

Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:  
Wednesday,  
February 24, 2016

Next Meeting

February 8, 2016

Kohler Banquet Hall

4572 Presidential Way  
(directions on website)

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED

Meal Price - \$15.00

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937) 667-9392  
or [toflyfsh@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfsh@woh.rr.com) by Thursday,  
February 4th.

**February  
Speaker**



Our speaker for the February 8th meeting will be Dennis Potter. Dennis owns Riverhouse Fly Company. Dennis has been tying flies for 35 years and sharing his skills as a tying teacher for nearly as long. Dennis is a regular contributor to Fly Tyer Magazine. Check out his web site - [www.riverhouseflyco.com](http://www.riverhouseflyco.com)

**Special Fly Tying Workshop** - Dennis will conduct a fly tying class on Sunday, February 7th that you might want to participate in. About 13 members are signed up, but there is room for more. There is a link on the club's web site to get more information. So if you are interested contact John Young (his contact info is available on the website, Message Board and Facebook posts). If you cannot reach John (as he soon will be out of town) contact Tom Arnold at [tarnoldjr@me.com](mailto:tarnoldjr@me.com) or (937) 470-0634.



## President's Thoughts

Hello friends,

I was down for the count with the flu last month and missed the meeting, but I want to thank Kelly and Karen for stepping up. The biggest disappointment was missing a chance to meet with our club founder, Jim Hawkins. Yes, THE GUY, who founded MVFF in 1975. Jim and I have spoken a few times over the phone and I absolutely love to hear the stories and club history. Anyway, Jim came here from the Carolinas and was able to attend the January meeting. I would also like to thank Jim for his generous donation of materials for the upcoming club auction.

Jim Hawkins, MVFF founder, and Kelly Kingery



On 01/20/16, Karen and I were invited to attend Buckeye United Fly Fishers' monthly club meeting. We had a great time and came back with more than a few new ideas to expand things for MVFF.

I digress because my true focus is to tell you

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about the guest speaker who was none other than our very own Ron Lewis. Ron presented a program about the Mad River and his ideas about how to fish it.

Unfortunately, BUFF had an abnormal amount of club business followed by a fixed ending time in which their meeting had to end. This being said, Ron was able to present only about 60% of his program. Despite this shortened time, Ron's program was well received.

On 01/23/16, I was attending an outdoors show in Cincinnati. While networking and making some club contacts, I was approached by a BUFF club board member. He went out of his way to tell me that after the meeting, he and other club members agreed Ron's presentation was the best the club has had in a long time. In his opinion, the presentation was as good as or better than most high cost speakers. I made sure to tell him that Ron did not present about a third of his program due to time constraints. He was surprised and wanted to make sure MVFF knew that Ron's knowledge of the Mad and his focus on how to fish it are truly unique.

SO, RON, GOOD JOB FOR CREATING A GREAT PRESENTATION AND THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE CLUB SHINE.

The cold weather has finally kicked in, so thank God for all the upcoming outdoors shows.

Upcoming events -

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing/ BUFF Show will take place this year on Saturday February 6th, 2016 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio. This show is extremely well run and promises to be one of the best in the country.

On February 12th – 13th, The Fiver River MetroParks Adventure Summit will take place at Wright State University. We will have two booths this year. We still have spots, so please call or email me if you would like to tie flies or be an ambassador for the club.

On February 19th-21st, The Great American Fly Fishing Expo will take place at the fairgrounds in Indianapolis. This a great show with a large number of speakers to include Dave and Emily Whitlock, Greg Senyo, Mike Shultz and Dustan Harley.

See you in February,

Nathan A. Via  
MVFF President

## ***Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show***

**Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual**

**Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**

**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Oasis Conference Center**

**902 Loveland-Miamiville Road**

**Loveland, OH**

**Admission \$10 per person at the door**

**Scouts in uniform - FREE**

**Kids 12 and under - FREE**

**Parking at the Conference Center - FREE**

- Over 21,000 sq ft of exhibition, demonstration, and presentation space
- Something for all fly fishers - from beginner to advanced
- Over 75 exhibitors - vendors, fly tiers, DNR booths, and others
- Educational fly fishing speakers
- Casting Pond - instructions and/or try out a rod from one of the vendors
- Fly tying demonstrations with a special kids tying area
- Kids area with fun things to see and do
- Boy Scouts - work on your Fly Fishing Merit Badge in the Scout Room
- Fishing guides and fishing lodge representatives
- Canoes, kayaks, pontoons, and other watercraft
- Raffles and door prizes
- Expanded snack bar - deli sandwiches, burgers, dogs, chicken, salads, soda, water, coffee, beer, cookies, candy, popcorn and more

This is a great event and practically in our back yard! There will be a good number of MVFF members in attendance. Be sure to stop by our table!

