

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

**Monday
May 18, 2015**

Next Meeting

May 11, 2015

Dayton FOP Shelter
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00

The fun starts at 5:30pm

Join us for our next outdoor meeting and enjoy a grilled meal, camaraderie, and casting competition!

Ohio Power 2015

The Ohio Power Trip is here again! The dates for 2015 are May 29 - 31. We will be there on Memorial Day (May 25) if you want to come early. Saturday afternoon we will have a pot luck fish fry. We will be in campsite C.

We will place MVFF signs in trailers so you know where we are camped and in cars holding spots for members to use.

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.

More details will be discussed at the May 11th meeting, as well as a special email to all current members.

Questions?
Contact Ken Hudak at (937) 673-8869, or
Everett Vannatta at (937) 835-3621.

President's Thoughts



Hello all,

The temperature is up and the fish are a bite -n. I know that most of us have already been out as I see the Facebook postings or have run into some of you while out fishing. So far this spring has been great for catching bass and bluegill in area ponds and the rivers. On a personal level, I managed to take a one day trip to Sunnybrook Trout Farm in Sandusky and had a twenty five fish day. All so very nice after the winter we had.

OLD BUSINESS

The spring fling was a great success and I was pleasantly surprised by the club turn out. I have not gotten with J.D. about the numbers, but I'm sure the monetary benefit for the club was good. A special thanks to all our supporters and those who donated items for the event.

I want to send a big thanks to all who helped with the Five Rivers Metro Parks Try Fly fishing event held in April at Cox Arboretum. Participants were treated to hands on Fly fishing/casting instruction followed by a pond side opportunity to catch and release fish. Someone at the outing described it as fly fishing meets speed dating on steroids and I would have to agree.

Kelly Kingery later called and told me she had received many compliments from participants and co-workers who were inspired and impressed by the knowledge and enthusiasm of our club members. Again, I can't say enough about how well we advocate for the sport we love.
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NEW BUSINESS

- ⇒ Ken Hudak and Paula Mann-Smith will be unveiling the new MVFF 40th anniversary logo results at the next meeting.
- ⇒ Casual fly tying will continue on May 7th and 21st
- ⇒ Ken Hudak will speak about the Ohio Power club fishing trip taking place at the end of the month.

Don't forget in May, we begin our outdoors meetings at the Dayton FOP Hall located at 4275 Powell Rd. Huber Heights. We have grilled dinner, open fishing at the pond, casting contests and casting instruction.

See you on the 11th.

Nathan Via

MVFF President

2015 Casting Competition News!

It's time for the outdoor meetings, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. We are so thankful to have real water for the casting events. Woot-woot!!! Your judges, for the sixth consecutive year, will be the team of Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over – visit, kibitz, and cast a bit.

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. Regardless of skill level, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

NEW THIS YEAR: We have something new this year for you to test your casting skills. Exact details of how it will be incorporated into the competition are yet to be determined. You will have to come to the Outdoor meetings for the surprise to be revealed.

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.

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.

This Month's Fly – MAY 2015 Edition—

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

BIOT BODY BWO PARACHUTE

Recipe

Hook.....Dry, size 12 - 18
Thread.....Gray 6/0 or 8/0
Post.....Light gray poly yarn
Tail.....Medium Dun dry fly hackle barbs
Abdomen....Olive goose or turkey biot
Hackle.....Medium Dun dry
Thorax.....Olive fine and dry dubbing
Head.....Thread



1. Tie-in thread behind the hook eye and wrap back to about mid hook shank, then reverse your wraps and wrap back to a point about 1/4 hook shank behind the hook eye. The wraps should be tight and will serve as a thread base for the wing post. (At your option, you can apply a touch of glue to cement the wraps.) Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 3"- 4" piece of poly yarn, lay it on top of the hook shank, and tie it in tightly in its center about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye. Then lift up both loose ends of the yarn upright and take 8-10 touching wraps of thread up and down the yarn, creating a thread base for the hackle wing. Make additional wraps tight against the front and back of the yarn post so that it stands upright on top of the hook shank. Now wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Now take several dun hackle fibers and align their ends. Tie-in the fibers on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail. **(The tail should equal the hook shank in length.)** Bind down the tail butts up the hook shank to the back of the wing post using tight wraps of flattened thread. Trim off excess butt ends. **(Use the thread to create a smooth tapered body).** Wrap the thread back to over the hook bend.
4. Peel off a goose or turkey biot and mount it by its tip at the hook bend. **(The notch in the biot base should point down so that it will wrap a smooth body).** Clip the biot base in hackle pliers and take one wrap around the hook shank **(be sure to cover the tail tie-in wraps)** passing the pliers from hand to hand to keep the biot flat as it is wrapped. **(Notice that there is a hairy fringe raised at the front of the biot.)** Take a second wrap of the biot, overlapping the first wrap by just enough to cover the fringe of the first wrap. **(Notice that the second wrap also has a fringe.)** Continue wrapping the biot forward overlapping the previous wrap just enough to cover the fringe on each wrap. This should create a well defined segmented appearance. When the wraps reach the back of the wing post, tie off the biot with several firm wraps of thread and remove the excess. **(At this point, it is recommended that you coat the biot body with cement or hard as nails polish to strengthen and protect it.)** Let the thread hang in front of the wing post.
5. Select one appropriately sized grizzly hackle feather and remove the fluff from its base. **(Remember that a parachute hackle can be one hook size larger than the hook you're using.)**
6. Tie-in the hackle feather **(with the dull side facing you)** standing upright against the wing post. Wrap thread about 1/16 to 1/8" up the post covering both the hackle butt and the post. Then wrap the thread back down the post and under the hook shank so that the thread ends in front of the post. Trim off the excess hackle butt.
7. Grasp the tip of the hackle feather with hackle pliers and wrap it counter-clockwise down the post over the thread wrap base on the wing post to the hook shank. Tie it off against the hook shank just at the bottom of the post. Trim off the excess hackle.
8. How apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and dub in the front and back of the wing post to behind the hook eye to form a thorax twice the thickness of the abdomen. **(You can avoid tying down the hackle fibers of your wing by simply grasping the wing and post and bending them over the hook shank out of the way.)**
9. Remove the excess dubbing, form a small thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement. **(In forming the thread head, you will find that you may be wrapping the thread over the dubbing to a small extent—that is just fine.)**
10. Trim the wing post to be one hook shank length in height.



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