

TIGHTLINES

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**June ISSUE
DEADLINE:
Friday,
May 27, 2011**

**The First Outdoor
Meeting of the Season!**

Next Meeting

May 9, 2011

Deeds Park Casting Pond

(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The fun begins at 5:30

Join us for our first outdoor meeting of the year, for a grilled meal, camaraderie, and casting competition!

2011 Casting Competition News!

The outdoor casting event will again be hosted by the team of Ken Hudak, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. But don't let that scare you! Come on over and cast a bit... regardless of your skill level.

The only thing required to participate in the casting events is for you to show up. You don't even have to own a fly rod (although, if you do, you can cheat by practicing at home – just don't tell the judges; they might, no – they will – give you a hard time). There is no age requirement or limit, no height requirement, and no previous casting experience is needed. Everyone is welcome!

– NEW THIS YEAR – CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM. **No casting will be allowed after 7:15 PM.** The cut-off time will help ensure we are not holding up the meeting with scoring, etc., so come on over and cast early.

Casting Competition – this month is the Dry Fly. A maximum of 3 false casts will be allowed.

Casting Competition Divisions are as follows:

First Flight

Those that have never won a casting event or new casters.

Seniors

Casters who have previously won a First Flight casting event or former winners of the First Flight casting division.

Masters

Former winners of the Seniors casting division.

President's Thoughts



With the old saying that "April showers bring May flowers", we should have an over abundance of flowers this year. Fishing has been off and on for the past four weeks based upon how much rain we will have from day to day. This along with the ever-changing temperatures has made for a typical Spring.

This past month was highlighted with a good presentation by Jim Teeny and a very informative fly tying session, by him, prior to the meeting. It was unfortunate we could not have had the fly tying session on a weekend day so more could attend. We also set a club record for the number of meals purchased, due to the large number of people in attendance, per Mike Wolford. On a disappointing side, our income from the Spring Fling actually cost the club \$196.70 this year.

John Young has done an excellent job of obtaining, and hosting, our guest speakers since September of last year. I mentioned that John is looking for either somebody to take this over, or at least assist him with this. There is no better opportunity for you to spend one-on-one time with some of the best named people in the fly fishing sport than to help host them when they come into town. While our guest stay in hotels, there needs to be somebody from the club to pick them up at the airport (if they fly in), take them to their hotel, take them to dinner and bring them to and from the meeting. If you are interested in either taking this over, or helping John, please let him, or I know, as soon as possible as we need to obtain guest for October and November of this year as well as January to April of next year.

Project Healing Waters started April 19, 2011 with a good turnout of club members to help teach our veterans how to tie flies. I appreciate those who are helping with this project as does the staff at the VA hospital. I was happy to see that most of the club members wore their nametags so as to help make conversation with the veterans much more personal. Since Dave Oertel is in charge of this project I am sure he will have more information for us.

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April was the end of our indoor meetings for a few months as we move outside to Deeds Park for some good evenings of social time with those that spend the winter months in warmer climates. For new members, and old, this is also the time to learn how to cast, improve your casting skills, and enter the casting competition. The free casting lessons are one of the many benefits of your membership in our great club. There is no need to feel shy or intimidated if you are just starting out and have never held a fly rod. The quality of instruction provided is second to none and would cost you a fair amount of money if not for your membership. I encourage all to take advantage of this (including me).

Ken Hudak is in charge of the casting competition and has the fly boxes with the club's logo engraved on them for the winners of each of the three levels of competition. Casting will start as soon as Ken and Jeff have things set up. Something new this year will be a time (7:15 PM) when the competition will end. This will allow for Ken and Jeff to have time to eat, total up the points, and have some time to spend with other members. The winners of the casting competition will be announced and prizes awarded. Next we will have the great raffle by Greg Sherwood, followed by our short meeting (starting around 8:00 PM).

Remember you do not need a reservation for dinner at the outdoor meetings. Again this year chiefs Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson will be displaying their culinary skills at the grill pit turning out some very delicious steaks and chicken to supplement the usual cookout menu.

I hope to see you at the meeting and don't forget to bring a friend.

Tom Courtney

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Competition Guidelines:

Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using the club rod. One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's competition. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

Here's how we are scoring. All casters will start with 100 points. Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points. Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point. If the fly lands outside all the rings, 2 points will be deducted. The person in each division with the highest score will win the event for their division.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by averaging scores of all events entered. Whoever has the highest score total in their division will be awarded a trophy at the December awards banquet. Even if you don't win an event, you could still be the overall winner of your division (it's happened before!). So come on over and cast.

Remember - although we do keep score and everyone would like to win, the real point of doing this (other than to just have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good luck!

Wright Patterson Outdoor Recreation Open House

On Friday, April 15, our club again participated in the WPAFB Outdoor Recreation Open House. The purpose of this event is to introduce service men and women stationed at the base to outdoor recreation opportunities in the Dayton area.

In attendance representing our club at the event were:

Dave Oertel
Dale Stephens
Woody Woodward
Bob Cain

Thanks guys!



