

TIGHTLINES

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

**Friday,
May 23, 2014**

**This Month:
Our First Outdoor
Meeting of the Season!**

Next Meeting

May 12, 2014

**Dayton FOP Shelter
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)**

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00

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

Casting Competition News!

It's time for the outdoor meetings, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. Guess what??

** NEWS FLASH **

We have REAL water AGAIN this year!! Woo-hoo!!! Your judges this year will be the team of Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. 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!

CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME

Casting will be held ONLY from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No casting will be allowed after 7:00 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.



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President's Thoughts



I think it is fairly safe to say the warm weather is here to stay for the season. Time to get out and fish!

Time again as well for our outdoor meetings. It will be nice to be back outside at the FOP Shelter and enjoy a grilled meal, casting competitions and a little fishing.

The warming weather also means it is time again for the **Ohio Power Trip!** See Ken Hudak's article on page 4 for details on this annual event.

We had a great turn-out for our April meeting. I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful presentation by Captain Brian about Lake St. Clair – I know I did. I also hope you were satisfied with the items offered at the Spring Fling Raffle. Judging by the tickets sold, most of you seemed to have been. It was all that Phil, Carl and I could do to keep up with the demand for tickets!. And because of your generosity, we sold **nearly 4000 tickets** at the meeting for the Spring Fling items. Thank you!

I am pleased to announce the start-up of the Project Healing Waters fly tying classes at the VA. Classes will be on Thursday evenings. If you have any questions about the classes, or if you would like to help out, contact Heather Statt at flyfishchick@gmail.com.

There is another Veteran-related event with which we will be assisting, and we could really use your help, especially if you own a boat. The second annual **Take A Warrior Fishing** event will take place on **Saturday, May 17** at Caesar Creek. Russell Curtis, the event's organizer, has informed us they are in need of additional boats to take the Vets fishing. If you have a boat and would like to help please contact either Heather Statt of myself as soon as possible.

Be sure to check out Heather's article on page 4 for more information on both of these events.

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While I'm on the subject of asking for assistance, we are still looking for a new Quartermaster. Folks, this is one of the most important roles in the club, and we need your help in filling it **NOW**. If we do not fill this position soon, **drastic changes will have to be made**, especially for our summer meetings. So please, consider helping the club and stepping into this position. If you are interested, please contact a board member as soon as possible.

One final topic of thought – the next time you go fishing at your favorite local fishing hole, wouldn't it be nice to fish with some of your fellow club members? Of course it would!

So consider hosting a TNT event. It's easy, really; simply choose a time / place to fish, and contact me. I will set up the event on the message board, Facebook page, e-mail, etc., to get the word out. All you need to do is to show up, fish, answer questions, etc. Hosting a TNT event is a great way to meet fellow members outside of the monthly meetings. And it's a great way for members to learn about new areas to fish. I call that a win-win.

That's all for now. See you at the FOP Shelter on the 12th!

Thank you,

Joe Nagel
MVFF President

Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

This Year's lineup of events:

May	- Dry Fly
June	- Nymph
July	- Roll Cast (Max. of 15 Casts allowed to attempt all targets)
August	- Bass Bug
September	- Distance competition (Using an average of several casts)

Casting Competition – This Month (May) is the Dry Fly.

A maximum of 3 false casts will be allowed per target. We will have you start with the fly in target 1 or in your hand. (Judge's decision on meeting night.)

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.

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.

Scoring

All casters will start with 100 points.

(-0) Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will not lose any points.

(-1) Any fly that lands inside the black ring will result in the deduction of 1 point.

(-2) 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 2014 Edition

Chubby Muffin Variant

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Bass Stinger, size 4 - 1/0
Thread.....6/0 color to match body
Eyes.....Real Eyes dumbbell eyes
Flash.....Gold holographic Flashabou
Dubbing.....SLF Prism, Hares Ear
Collar.....Long Schlappen, color of choice
Fins..... Hen Saddle or Partridge feathers, color of choice
Tail.....Magnum Rabbit Zonker strip, color of choice
Head.....Neer hair, color of choice, spun in a dubbing loop and wrapped
Markers.....Yellow and dark brown, optional

