

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,
March 22, 2013

It's Auction Time!!!!

Next Meeting

March 11, 2013

Presidential Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way,
Kettering, Ohio

Note - This is the larger bldg. in the Kohler Complex.

Dinner will be served early as well:

Doors open at **4:00 P.M.** ,
Dinner at **6:00 P.M.**
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or
E-Mail him at: toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, Mar 7, 2013.**
(**Note** - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

This month:

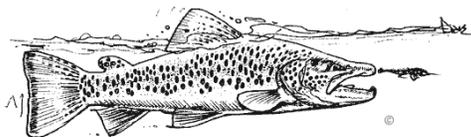
The Great MVFF Annual Auction!

It's that time again! The Great MVFF Auction is finally here!

The 2013 MVFF Auction will be held at the Presidential Banquet Center (this is the building north of where we normally hold our meetings). There will be a cash bar for this month's meeting.

Doors will be open at 4:00 pm for early delivery of auction items. We are again privileged to again have Steve Rader as auctioneer.

As mentioned many times in the past, the importance of this meeting cannot be overstated. Along with our annual dues, this is our only fund-raising event sponsored by the club. Historically, the Auction represents half of our annual budget, so it is important for you to be there. This is also an excellent meeting to bring a fishing buddy (guest) to help spread the load.



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President's Thoughts



March is a great time of year for fly fishers in Ohio as the steelhead run gets into full swing on the Lake Erie tributaries. Spring is also just a few weeks away and it is time to start unpacking all of that fishing gear which has been stored away for the winter. It is usually around this time that we also realize just how much fly fishing gear that we have and how a lot of it goes unused for one reason or another. Conveniently, this time also coincides with the Annual Miami Valley Fly Fishers Auction, and I can think of nothing better to do with that unused gear than to donate it to the club for this event. Remember... this is our club's largest fundraiser and directly influences the quality of our winter speaker program along with the financial resources for our fly tying classes and Project Healing Waters program. In an effort to move things along quickly this year we will be starting dinner at 6:00 PM so we can get the bidding started as soon as possible. We have already secured a lot of great items for this year's auction so show up ready to bid!

I hope that everyone enjoyed Jeff Novak's presentation on Lake Erie Steelhead at our February meeting. I thought his presentation was very informative and his passion for that fishery was excellent. I also wanted to thank him for a special donation that he has made to club. After our February meeting, Jeff donated a full day guided steelhead trip for two people on April 19th, 2013. This will be the first item up for auction at our March meeting and Jeff has requested that all proceeds from this trip go directly to the "Marty Vandebrook Fund". If you would also like to make a donation to this fund please see Carl Markstrom, MVFF Treasurer. Donations can be made at our monthly meetings or mailed to our PO Box with checks made out to MVFF, designated for:

The Marty Vandebrook Fund.

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Our booth at this year's Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing show was once again successful thanks to the efforts of our volunteers: Bill "Woody" Woodward, Bob Cain, Tom Courtney, & Dale Stephens. We gained some new members at the show and we had numerous people sign up to receive our newsletter through the MVFF Flybox Giveaway. Thank you to all who signed up for the newsletter, and congratulations to our contest winner, **Jim McGavick** from Centerville, Ohio. Look for your fully loaded MVFF Flybox in your mailbox shortly, Jim.

Finally, there are a few upcoming events to be aware of. The annual MVFF Ohio Power trip is fast approaching and further information will be published in Tightlines, so stay tuned. On March 30th, the Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold their annual meeting at the Champaign County Historical Museum in Urbana. Please see the meeting agenda in this issue of Tightlines for more information. The F3T (Fly Fishing Film Tour) will be coming to the Gateway Center in Columbus on March 7th, 2013. Tickets for are available through Mad River Outfitters and all proceeds will benefit TU's "Trout in the Classroom Project. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will host the second of two open house events at Wittenberg University regarding the proposed designation of the Mad River in Clark County as a recreational river under the Ohio Scenic Rivers Program on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013. This open house will take place in Room 105A, Shouvin Hall (737 N. Fountain Ave., Springfield) from 10-11:30 AM.

I hope to see you all at this month's Auction, arriving with an armful of donations and leaving with an armful of purchases.

