

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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March ISSUE DEADLINE:

Friday,
February 25, 2011

Attn: The Mad River
Creel Survey Is Now
Online!

Next Meeting

February 14, 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
by **Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011.**

This month:

MVFF Is Proud To Present:

Joe Humphreys

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Reminder: The Great MVFF Annual Auction Is Next Month!

**March 14, 2011
4:00PM for Early Donations**

**Once Again Featuring:
Destination - Saltery Lake
Lodge,
Kodiak, Alaska**

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President's Thoughts



I don't know about you but I am ready for spring. As I look outside, I see five plus inches of snow on the ground and the temperature gauge is still below zero. This tells me it's a good day to start thinking about getting ready for the snow to melt and the fishing to pick up. After starting up the fireplace, I will spend a couple hours checking out my rods and reels and taking inventory of my leaders, tippets, and fly boxes. I think I will wash my vest and replenish my coffee cup as needed. Tying some flies is also a must on a cold day like this.

Our club is now entering into the busy season. February brings several events that help warm the soul. First we have Groundhog Day on the second (no chili for me Dale Stephens). BUFF will have its fly fishing show on February 5. White Allen will be hosting a sporting day/fish fry on February 12 from 11am.until 5pm. Help is needed with this if anybody is interested. Please contact me as we will not have our next club meeting till after this event. A table will be provided for us and you can help educate folks about our club and fly fishing. You may even want to tie some flies and show off your skills. John Young has our club banner and it would be good to have it displayed along with some club flyers.

Rod building classes also start on February 12 which will occupy most of my day. Our meeting is on February 14 (Valentine's Day) and will feature Joe Humphreys. Joe will be conducting a fly-tying class in the afternoon of February 13th. Check with John Young for any space that might be available. If you don't know what to get your "significant other", perhaps a "night on the town" at our meeting with dinner and yearly membership in our club might help you be rewarded with more time out of the house for fishing.

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We have four new members that have joined since the first of the year and are off to a good start. Help encourage new memberships and help retain those who are members but have not paid their dues. Remember if you did not pay your dues by December 31, 2010 you will be dropped from the club membership after a lapse of sixty days. We will have a drawing at this month's meeting for a \$25.00 gift card. All who paid their dues for 2011 prior to the increase will have their name placed in a container and one lucky member will be our winner.

Fly-tying classes are going strong with space still available in the Beginners' class. The Intermediate class has twenty-five in it and the first Advanced Techniques class had eleven.

Our club auction is in March and we really need to have a good showing for this. Bring some friends and let them have the chance to purchase some good items at an incredibly low cost. Marty will give us an update on this event at our meeting. This year we will start on time and move quickly so be prepared to help support our club in this fund raising event. The more money we raise, the more we can do for our club and for promoting the sport of fly fishing. April 5th will also bring activities at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. More information will follow on this event.

With our auction in March, and Spring Fling in April, I hope Jim Calvert has some more deer hair flies for us to bid on as he does an incredible job of tying them. Our fly-tying classes will also be contributing flies to help us stock our fly boxes. Don't forget the creel survey is on our web site and contribute to it as you fish the local waters. This month Phil Clay will bring us up-to-date on the Asian Carp issues facing the waterways in Ohio and, most importantly, don't forget to buy your new fishing license.

I urge you to become involved with our club as you will find the time spent to be rewarding and fun. Contact Dave Oertel, Marty Vandenbrock, or myself, if you would like to help with the auction and/or Spring Fling. On a final note, I would like to thank Ken Hudak for filling in for me at our January meeting.

Tom Courtney

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Joe Humphreys has demonstrated his passion for angling, water, and wildlife throughout his life and career as a fly fisherman. Fortunately for us, Mr. Humphreys enjoys sharing his knowledge and skills, doing so through his works as an educator, author, and conservationist.

He has authored two highly acclaimed books, *Joe Humphreys Trout Tactics* and *On the Trout Stream with Joe Humphreys*, and many articles in regional and national periodicals. He has also hosted a nationally broadcasted fly fishing series on ESPN, been featured on three fly fishing videos (*The Fly Fishing Series*), and produced and been featured on four very well-received videos.

