

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,  
March 20, 2014**

## NEXT MEETING MARCH 9, 2015

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

*(We'll be in the other building for this event!)*

**Doors open at 4:30 P.M. ,  
Bidding starts at 6:00 P.M.**  
*(DINNER RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)*

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or  
E-Mail him at: [toflyfish@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfish@woh.rr.com)  
by **Thursday, March 5, 2015.**  
**(Note - Dinner Price is now \$15.00)**

## This Month: MVFF AUCTION!

## Membership Renewal Reminder

### 2015 Membership Fees Are Due NOW.

The membership fee is **\$35.00**. If you have not yet  
paid your dues for 2015, please do so at the February  
meeting.

**The club is counting on you!**

## AUCTION TIME!!

**Doors open at 4:30,  
Auction starts at 6pm**

## President's Thoughts



Greetings fellow members,

I would like to thank the attendees and all 14 of the fly tying participants who contributed their time and efforts to the BUFF show in Cincinnati this past month. The show was a great success for BUFF and our club as well. In speaking with BUFF president, Ken Dixon, I learned this was their highest attended show ever.

I was very inspired as I watched so many of our club members acting as ambassadors for MVFF and our sport. Passions run deep with this crowd and enthusiasm is infectious. We have already had a number of new members join post-show, and I expect even more in the near future.

As those of you who made it to the February meeting already know, our speaker, Kevin Morlock gave a fantastic presentation about fly fishing the flats in and around Beaver Island in Michigan. Please check out his website at [www.indigoguideservice.com](http://www.indigoguideservice.com).

I would encourage each of you who still receive a paper copy of Tightlines to consider switching to online only. Your switch to an online only format will save the club thousands of dollars each year and aid in conservation efforts. The paper copy of Tightlines is one of the biggest club expenditures due to the cost of paper, postage and printing. We do not meet the requirements to be able to receive bulk shipping rates. I made the switch this month after learning of the cost to our club. I AM NOT SAYING THE CLUB HAS ANY FINANCIAL ISSUES BECAUSE WE DO NOT.

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## President's Thoughts .....Continued from Page 1

This is an individual choice and we all respect the right of every club member to have his or her own paper copy of Tightlines mailed to their home. I am just offering the on line suggestion because I want the cost of my paper, print and postage to support outreach programs like Healing Waters and others. If you want to make the change, please contact me or any of the club officers.

The idea of a special MVFF 40th year anniversary celebration logo was brought up during the February meeting. The idea expressed was a one year logo change or even a secondary logo to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the club. Paula Mann-Smith and Mike Wolford have offered to create a committee and present ideas in the near future. Please contact them if you have ideas or would like to participate.

### CLUB EVENTS

Lucky for us, there appears to be no shortage of activities and events related to our sport and club. The fly tying and rod building classes are moving ahead. The tying classes are still open and the cost of materials are covered by your club dues. The classes take place at Gander Mountain in Huber Heights at 6pm. The beginners classes are on Tuesday night and the intermediate classes are held on Thursday, through March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### AUCTION

The MVFF annual auction takes place on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Presidential Banquet Center. The room will be open at 4:30 pm for last minute donation drop off and browsing. For those of you who would like to contribute but don't have extra gear lying around, please consider offering your own guided trip involving water that you know and regularly fish. As example, Karen and I will be offering a guided trip for 2 to Sunny Brook Trout Club. The trip will include travel to and from, along with all fees and lunch. We have bid on and won some of the past trips offered by club members and we had a great time. Their contributions have served as an inspiration for us to offer our own trip.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

Don't miss the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo that will be held at Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center in Warren, Michigan on March 14th and 15<sup>th</sup>. This show is by far one of the best in the county. I'm sure there will be a car pool trip so check Facebook.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Enough said..... Most have done a great job and made their memberships current.

