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TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Thursday,

February 23, 2017

Next Meeting February 13, 2017

Presidential Banquet Center

(larger building to the left of
our usual location)

4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfsh@woh.rr.com
by the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (February 9th).

Meal Price - \$15.00

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

MVFFEO, Inc. has been approved as a 501(c)(3)

The new Miami Valley Fly Fishers Education Outreach, Inc. has been approved by the IRS. We can now start receiving tax deductible donations and apply for grants. This will allow us to do great things through the Educational Outreach . . . increased support for our programs and new opportunities. You can get some of the initial information on the club's website at <http://mvff.tripod.com/mvffeo.html>. You will be hearing much more about this in the future so stay tuned.

February Speaker



Hank Patterson is a high school graduate and the world renowned fly fishing expert and guide.

He owns six copies of *A River Runs Through It* on Blu-ray and two VHS copies of the film

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President's Thoughts

Hank Patterson, ya say? Who the heck is Hank Patterson? Well , let's see, he's the world's greatest fly fishing expert, the world's greatest guide, one of the funniest irreverents you'll ever see on video, he's running for "President of the America", a survival expert, a gear aficionado, a philosopher and a mastermind whole bunch of other shenanigans he told me to say - but I don't have room here. But the real fact of who Hank Patterson is: he is our guest speaker for the month of February! So please reserve your seat at toflyfsh@woh.rr.com. Please note the location of this meeting. We have limited seating and an invitation has also been extended to B.U.F.F. so don't dally if you want to attend.

So many things are beginning to happen for the year – you don't want to miss out on any of them! Please check out our Miami Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>.

Member Ken Davy will be making sure the Events calendar is kept up to date. See the article in this newsletter by Ken and how you can help with this endeavor. February 4th is our next event with the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show presented by Buckeye United Fly Fishers (B.U.F.F.).

Your community leaders are taking a new focus on our rivers and the role they play in living a vital, healthy, active lifestyle in the Miami Valley region. We are a part of that, and we need to let them know we have something to contribute to our

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

community. We can help create increased access - especially for our fishers with disabilities, create awareness, public engagement, and join in discussions whenever possible. Attending forums like the 10TH Annual River Summit (<http://bit.ly/2jhTzt5>) are venues where we can make this happen. Businesses, agriculture, city development all are gathered together to leverage the region's greatest and unique assets – the Great Miami and Mad Rivers – to create positive growth and economic impact. We, as a club, need to influence our leisure aspects of the rivers as well. So look for upcoming opportunities to attend or volunteer to man our outreach booth as events are posted.

Several members attended the Ohio Division of Wildlife's Inland Trout Summit on January 14th. It was a full house with about 45 people from all over the state representing independent anglers, fly shop owners, several fly fishing clubs, the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF), and its Ohio Council. It was indeed a room filled with passionate people interested in the intended procedures for Ohio's cold water fisheries. Ron Lewis will be providing a synopsis of the Summit during the February meeting.

Shhhh - the Library is open!! How many of you have taken advantage of our fabulous collections in the library? There are tons of tying videos, casting, how to's on all sorts of things fly fishing! See Richard Quigley for sign out. (I'm sure he won't care if you talk in the Library, as long as it's about fishing.)

One last thing, it's never too late to learn a new trick. I walk down the hall every day at work and pass posters promoting life jacket safety, and there is one in particular that I love from the Army Corps of Engineers on swimming. It simply has a hand sticking up out of the water and says, "If you can't swim, Raise your hand!" and "Learn to Swim". I didn't learn to swim until I was 44, after I had whitewater rafted 225 miles down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, and after I had trained to be a white water river guide on the New River. The YMCA is offering swimming lessons for adults, as is Sinclair Community College (where I learned). If you can't swim, please consider taking lessons. It will up your confidence on the water and will enable you to assist someone who might need your help. The season is gaining speed and before you know it we will be wading those rivers, rowing those boats, paddling those canoes and, let's be honest, no one wants to be a statistic. In the last 2 years, ODNR reports that 25 drownings occurred. 22 were not wearing their life jacket or were wearing it improperly. So if you can't swim, and don't want to learn how, please consider wearing a life jacket. Your loved ones will thank you for it. Let's go fishin'!

