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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

**Friday,
March 28, 2014**

**This Month:
The Great MVFF Auction!**

Next Meeting

March 10, 2014

**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

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E-Mail him at: toflyfsh@woh.rr.com

by **Thursday, Mar 6, 2014.**

(Dinner Price is **\$13.00**)

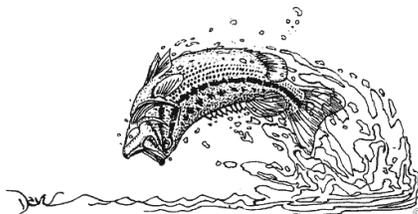
This month:

The Great MVFF Annual Auction!

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

The 2014 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.**

The importance of this event 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.



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President's Thoughts



What a difference a month can make in the weather.

When I was putting the February newsletter together, the temperatures plunged below zero. Now as I work on this edition, the temperature is over 50 degrees warmer, and the snow is all but gone (for now).

February may be the shortest month of the year, but for our club, it is one of the busiest. Both fly tying and rod-building classes are underway, and will continue into March.

The BUFF Show on February 1 was another great success. I would like to thank Dale Stephens, Bob Cain, Jerry Redford, Woody Woodward and Carl Markstrom for representing the club at the show. Additionally, I'd like to thank Jerry and Woody for working the club's booth at the Adventure Summit at Wright State on February 14 and 15.

So now, we turn our attention to March, and that means **AUCTION TIME!**

This is an important meeting for the club. The Auction is the single largest fund-raising event of the year for us. The programs we are able to offer to our members are determined in large part by the outcome of this one meeting.

I want to stress other aspects of this meeting as well. First, the Auction is fun; the friendly competition of bidding on items against your friends can be quite enjoyable and entertaining.

Additionally, this is the **perfect** meeting to bring a guest, and give them a chance to perhaps pick up that needed piece of equipment at a fair price. In fact, we have extended invitations to BUFF and NKFF to join us this month.

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I am confident we will again have a great selection of items from which to choose this year. Among the items already confirmed are:

- Several fly rods, including a one donated by **Hook and Hackle** (Thank you Ron!)
- A large selection of flies tied by the Fly Tying Class students and others
- A special collection of flies donated by our February speaker, **Greg Senyo!**
- Various guided trips, offered by fellow members
- I am pleased to announce that our January speaker, Dustan Harley of **Ripple Guide Service**, has also donated a guided trip as well!

And this is only the beginning!

So, be sure to get to this meeting early, and plan to stay late, and bid on your favorite items! You will be glad you did, and so will the club.

OK, that's all for now. By the time you read this, I (hopefully) will have finally been out fishing for the first time this season. If you have not yet been out, I hope you get the opportunity to do so soon - better fishing conditions will be here before you know it!

See you at the Auction!

Joe Nagel
MVFF President

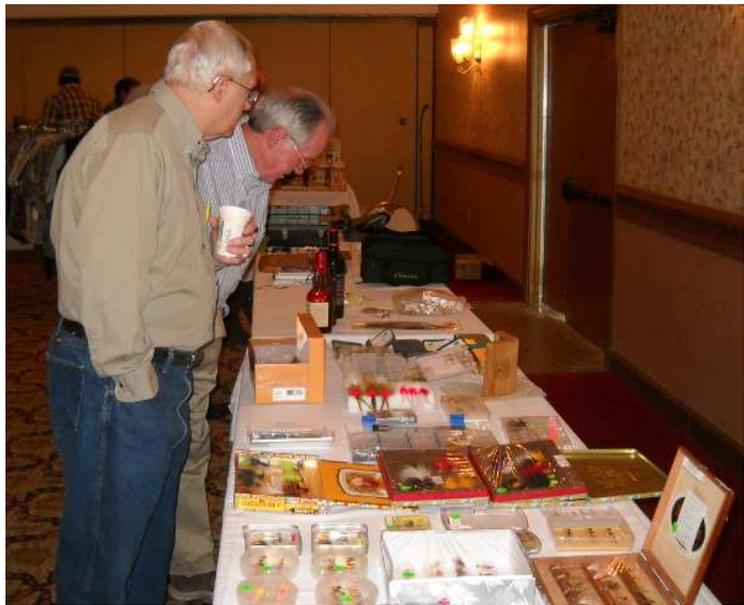
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Many interesting and unique items will be there for you to take home with the winning bid. These items will include rods, reels, vests, tons of flies and many other items you are sure to enjoy. There might even be some adult beverages.

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 you're your mother-in-law can now be harmlessly recycled. One man's "junk" truly is another man's treasure.

Thank you,

Ken Hudak, 2014 MVFF Auction Chair



A picture from last year's Auction. Come early, stay late, and bid often, and have fun!

New Ohio Fishing Licenses On Sale Now

Ohio fishing licenses for the 2014 - 2015 season are now available.

The price for an annual resident license is still \$19.00. You can purchase your license online at the following link:

<https://www1.oh.wildlifelicense.com/start.php>

Licenses may also be obtained from your favorite License Agent (including Fisherman's Headquarters!).

Be sure to obtain your new license prior to your next fishing trip on or after March 1.