As I sit here in Dayton today, there appears to be no end to this Ohio winter in sight. Cold sub-zero temperatures and 3 inches of snow can humble all but the most hardy of fishermen. On Friday, I had seriously contemplated making the journey to Sunny Brook Trout Club in Sandusky. The everyday stressors of life were building up and my only effective non-alcoholic release waited a scant 3 hours away. Unfortunately, they forecasted 3 to 5 inches of snow and minus fifteen degrees with the wind chill factor in the Great Lakes region.

### PLAN B

I believe I'll pour a couple fingers of Jamison and work on my fly tying.  
See you at the auction on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nathan Via  
MVFF President

## MARCH Meeting—2015 Club AUCTION

Many of our members are familiar with this annual event. For the new members and those not be 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. If you have received well intentioned gifts that failed to hit the mark, then perhaps this would be the perfect time to recycle that gift and generate some money for the club. This is a 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 a guest or two that have a passion for the sport. They will have an opportunity to pick up many items of good quality at a good price. The more members and guests that show up the more funds will be generated for the club.

# This Month's Fly – March, 2015 Edition

## SMOKE JUMPER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook.....Curved Caddis/Emerger, size 12-16  
Thread.....6/0 or 8/0, color of choice  
Rib.....Small silver wire  
Body.....Thread  
Wing case/Wing.....CDC feather, white or cream  
Thorax.....Peacock herl  
Head.....Thread



1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to over the hook point.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of small silver wire to serve as a rib. Tie it in on top of the hook shank by one end over the hook point. (The length of the wire should extend out over the hook bend.) Wrap a tight thread base over the wire to halfway down the hook bend, then reverse direction and wrap the thread in tight touching turns to in front of the hook point.
3. Now palmer the silver rib in 4-5 wraps to the front of the thread body and tie it off. Remove any excess wire.
4. Select a CDC feather and remove the fluff from its base. Measure it to be a hook shank in length and tie it in by its base on top of the hook shank in front of the body. The feather tips should be pointing toward the hook bend. Remove any excess butts and wrap a thread base to behind the hook eye. Return the thread to in front of the body.
5. Select a good peacock herl and tie it in at the front of the body, then wrap it in touching turns forward to slightly behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess herl. Be sure to brush the herl back with each wrap to stand up the fibers as much as possible.
6. Grasp the CDC feather and stroke the fibers together, then pull it forward over the top of the thorax and tie it off with just a few wraps of thread. Take a dubbing needle and insert it under the CDC wing case and the thorax, then lift it up to create a small bulge between the wing case and the top of the thorax.
7. Now take a few more tight wraps to secure the wing case, then wrap the thread in front of the wing and take a few wraps to prop the wing up.
8. Form a small thread head behind the hook eye, whip finish, and cut the thread.

### REMINDER FOR CLUB PURCHASES

ALL CLUB PURCHASES MUST RECEIVE PRE-APPROVAL IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED. AMOUNTS OVER \$50 REQUIRE BOARD PRE-APPROVAL. AMOUNTS UNDER \$50 CONTACT THE CLUB TREASURER 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:

[http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.pdf](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf) OR [http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.xls](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls)

# 2015 Fly-Tying Class Schedules

**LOCATION:** The Lodge at Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH.

The room is reserved from **5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** on the following dates for these classes.

## **BEGINNER'S 2015 CLASS SCHEDULE**

(All Tuesdays)

January 6  
January 13  
January 20  
January 27  
February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24  
March 3  
March 10  
March 17  
March 24

## **INTERMEDIATE 2015 CLASS SCHEDULE**

(All Thursdays)

January 8  
January 15  
January 22  
January 29  
February 5  
February 12  
February 19  
February 26  
March 5  
March 12  
March 19  
March 26

## **2015 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo**

**Saturday March 14 and  
Sunday March 15, 2015**

Macomb Community College  
Sports & Expo Center, Warren  
Michigan— [http://  
midwestflyfishingexpo.com/](http://midwestflyfishingexpo.com/)