Kelly Kingery
MVFF President



Got a minute?

The internet is a powerful tool. It can make or break a presidential candidate. It can promote all kinds of viewpoints. Most notably, the internet can publicize and popularize anything from a cat playing piano to citizens of the United Kingdom trying all sorts of food and drink from other lands. Here, in the Miami Valley Fly Fishers, we use the internet to promote our organization and to inform our membership about our many different events.

Often what MVFF members see on Facebook is the after-action posts of events that have already taken place. There are many pictures of people casting, tying flies, showing the fish they caught and generally mugging for the camera. What many members don't seem to realize is that our Facebook outreach also has an Events page that can inform members of upcoming events. This page can help members find more events in which they might like to participate.

The plan at this point is to post any and every event that might be of interest to MVFF members. Preference will be given to the many outreaches MVFF has to offer, such as the Mad River Clean-up, Project Healing Waters and TNT outings. But other appropriate events will be listed as well, such as the upcoming Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing show February 4th and the Columbus Fishing Expo being held February 10th through 12th.

What we need from you, our members, is the information necessary to populate this list of events. No writer worth reading ever turns down information, and we intend for our revitalized Events page to be well worth reading for our members. In fact, it may become an outreach in its own right if non-members start to think of MVFF as a place to find information of use and events that they might want to become involved in. Members may also start sharing more and more information from the events page with non-member anglers they know.

Send your event inputs to me, Ken Davy, either on Facebook or at tigger75@gmail.com and start watching the Events page to see what's coming up! The schedule of events is very important, but also important are locations and an "event icon" or graphic that will help some readers remember which types of events they want to look for when they visit our site.

Send in whatever events you become aware of and let's make the MVFF site a gathering place for even more outstanding anglers like the ones we already have!

And don't forget to visit the Miami Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page and Follow the page so you can get all the updates as they come in!

~ Ken Davy

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February Fly of the Month



1. Tie-in thread about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye, then wrap it back to the hook bend in touching turns to create a solid thread base. Let the thread hang. Cut a matched set of quill segments from a turkey quill. (The segments should be 1/2 the hook gap in width.) Align the tips of the segments and hold them together so that they curve in toward each other. Still holding them together and with the tips pointing down, use a pinch wrap to tie them in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend. (The tail should be 1/2 the hook shank in length.)

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SEVERAL PATTERNS FOR THE MUDDLER USE ONLY A SINGLE QUILL SEGMENT FOR THE TAIL AND THE WING. IT IS YOUR OPTION AS TO HOW YOU WANT TO DO IT. THE STEPS FOR TYING IN A SINGLE SEGMENT ARE THE SAME AS FOR TWO SEGMENTS. TRY BOTH WAYS.

3. Bind down the tail segment butts using flattened thread in tight touching turns over the rear 2/3 of the hook shank. Make sure to keep the segment butts on top of the hook as you bind them down. (Ensure that you form a smooth underbody as you bind down the tail butts. This will be important when you form the tinsel body.) Trim off any excess tail butts. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend and let it hang.

4. Now tie-in a 5" piece of small oval tinsel so that the butt end lines up with the front end of the tail segment butts and the remainder goes back over the hook bend. Bind down the rib butt with flattened thread, wrapping forward to the front of the underbody. Keep the rib butt on top of the hook shank and ensure you have a smooth underbody. Let the thread hang at the front of the underbody.

5. Tie-in a 8"-10" piece of flat tinsel at the front end of the underbody. The tinsel should lie on top of the hook shank at a backward angle (to help in wrapping) when you tie it in. Now wrap the tinsel back to the hook bend in touching turns, then reverse direction and wrap back to the tie-in point, forming a smooth double-layer tinsel body. Tie off the tinsel, remove the excess, and let the thread hang.

6. Wrap the rib forward in 5-6 evenly spaced, concentric turns, to the front of the tinsel body, then tie it off, cut off the excess, and let the thread hang.

