

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
April 26, 2013**

**Our Last Indoor Meeting
Until October!**

Next Meeting

April 8, 2013

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

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
by **Thursday, Apr 4, 2013.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

The Spring Fling Raffle!

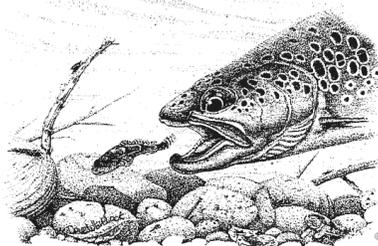
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This Month's Speaker:

Techniques for the Mad River and Beyond

Presented By

**MVFF's Own
Ron Lewis!**



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President's Thoughts



Daylight Savings Time, Easter, and Baseball Opening Day...those can only mean one thing... Spring is here. We can now bid farewell to ice in our guides, frozen fingertips, and knit caps and put away all of the extra layers of clothing for awhile. Spring is also the time of year when the club has a chance to give something back to its members with our annual Spring Fling Raffle. The board has worked extremely hard to once again come up with some excellent items for this year's raffle. See the Spring Fling section of this month's newsletter for a list of the items that will be raffled off at this month's meeting and be sure to bring a few extra dollars with you.

It was great seeing everyone, especially Marty Vandebroek, at the auction last month and thank you to all who donated and purchased items. I thought that the selection of items was incredible, and our results echoed this as we once again had a record year. A special "Thank You" to Steve Rader for making the trip north to keep the bids coming and make the night entertaining, to Tom Courtney & Dale Stephens for getting the projector set up to showcase fly selections, to Ken Hudak for stepping in to fill our auction chair position, and to Matt Taylor and Karen Via for their assistance in getting items to the winning bidders.

We are now three full months into the year and there are still a large number of outstanding dues for 2013. Membership dues are the second largest source of income for the club and they are an integral part of our operating revenue, so their importance cannot be stressed enough. This year the board has made a difficult decision to only allow members in good standing to purchase tickets for the Spring Fling Raffle. Not to worry though, if you have not already paid your dues you can do so at April's meeting which will make you eligible for the raffle.

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If you are unsure of your current membership status, please contact Matt Mullins as soon as possible. The board does not want anyone to miss out on Spring Fling, but we also want to ensure that the members who have paid their dues get their full membership benefit.

Most of you have spent all winter tying flies and now it is time to use them. Steelhead are in the Lake Erie tributaries, the Hendrickson's will be coming off on the Mad River soon, and the warm water bite is about to pick up. Even if you aren't able to get out for a full day there is still a lot of fun to be had with nothing more than a spare hour, a few small poppers, and local pond...so get out there, have fun, and fish.

Brian Furderer
President

Project Healing Waters Update - April, 2013

Thank you everyone for submitting flies to be put in displays for the PHW national auction. If you would like information about the auction, check out healingonthefly.org. The banquet will be held in Michigan on April 24.

Our PHWFF 2013 fly tying classes start April 8th at 6:00 pm. We are welcoming all returning vets as well as new. They will continue every Tuesday for the next few months.

Our first event is planned for the year! Caesars Creek is having an event called "**Take A Warrior Fishing**" on June 8th from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. We will fish in the morning and after lunch there will be an awards ceremony along with casting instruction and fly tying. Please let us know if you are wanting to participate.

Currently, we are getting together a weekly fishing schedule. We would like to have at least one evening once a week during fishable months to spend time with a few vets who want to fish. If you are interested in helping coordinate or volunteer, please feel free to email me.

See you soon,

Heather Statt
Project Healing Waters Program Manager
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Spring Fling Overview

We are kicking off the spring season with a bang as we have assembled over \$3500 of amazing fly fishing gear for this year's Spring Fling Raffle. Thanks to everyone who has helped make a raffle like this possible for our club:

Jim Corbin
St. Croix Rods | <http://www.stcroixrods.com>
Sage | <http://www.sageflyfish.com>
Rajeff Sports | <http://www.rajeffsports.com>
Fisherman's Quarters | 142 S Keowee St Dayton, 45402 | **937-222-2224**
Yeti Coolers | <http://www.yeticoolers.com>
Sugarcreek Fly Shop | <http://www.ReelFlyRod.com>
Waterworks Lamson | <http://www.waterworks-lamson.com>

Through their assistance, we will be raffling off the following items:

