

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

**Friday,
February 22, 2013**

**Time to Pay
Your Dues for 2013!**

Next Meeting

February 11, 2013

**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: toflyfsh@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, Feb 7, 2013.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

**This Month:
Jeff Novak
Lake Erie Steelhead**

(See the article on page 4 for details.)

The Auction Is Next Month!

Now is the time to start gathering up items to donate!

See page 2 for more information...

Membership Renewal Reminder

We hate to keep brining this up, but a significant number of members still have not paid their dues for 2013.

These funds are critical to the club's efforts to keep all of our great programs going.

If you have not yet paid your dues - please make a point to do so at the February meeting.

Remember - **the club is counting on you!**

President's Thoughts



Well, the days may be getting longer but winter still has a firm hold on the Midwest. This is the time of year when we fly fishers do whatever we can to keep a connection to the sport we love. Fly tying is really great way to do this and also helps to pass the time until ice out or at least the first spring hatch. If you don't already tie flies, or if you are just out of practice, then I highly recommend checking out our fly tying classes. Both the beginner and intermediate classes have already begun, but we always welcome newcomers, and our talented instructors can get even a first time tier up to speed in just a few sessions. These classes are included with your club membership and additional information can be found in the fly tying section of our website.

I want thank Ethan Simmons, fisheries biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, for his presentation on Ohio's brown trout program at our January meeting. We had a great turnout and I think everyone in attendance gained a lot from the detailed information that he provided. I was personally amazed by just how much work the ODNR puts into providing and maintaining the brown trout fisheries in our state. The work that is being done to track trout growth and movement will only serve to improve an already solid stocking program. ****Reminder** 2012 Ohio fishing licenses expire at the end of February and 2013 licenses go on sale March 1, 2013.**

Now is also the time to start collecting items for the 2013 MVFF Annual Auction. This is our club's largest fundraiser and helps provide the resources for our speakers, fly tying programs, and all of the other events that the club sponsors. Please be sure to make a donation this year and show up ready to bid early and often. This is a great chance to stock up your fly boxes for the summer, get a great guided fishing trip, or to just pick up some gear at a discounted price.

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The 2013 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show (BUFF) is coming up on February 2nd, 2013. This is the premier fly fishing show in our area and will feature a presentation by fly tier and author, Skip Morris, along with his wife Carol Ann, who is an excellent artist and photographer. Due to popular demand this year's show has been expanded to a larger venue in Loveland, OH. If you do make it down to the show be sure to stop by the MVFF booth. Detailed information about the Great Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show can be found at the bottom of this page.

Don't forget that your membership dues are now due. I thank all of you that have already paid your 2013 dues as this makes the board's job of budgeting much easier. Please contact Matt Mullins (MVFF Secretary) if you have any questions about dues. We are also still looking for a volunteer, or volunteers, to take over the TNT program. Please contact me if you are interested in heading this up or would like to volunteer to host an event. Finally, if you are taking any fishing trips this season, or just getting out for a day on the water, post a few pictures of your catch to the club's Facebook page or message board. We love seeing pictures from members and reading your fishing reports.

See you on February 11th and here's to tight loops and dead drifts.

Brian Furderer
President

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As we have stated before, the importance of this meeting cannot be stressed enough; the club generates about **half of our revenue** from this single event, which helps support our speaker program, fly tying classes, and all the other events participated in by the club.

Auction Guidelines

1. Bring items to donate.

That's what the auction is all about. In a nutshell, members donate and bid on items, and the proceeds go to the club.

As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - **NO JUNK**. A good rule of thumb is - if you wouldn't pay money for it, most likely no one else will either.

Items that sell well are fishing items of course, as well as camping and hunting gear. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite fly patterns are also perennial favorites. If you have received well intentioned gifts that failed to hit the mark, then perhaps this would be the perfect time to recycle that gift and generate some money for the club. This is a great time to go through all of your gear and pull out the stuff you no longer need or use, and bring it to the auction. One man's junk is another man's treasure. If you have a particular skill or a membership to various clubs, these make excellent items for bid. Examples are members who offer guided trips to their favorite body of water, or a half day of fishing or golfing at a private club. These have been very popular in recent years.

