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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:

Saturday,  
March 26, 2016

## Next Meeting

March 14, 2016

## MVFF Annual Auction

Presidential Banquet Center  
(we'll be in the other building for this event)  
4572 Presidential Way  
(directions on website)

Doors open early at 4:30 p.m.  
Dinner buffet will open by 6:00 p.m.  
Auction will start at 6:30 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATIONS  
REQUIRED

Meal Price - \$15.00

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937) 667-9392  
or [toflyfsh@woh.rr.com](mailto:toflyfsh@woh.rr.com) by Thursday,  
March 10th.

## 2016 MVFF Annual Auction

The 2016 Auction will soon be here, so now is the time to begin preparing! The importance of this meeting 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 participated in by the 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. If you have



## President's Thoughts

Welcome to March!

I want to take a moment to acknowledge all the club members who participated in the following events/shows that were presented in this area last month.

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing/ BUFF Show was held this year on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio. This show well attended and we filled a triple booth space with fly tiers. In addition to the tiers, Your talented Vice President, Kelly Kingery, met with vendors and was able to secure donations and discounted items for the club auction.

On February 12th – 13th, The Five Rivers MetroParks Adventure Summit took place at Wright State University. We bought space for two booths this year and somehow, we obtained and filled a third fly tying table with no additional cost. Thanks to Ken Hudak and Jerry (The Machine) Redford, we inspired and picked up a few new members who should be at this month's meeting.

And..... for those of you who missed it, Kelly Kingery conducted a first-time teens-only fly tying seminar. Ken and I came to crash it, but Kelly

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### **President's Thoughts** (cont'd)

THREW US OUT. My daughter, Kayleigh, took the class and shocked me with the wooly worm she tied. Up until the class, I had Kayleigh tying greenie meanies and Clouser minnows. When I inspected the grizzly hackle and even spacing of the worm's body, I asked Kayleigh if she had tied the fly and she told me she had tied it. I later asked Kelly if this was true and Kelly confirmed Kayleigh tied a fly that is better in some ways than most of mine. This is the part where Dale Stephens would say "It's because women listen better than men." I say it has a lot to do with the instructor.....

On February 19th-21st, The Great American Fly Fishing Expo took place at the fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Karen and I got a chance to meet Dave and Emily Whitlock. For those of you who are new to fly fishing or unfamiliar, Dave Whitlock wrote and illustrated the L.L. Bean Fly Fishing Handbook. He has also almost single handedly provided our sport with the best and most accurate artwork detailing every aspect of fly fishing. From casting and tying to beautiful pictures of fish and habitat, Dave is to fly fishing art what B.B. King was to the blues. His wife Emily is also just the sweetest Lady. Special thanks to both of them for future items you will see at this month's auction.

Just when I think it is safe, I always run into Greg Senyo at these things. Greg (The Steelhead Alley Cop) Senyo and I always get to talking shop AND fishing. He had a booth at the show, so Indy was nothing different this time as well. Two hours later, we draw guns and order the other one to walk away. Seriously, it's almost that bad, but thanks to Greg, we will have a dozen of his steelhead flies and his Fusion Fly Tying book for the auction.

#### **This month is the great MVFF auction of 2016.**

Your donations and generous purchases keep the club alive while helping to pay for our awesome speakers. This is a great way to pick up that two-handed rod, a club trip or a smoky mountain fly assortment at SUPER CHEAP prices. Two years ago, I got a new-in-the-box pair of Orvis boots that retailed for over \$100.00 for only \$20.00

Please remember that we meet next door.

See you soon,

Nathan A. Via  
MVFF President

### **MVFF Auction** (cont'd)

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.

**Good News:** Jim Hawkins, MVFF founder, has donated two rods for the auction, both are custom built. One is a 2 piece 7 wt and the other is a 2 piece 9 ft 7/8 wt Sage G-220 rod built in 1989 by the legendary Jim Corbin.

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.

