

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**April ISSUE  
DEADLINE:  
Friday,  
March 25, 2011**

**Did you Buy  
Your 2011  
Fishing License?!**

## Next Meeting

**March 14, 2011**

**Presidential Banquet Center  
4572 Presidential Way,  
Kettering, Ohio**

*(Note - This is the larger bldg in the Kohler Complex)*

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, March 10, 2011.**

## This month:

## The Great MVFF Annual Auction!

The 2011 MVFF annual auction will be held at the Presidential Banquet Center (this is the larger building north of the one where we usually hold our meetings). There will be a cash bar for this month's meeting. Doors will be open at 4:00pm for early delivery of auction items.

Once again we are privileged to have Steve Rader back as auctioneer.

The importance of this meeting cannot be overstated. Along with our annual dues, this is the only other fund raising event sponsored by the club. This is also one of the best meetings to bring a guest, providing they have an interest in fishing. Bring your friends to help spread the cost of bidding around. Please be sure to bring something to put in the auction, come early, stay late and bid often.

Many interesting and unique items will be there for you to take home with the winning bid. These items will include Jim Calvert's deer hair flies along with flies tied by our guest speakers. Steve Rader is once again offering a guided bluegill trip with **Three Forks Guide Service**. I know for sure there will be duck decoys, a belly boat, rods, reels, vests, tons of flies and many other items you are sure to enjoy. There might even be some insect repellent.

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## President's Thoughts



It really is nice to see some grass instead of snow when I look outside the window. The temperature gauge is reading above zero and spring is just around the corner. Ron Lewis has proven that the fishing is not too bad as he recently caught several large brown trout in the Mad River. You can see his photo on our web site.

The winner of the gift certificate, for paying his 2011 dues before the end of the January meeting, is Everett Vanatta. As for the rest of us, we all have a chance to get some great bargains at our annual club auction March 14, 2011. Several members of the fly tying classes have been hard at work tying flies, of all types, for the auction and will provide a great opportunity to fill our fly boxes. Marty is getting all aspects of our auction in place and will have more information in this newsletter. This year the auction will start on time and move quickly so as to finish at a decent hour. Please bring your friends and either your checkbook, or cash. Remember to contact Mike Wolford if you plan on eating dinner with us.

I think all who attended the February meeting were very pleased with Joe Humphrey's presentation and with the fly tying session held on Sunday prior to the meeting. Several club members also tied flies at the BUFF Fly Fishing show in Cincinnati this month and helped bring in a new member to our club. While the beginner rod building class consists of myself and Mike Tyler, Joe Nagel is working on his fourth fly rod and provides information on his previous experiences.

Several events are starting within the next few weeks that all members need to be aware of. First of all, don't forget to renew your fishing license. Fly tying classes are still going strong even with a couple of cancellations due to the weather.

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March 12, 2011 is the annual meeting of Trout Unlimited, with "Mad River Days" being April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. April 4, 2011 is the tentative start of Project Healing Waters. Please contact Dave Oertel if you plan to help with this event. April 5, 2011 will be the yearly event at WPAFB. If you will be helping with this event please contact Dave Oertel (Dave has really jumped on the band wagon so to speak with many club activities).

In April we have our Spring Fling and our thoughts turn to our outdoor meetings. As a reminder, we need volunteers to assist Brian Furderer with the TNT (Thursday Night Tease) events (see the article on page 4 for details). Ken Hudak will be "in the pond" with our casting competition and has some very nice prizes for the winners of each division.

As mentioned at the February meeting, the club has received a request for help from the Southern Ohio district of the Church of the Brethren during there Intermediate Fishing Camp to take place July 10-16 in Peebles , Ohio. They are asking for help on the "fly-fishing" day which is tentatively set for July 13, 2011. Contact me if you are interested. I am placing this in the Tighlines so those who cannot attend the meetings may still be able to help with club activities. I need to respond to the instructor who contacted me about this by April. For those who like to travel, there is a Fly Fishing Expo on April 1-3 at the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN. For more info, go to <http://www.greatwatersflyfishingexpo.com>.

I'll see you at the auction!

Tom Courtney

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Saltery Lake Lodge has again agreed to sponsor a two-for-one deal for a Salmon fishing trip of a lifetime to Kodiak, Alaska. The date for this trip is Aug. 21-27, 2011. This is a 6 day, six night fishing package and includes round trip airfare from Kodiak to the lodge, food, lodging in a standard cabin and guide. The total value of this years trip is \$4740.00. The winning bidder will pay Saltery \$2370.00 with a down payment of \$1185 due by Mar.23, 2011. The winning bidder will be responsible for airfare to and from Kodiak. If you have specific questions you may contact Doyle Hatfield at Saltery Lake Lodge: 1-800-770-5037, fax 907-486-3188, e-mail [saltery2@pptialaska.net](mailto:saltery2@pptialaska.net), web <http://www.salterylake.com>.