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## ***January Meeting Recap***

We had an interesting presentation from the Elk Springs Resort folks. This looks like an enticing place to visit. Some members were already talking about organizing a trip!

Take a look at their web site - <http://www.elkspringswv.com>

Another highlight of the meeting was the attendance of Jim Hawkins, the MVFF founder. Great seeing him and catching up!

## February Fly of the Month

### GALLOUP'S BUTCH CADDIS

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

#### Recipe

Hook.....	Nymph or Curved Emerger, size 12-16
Thread.....	6/0 or 8/0, color to match body
Shuck.....	Antron, amber, orange, or amber
Body.....	Fine and Dry dubbing, color of choice
Underwing.....	Antron, to match tail
Wing.....	Deer hair
Head.....	Deer hair tied bullet style
Legs (Optional).....	Fine rubber or silicon



1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to slightly past the hook bend.
2. Cut a 4" piece of Antron and tie it in at the hook bend on top of the hook shank so that a 1/2" to 3/4" piece extends past the hook bend as a shuck. Keeping the remainder of the Antron on top of the hook shank, wrap forward over it toward the hook eye with tight thread wraps for about 3/4 of the hook shank. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS ANTRON!!** Ensure that the excess Antron is on top of the hook shank and return the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered dubbed body forward for 3/4 of the hook shank to where you left the Antron and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the Antron at the front of the dubbed body and fold it back over the top of the body as an underwing. Wrap a tight thread base over the folded end of the Antron to create an even base for the deer hair wing. Trim the Antron wing to be slightly shorter than the dubbed body. Return the thread to the front of the front of the Antron underwing.
5. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair as a wing and tie it in on top of the hook shank right behind the hook eye. Hold the hair tightly until you have completed all the steps in this paragraph. Measure the hair so that the wing tips reach back to the end of the Antron wing. **DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN AROUND THE HOOK SHANK.** The hair butts should be going out over the hook eye. Wrap over the hair butts back to the front of the wing creating a tied down space between the back of the hook eye and the front of the wing.

6. Dub the thread and lightly cover the thread wraps between the front of the wing and the tie in point for the wing hair. Move the thread to the front of the wing.
7. Grasp the remaining hair butts and pull them up and back to the front of the wing and tie them off tightly creating a small bullet head. The hair butts should also now be forming a third wing over the previous hair wing.
8. Cut two 2" pieces of rubber legging and tie one in by its middle on each side of the bullet head where you tied down the hair butts, then do a whip finish at the same point you tied in the legs and cut the thread. Trim the four legs to whatever length you desire, but I like them to be about the length of the dubbed body.
9. You should now have a hair butt wing over the Antron and hair tip wings. Stroke these butts upward and trim them flat across the top over the other two wings, then carefully trim the sides flat on each side, hence the "butch" name.
10. Lastly, trim the Antron shuck to be slightly behind the hook bend.



Going  
once . . .  
going twice . . .  
**SOLD!!!**

The **2016 MVFF Annual Auction** will be here before you know it (March 14th), so now is the time to begin preparing for this great event. The importance of the auction cannot be stressed enough. We generate approximately half of our revenue from this single event which supports the speaker program, fly tying classes and many of the other events participated in by club members. You can begin your preparations now by

- identifying equipment/items you might want to donate,
- tying flies to put into the auction, or
- setting aside funds to spend at the auction!

If you have items for the auction and you won't be able to attend the meeting, contact Ken Hudak, 2016 MVFF Auction Chair, at (937) 673-8869). He will arrange to get the items from you. If anyone has questions about the auction give Ken a call.