- Sage ONE - 9' 5wt 4pc Fly Rod (Custom built by Jim Corbin)
- Yeti Tundra 35 Cooler and Swag Package
- Lamson Package - Speedster 2 Reel (5/6 Large Arbor Reel), spare spool, and hat
- St. Croix Bank Robber - 9' 6wt 4pc Fly Rod
- Redington Sonic Pro Stockingfoot Waders (size chosen by winner)
- Echo3 - 10' 5wt 4pc Fly Rod from Rajeff Sports
- Fishpond Tomahawk Fly Tying Kit Bag along w/ a \$100 Fisherman's Quarters gift certificate
- Temple Fork Outfitters BVK - 8' 3wt Fly Rod w/ a 10' conversion kit.
- Sage 4250 Reel, Hat, & Buff from Sage

For those of you new to club, the Spring Fling Raffle works a little differently than our standard raffles. Tickets are purchased and then placed into buckets for a specific item. You can choose to throw all of your tickets into that one item that you really want or to spread them out...it's your choice. We look forward to seeing you all there, and please remember our local fly shops and the national companies who have helped support our club this year.

This Month's Fly – April 2013 Edition

CLOUSER SWIMMING NYMPH

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph, long shank, size 4 - 10
Thread.....Color to match body, 6/0 or 8/0
Weight.....Lead wire .15 or .20
Tail.....Rabbit fur or marabou, cream/tan/brown/olive, your choice
Flash.....Krystal Flash or Flashabou Accent, copper
Rib.....Gold wire or oval tinsel
Body.....Cream/tan/brown or olive dubbing
Wingcase..Peacock herl
Legs.....Partridge or speckled hen, natural or brown
Head.....Thread

Instructions:

1. Put the hook in the vise and make 10-15 wraps of lead in the middle of the hook shank. Remove any excess lead
2. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap it back over the lead wraps, building a thread ramp at either end of the lead wraps, then wrap the thread back to the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Select a piece of rabbit zonker and trim off a substantial bunch of fur close to the skin. Clean out the underfur and tie the fur in as a tail at the hook bend. *(The tail should be at least half the hook shank in length.)*
4. Take a piece of flash material and fold it in half. Tie it in at the hook bend by the fold with one side of the folded flash on each side of the tail. Trim the flash so that it is equal with the end of the tail. The thread should be at the hook bend.
5. Now cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by the end at the hook bend. The length of the ribbing should extend back over the hook bend.
6. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body forward covering the rear 2/3rds of the hook shank. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess.
7. Wrap the rib forward in evenly spaced turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing.
8. Select 5-7 strands of peacock herl, remove the brown waste at the butt ends, and tie them in by their butt ends tight against the front end of the body directly on top of the hook shank. The lengths of the herls should extend back over the top of the body. Remove any excess butts.
9. Select a partridge or hen feather with barbs that will reach back to hook point. **(DO NOT REMOVE THE FLUFF FROM THE BASE OF THE FEATHER.)** Tie it in by the tip, concave side down, directly in front of the herl. The length of the feather should lay back **over** the body.
10. Dub the thread and wrap a tapering thorax from the front of the body to slightly in back of the hook eye. Remove any excess dubbing.
11. Now closely palmer the feather forward thru the dubbed thorax and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess feather.
12. Wet your fingers and stroke the feather barbs down from the top of the thorax so that an equal number of barbs are on either side and leaving an open area on top of the thorax.
13. Grasp the bunch of peacock herls and pull them over the top of the thorax between the feather barbs as a wing case. Tie them off behind the hook eye and remove any excess herl.
14. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement, if desired.

2013 Auction Re-Cap

Thank you to all of our members and friends who donated items and volunteer for last month's auction. We also want to thank everyone who came out to bid. Through your generosity and participation we were able to raise \$6968.65, which was a **7.5% increase** over last year! If you missed out any of the great items from one of our donors you can find it on their website below.

The Orvis Company: <http://www.orvis.com/>

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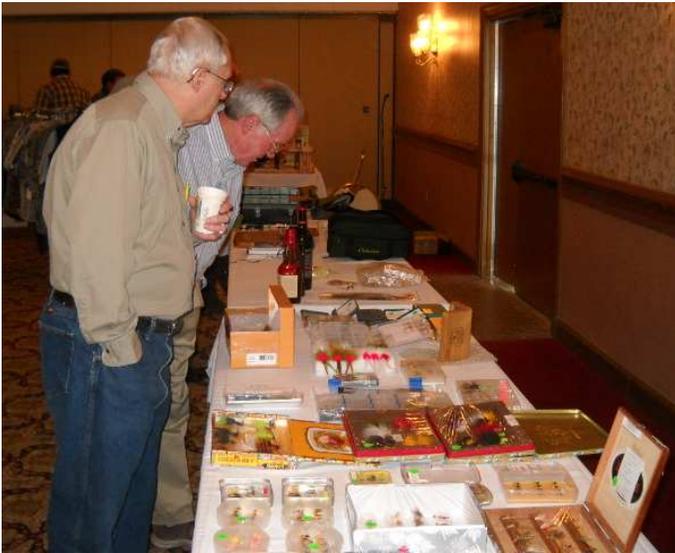
Jeff Novak (Steelhead Guide): <http://www.extremesteelheading.com/>