As always, as you gather your items to donate, please keep in mind - no junk. A good rule of thumb is, if you wouldn't pay money for it most likely no one else would either. This has been working well for the last couple years as the quality of items donated has been very good.

What should you bring? Obviously anything related to fly fishing does well. Hunting and camping equipment are also popular. A sample of your favorite wine or spirits or tools and flies always sell well. Now is the perfect time to go through all of your gear and weed out what you no longer want or use. That well intentioned gift from your mother-in-law can now be harmlessly recycled. One man's junk is another man's treasure.

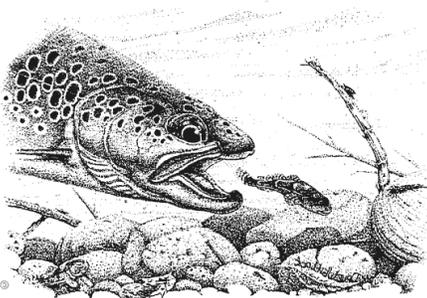
Let's make this years auction a better success than last year.

Thanks, Marty Vandebroek - 2011 MVFF Auction Chair

## February Meeting Re-Cap

We had the privilege of having Joe Humphreys as our guest speaker for the February meeting.

Joe began his presentation narrating a DVD presentation of his casting techniques on intimate streams east and west. Afterwards, we moved the tables aside, and Joe gave us a live demonstration of his bow-and-arrow and "squeeze-grip" casts.



**Joe Humphreys giving his casting demonstration at the February meeting.**



# This Month's Fly – March 2011 Edition

## BARR'S MEAT WHISTLE

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

### Recipe

Hook.....90 or 60 degree Jig hook, size 3/0 to 1/0  
Weight.....Copper Conehead  
Thread.....Rusty Brown 6/0  
Rib.....Ultra Wire (Brassie), Copper Brown  
Body.....Diamond Braid, Copper, Gold, or Bronze  
Wing.....Rabbit Zonker Strip, Rust  
Legs.....Brown/Black/Orange rubber or Pumpkin Stripe Sili Legs  
Flash.....Copper Flashabou  
Collar.....Brown or Rust Marabou



1. Place the cone on the hook, then put the hook in the vise with the hook point down. Attach the thread behind the hook angle in front of the conehead and build up a small football shaped length of thread. (This length of thread should be slightly larger than the diameter of the hole in the cone so that the conehead fits tightly onto it.) Let the thread hang.
2. Push the conehead forward onto the thread length, then continue wrapping the thread in front of the conehead building up a small cone thread head between the front of the conehead and the angle of the hook.
3. Now pull the conehead back off the thread, whip finish and cut the thread, then apply head cement to the thread.
4. While the cement on the thread is still wet, push the conehead back onto the thread head tightly.
5. Restart the thread behind the conehead and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend, then reverse direction and wrap it back to behind the conehead. Let the thread hang.
6. Cut a 5-6" piece of diamond braid and ribbing wire and tie them in together slightly behind the conehead. Keeping them on top of hook shank, wrap thread over both of them back to the hook bend, then wrap the thread back to slightly behind the conehead.
7. Now make one turn of the diamond braid behind the wire ribbing, then wrap the braid forward to slightly behind the conehead and tie it off. Remove any excess braid. Let the thread hang. **DO NOT WRAP THE RIB YET.**
8. Invert the hook in the vise. Cut a piece of zonker strip a little more than 2 times the length of the hook shank. Pierce the strip with the hook point in its middle (the front end of the strip should reach to the front of the braid body) and pull it down to the rear of the braid body. The hide part of the strip should be against the braided body. (It may be necessary to remove the hook from the vise to move the strip into the proper position.) Tie the front of the strip down tightly at the front of the braid body and remove any excess strip behind the conehead. Cover the strip butt behind the conehead with thread. (Be careful not to build up too much bulk as there are several other items to tie off later.)
9. Grasp the wire rib and palmer it evenly over the rabbit strip, binding the strip to the body in a matucka-style wing. Once the wire is at the front of the wing, tie it off and remove any excess.
10. Now invert the hook back to its original position. Cut two 6" pieces of legging material, fold them in half, and tie them in at the fold on top of the hook shank at the point where the rabbit strip was tied off, adjusting them so that there are two legs on each side.
11. Cut a small clump of flashabou about 6-7" long and tie it in by the center behind the conehead, working the separate strands so that they are evenly distributed around the hook shank. Then fold the front half of the fibers back over the body and bind them down as well. Trim the ends of the flashabou so that they are about 1/2" past the bend of the hook.
12. Select and measure a marabou feather so that its tips reach just past the bend of the hook. Tie it in on top of the hook shank right behind the conehead and attempt to spread it out so that it covers the top half of the fly. **DO NOT WRAP THE MARABOU OR CUT THE BUTT END OF THE MARABOU.** Invert the hook and repeat this procedure for the bottom half of the fly.
13. Now grasp the butt ends of the marabou and wrap them around the hook shank tight against the back of the conehead and tie them off. Remove any excess marabou butts.
14. Form a dubbing loop behind the conehead, cut some matching rabbit fur and place it in the loop and twist the loop closed. Wrap this fur dubbing loop around the hook shank tight behind the conehead forming a fur collar and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing loop. Whip finish behind the conehead and cut the thread.
15. Trim the zonker strip tail so that it is approximately a hook shank in length. Trim the legs so that they reach back to the middle of the tail.

