

TIGHTLINES

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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,
May 25, 2012

The First Outdoor Meeting
Of the Year!

Next Meeting

May 14, 2012

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!**

Directions on Website

Casting Competition News!

It's time for the outdoor meetings, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. The outdoor casting event will be hosted this year by the team of Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. If we are back at Deeds Park this year, we will most likely be casting on our pseudo water again (aka the big blue tarp).

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!

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.

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President's Thoughts



What can I say, what a Spring Fling! We had many great items for you thanks to the hard work of Jeff Warden. What a speaker Gary Borger was! He is one of the best speakers that we have had in a long time. Thanks to John Young for doing a great job lining up and hosting our guest speakers.

Our indoor meetings have come to an end, so we will be moving our meetings outdoors to Deeds Park to spend time socializing with fellow members. This a good time for new and old members alike to brush up on their casting skills or get help learning to cast. The free casting lessons are one of the many benefits of our club. If you have not cast using a fly rod before, we will have quality instruction provided that is second to none. Do not be intimidated there is no need. Please take full advantage of this. We also have casting competition which will be run by Jeff Warden and Dan Matousch. It's a good thing to get out and test our skill.

Remember you do not need a reservation for dinner at the outdoor meetings. Again, this year's chefs are Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson cooking up some great food.

I had the great honor to be invited to the dedication at Castalia State Fish Hatchery. The hatchery has just undergone a major renovation to make Castalia a state-of-the-art steelhead and rainbow trout production facility. This facility was totally funded by sportsmen and not state taxes. If you get the opportunity, stop and check it out.

Kenneth Hudak
President MVFF

Editor's Note: Follow the link below to watch a video by the ODNR about the Castalia Hatchery renovation:

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/Default.aspx?tabid=23952>

April Meeting Re-Cap

Our speaker for the April meeting was Gary Borger. Gary's presentation was entitled "*Sight Fishing With Nymphs Top to Bottom*".

This presentation was highly educational as well as entertaining. The information Gary shared with us is something that all club members can use fishing our local waters and beyond. The day before the meeting, Gary conducted two classes at Spring Run; one on fly-tying, and the other on spey casting.

If you missed this meeting - you missed one of the best!

For more information about Gary, check out his website at <http://www.garyborger.com>.



On Sunday, April 15, Gary Borger conducted two classes at Spring Run. The first class (left) was on fly tying. For the second class, Gary took members outside for lessons on spey casting (right).

Spring Fling – Final Words...

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the vendors that helped us with our with Spring Fling this year, as well as all the members that purchased tickets.

Again, a very big **Thank You** to Gander Mountain and Fisherman's Headquarters for their donations! Over **3000 tickets** were sold and about a third of the tickets purchased were put in the bowl for the rod built by Jim Corbin.

Thank you to all who helped make this another great Spring Fling!

Jeff Warden

Casting Competition Continued from page 1

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!
Jeff Warden

This Month's Fly – May 2012 Edition

DARK HENDRICKSON NYMPH

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....2X long nymph, down eye, size 10 – 14
Thread.....Olive 6/0
Tail.....Lemon wood duck fibers
Rib.....Brown floss/thread
Abdomen....Red fox dubbing
Wing case...White tipped turkey tail feather segment
Thorax.....Red fox dubbing
Legs.....Brown Partridge
Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to bend making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. Select a lemon wood duck feather and remove 15-20 fibers and align the tips of the fibers. Using a pinch wrap, mount the fibers on top of the hook shank as a tail. **(The tail length should be ½ the length of the hook shank.)** Trim off excess fiber butts.
3. Cut a 3-4" piece of brown thread or floss and tie it in at the hook bend as a rib. Let the floss/thread length hang over the hook bend.
4. Now take the red fox dubbing and dub a neat tapered abdomen up to the middle of the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
5. Take the floss/thread rib and wrap it 5-6 equally spaced spiral wraps over the dubbed abdomen and tie off. Trim excess rib.
6. Now take a white tipped turkey quill feather (that has been treated with Dave's Flexament or other material to stiffen and connect the fibers) and cut a segment about the width of the hook gap. Trim the bottom of the segment so that the bottom is straight and, with the shiny side down, tie the segment in at the end of the abdomen with the segment end pointing toward the hook bend. Tightly wrap the butt end and trim off the excess. Wrap the thread back to the end of the abdomen.
7. Select a brown partridge feather and remove the fluff. Now preen the all fibers except those at the tip back towards the butt of the feather. Position the feather on top of the hook shank with the dull side facing upward. Bind the feather in by its tip tight against the wing case with the butt end going toward the hook bend. Trim off any excess tip and move the thread back to the wing case.
8. Dub the thread with red fox dubbing. Wrap the dubbed thread up to a point about 1 hook eye width behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie off. Remove excess dubbing. **(Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case is pulled forward.)**
9. Pull the hackle feather over the thorax with enough tension to keep the feather stem positioned straight down the middle of the thorax. Tie it off with 2 turns of thread over the stem, binding it to the hook shank. **(In binding down the feather, you may have to slip the thread between the barbs.)** Trim off the excess feather.
10. Pull the turkey quill segment wing case forward over the thorax and feather hackle legs and tie it off right behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. **(To avoid tying down the hackle leg barbs, pinch the barbs against the thorax when you pull the wing case into position so that they remain in position.)** Trim off the excess turkey fibers. **(Ensure that the wing case stays centered on top of the thorax.)**
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