Brian Furderer
President

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So you ask - what do folks bring to the auction? Many different types of items are popular. Some members bring a bottle of their favorite wine or spirits, while others donate a round of golf at the club. In recent years, a growing number of members have donated a guided trip to their favorite fishing holes. These have become very popular and are a big hit with the winning bidders.

Many unique and interesting items will be there waiting for the winning bid - lots of fishing items, along with camping and hunting gear. And of course, a wide selection of flies! All the gear you no longer use would be welcomed by another fisherman in the club, so go through all your stuff and bring what you no longer want or use.

All that being said, the rule of thumb is - **NO JUNK**. If you wouldn't pay money for it, why would you expect anyone else to?

So here's the deal; bring an item to auction off, bring cash or check for your winning bid, and bring a fishing buddy to share in the bidding and camaraderie of the club. We'll be looking for you on the 11th!

Project Healing Waters Update

Hello everyone! I am going to be writing a column every month keep everyone up to date on information related to Project Healing Waters. So far, we have a lot getting started. Beginning on the second Tuesday in April, we are starting our fly tying classes at the VA. We currently have 14 kits and materials. We are excited to get underway.

Also, we are getting dates together for events. This year our vets are invited to Castalia. Other places will include Spring Run and Mertensia Springs. Another opportunity coming up is Caesar Creek's "**Take a Veteran Fishing**". For that event, we will be needing volunteers to help teach vets and families casting, tying, as well as taking them fishing. There will be other clubs and vendors helping out as well.

What I'm planning to do is to take PHW and expand it. Some ideas are to have continuing tying classes and weekly fishing days. When the fishing season starts to get warmer, I'd like to take vets involved with the program fishing on a weekly basis, perhaps on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have many places we can go from the VA, the base, river systems, and MetroParks.

Currently we are in need of funding. Any donation is tax deductible whether it's monetary, materials, or equipment. There will be forms available for tax purposes.

If you have any ideas or just want to volunteer time, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Heather Statt
Project Healing Waters Program Manager
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This Month's Fly – March 2013 Edition

LEE WULFF SURFACE STONE VARIANT

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Salmon, size 6
Thread.....Chartreuse, 6/0
Post.....Poly yarn, white or color of your choice
Hackle.....Saddle hackle, badger or cream
Body.....Chartreuse foam, 2mm
Wing.....Badger hair or Grey Squirrel tail
Thorax.....Chartreuse Diamond Brite or Prism dubbing
 blended with badger hair underfur



Instructions:

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye at the point where the folded end of the hook eye touches the hook shank and wrap a tight thread base back over the front half of the hook shank, then reverse direction and wrap the thread back to the tie-in point. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 2" piece of poly yarn and tie it in by its middle on top of the hook shank at the thread tie-in point with several tight thread wraps. Lift up both ends of the yarn and wrap thread around them up their length for about 1/4" forming a tight thread post, then wrap the thread back down to the base of the post.
3. Select a hackle feather and measure the barb fibers to find the point where the barbs are the length of the hook shank. Strip off the longer fibers below that point exposing the bare quill. Tie the feather in by its bare quill upright against the side of the thread post with tight thread wraps. (*The barbs should start at the top of the post.*) Return the thread to the base of the post, trim off any excess quill butt, and wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
4. Cut a strip of foam about 1/4" wide and 4" long. Cut a taper in one end and tie it in by this tapered end on top of the hook shank (*Be sure the straight side of the tapered end is on top.*) The length of the strip should project out over the hook bend. Bind down the butt end of the strip with tight thread wraps. Wrap the thread back to behind the post.
5. If desired for durability, coat the hook shank with super glue, then wrap the foam strip up the hook shank in overlapping turns to slightly behind the post and tie it off. Be sure to keep tension on the foam strip as you wrap it to form a thin body. Remove any excess foam and tie down the butt with tight thread wraps.
6. Snip a **small** clump of badger hair or squirrel tail hair from the skin. (*Pull the hair upright to even the tips before you cut it off as close to the skin as possible.*) Remove all the underfur but don't throw it away as we will use it later. Measure the hair to be the length of the hook shank and tie it in tightly by the butts as a wing on top of the hook shank slightly behind the post and tightly against the front of the foam abdomen. Wrap tight thread wraps over the hair butts to the back of the post, then pull the remaining hair butts around the side of the post toward the hook eye and cover them with thread wraps. Wrap the thread back to behind the post to the wing tie-in point.
7. Take a clump of dubbing and blend it with the underfur from step 6, then dub the thread and wrap it from the front of the wing to the back of the post. Be sure to cover any thread wraps. Remove any excess dubbing and wrap the thread to the front of the post.
8. Now grasp the hackle feather and wrap it down the post in tight touching turns to the hook shank and tie it off in front of the post. Remove any excess hackle.
9. Dub the thread again and x-wrap it behind the post to cover any thread wraps, then bend back the post and wrap the dubbed thread against the front of the post forming a dubbed tapered head.
10. Remove any excess dubbing, form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.
11. Trim the top of the post level just above the hackle.