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### **Canadian Fly Fishing Trip**

We have a trip planned to Bear Lake Wilderness Camp in Ontario, Canada for 12 fly fishermen the first week in June. There are two cabins for six reserved and at press time we still have two openings for this trip.

Details are as follows:

- Drive up to Canada on June 3rd and fish Bear Lake and the surrounding 20+ lakes from June 4th thru June 11th.
- The rate is \$525 per person for 7 days of fishing with boat and motor included.
- Fish for Pike, Bass, Walleye, Perch and Trout at your choosing on these lakes.

Check out the web site for this trip location at [www.BLWC.com](http://www.BLWC.com).

For additional details or to get on the list, contact MVFF member Jim Calvert at 937-925-1211.

## March Fly of the Month



## EVIL OLIVE

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook..... Curved caddis, size 12-18  
Thread..... Light olive, 6/0 or 8/0  
Bead..... Black  
Tail..... Wood Duck Fibers  
Rib..... Gold wire, small  
Body..... Thread  
Wingcase..... Wood Duck fibers, natural  
Thorax..... SLF dubbing, olive or peacock  
Legs..... Pearl Flashabou

1. Place the bead on the hook, place the hook in the vise, then attach the thread behind the bead and wrap it down the shank to just in front of the hook point and then back to the bead.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of ribbing and tie it in behind the bead. Take the thread and wrap over the wire back to half way down the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Select a wood duck feather with the longest fibers possible and strip off a medium clump of fibers. Keeping the tips as even as possible, tie the fibers in as a tail where you left the thread. The tail should be about a hook gap in length. (You can pull the fibers to the correct length.) Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, wrap thread forward over them to behind the bead. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING BUTTS.**
4. Now wrap the thread back down the hook shank to the tail, then back to behind the bead forming a smooth tapered thread body. You can wrap back and forth until you feel the body is correct. End with the thread behind the bead.
5. Grasp the ribbing and palmer it forward over the body to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing. Wrap the thread back to in front of the **hook point**. Let the thread hang.
6. Now grasp the feather butts and pull them back over the top of hook shank and tie them down in front of the hook point. **DO NOT CUT OFF THE REMAINING FIBER BUTTS.** Wrap a tight thread base over the tied

- down fibers back to behind the bead.
7. Dub the thread and take wraps between where you tied down the wingcase fibers and the rear of the bead to create a relatively thick thorax. Tie off the dubbing behind the bead and remove any excess dubbing. Be sure you have covered all the thread wraps with dubbing.
8. Cut two strands of flash material to use as legs. Tie them in by their middle right behind the bead head. Do a couple of x-wraps over them to ensure there are two strands on each side of the thorax.
9. Now pull the remaining wood duck fibers forward over the top of the thorax to form a wingcase and tie them off right behind the bead. Remove any remaining fibers and do a whip finish behind the bead.
10. Trim the legs even with the rear of the abdomen.
11. Now coat the wingcase with a light coat of UV resin and cure it. The UV should cover the whole wingcase and the top of the bead head.



## Teen Fly Tying Class

Celebrate St. Patty's Day learning to tie flies and bring a friend! Come on out and "create the bait" while you learn the techniques to make your own flies at home. Who wouldn't feel lucky when fishing with their own hand-tied green woolly bugger?

The class will be held at Cox Arboretum's Learning Lab, 6:00pm – 8:00 pm on March 17th. Cost is \$5. Register online <http://www.metroparks.org> - search for fly tying or call 937-275-7275. Limit 10 seats.

Parents: the park will be open, so enjoy the grounds, explore the trails, or simply sit and watch the turtles on the rocks. You can pick your fledgling fly tier up at the end of the program. In other words, the Peanut Gallery is closed for construction!