## **Fly Fishing Film Tour 2015**

Gateway Film Center  
Thursday, March 05, 2015 at 7:00 PM  
Columbus, Ohio



## **TU Madmen, Annual Meeting:**

## **All Invited and encouraged to attend!**

The Madmen Chapter of (TU) Annual Meeting is scheduled for **March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Champaign County Historical Museum in Urbana, Ohio.**

We are in the process of developing a formal announcement with the agenda, list of raffle prizes and information on the keynote speaker but requesting that you include in your newsletters, web sites etc., in association with upcoming March meetings.

We are excited to announce that **Bill Spicer** one of the hosts of "**THE NEW FLY FISHER**" television show; will be our speaker.

The meeting should be over by noon to let folks have time to fish and if they are interested in coming up and making it a weekend I highly recommend staying at the Simon Kenton Inn bed & breakfast on the north side of Springfield. For more about what the Madmen have been doing check the 2014 Accomplishment Report on the web site [www.tumadmen.org](http://www.tumadmen.org), as well as the calendar for upcoming activities and events.

We hope you can join us, to show support for protecting this valuable watershed.

THANKS!

Tom Allen

Exec. Dir. TU Madmen Chap. & Ohio State Council Chair



# Random Tips for a “New Season”

*\* Snippets, taken from Orvis News—Feb, 2015—[orvis.com/news](http://orvis.com/news)*

## Replace the shoelaces in your wading boots.

No shoelaces wear out as fast as those in your wading boots. If you’ve had your boots for a season or more now, just get some replacement laces and change them out now in the comfort of your own home. Every parking lot at every fishing access point in America has wading bootlace ends on the ground, and a broken lace can take the shine off a day in a hurry.

## Make a junk box.

When you are organizing your flies into tidy collections of whatever this year’s system will be, set aside one box as a “junk box.” This one medium-size box should contain a variety of flies to cover many situations. You’ll just need a couple of each, except for those that you fish the most. Stock up on those. I find that on most days only ever open this one box. (Of course, I usually end up carrying somewhere between 3 and 10 others.)

I far prefer a compartment box for my junk box. I can clean out a compartment of say, BWOs when the PMDs come on, for example. Being able to drop in a handful of flies without the need to insert each one into foam slots saves time and keeps this box full.

As for organization, I will dedicate a few compartments to go-to flies, such as small parachute dries (e.g. Adams or Klinkhammers), PMXs and Bugmeisters, Hare’s Ears and Higa’s SOS. Most of the others are a mixture of flies only roughly grouped by size and purpose. I find that most of the flies from my drying patch go straight to the junk box. If they are flies I’ve used recently, there is a good chance I’ll want them again soon.

## Practice casting to ropes in front of a large object.

Finally, we all know we should practice casting before we head out to the water. Those of us who do usually buzz over to the local park or school and throw some paper plates or other round objects on the ground for targets and then commence trying to cast as far past them as possible.

Practice makes perfect. . . . The hard part is figuring out how to make practice come anywhere near perfect. Here are a couple of simple suggestions:

- ⇒ First, in addition to your plates or hoops, lay some lengths of rope roughly parallel to each other in the target zone. These rope sections should suggest seams in the current, places where the water on either side moves and different speeds. Now cast to hit these seams and then cast to land your line and leader in ways that the imaginary currents won’t drag your line. Practice for no more than 3-4 minutes and then change your position relative to the targets to create new angles and distances.
- ⇒ Second, always practice this kind of casting facing a wall, a tree or other large object that is just a few feet beyond your targets. It’s the only way I know to keep accuracy casting from morphing into “I’ll-bet-I-can-throw-this-3-weight-70-feet” casting in 42.3 seconds or less. Someone out there might have the self-discipline to stay on task when the opportunity to attempt a hero cast calls, but I know I can’t. Physical barriers work much better than psychological ones.



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