## **MVFF CALENDAR**

Feb 2, 9, 16, 23	Beginner's Fly Tying Class
Feb 4, 11, 18, 25	Intermediate Fly Tying Class
Feb 6	Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show - Loveland
Feb 7	Fly Tying Seminar with Dennis Potter - still room to sign up
Feb 8	MVFF Indoor Meeting (Reservations are Required - see page 1)
Feb 12, 13	The Adventure Summit - Wright State University
Feb 13	Rod Building Classes begin
Feb 19, 20, 21	The Great American Fly Fishing Expo - Indianapolis
Feb 24	Deadline for Articles for the March Issue of Tightlines
Mar 10	Fly Fishing Film Tour - Columbus

## **Quote of the Month**

*I make it a rule to never weigh or measure a fish I've caught, but simply to estimate its dimensions as accurately as possible, and then, when telling about it, to improve those figures by roughly a fifth, or twenty percent. I do this mainly because most people believe all fisherman exaggerate by at least twenty percent, and so I allow for the discounting my audience is almost certain to apply.*

Ed Zern  
*Are Fishermen Really Liars? (1977)*

## **Going Digital!**

We're now going to be mailing about 110 issues per month as there has been some increase in the number of members electing to get their Tightlines by email only. It costs about \$1.00 each for printing, plus a stamp cost of \$.49 (there is no bulk rate for our size mailing) and the cost of labels. That adds up to about \$2,200 per year. Please consider getting your issue electronically . . . it's in color at no extra charge!

To "opt out" email us at [mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com) and tell us you want to get your Tightlines by email or off our web site.

Thanks.

## **2016 Dues**

There continue to be plenty of "unpays" as of the January meeting.

The membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.00.  
Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget.

Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (e.g. - PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

If you have already renewed your membership for 2016 - thank you! If you have not, please bring your membership dues with you to the February meeting.

The club is counting on you!



## Fly Fishing Film Tour

The annual Fly Fishing Film Tour, brought to you by Mad River Outfitters, is a great evening featuring a number of superb fly fishing films, great raffle prizes, and a good opportunity to meet with other MVFF members for dinner and a beer at a great pub just outside the theater (The Oxley Pub).

Thursday, March 10, 2016  
Gateway Film Center  
1550 N. High St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and show starts at 7:00  
Tickets: \$15.00 at Mad River Outfitters, on-line at  
[madriveroutfitters.com](http://madriveroutfitters.com) or (614) 451-0363.

(Show will sell out so get your tickets ASAP)

\* Bring some extra cash to buy Raffle tickets.

2016 Raffle Prizes donated by the following:

Brian Flechsig- Mad River Outfitters  
Ray Schmidt and Kate Smith- TFO  
Ben Hunting- Sage, Redington, Rio and Smith  
Joe Hodge- Winston and Wulff Fly Lines  
Park Burson- Orvis Corporate  
Tony and Kim Ferrie- Simms  
David Halbom- Fishpond

Raffle Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Cash, credit cards or checks accepted.

Sponsored by Mad River Outfitters.

Additional sponsors include:

Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
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All proceeds go to benefit Reel Recovery.

MVFF members who have attended the event in the past have raved about it.

## Buy / Sell / Trade

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here for you as well as on the Message Board. Please let us know when to remove the listing.

Send your request to [tarnoldjr@me.com](mailto:tarnoldjr@me.com)

## The Adventure Summit

Thousands of outdoor enthusiasts will converge on Dayton, Ohio: The Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest for a weekend of outdoor skill, culture and experience. Join them, and see what the excitement is all about!



The Adventure Summit has a rich history of featuring world class outdoor personalities. From endurance runners to long distance backpackers and the founding father of mountain biking to polar explorers, our featured personalities each year are sure to inspire and amaze. We are proud to welcome Amy Purdy and Luke "Strider" Jordan as our 2016 featured speakers.

The Adventure Summit is a joint production of [Five Rivers MetroParks](#) and [Wright State University](#).

The Adventure Summit is an event celebrating the spirit of outdoor adventure by showcasing the vibrant lifestyle and culture of human powered endeavors through inspiration, education, and experience.

The Adventure Summit is the area's premier outdoor adventure exposition that will focus attention on Dayton as the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest. The event is free and open to outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and interest levels.

The Adventure Summit will serve the adventure market from skill clinics and hands-on trainings from some of the world's leading experts to showcasing local places to play and locals who have played around the world. The Adventure Summit is committed to providing something for everyone from the armchair adventurer to the hard core enthusiast.

MVFF will have two booths at the Summit. Come by and visit with members and enjoy the show.

## Fly Tying Classes Going Strong

The 2016 Fly Tying Classes have kicked off and there is excellent participation. Bill "Woody" Woodward has added 18 new flies to the intermediate class that will develop new techniques and skills for the



participants. Even though the classes are well underway, you can still join in. All the information about the classes, including contacts, is posted on the club's web site.



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