7. Clean and stack a sparse bundle of squirrel tail hair. Tie it in on top of the hook shank directly in front of the tinsel body. (This underwing should reach back to the middle of the tail.) Bind down the

Muddler Minnow

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook	Streamer, size 4-14 3XL-4XL
Thread	Black 3/0 or 6/0
Tail	Mottled turkey quill segment
Rib	Small oval gold tinsel (Optional)
Body	Flat gold tinsel
Underwing ...	Squirrel tail
Wing	Mottled turkey quill segments
Head	Deer hair

tail butts for 3-4 wraps, then trim off the excess and wrap the thread back to the base of the underwing. Let the thread hang.

8. Now cut a pair of matched quill segment wings that are one hook gap wide. Keeping the tips even, sandwich the quill sections around the squirrel underwing. (The wing segments should reach back to almost the end of the tail.) The quill segments should lie on top of hook shank, flanking the squirrel hair on either side. Use a pinch wrap to mount the quill wings at the base of the squirrel tail. Cut off the butts at a downward angle and bind them down with twisted thread (spin the thread clockwise) to form a smoothly tapering thread base for the collar. Wrap the thread back to just in front of the quill wing and let it hang.

9. Clean and stack a bundle of deer hair about 1/2 the hook gap in thickness. Holding the hair butts firmly, slide the hair tips over the hook eye so that the hook shank is approximately centered inside the hair bundle and the hair tips extend back to the center of the body.

10. Using your left hand fingers, encircle the hair bundle and hold it in position so that the hair is more or less evenly distributed around the hook shank. Still holding the bundle, take 2 turns of thread around it under light tension, then pull down on the thread to tighten the wraps and flare the hair outward. Slightly relax your hold on the hair with your left fingers, forming a loose "cage" around the hair tips (this keeps them from getting trapped beneath the thread). Now take 2-3 additional tight wraps of thread over the previous wraps. (If the hair rolls around the shank a little, that's okay. It just helps distribute the hair fibers.) With the hair secured, draw the thread forward toward the hook eye, slipping it between the flared hair butts. With the left fingers, preen the hair butts backward to expose the front base, then take 3-4 additional tight thread wraps tight against the front base of the hair butts to make them stand up. The hair tips (and the butts) should now encircle the shank uniformly with the thread in front.

11. Now clip, clean, and stack another bundle of deer hair about half the hook gap in width. Cut off the tips, center the bundle in front of the collar butts, and spin it around the hook shank. Bring the thread to the front of the hair, then pack the hair back tightly against the collar butts. If there is more than a short portion of bare hook shank remaining, spin another bundle of deer hair in front of the first bundle and pack it tightly. The thread should be in front of the bundle.

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Muddler Minnow (cont'd)

12. Preen the hair backward, form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Carefully apply head cement to the thread wraps only.

13. Take your scissors, and working very carefully, begin to shape the muddler head. (It should be a blunt, slightly flattened cone that is flat on the bottom.) First, trim the hair butts next to the hair tip collar just enough to expose the hair tips. (DO NOT TRIM THE HAIR BUTTS.) Now trim the hair butts on the underside of the fly flat and close to the hook shank. Now rough-cut the hair head (not the hair tip collar) into a rectangular block, then taper the sides of the head from the back toward the hook eye so that there is a visible taper toward the hook eye. Taper the top of the head similarly in a downward taper toward the hook eye. Continue this tapering until you're satisfied with the size of the head. Now round out the corners to make a head that is a smoothly tapered cone that is flat on the bottom.

14. Trim away any stray hairs around the hook eye.

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

JANUARY PRE-MEETING FLY TYING SESSION A BIG SUCCESS

Our January guest speaker, Mike Schultz, provided interested MVFF members with an entertaining and highly informative two and half hour free fly tying instruction session before the start of our January meeting. His focus was on large articulated flies designed especially for warmer water species such as smallmouth bass. His, and others' similar designs, bring significant change to fly tying and to flies that many of us will be using for big trout, pike and musky in addition to bass. Approximately twenty-five members were present for his tying class.

