 10 -**                    **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details)
- 28 -**                    Deadline for February **Tightlines** Articles

## MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **400** registered members!

Also, you can now read messages without registering or logging in. Just go to the club's web site at <http://www.mvff.us> and you will find a link to the board on the upper left-hand side of the home page.



## MVFF Email

Miami Valley Fly Fishers is trying to improve communication with members by making greater use of email. To be sure our messages reach you, please put the following address in your email address book:

**mvffemail@gmail.com**

Then send us an email subject "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name.

## REMINDER FOR CLUB PURCHASES

ALL CLUB PURCHASES MUST RECEIVE PRE-APPROVAL IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED. AMOUNTS OVER \$50 REQUIRE BOARD PRE-APPROVAL. AMOUNTS UNDER \$50 CONTACT TREASURER, JUAN GOMEZ, FOR PRE-APPROVAL. PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FORM, WHICH CAN BE FOUND ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

[http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.pdf](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf) OR [http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.xls](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls)

## TU Madmen 2011 Water Monitoring Schedule

Below is the TU Madmen's 2011 Monitoring Schedule for the Mad River:

**April 17**  
**May 1\***  
**June 12**  
**August 14**  
**October 16**

(\* Water Monitoring Demonstration)

In 2010, the Madmen expanded their monitoring/sampling program by adding three more monitoring sessions, and included Chemical Assessment as well. They look to build upon this in 2011.

If you are interested in learning more about the TU Madmen, water sampling or any other TU Madmen activity, visit their website at:

<http://www.tumadmen.org/>



## The 2011 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- When:** Saturday, February 5, 2011
- Time:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Where:** Receptions Conference Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Admission:** Still only **\$5.00/person**  
Children under 12 - free  
Scouts in uniform - free  
Parking - free

- Exhibitors
- Presentations
- Fly Tying Demonstrations
- Rod Building
- Kid's Corner
- And more!



For directions and additional information, visit the B.U.F.F website at:

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/FlyFishingShow/2011show.htm>



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