## MVFF CALENDAR

March 1, 8, 15, 22	Beginner's Fly Tying Class
March 3, 10, 17, 24	Intermediate Fly Tying Class
March 10	Fly Fishing Film Tour - Columbus
March 14	MVFF Indoor Meeting (Reservations are Required - see page 1)
March 17	Teen Fly Tying Class
March 26	Deadline for articles for the April issue of Tightlines

## DVD Library

Did you know we have an extensive library of DVD's. There is a link to the list on the Home page of our website (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](mailto:quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net).

Also a reminder: there are some DVD's out on loan that need to be returned. Please bring them to the upcoming meeting.

## Get on the Digital Bandwagon!!!

Many thanks to those who have responded to our efforts to reduce the publication and mailing costs for *Tightlines*. We've got the number receiving mailed (USPS) copies below 100 now and expect more folks to get on board.

Again, it costs about \$1.00 each for printing, plus the stamp cost of \$.49 (there is no bulk rate for our size mailing) and the cost of labels. Besides saving costs to the club which will allow support of club activities, it also reduces the overall workload in delivering to, and picking up from, the printer, affixing labels and getting them out in the mail.

Please consider getting your issue electronically . . . it's in color at no extra charge!

To "opt out" email us at [mvffemail@gmail.com](mailto:mvffemail@gmail.com) and tell us you want to get your Tightlines by email.

Thanks.

## Quote of the Month

*Never throw with a long line when a short one will answer your purpose.*

Richard Penn (1833)

Quoted in *The Angler's Weekend Book*, Edited by Eric Taverner and John Moore

## 2016 Dues

You may be tired of hearing this again, but there are still a significant number of members who have not paid their 2016 dues.

The membership fee remains unchanged at \$35.00.

Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget.

Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (e.g. - PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

If you have already renewed your membership for 2016 - thank you! If you have not, please bring your membership dues with you to the March meeting.

## **PHWFF Update – Rod Building**

The rod building class for vets has begun. MVFF volunteers are working with 10 veterans at the Dayton VA who have signed up to participate in the Annual National PHWFF Rod Building Program and Contest. Rod kits have been provided by The Hook and Hackle Company of Homestead, PA, at no cost to the veterans or MVFF.

By the time this issue of Tightlines has reached you we will have completed 4 weeks of the program and most of the participants will have started the wrapping of the guides on the rods. We'll probably be working throughout the month of March.



They also have the possibility to win prizes for their rod building abilities, including the opportunity to further their rod building experience by attending a bamboo rod building school or attending a PHWFF National fly fishing trip. The Rod Building Contest is a way for PHWFF program participants to showcase the skills, talents, and creativity garnered from program classes, meetings, and independent study in a casual, fun contest.

Judges use a 10 point scale for categories that include "Neatness" (evenness of the thread wraps, no excess glues or finishes on blank/grip/seat), "Functionality" (guide spacing, components in line, etc.), "Creativity" (open to interpretation of the judges) and so on. The totals are tallied for each participant and the winners in each category with the highest overall scores are the winners.

This is a very enthusiastic group of veterans and we are all having a good deal of fun.

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## **Buy / Sell / Trade**

Got gear you need or want to unload? Give us the info and we can post it here for you as well as on the Message Board. Please let us know when to remove the listing.

Send your request to [tarnoldjr@me.com](mailto:tarnoldjr@me.com)

## **Fly Fishing Film Tour**

As of press time there were still tickets available for the annual Fly Fishing Film Tour, brought to you by Mad River Outfitters. It is a great evening featuring a number of superb fly fishing films, great raffle prizes, and a good opportunity to meet with other MVFF members for dinner and a beer at a great pub just outside the theater (The Oxley Pub).

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Gateway Film Center

1550 N. High St.

Columbus, Ohio 43201

Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and show starts at 7:00

Tickets: \$15.00 at Mad River Outfitters, on-line at [madriverroutfitters.com](http://madriverroutfitters.com) or (614) 451-0363.

(Show will sell out so get your tickets ASAP)

\* Bring some extra cash to buy raffle tickets - there will be many nice items available.



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