Dale and Dave tying flies at the WPAFB Open House

This Month's Fly – May 2011 Edition

POLAR SHRIMP

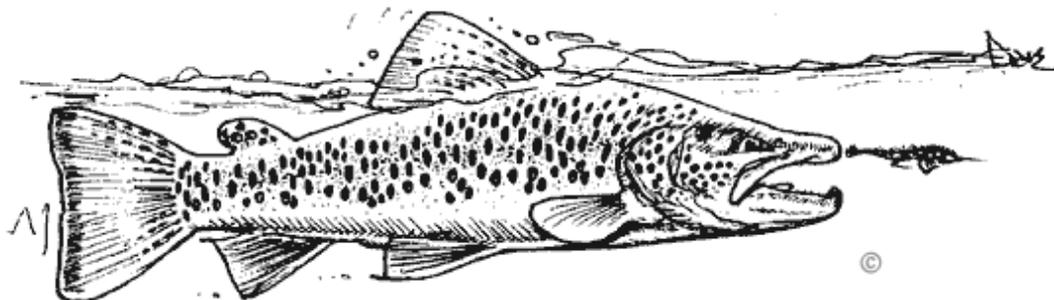
Fly by John Young /
Instructions Edited by Bill "Woody" Woodward /
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Heavy Salmon type (Mustad 3906 or
36890), size 2-6
Thread.....Black 6/0
Weight (optional)....lead wire, .020 or .025
Tail.....Red hackle fibers
Body.....FL Orange or Yellow chenille
Legs.....Red or Orange hackle fibers
Wing.....White Bucktail or calf tail
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie-in the thread about ¼ hook shank behind the hook eye, then wrap a thread base back to the bend of the hook. Wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye.
2. *(Optional) If using lead wire, make 8-10 wraps on the front half of hook shank, leaving enough room behind the hook eye for the wing, legs and thread head. Wrap a thread dam in front of the wire and at the back of wire, then cover the lead wire with thread, making a smooth transition on both ends. Wrap the thread back to the bend.*
3. Select a bundle of hackle fibers about 1 1/2 times the thickness of the hook shank. Even the fiber tips and tie the bundle in as a tail at the hook bend. Keep the tail on top of the hook shank. **The tail should be the length of the hook gap.** Trim off any excess fiber butts.
4. Cut a 4"-5" piece of chenille, strip one end down to the core, and tie it in by the stripped end at the same place you tied in the tail. Wrap the chenille forward up the hook shank in tight touching turns to a point about 1/4" behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess chenille.
5. Select a bundle of hackle fibers about twice the thickness of the hook shank and tie them in **under** the hook shank at the front of the chenille body as legs. **These fiber legs should be about 1/2 the hook shank in length.** Remove any excess fiber butts.
6. Cut, clean, and stack a small bundle of white bucktail about 1/2 the thickness of the fly body. Tie the bundle in on top of the hook shank using tight thread wraps right against the front of the chenille body. Trim off the butts at an angle behind the hook eye and cover them with thread.
7. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Coat the head with head cement or *Hard as Nails* polish.



2011 Ohio Power Trip

The end of winter is here or is it? Spring has started? Are we sure? The only thing I am sure about is Ohio Power is around the corner. The cottonwoods are snowing down on the lakes and blue gills are sipping foam spiders off the surface of the water. The bass are chasing down prince nymphs. The armada of MVFF belly boats, canoes, kayaks, pontoon boats, john boats and yes even some drift boats will be floating over the lakes of Ohio Power.

The annual Ohio Power trip is always the weekend after Memorial Day. This year, the dates are Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5. I will be down there May 31. We will be camping at Campsite C. The infamous pot-luck style fish fry will be Saturday night rain or shine. Please bring something to share. There is always plenty of great food in addition to the tasty fish. We generally stop fishing around 4 PM Saturday afternoon to clean fish for dinner. Don't forget your fillet knife. Once the fish are ready for the fryer, dinner will be served in or near the shelter house at Campsite C. Don't run off after dinner; plan to sit around the fire for more fish stories and great company.

Two items you MUST bring with you are a current Ohio fishing license and an American Electric Power (AEP) ReCreation Land Permit. The AEP permit is required for camping, fishing, or hunting on the AEP ReCreation Land. There is no fee for the permit and it is good for life.

To obtain an AEP ReCreation Permit, go online at <http://www.aep.com/environmental/recreation/recland/permit.aspx>, or contact ODNR Division 5 Office at 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio, (937) 372-9216. The permit will have all the rules for use of the land.

The American Electric Power (AEP) ReCreation ground has nearly 380 campsites and more than 350 lakes and ponds. The campsites are primitive with only a well (hand pump) for water nearby as well as pit toilets for bathrooms. Some of the larger lakes have unimproved boat ramps but a 9 hp limit applies to all boat motors. The lakes are plentiful with mostly bluegill and bass. You might also see carp and beavers.