MVFF's new video camera, projector and screen proved to be a tremendous asset in aiding participants to see the instruction detail extremely well. This equipment is proving to be a real asset in our weekly fly tying classes, also. Thanks to Frank Cox for heading up and making this acquisition happen.

~ Phil Clay

Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 4, 2017. The event is from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road in Loveland. This is one great show right in our backyard.

There is always a good turnout of MVFF members for this event and we will as always have a table or two of members tying flies and promoting the club. Get all the information you need at the BUFF website - <http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com>.

Fly Tying Classes



The 2017 classes are well underway and participation has been great. If you still want to join in there's still a little space left.

Go to <http://mvff.tripod.com/flytying.html> for all the information you might need. Contact the following members to sign up and/or get your questions answered:

- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or at Fisherman's Headquarters, 937-222-2224 (work), or
- Dale Stephens at 937-233-5134 (home) or by email at dalebea65@sbcglobal.net

2017 MVFF MEMBERSHIP DUES DEADLINE

If you haven't paid your 2017 dues by the end of January 2017 you are now delinquent. Paid membership is required to participate in all club activities including:

- ✓ Receiving the monthly edition of TIGHTLINES
- ✓ Participation in FLY TYING CLASSES
- ✓ Participation in the CLUB RAFFLES
- ✓ Participation in our ANNUAL AUCTION
- ✓ Participation in SPRING FLING
- ✓ ETC.

The roster of current paid members will be strictly followed, so get your dues into the club NOW so that you don't miss out.

Dues can be paid at the door when you attend our monthly meetings or sent to:

MVFF
P.O. Box 151
Wright Brothers Station
Dayton, Ohio 45409

Thanks!



There are fly tying workshops on both Friday and Saturday. If you are at all interested it is a good idea to sign up early as possible as these will fill up. You can register for these workshops online.



The **2017 MVFF Annual Auction** will soon be here (March 13th), so it is not too soon to begin preparing! The importance of the auction 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 of our great club.

Many of our members are familiar with this annual event. For the new members and those not familiar, here are a few guidelines. 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 patterns of flies are also perennial favorites (so start tying some collections for inclusion in this year's event). This is a also 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 you can donate to the auction, the most important thing is to make a donation. Secondly, be sure to show up and bid on the items! This would be an excellent meeting to bring along a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. They will have an opportunity to pick up many quality items at a good price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds will be generated for the club.

If anyone needs to drop off anything early or cannot make it to the auction, you can get in contact with Kenneth Hudak at 937-673-8869 to make those arrangements.

Quote of the Month

"When dressing dry-flies, we must always keep in mind the fish's point of view rather than our own."

Romilly Fedden
Golden Days (1919)



February Speaker *(cont'd)*

Jeremiah Johnson. Hank is the official unofficial head master of fly fishing for Orvis and is the world's foremost authority on the "Snap It" casting technique which he developed while under the influence of many Pabst Blue Ribbon tall boys. Hank accepts tips in the form of cash, credit cards, promissory notes, beer, whiskey, donuts, flies and gasoline. Hank lives in the bed of his Datsun pickup and on the couches of fellow guides in Idaho and Montana.

Please prepare to forget everything you ever thought you knew about fly fishing because Hank's about to change it all. Snap It! Hambone! For more about Hank, please visit his website - www.hankpatterson.com

CALENDAR

February 2, 9, 16, 23	Intermediate Fly Tying Class
February 4	B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
February 7, 14, 21, 28	Beginners Fly Tying Class
February 10-12	Columbus Fishing Expo
February 11, 18, 25	Rod Building Class
February 13	MVFF Indoor Meeting, The Kohler Room, 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m.
February 23	Deadline for March Tightlines articles

Check our Facebook Events page for updates

DVD Library

The club has an extensive library of DVD's. There is a link to the list on the Home page of our website (www.mvff.us). Take a look and I bet you'll find something of interest . . . there have been some recent additions. If you have questions contact Richard Quigley at quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net.



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