1. Place the hook in the vise and tie-in the thread behind the hook eye. Wrap the thread back to the middle of the hook shank then wrap it forward again to a point about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
2. Attach the dumbbell eyes on top of the hook shank about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the hook eye (where you left the thread) using several tight x-wraps. Apply super glue to the thread wraps to secure them. Wrap the thread back to the hook bend and let it hang.
3. Select 1-15 pieces of flash and tie them in by one end at the hook bend on top of the Hook shank. The length of the flash should be out behind the hook bend. Bind down the butts with several tight thread wraps. Return the thread to the hook bend. Do not trim the flash at this time.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a bulky ball at the hook bend, then tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing. This ball will help flare the collar out and keep it from flattening.
5. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in by the tip at the front of the dubbing ball with the concave side against the hook shank. The length of the feather should be extending back over the hook bend. Grasp the feather and make 5-6 touching turns tight against the front of the dubbing ball to form a collar, then tie it off and remove any remaining feather. (Be sure to stroke the fibers back with each wrap to avoid tying down the previous fibers).
6. Now select 2 hen saddle or partridge feathers to use as fins. Remove the fluff from the base of the feathers, then tie one on each side of the fly in front of the collar. Tie the feathers in so that they flare out from the side of the fly. Place a half hitch at the feather tie-in point.
7. Cut a 3-3 1/2" piece of zonker strip. Measure the strip so that one end will reach slightly past the hook eye, then move back down the strip and place a dot on the skin side of the strip where the strip will be behind the flash tie-in point. Remove the hook from the vise. Push the hook point through the skin side of the zonker strip where you placed the dot. Pull the strip down tight against the flash tie-in point and swivel it so that the long end of the strip goes out past the hook bend as a tail and the short side goes to the hook eye. Place the hook back in the vise with the hook point up. Stretch the front of the strip forward over the collar and between the fins and tie it off in front of the fin tie-in point behind the dumbbell eyes. Cover the butt with tight thread wraps and remove any excess. The thread should now be slightly behind the dumbbell eyes.
8. Trim the flash even with the end of tail.
9. Cut a long clump of Neer Hair into 1" lengths (5-6 1" lengths should be enough) then form a 6" dubbing loop and insert the butt ends of the hair lengths into the loop. Spread out the hair evenly in the loop and arrange it so that the hair fibers are long on one side of the loop only (this will aid in spinning the loop and creating a long and shaggy hair dubbing brush.).
10. Spin the loop to create a shaggy dubbing brush, make 2 turns of the brush behind the dumbbell eyes, then figure-eight the brush around the eyes. Brush the hair back with each turn to create a full head. Finish with several wraps in front of the dumbbell eyes and tie off the brush. Remove any excess dubbing brush.
11. Form a small thread head, do a whip finish, and cut the thread. Brush the hair around the dumbbell eyes to straighten the hair fibers, then trim the hair at a relatively flat angle on the underside of the head. Brush the remaining fibers back toward the hook bend. Trim the hair where necessary to uncover the eyes and form a thick muddler-like head. Be careful to avoid cutting into the fins. Trim along the eyes to expose them and smooth out the overall shape of the head.
12. At your option, use a yellow permanent marker pen to color the top and sides of the head, then use a dark brown marker to color the top of the head and between the eyes.

Project Healing Waters Update

Hello everyone! It's that time of the year where Project Healing Waters starts picking up. We just had our first fly tying class on Thursday April 24th at the Dayton VA. We had a great turn out and more vets are expected to attend. Thank you to all the volunteers that help make this program go so smoothly.

As for upcoming events, so far, on **May 17th** we are teaming up with **Take A Warrior Fishing** for their second annual event. Last year we had over 275 vets plus their families. We had great weather and a ton of fun. It wouldn't of been possible if it wasn't for the Bass and Muskie Clubs, BUFF, and our fellow MVFF members. This year we are expected to have over 300 vets and are looking for volunteers to help demonstrate fly tying/casting, take vets on their boats (or boat captains), cook, and assisting to and from the docks. If you would like to help in any way or want to sign up, please contact me. We are in the process of planning other events. We are hoping to go to Spring Run, Mertensia Springs, Castalia, and any local water ways. We also would like to have an intro to fly fishing class and knot tying course.

You can make an impact without spending much time. We are in need of fly tying materials. You can visit Woody (at Fisherman's Quarters) or myself (at ReelFlyRod) to purchase or drop off materials if we aren't at the meeting.

The list is as follows:

Hooks: Dry size: 10 & 12; Streamer size: 10, 8, & 6; Wet size: 12 & 10
Hackle: Grizzly, brown, ginger, black, & dry fly
Chenille: black, olive, & brown
Stretch Tubing: size med: green & clear
Antron Yarn: golden yellow & orange
2mm Foam: brown & black
Bucktail: white, red, & yellow
Mono Eyes: black med
Copper Wire: med: copper, red, & copper brown
Bead Heads: 1/8"
Peacock Herl
Ostrich Herl: white
Saltwater Flashabou: pearl
Flashabou Accent: pearl, olive, & copper
Moose Body Hair
Dubbing: fine & dry: gray & black; sow scud: dead orange
Fine Wire: silver & gold

Every little bit helps. If you are uncertain if it does, please come out to one of our fly tying classes or events to check us out. We are not only mending lines, we are mending lives.

Thank you,
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Tying flies with the Veterans on Thursday, April 24 at the Dayton VA.

Ohio Power 2014

The Ohio Power Trip is here again! The dates for 2014 are **May 30 - June 1**. We will be there the Tuesday after Memorial Day (May 27) if you want to come early. Saturday afternoon we will have a pot luck fish fry. We will be in campsite C.

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/environment/conservation/recland/permit.aspx>. or contact ODNR Division 5 Office at 1076 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, Ohio, (937) 372-9216. 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.

Questions?

Contact **Ken Hudak** at (937) 673-8869, 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.

MVFF CALENDAR For May, 2014

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** PHWFF Fly Tying, at the Dayton VA (See PHWFF Article on Page 4.)
- 12 -** MVFF Outdoor Meeting (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 17 -** Take A Warrior Fishing, Caesars Creek (See PHWFF Article on Page 4.)
- 23 -** Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **470** 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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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

2014 Fly Tying Classes are History

MVFF membership participation was excellent and the Beginner's and Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Classes during January, February and March went very well. Severe winter weather made it necessary to reschedule some of the instructional sessions, but everyone survived the Arctic Vortex Winter of 2014 and the weekly instructional sessions continued from the first week of January until the first of April.

The persons who helped with the 2014 classes were: Instructor **Bill "Woody" Woodward** who continued to challenge everyone to improve their fly tying skills and techniques by teaching how to tie many tried and true fly patterns and also introducing several new fly patterns again this year. Other MVFF members who assisted with individualized instruction in the classes and other supportive functions included **Bob Cain, Carl Markstrom, Dick Quigley, Jerry Redford, Dale Stephens and, Everett Vanatta**. Thanks to you all!

Now we are ready to start fishing those flies.

Soon we will be getting out a Casual Fly Tying schedule for those of you who want to continue to get together on a more informal basis with other tiers.





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