This Month's Fly – March 2014 Edition

DRY SKUNK

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

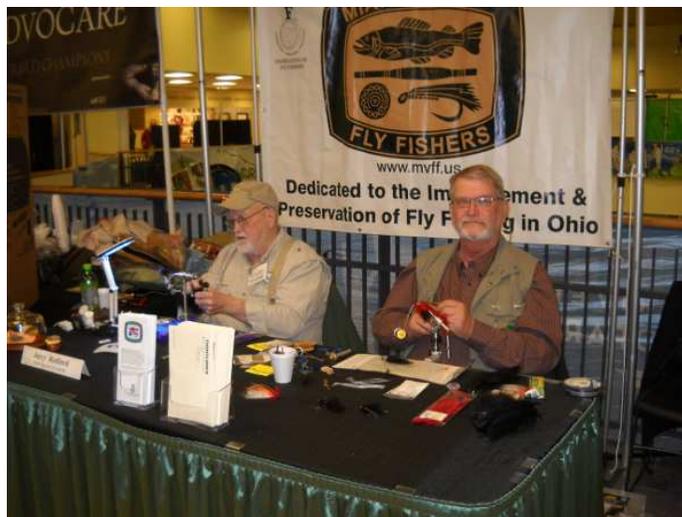
Hook.....Dry, size 10
Thread.....Black 6/0 or color to match body
Tail.....White Calf Tail
Body.....Small Crystal Chenille, color of choice
Underwing.....Pearl Krystal Flash
Overwing.....Deer Body Hair, natural
Legs.....White Round Rubber

1. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a small bunch of calf tail and clean away loose hair. Tie in the hair as a tail at the hook bend. The hair tips should extend about a hook gap length past the hook bend.
3. Wrapping the thread forward toward the hook eye, bind down the tail hair butts on top of the hook shank for about 2/3ds of the hook shank. Remove any excess hair butts and wrap the thread back to the tail tie-in point at the hook bend.
4. Cut a short length (3"- 4") of crystal chenille. Strip one end of the chenille down to the core. Tie the chenille in by the stripped core at the same place as the tail and then wrap the thread forward to just behind the hook eye. Now wrap the chenille forward in tight touching turns to about 1/8th inch behind the hook eye and tie it off. Let the thread hang. Remove any excess chenille. **(BE SURE TO NOT CROWD THE HOOK EYE.)**
5. Cut a batch of pearl crystal flash long enough to reach from the front end of the chenille body back to the end of the tail. Tie it in at the front end of the chenille body on top of the hook shank so that it reaches back to the end of the tail. Remove any excess flash and let the thread hang.
6. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair. With the hair tips pointing toward the tail, measure the hair so that it reaches from the back of the tail to just behind the hook eye, and tie it in behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. Be sure to hold the length of the hair tightly until you finish the thread wraps so that it does not flair.
7. Now wrap the thread in 1-2 wraps back to the middle of the body. Pull the length of the deer hair back over the top of the body and tie it down at the middle of the body with several tight thread wraps. Let the thread hang.
8. Cut two pieces of rubber leg about 2-3" long. Tie one leg in on each side of the body at the same point where the deer hair was tied down. Be sure to keep all the thread wraps for the legs in the same place as the wraps for the deer hair.
9. Do a whip finish at the same point as legs were tied in keeping the thread wraps all together over the leg wraps. Cut the thread.
10. Pull together the flaired hair butts over the hook eye and, holding them together straight out over the hook eye, cut them off level with the front edge of the hook eye creating a hair head. (Cutting the hair butts evenly is best achieved by laying the bottom blade of the scissors against the front of the hook eye and cutting straight up and down.)
11. Trim the rubber legs so that the front legs reach just in front of hook eye and the rear legs reach slightly past the tail.

MVFF Out And About In February



The club was well represented down at the BUFF show on February 1. A big "Thank you!" to Jerry, Dale, Bob, Woody and Carl for their help!



Jerry and Woody, tying flies at the Adventure Summit at the Wright State Student Union building, on a very snowy Valentine's Day evening.

February Meeting Re-Cap

Our speaker for February was **Greg Senyo**, of Steelhead Alley Outfitters.

Though the meeting did not go quite as planned, due to a last-minute lack of audio / visual equipment, Greg did not let this phase him a bit. He gave us an overview of his perspective of Steelhead Alley, and then gave us a **REAL** treat as we gathered 'round to watch him tie flies! Thank you for an enjoyable and educational evening, Greg!

For more information about Greg and Steelhead Alley Outfitters, be sure to check out the following links:

<http://www.steelheadalleyoutfitters.com>

<http://steelheadalleyoutfitters.blogspot.com>

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



Greg Senyo, tying flies and answering questions of the members gathered around his tying vise at the February meeting.



A picture of some of Greg's flies, from his Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/senyos.steelhead>

MVFF CALENDAR For March, 2014

- 1, 8 - **2014 Rod Building Classes**, at Jim Corbin's Shop (Pre-registration required.)
- 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
- 6 - **Fly Fishing Film Tour in Columbus** (Details at <http://www.madriveroutfitters.com/>)
- 7, 8, 9 - **The Dayton Sportsman & Fishing Show** (See the Ad at the bottom of this page)
- 10 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 16 - **TU Madmen's Annual Meeting**, (Details at <http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html>)
- 28 - 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.



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

2014 Dayton Sportsman, Boat & Fishing Show

March 7, 8 and 9
Dayton Airport Expo Center

Show Times:

March 7	1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
March 8	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
March 9	11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Over 100,000 square feet of Power Boats, Ski Boats, Fishing Boats, Pontoons, & Hunting and Fishing Products.

Admission - \$8.00



For more information, visit <http://www.rvandboatshow.com/dayton.html>.



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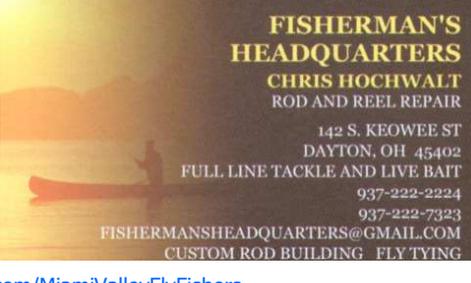
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