Mr. Humphreys has taught fly fishing for more than forty years, including directing Penn State's angling program for nineteen years. Some high-profile pupils include former President Jimmy Carter, former Vice President Richard Cheney, and basketball coach Bobby Knight.

We are delighted to have Joe as our monthly guest speaker for February.

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Once again we are privileged to offer a two-for-one, 6-day-6-night package to Alaska. The package includes round trip from Kodiak to the lodge, food, lodging in a standard cabin and fishing guide. The dates are Aug.21-27,2011. Cost to the winning bidder is \$2370.00 plus whatever the winning bid is. MVFF keeps the "bid" money and the lucky winner pays \$2370.00 to Saltery Lake Lodge. A 50% deposit of \$1185.00 is to be paid by the winning bidder to Saltery Lake Lodge by March 23, 2011. One important thing to remember - the winning bidder is responsible for their airfare to and from Kodiak.

For new members, there may be some mystery as what to expect. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

- . Doors open at 4:PM for early turn-in of items for auction. It is OK to bring items late.
- . Plan to arrive early and get home late.
- . Someone from the auction team will be waiting to receive your donations.
- . If you cannot attend the auction, have another member bring your donations.
- . Bring your checkbook, cash or IOU and spend freely.
- . Bring a friend to the auction to help share the load.
- . Make something to donate.
- . Purchase something to donate.
- . Every member's donation makes a big difference. Everything sells.

Fishing items are obviously the main emphasis here but other items are welcome as well. Hunting, and camping items always do well. A nice bottle of wine or your favorite spirits will be sure to sell. This is the perfect time to go through all of your old gear and get rid of whatever you need to. That well intentioned gift from your mother-in-law, the waders that no longer fit, the rod you no longer use, the vest you replaced, it will all sell. A good rule of thumb is - **NO JUNK** - if you would not pay money for it why would you expect someone else to?

This Month's Fly – February 2011 Edition

WATERWISP LIGHT CAHILL

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

Recipe

Hook.....Waterwisp, size 12-14
Thread.....Beige, yellow, cream, or tan 6/0
Tail.....Cream or Ginger hackle fibers
Body.....Cream rabbit or Fine and Dry dubbing
Hackle.....Cream or ginger dry
Wing.....Bleached deer hair



1. Place the hook in the vise by its eye and angled so that the bend is pointing straight up with the point to the right.
2. Tie-in the thread in the middle of the hook bend and wrap a short thread base down the hook shank toward the hook eye, then wrap the thread back to the middle of the hook bend. **(You may wish to apply some cement to the thread at this time to ensure that it does not spin on the hook shank.)** Trim off the thread tag and let the thread hang.
3. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair to use as a wing and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the middle of the hook bend with the hair tips pointing straight out to the right. **(The wing should be approximately the length of the hook shank.) Do not let the hair spin around the hook shank.** Keeping the hair butts on top of the outside of the hook shank, wrap over them with tight thread wraps back to the beginning of the hook bend. Trim off any excess hair butts and return the thread to the wing tie-in point in the middle of the hook bend.
4. Select a hackle feather with barbs equal to 1 1/2 times the width of the hook gap. Strip off any fluff and tie it in by the butt at the same point as the wing. The dull (concave) side of the feather should face toward the hook shank. The length of the feather should extend to the right similarly to the wing. Keeping the feather butt on the outside of the hook shank, wrap tight thread wraps over it to the middle of the hook shank. Trim off any excess feather butt, then continue wrapping the thread to behind the hook. Let the thread hang.
5. Now reposition the hook in the vise by the hook eye so that the hook point is up and the hook shank extends straight out to the right.
6. Strip off a bunch of hackle barbs and even the tips, then tie them in as a tail right behind the hook eye. **(The tail should be one hook gap in length.)** The tail tips should extend forward over the hook eye. Wrap thread over the tail butts back to the end of the wing butts, then remove any excess butts and return the thread to the tail tie-in point behind the hook eye.
7. Lightly dub the thread and wrap it up the hook shank to slightly below the wing, forming a neat body, then tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and move the thread to a point 4-5 wraps below the wing tie-in point. (You may wish to do a half hitch at this point to keep the thread from sliding back down the hook bend.)
8. Now take the hackle feather and, holding it with the dull side down, wrap it parachute style down the hook bend for 4-5 wraps and tie it off. **(You may wish to stroke the fibers upward with each wrap to help avoid tying down fibers from the previous wrap.)** Remove any excess hackle and do a horizontal whip finish where you tied off the hackle in the middle of the hook bend. Cut the thread. You're done!