Montana Fly Company: <http://www.montanafly.com/>

Howler Brothers: <http://howlerbros.com/>

The Hook & Hackle Company: <http://www.hookhack.com/>

Great Lakes Fly Fishing Company: <http://www.troutmoor.net/>



Members browsing some of the many items donated to the club for the 2013 Auction.



A helpful addition to this year's auction was the video camera and projector used to display smaller items (such as flies).

MVFF Outdoor Meeting Season Starts Next Month

Next month marks the beginning of our outdoor meeting season. And this year, we will be meeting in a new location.

We are pleased to announce that our outdoor meetings will now be held at the **Dayton FOP Lodge** on Powell Road. This facility has a larger picnic shelter, and a fishable pond! For more information and directions, visit the following page on club's website:

http://www.mvff.us/meeting_location.html

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Ron Lewis transplanted to the Dayton, Ohio area 14 years ago after living and working around the world and has been fly fishing the Mad River among other national rivers since his relocation back to the United States, and here in Ohio. Converting from a solid spin fisherman who mostly fished still water in his 40+ years of fishing, Ron has been faced with numerous hurdles as he has attempted to master flyfishing the waters of the Mad River. After catching and landing most every Mad River tree and with a little incentive and a lot of help from local club members of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Ron set off on a mission to develop his own skill set and fishing techniques that soon began showing positive results in producing healthy sized Mad River Brown Trout on a regular basis.

Ron's presentation highlights not only techniques and skill sets needed to be consistently successful on the Mad River, but also exalts the importance of fishing often on any water, and for any amount of time you can muster, in order to hone your skill sets and make your next "EXPENSIVE" flyfishing destination more fruitful, and therefore more enjoyable.

Come on out and listen to what Ron has to say and perhaps all involved will have a learning experience.



Ron Lewis with an exceptional Mad River Brown

MVFF CALENDAR For April, 2013

8 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)

26 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**



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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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, CARL MARKSTROM, 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 OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

Afield With Friends: Fishing an Unusual Fly

From the **Williamsport Sun-Gazette** - March 3, 2013 | (*Reprinted with the permission of David Troisi, Editor*)
<http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/589904/Afield-with-Friends--Fishing-an-unusual-fly.html>

My guide box in the drift boat reminds me of a library and the Dewey Decimal System with all the usual imitation fly patterns that I know may occur during a fishing season. However, there are days when average-sized 9 to 12-inch trout are stuffed with everything the stream has to offer and your reputation is going up in smoke. If you're a guide on the river, then you know the feeling.

During these fruitless days, I like to think of unusual fly imitations and search for large fish that have pig-like appetites. A good guide is observing and locating some good fish. The key is returning regularly and fishing the spots that big lunkers call home.

Normally, I like to cover a mile or so of water and pay little attention to small pan-sized fish, knowing that dominant fish have pushed them into shallow water or insecure places. Big fish are comfortable beneath undercut banks and there is logic in choosing that location. Those areas normally are quite deep. They can guard the area from other fish and catch everything that floats downstream, including smaller mammals that fall off the banks. These trout lies are in all streams and there are many along the banks of our 300 miles of water in northcentral Pennsylvania.

It was no surprise, then, that while killing 20-inch trout for biological studies in Wyoming and for the National Park Service, the most frequently found mammal in their stomachs was the common field mouse.

To be successful in this style of fishing, it is important that an angler develops a mental philosophy of "big fish love big flies." In my experience, I have found that a lunker trout very seldom refuses a tasty morsel such as a deer hair imitation mouse. While fishing banks, I like to tie the mouse with a weed guard and a 10-pound test tippet. By flopping the imitation in the current above your located fish, it will move a hungry trophy.

Although the deer hair mouse imitation is a little more time consuming to tie, a half dozen imitations tied during the long cold months of winter and spring will save you time when the great mayfly hatches are giving you fits. The deer hair body is simple to spin on your hook, and a long tail manufactured from a thin leather strip or rubber band will give your fly some life. You can add some leather ears or dark closed foam to keep it floating high on the water's surface if you like. Artificial glass eyes are nice, but if the lunker is hungry it will not make a difference.



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 And
 Ron Lewis

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