Ohio Power Trip 2012

by Ken Hudak

Spring is here and summer is coming upon us; it is time to go fishing! Good thing Ohio Power is just around the corner. So get your camping gear ready and dust off your fly rods. I can hear the bluegills sucking foam spiders off the surface of the water as we try to give them natural presentation. So the assault of the Ohio Power waters begins. The trip will be the weekend after Memorial Day on June 1, 2 & 3. We will be at campground "C" which is free camping. I will be there beginning on May 29. The fish fry is on for Saturday night, rain or shine, so if you can, bring a dish to go along with our catch. Hope to see you all there.

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/reland/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 – some one 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 one that does 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 your 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.

2012 TNT Event: Additional Volunteers Needed

I will once again be heading up the TNT program for 2012, but I will not be able to host many events this summer due to a new addition to my family. Because of this we are going to need more volunteers to host events this summer.

Please get with me at one of our monthly meetings or contact me via email/phone if you have any questions or are interested in hosting a TNT outing. I will just need to know the date, location, and a little background information about area being fished (species, fly selection, etc.) I will ensure that this information along with directions gets updated on the MVFF message board and in Tighlines.

Open dates will run from the first Thursday in June to the last Thursday in August. Feel free to choose one of your favorite ponds, lakes, rivers, streams and ideally should be within a 20-40 minute drive of the Dayton metro area.

Thank You, Brian Furderer | **Phone:** 937 369-0359 | **E-Mail:** bfurderer@gmail.com

MVFF At WPAFB Open House

On Friday, April 13, Bob Cain and Dale Stephens represented the club at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation Open House.

As they tied flies, they spoke to people about fly tying, fly fishing and promoted MVFF membership.



MVFF CALENDAR For May, 2012

- 8, 24 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 9 - **TU Madmen: Trout in the Classroom Open House** Benjamin Logan Schools at 6:00 pm
- 14 - **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 16 - **TU Madmen: Trout in the Classroom - Trout Release** West Liberty Park at 1:00 pm
(See <http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html> for details on these TU events.)
- 25 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **450** 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 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, 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

TU Madmen Water Monitoring Results - April, 2012

Here are the results from the TU Madmen's Biological Assessment on the Mad River and Mac-O-Chee Creek, conducted on April 22:

Pollution Tolerance Index Rating	
23 or More	Excellent
17 - 22	Good
11 - 16	Fair
10 or Less	Poor

Location	Score
State Route 36	30
State Routes 29/296	35
Watson Property	33
Pimtown Road	28
West Liberty Park	35
Mac-O-Chee Creek (Piatt Restoration)	33

Once again, all result were again rated Excellent!

On a similar note, the TU Madmen will be sponsoring a **Stream Team Workshop** on Saturday, May 19th. Anyone that is interested should contact Don Boysel at madrivernbrown@yahoo.com.

Attendees will be going through a training workshop to help them obtain Level 1 status with the Ohio EPA. They will learn about water quality and why we monitor. We will then go in the field and do Chemical and Biological Assessments. This is an all-day event and will be held in Champaign County. Each attendee will receive a certificate and paperwork to send in to get their Level 1 status and QDC# (quality data collector). This is the same program that members of the TU Madmen Board went through to get certified. Sarah Hippensteel-Hall, from the Miami Conservancy District, will be conducting the training.

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The Outdoor
 Season Begins!

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