Note: The Waterwisp style of tying (that is tying a fly in reverse) is adaptable to many standard dry fly patterns and is greatly facilitated by the waterwisp hook, which is proprietary. The hooks can be obtained at www.waterwisp.com.



January Meeting Re-Cap

Our speaker for the January meeting was Steve Waak, of Delamere & Hopkins in Cincinnati.

Steve's presentation focused on the Little Miami River Basin, though much of the information he shared can be applied to the rivers in the Dayton Metro area as well. He gave an overview of the numerous species that can be found in the watershed (I did not realize so many species were present!), detailed information about the forage base, and various flies to use for different species.

For those interested, Delamere and Hopkins offers guided local fishing trips which include:

- Mad River Float Trips
- Trips on the Little Miami & East Fork LMR
- Brookeville Tailwater Trips
- Elkhorn Creek
- Hybrid Striper Trips

For more information, contact Steve at D&H:

Phone: 513-871-FISH

E-mail: shop@BestGear.com

Web: <http://www.BESTGEAR.com>



Steve Waak (center), speaking with Howard Guscar (left) and Juan Gomez (right) at the January club meeting.



SPORTSMAN SHOW

Location: 442 N. Main, Dayton, Ohio

February 12, 2011 • 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Seminars 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
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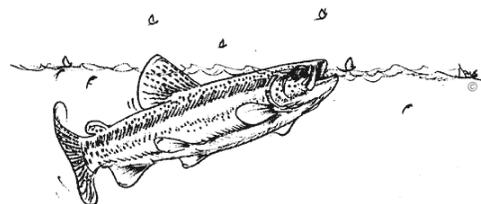
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**Don't Forget to Purchase
Your 2011 License
Before Heading Onto
The Water!**

**Licenses May Be Purchased
At Most
Sporting Goods Stores,
Or Online At:**

http://www.ohiodnr.com/wildlife/dow/regulations/fishing_licenses.aspx



MVFF CALENDAR For February, 2011

- 1, 8, 15, 22** **Beginner's Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights
- 3, 10, 17, 24** **Intermediate Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights
- 11, 25** **Advanced Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights
(All Tying Class Times: 6:00PM to 8:30PM)
- 12, 19, 26** **Rod-Building Classes.** For pre-registered members. Classes held at Jim Corbin's shop: 165 Miami Dr., Yellow Springs, OH 45387.
- 14 -** **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details)
- 25 -** Deadline for March **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 OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

Attention Mad River Fisherman:

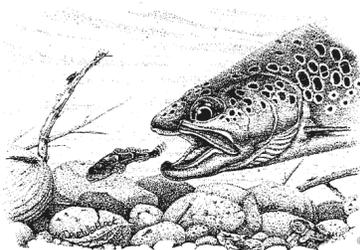
New Creel Survey Now Available On-Line!

The **Miami Valley Fly Fishers**, in collaboration with the **Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited** and the **Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife**, have put together an on-line creel survey for the Mad River. The purpose of the survey is to provide information to the Ohio DNR Division of Wildlife, to assist them in the management of trout populations in the Mad.

The survey can be accessed from the following link:

<http://www.mvff.us/formpage.html>

If you fish the Mad, please take a few moments to fill out the survey. **Your input is essential to the effort of maintaining and improving this important fishery.**



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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