2. Bid early, and bid often!

There is sure to be a wide variety of items from which to choose, as mentioned above.

3. Bring a friend (or two, or three...).

The auction is **the perfect meeting** to which to bring a guest. The more members and guests that show up, the more funds will be generated for the club!

The 2013 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show!

Where: **NEW LOCATION** - Oasis Conference Center - 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, Ohio

Date: February 2, 2013

Times: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Admission Fees: The new price for admission this year is **\$10.00/person**
Children under 12 w/ Adult - **FREE**
Scouts in Uniform - **FREE**
Free Parking

Exhibits, Multiple Presentation Stages, Casting Pond and Fly Tying Demonstrations

For more information, visit the Buckeye United Fly Fishers' website at:

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/EXPO/default.html>

This Month's Fly – February 2013 Edition

DEER CREEK CADDIS

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Scud/Pupa, size 10 - 12
Thread.....Chartreuse, 6/0 or 8/0
Body.....Chartreuse UTC wire, medium, covered with UV resin or epoxy
Rib.....Olive peacock herl
Hackle.....Grizzly hen hackle, dyed olive
Wing.....Natural CDC
Antenna/Horns.....Pheasant tail fibers
Thorax.....Diamond Brite dubbing (or equivalent), bronze peacock
Head.....Thread

Instructions:

1. Attach the wire about 1/3rd of the way down the hook bend and wrap it forward in tight touching turns to about an 1/8" behind the hook eye and trim it off. Make sure the wraps are tight with no gaps. If there are gaps, use your fingernails to push the wraps together. Cover the entire wire body with a light coating of resin and treat it with a UV light to set it.
2. Tie in the thread at the rear of the wire body and wrap down the bend for 5-6 wraps. Let the thread hang.
3. Select a peacock herl and tie it in at the end of the thread wraps by the tip (be sure to cut off the first 1/2" of the herl to assure you avoid the weakest part of the herl) with the length of it going out behind the hook bend. Cover the peacock herl butt with thread wraps back to end of the wire body. Remove any excess herl and palmer the thread in even wraps to the front of the body like a rib. Let the thread hang.
4. Now coat the entire wire body and the thread tag behind it with a light coating of UV resin, then palmer wrap the peacock herl in slightly spaced wraps (similar to the thread wraps going up the body) up the wire body and through the resin to the front of the body and tie it off. This should create the effect of body segments. Remove any excess herl and treat the entire body with a UV light to set the resin.
5. Select a hackle feather and tie it in tight against the front of the body. Stroke all the hackle fibers back and wrap it forward for three wraps and tie it off. Remove any excess hackle. The fiber tips should reach back to the area of the hook barb. Stroke all the hackle fibers back toward the hook bend and make a few wraps of thread over the butts to ensure that they lay back over the body.
6. Select a CDC feather and tie it in on **top of the hook shank** tight against the base of the hackle. The tips of the CDC feathers should reach back over the top of the body to about above the hook barb. Trim off any excess CDC butt and cover any remaining butt with thread wraps.
7. Select 2 pheasant tail feather barbs and tie one in at the base of and on each side of the wing. The tips of the barbs should reach back just past the back of the bend of the hook.
8. Dub the thread and wrap it forward from the base of the wing to behind the hook eye forming a well shaped thorax. *The thorax should be slightly thicker than the body.* Remove any excess dubbing and form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the head, if desired.

January Speaker Re-Cap

Ethan Simmons, Biologist with ODNR, was our speaker for the January meeting. The topic of his presentation was state's ongoing brown trout study.

Ethan began his talk with a little history about ODNR's work with trout stocking in Ohio, from the early days up to the present. The state currently stocks a total of about 25,000 brown trout each year into the Mad and Clear Fork Rivers, as well as Clear Creek. However, there is very little data available about these brown trout fisheries to determine fundamentals such as growth rates, survival rates and fish movement.