Bank fishing is rather limited, but can be done, especially if you know how to roll cast. Swimming and wading are strictly prohibited. Your best bet is to bring a belly boat, canoe, kayak, pontoon boat, john boat, or drift boat. If you don't have a boat, come anyway – someone is usually looking for a paddle partner for their canoe. Remember to get that boat license before you come. Just about every kind of boat requires a valid license – yes that includes the pontoon boats! Belly boats are about the only ones that do not yet require a license. Make sure you have your safety gear on the boat so that you won't get a ticket from the Division of Watercraft. At a minimum, you will need one life jacket per person on the boat. For more information consult the following web site – Ohio DNR Division of Watercraft <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/watercraft/tabid/2062/default.aspx>.

Questions?

Contact Ken Hudak at (937) 253-1502, or Everett Vannatta at (937) 835-3621.

Directions:

I-70 to Zanesville, go south on Route 60 to Gaysport, go east on 376 to just across the Morgan County Line, go left on C-91 (you will come to a fork in about ¾ of a mile – take the fork to the left to stay on C-91), go right on C-11 for 2.2 miles (C-91 will end at C-11 or Cloud Hollow Rd), then go left on T-944. You will cross 284 and the entrance to Campsite C will be on your left.

Alternate directions:

If you want to stay on paved roads follow these directions. I-70 to Zanesville, go south on Route 60 into McConnelsville, go east (left) on 78 (also N. 7th Street in town – if you go past the cemetery you missed your turn), go north east (left) on 83 to 284, take 284 north to sign for campsite C and turn right – the entrance to the campsite will be on you left.

The link to obtain the AEP Permit has been posted on the MVFF web site, along with a link to the AEP ReCreation Land.

April Meeting Re-Cap

We were fortunate to have Jim Teeny as the presenter at our April meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Jim put on a tying workshop to show how to tie his namesake fly, the Teeny Nymph.

During his presentation, Jim explained his different fly lines, and showed them in use in different scenarios in his overview of stream fishing Great Lakes tributaries in the fall, centering around the Buffalo, New York, region.

Jim visits this area every October to fish for brown trout and steelhead. The fact that a Pacific-coast based angler comes to the Great Lakes to fish for steelhead is a testament to the quality of this fishery, and Jim has the pictures to prove it!

This was our last indoor meeting for the season. Beginning in May, we will kick off the 2011 outdoor meeting season, once again at Deeds Park.

See you there!



Learning to tie the Teeny Nymph. Pictured (left-to-right) are Bill Stalter, Richard Quigley, Jim Teeny and Tom Courtney.

MVFF CALENDAR For May, 2011

- 09 - MVFF Outdoor Meeting - Deeds Park Casting Pond** (See website for directions)
- 10, 17, 24, 31 - Project Healing Waters 2011** - VA Hospital (Contact Dave Oertel for more information)
- 10, 26 - Casual Fly Tying** - 6:00—8:30 PM, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424
- 22 - TU Madmen Workday / Trail Maintenance** (Meet at the Rt 36 Bridge at 9:00 AM)
- 27 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of Tighlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **400** 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 on the upper left-hand side of the home page.



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:

mvffemail@gmail.com

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, JUAN GOMEZ, 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

2011 MVFF TNT Schedule

I will once again be heading up the TNT program for 2011 and we need more volunteers to host events this summer.

Please contact me if you are interested in hosting a TNT outing for any of the open dates. I will ensure that all of the important details get updated on the MVFF message board and in Tighlines. Feel free to choose one of your favorite ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and ideally should be within a 40 minute drive of the Dayton metro area.

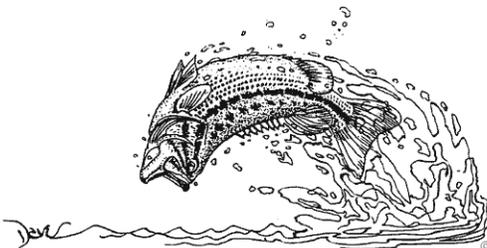
Phone: 970-333-4240

Email: brian@midwesternflyfishing.com

Thank You,
Brian Furderer

All Meeting Times ≈ 5:30 PM - However, check the MVFF message board for any last minute changes due to weather or fishing conditions.

DATE	LOCATION	MEETING AREA	HOST
6/02/2011	Mad River	SR 55 Parking Area	Brian Furderer
6/09/2011	Carriage Hill MetroPark	Red Wing Shelter	Mike Wolford
6/16/2011	Caesar's Creek	Tailwater Parking Lot	Mike Wolford
6/23/2011	TBD	TBD	Joe Nagel
6/30/2011	Open Date	N/A	Volunteer Needed
7/07/2011	Open Date	N/A	Volunteer Needed
7/13/2011	Little Miami River	The Narrows Reserve	Brian Furderer
7/21/2011	Great Miami River	Steele Dam	Joe Nagel
7/28/2011	Open Date	N/A	Volunteer Needed
8/04/2011	Open Date	N/A	Volunteer Needed
8/11/2011	Open Date	N/A	Volunteer Needed
8/18/2011	Great Miami River	Steele Dam	Joe Nagel
8/24/2011	Mad River	SR 36 Parking Area	Brian Furderer





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