TU Madmen's Annual Meeting

MADMEN CHAPTER of TROUT UNLIMITED 2013 Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 30th at the Champaign County Historical Museum in Urbana. We would like to invite all members along with anyone interested in the protection of the Mad River Watershed.

AGENDA:

8:30	- Registration	10:30	- Update on ODNR Div. of Wildlife study of Mad River – Ethan Simmons
9:30	- Welcome and Introduction of Board Members	10:45	- Update on PHWFF Program
9:35	- 2012 Accomplishments / 2013 Action Plan	11:00	- Break
9:40	- Financial Report	11:10	- SMRC Update
9:45	- Mad River Watershed Update	11:30	- Fishing Methods for the Mad River (Presented by MVFF's Ron Lewis)
9:50	- 2013 Accomplishments	11:55	- RAFFLE
10:15	- TIC Update	12:00	- ADJOURN

2013 MVFF Rod Building Classes

The 2013 Rod Building classes are currently underway.

If you think catching a fish on a fly you tied is special, imagine casting that same fly, and catching that same fish, on a rod you built yourself as well!

Consider building your next fly rod in the 2014 rod classes next year!



Left to right:
Jeff Warden,
Steve Dow and
Jim Corbin in the
2013 Rod Building
Classes.

Think about building
your own rod in
2014!

February Speaker Re-Cap

Steelhead Guide and Instructor Jeff Novak was our speaker for the February meeting.

Jeff gave an informative and entertaining talk about fishing Steelhead Alley, as well as information about the Steelhead School and salmon fishing on the Garden River.

Jeff was also kind enough to donate a guided trip for our Auction. Thank you Jeff!

If you are interested in learning more about the topics covered by Jeff, be sure to visit his website at:

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



Jeff Novak (right), speaking with members after the February meeting.

MVFF CALENDAR For March, 2013

- 2 - **ODNR Open House, Wittenberg College** (See President's article on page 1 for details)
- 2, 9 - **2013 Fly Rod Building Classes**, Jim Corbin's Shop (Pre-registration required.)
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **Beginner's Fly Tying Classes**
- 8, 14, 21, 28 **Intermediate Fly Tying Classes** (***) **Note - the class on 3/8 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 - Annual Auction!** (Note: Reservations Are Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 22 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**
- 30 - **TU Madmen's Annual Meeting** (See article on page 4 for more information)

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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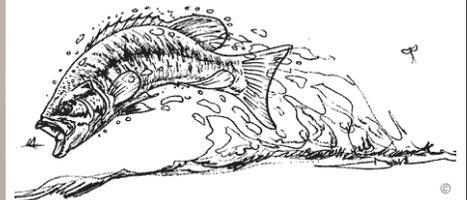
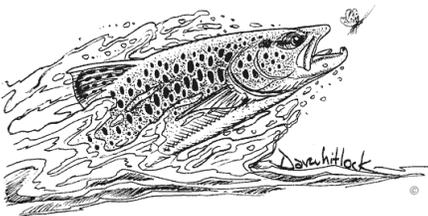
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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

Welcome New Members!



We had another new member at the February meeting - **Marty Ulrich!** Welcome aboard Marty!

If you see Marty at the Auction, please be sure to introduce yourself!



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