# 2011 TNT Events: Volunteers Needed

I will once again be heading up the TNT program for 2011, but I will not be able to host nearly as many events as I did last summer. Looking at the schedule now we still have nine open Thursdays. Because of this we need more volunteers to host events this summer.

Events will run from the first Thursday in June to the last Thursday in August. Feel free to choose one of your favorite ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and ideally should be within a 20-40 minute drive of the Dayton metro area.

Please contact me if you are interested in hosting a Thursday TNT outing and I will ensure that all of the important details get updated on the MVFF message board and in Tightlines.

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Email: [brian@midwesternflyfishing.com](mailto:brian@midwesternflyfishing.com)

Thank You,

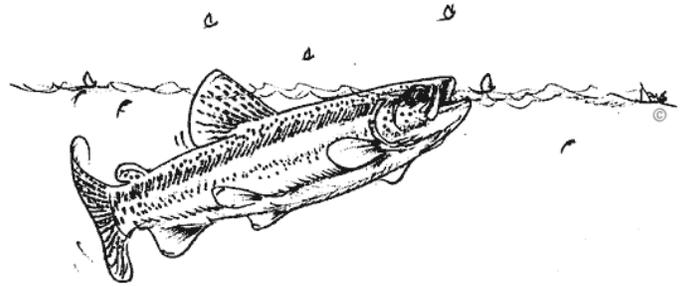
Brian Furderer

## TU Madmen Upcoming Events

- March 12th - Annual Meeting
- April 3rd - Workday meeting at St Rt 36 at 9:00 a.m.
- April 17th - Monitoring/sampling meeting at St Rt 36 9:00 a.m.
- April 30th/May 1st - "MAD RIVER DAYS"

For additional information, visit the TU Madmen's website at:

<http://www.tumadmen.org/>



## 2011 Rod Building Classes

March 5 will be the final session of the 2011 Rod Building Classes. Up to this point, we have completed the following:

**Class 1:** Find the Spine / Guide Placement

**Class 2:** Guide Wrapping

**Class 3:** Handle Assembly

During this final class, we will be shaping our handles and securing the reel seats. If you have never built your own rod, I strongly urge you to consider doing so in 2012. It is hard to describe the satisfaction of catching a fish on a rod you built yourself!



**Class 2: Guide Wrapping**



**Class 3: Handle Assembly**

# MVFF CALENDAR For March, 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
- 5**                    **Rod-Building Classes.** For pre-registered members. Classes held at Jim Corbin's shop: 165 Miami Dr., Yellow Springs, OH 45387.
- 11, 25**              **Advanced Fly-Tying Class** at "The Lodge" in the Gander Mountain Store in Huber Heights
- 14 -**                 **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details)
- 25 -**                 Deadline for March **Tightlines** Articles
- 31 -**                 **Fly Tying Class - Pizza Party** at Gander Mountain

## 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:

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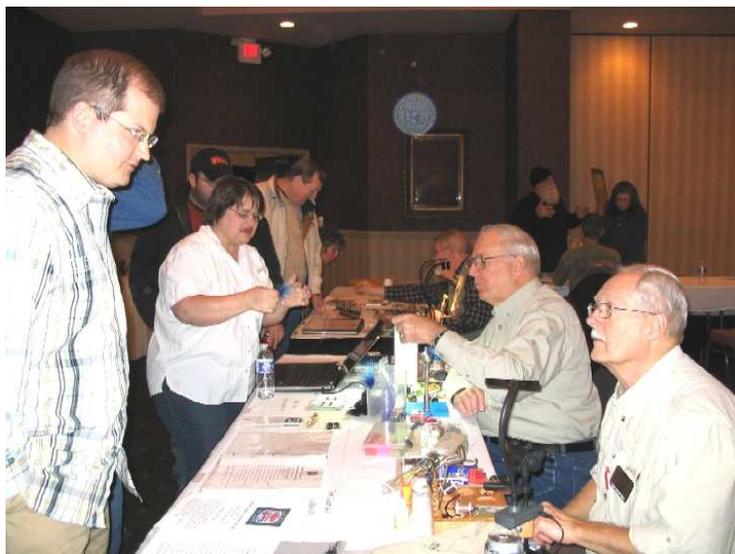
Then send us an email subject "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name.

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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:

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## MVFF at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show



**Our club was well represented at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on February 5. In attendance at the Tying Island: Tom Courtney, Bob Cain, Woody Woodward, Alan Ashley, Jerry Redford and Gordon MacKenzie.**



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## This Month's Meeting:

### The Great MVFF Auction!

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