Answering these questions is among the goals the state hopes to accomplish with the brown trout study. Their approach is:

1. Tag released fish to differentiate year class and release location.
2. Record the size/number/location of these tagged fish during the late summer and early spring fish surveys (electro-shock).
3. Map stream habitat mapping using sonar / GPS.

A couple of interesting bits of information so far from the study:

1. Browns in the Mad seem to do fairly well, even in last year's drought.
2. So far, most of the brown trout do not seem to move far from where they are stocked.

The data from this multi-year study will be analyzed by the state, and presented to groups such as our club, to help the state determine how to best manage these fisheries into the future. Look for more information to come!



Ethan Simmons

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Our speaker for the February meeting will be steelhead guide & instructor, Jeff Novak.

Jeff has a wealth of steelheading knowledge to share. He has been guiding clients for Lake Erie steelhead since 1998, fishing all of the streams from Buffalo, NY to Cleveland, OH. Additionally, Jeff has been an instructor at **The Steelhead School** for the past five years.

If you had to describe Jeff in one word, it would be - **EXTREME**. In his guiding, Jeff does what it takes to put his clients on fish. This may mean running from river to river to find fish, if need be.

The Steelhead School is no less extreme; a three-day course which includes casting instruction, fly tying, stream tours, and a full day of guided fishing.

Be sure to check out Jeff's website at:

http://www.steelheadschool.com/extreme_steelheading.htm



Come join us on February 11 for a night of "Extreme Steelheading" with Jeff Novak

North Coast Fly Tying Expo Re-Cap

The Expo was held on January 12 at the Lakeland Community College. The North Coast Fly Tying Expo had a little bit of everything. You were met at the entrance by a table full of club members who made you feel right at home. Three rooms were being used, one for the vendors and clubs represented by fly tiers, another for seminars and yet another for a one-on-one beginner classes. And, for the 4 hours that I was there, every vise was in use.

The 15 Seminars offered throughout the day ranged from Where to Fish, Strike Indicators, Steelhead Fishing and Smoking your Catch. Located in the main room were 16 vendors with products for sale. This included assorted threads, equipment and DVD's. There were 24 tiers along the outside walls giving demonstrations on various styles. Eric Austin doing Salmon Flies, Ron Dilbone showing varying types of foam bugs and Dennis Potter showing a quick Little Alvin using rams wool and yarn. There were many others who were quick to talk, give advice or share a tip.

But what impressed me more than anything about this expo were the number of young people who were truly interested. Each working hard to convince a mom or dad that they really needed that hen hackle or the neon green wire. When I left around 2:00 they had 225 people in attendance and more were arriving. This isn't a large show, but if you're in the area next year, I would recommend you stop by.

Submitted by Jane Mastbaum

MVFF CALENDAR For February, 2013

- 2 - **The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**, Loveland, Ohio (See page 2 for details)
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **Beginner's Fly Tying Classes**
- 8, 14, 21, 28 **Intermediate Fly Tying Classes** (** Note - the class on 2/8 is **FRIDAY**, not Thursday**) (Note - **All** Classes at Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm)
- 11 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 16, 23 - **2013 Fly Rod Building Classes**, Jim Corbin's Shop (Pre-registration required.)
- 22 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **460** 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 in the upper left-hand corner.



MVFF is now on Facebook! Follow us at:
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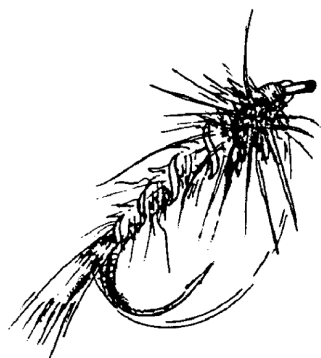
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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

Welcome New Members!



Welcome new members (left to right) John Bradley, Fred Bischof and Chuck Pinney!

We had three of our new members in attendance at January meeting - John Bradley, Fred Bischof and Chuck Pinney! Please be sure take a moment to introduce yourself to John, Fred, Chuck and any other new member you meet at February meeting!



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