

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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## ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

**Friday,  
February 21, 2014**

**This Month:  
Greg Senyo**

## Next Meeting

**February 10, 2014**

**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](mailto:toflyfsh@woh.rr.com)  
by **Thursday, February 6, 2014.**  
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

**This Month:  
Greg Senyo**

(See the article on page 4 for details.)

## Membership Renewal Reminder

**2014 Membership Fees  
- Now Past Due**

The membership fee remains unchanged at **\$35.00**. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2014, please do so at the February meeting.

Membership dues account for about half of our budget, and enable us to offer the quality programs we provide to our members; fly tying, rod building, casting instruction, and exceptional speakers.

To all members who have paid their dues - thank you so much for your support!

To those still needing to pay for 2014, please do so as soon as possible to remain in good standing, and to be eligible to participate in club programs, the Spring Fling, and the summer raffles.

**The club is counting on you!**

## President's Thoughts



As I am preparing this month's newsletter, the snow outside is blowing around in the 25 mph winds. More snow is on the way, and afterwards the temperature will again plummet below zero for the umpteenth time this season. At times like these, fly fishing opportunities can seem light-years away.

Fortunately, the good marketing folks at our favorite fly fishing companies know this, and they come to our rescue by way of their catalogs. Paging through these catalogs can help past the time on a cold winter day, and help prepare you for the season to come. What can be better than that?



Well, several things, actually. First, there are the shows. The BUFF Show will take place on Saturday, February 1 - this is a must-attend event. And don't forget the Adventure Summit on February 14 & 15. (For more information on both of these events, follow the links on page 5.)

Next, of course, are the winter opportunities provided by the club. Our fly tying classes are well under way. The classes have been well-attended, and are one of the perks of membership. I challenge anyone to find a better value in such quality instruction.

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## President's Thoughts Continued from Page 1

Jim Corbin's rod-building classes begin this month on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If you think catching a fish on a fly you tied yourself is a thrill (and it is), try to imagine what it would be like to cast that fly and catch that fish on a rod you built with your own hands. After thinking about it for a while, I recommend contacting Jim to reserve your spot in the rod classes for next year.

If you need some gear for the upcoming season, our annual Auction during the March meeting can provide the ideal opportunity to get some great merchandise at a fair price. Be sure to check out Ken Hudak's article below for more information about the Auction.

Finally, our winter speaker series is a great way to expand your fly fishing knowledge, and this month is no exception. We are honored to have **Greg Senyo** as our presenter for February. You won't want to miss this meeting, so be sure to get your dinner reservations to Mike Wolford as soon as possible.

Well, that's all for now. Keep warm, keep safe, and keep thinking about fly fishing. I hope to see you at the BUFF Show, The Adventure Summit, and at the February meeting. Tight lines,

Joe Nagel  
MVFF President

## The 2014 MVFF Auction

The 2014 Auction will be here before you know it, so now is the time to begin preparing for the exposition in March. The importance of this meeting cannot be stressed enough. We generate approximately half of our revenue from this single event which will support the speakers program, fly tying classes, and all the other events participated in by the club.

Many of our members are familiar with this annual event. For the new members and those not familiar, I will give you a few guidelines. As you begin to gather items for donation it is important to remember - NO JUNK. My 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, camping and hunting gear, a sample of your favorite wine or spirits and your favorite patterns of flies are annual 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.

Whatever it is that you can donate to the auction; the important thing is to make a donation. Next, be sure to show up and bid on the items! This would be an excellent meeting to bring a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. They will have an opportunity to pick up many items of good quality at a good price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds will be generated for the club. Last year we managed to break the \$5000.00 mark and I would love to see us do better this year. We have an excellent club here and its continued success depends on you to show up to the auction with a donated item for bid.

The Auction itself is always a good time for all who attend. Good company, good fun!

Hope to see you there.

Ken Hudak, 2014 MVFF Auction Chair

## Derby City Fly Fishers Host "One Fly" Event

by Jay Carter

Recently the Derby City Fly Fishers invited MVFF members to attend a "One Fly" fundraiser for Reel Recovery - a group that hosts fly fishing retreats for men with life threatening cancers. Juan Gomez and I decided to attend, neither one of us ever having fished in a tournament or competitive situation. In fact, neither of us view fly fishing as a competitive endeavor.

What a delightful event! Even though the weather was pretty darn cold, we were greeted warmly by the DCFF, offered coffee and donuts and efficiently processed through the sign up process. There was a blind draw for partners and each pair of fishers was assigned to one of four beats on Otter Creek - a lovely stream with great access, good footing and fine scenery. We fished for four hours and each member of the team with the most fish won a custom made plaque. Every attendee won a nice door prize many donated by Cabela's, Bass Pro and other local merchants.

The team from Reel Recovery presents certificates to DCFF members who were instrumental in the organization of the event and told the story of Reel Recovery - a very worthwhile organization. Check out their website - they offer nice quality fishing gear and clothing as part of their fund raising efforts.

I think I may have changed my mind a little bit about shunning competitive fishing events - if the events are to aid outfits like Reel Recovery, I'd happily attend - the competition is not with other fly fishers, the competition is to beat cancer. I wholeheartedly recommend that we as a club support the DCFF in the next one. They were excellent hosts and did a first rate job of making Juan and I welcome and raising over \$3,400 for a great cause. I challenge the MVFF to field a much larger contingent the next time one of the events is held.

# This Month's Fly – February 2014 Edition

## EXTENDED BODY LIGHT CAHILL

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain



### Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12-14  
Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0  
Tail/Body.....Mallard flank feather, dyed wood duck  
Thorax.....Rabbit dubbing, cream  
Wing.....Snowshoe rabbit  
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise, then attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to a point just in front of the hook point.
2. Select a feather and strip the fluff from its base, then, holding it by the tip, stroke the barbs back toward the base of the feather, creating a tip section approximately the length of the hook shank. **DO NOT STRIP OFF ANY BARBS.**
3. With the barbs stroked down toward the feather butt, grasp the feather slightly in front of the tip section, **concave side up**, in your right hand, and tie it on top of the hook shank above the hook point with a couple of loose thread wraps using your left hand. The tip of the feather should be pointing out over the hook bend. The tie-in point on the feather should be slightly below the tip section. Grasp the tip section and pull it back toward the hook bend, creating a folded barb abdomen about a hook shank in length on top of the hook shank. When you have an abdomen that suits you, tighten the thread wraps and bind down the feather butt with a couple of extra tight wraps. Remove any excess feather butt. Wrap the thread forward to a point about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
4. Now pull down 1-2 barbs (**DO NOT STRIP THEM OFF**) on either side of the feather tip section and trim off the remaining tip section between the barbs that you pulled down. This should leave you with a forked tail at the end of the abdomen section.
5. Snip a small clump of hair from the bottom of snowshoe hare foot. (*Be sure to stand the hair up to even the tips and cut it close to the skin.*) Remove the long guard hairs from the clump, then tie it in tightly by the butts on top of the hook shank about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the hook shank behind the hook eye as a wing. The tips of the clump should be pointing toward the hook eye and the wing should be about a hook shank in length. Be sure to keep the hair on top of the hook shank and don't allow it to spin. Trim off any excess hair butts and wrap the thread back to the abdomen tie-in point.
6. Dub the thread, forming a 2"-3" noodle, then wrap it forward from the front of the abdomen to the back of the wing. (Be sure to cover all the thread wraps.) Now lift the wing and take several turns with the dubbed thread tight in front of the wing to stand it up. Take an x-wrap of dubbed thread behind and under the wing to cover any remaining thread wraps, then form a neat dubbed head between the wing and the hook eye.
7. Remove any excess dubbing and form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
8. Use your fingers to spread the wing hair to the sides, comparadun style.

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An avid fly fisher and fly tier on Lake Erie Tributaries for steelhead since childhood, **Greg Senyo** has dedicated the past 20 years honing his fly fishing and tying techniques while fishing and guiding tributaries most anglers today call Steelhead Alley.

Greg is the owner and operator of Senyo's Steelhead Alley Outfitters (<http://steelheadalleyoutfitters.com>), which is an all inclusive educational fly fishing guide service on Lake Erie Tributaries. Along with a dedicated staff of seasoned professionals, Steelhead Alley Outfitters has become notorious for the level of service they provide to their guests in all phases of fly fishing and fly tying.

He is also actively working with Harelaine Dubbin Inc. and Flymen Fishing Company on new product development, innovative fly tying materials, and field testing of the latest fly fishing tackle. Greg is a contract tier for the Orvis Company, winning the prestigious fly tier of the year award in 2008. Greg is also a member of numerous pro staffs around the country. Many of Greg's patterns have been featured in national publications, fly fishing books, and magazine articles. Some of these patterns have helped inspire the way toward new age Great Lakes fly pattern design.

Greg's many other activities include fly fishing around the country, writing for several outdoor and sporting publications, Participating in regional charity events, fundraisers, and youth organizations where fly fishing is the focus.

Greg also makes time and serves his community where he is the Sergeant for the Village of Wayne Police Department in Wood County, Ohio. Greg is the department's field training officer, and certified instructor for the states hooked on fishing not on drugs campaign. This state program was designed to help steer at risk children toward fishing and away from drug abuse.



**Greg Senyo and "Friend"**

## January Meeting Re-Cap

Our speaker for January was Dustan Harley of Ripple Guide Service, based in South Bend IN. His interesting and amusing presentation was "A Year on the St. Joe". The St. Joe River in northern Indiana and partially in Michigan, is about a 3.5 hrs drive from Dayton. The river is fishable all year for a variety of species. There are sections to wade fish but it is best fished by boat.

The usual target species by time of year are:

- Winter** - Steelhead , from mid December to March. The best days are sunny with water < 42F. Best patterns - eggs, stoneflies, and nymphs.
- Spring** - Steelhead, starting mid March till late April. Best patterns - hex sparrow, eggs and streamers.
- Summer** - Smallmouth Bass, May thru September. Best patterns - white streamers, crayfish. Try white poppers when the water warms to > 70F.  
Longnose gar - May thru September. Use rope flies  
Summer run steelhead - June thru Sept. if water is < 70F. Best pattern - streamers.
- Fall** - Coho , starting in Sept thru Oct. Patterns - streamers & small caddis  
King salmon - October thru Nov. Patterns - streamers & small caddis  
Fall Steelhead - October thru Nov. - streamers & eggs.

For more detailed information visit his website – <http://www.rippleguides.com>



**Dustan tying flies and talking with club members before the meeting.**



**A great turnout for Dustan Harley's presentation at the January meeting.**

# MVFF CALENDAR For February, 2014

- 1 - **The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**, Loveland, Ohio (Details below.)
- 4, 11, 18, 25 - **Beginner's Fly Tying Classes** at Gander Mountain, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- 6, 13, 20, 27 - **Intermediate Fly Tying Classes** at Gander Mountain, 6 pm - 8:30 pm
- 10 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 14, 15 - **The Adventure Summit**, Wright State Student Union (Details below.)
- 15, 22 - **2014 Rod Building Classes**, Jim Corbin's Shop (Pre-registration required.)
- 21 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

## MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **470** 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:  
<http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>

## MVFF Email

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[mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## The 2014 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

**It's finally here!**

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers' annual **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show** is taking place on **Saturday, February 1, 2014**, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, at the **Oasis Conference Center**, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH.

For details, visit BUFF's website at:

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>



## Adventure Summit 2014

Five Rivers MetroParks' **Adventure Summit** is returning to the Wright State Student Union on **February 14 & 15, 2014!**

### Event Times:

**Friday, February 14:** 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Saturday, February 15:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, visit <http://theadventuresummit.com/>.





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