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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Saturday,
May 28, 2016

Next Meeting

May 9, 2016

Dayton FOP Shelter /
Casting Pond
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

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

Ohio Power 2016

The Ohio Power Trip is here again! The dates for **2016** are June 3 – June 5. We will be there the Tuesday after Memorial Day (May 31) if you want to come early. Saturday afternoon we will have a potluck 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. You can also go to the Links page at mvff.us and you will find the link under Resources. The permit will have all the rules for use of the land.

The American Electric Power (AEP) Recreation Land 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.

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President's Thoughts

Hello all,

Thanks to all who came and supported the opening of the new Cabela's store in Centerville. A special thanks goes out to Cabela's own Bonnie Bastian who came through for us and helped to secure a place within the store so we could tie flies in manageable conditions. Seriously, had we been outside trying to combat tie in the frozen environment, I'm fairly sure even Ken Hudak's Special Forces training would have tapped out. I would also like to thank Frank Cox, Jerry Redford, Steve Hamilton, Berry Schroder, Cathy Williams and Karen Via for their fly tying demos and club promotion. I believe we gained 4 new members from the outreach, so good job Y'all.

I must tell you guys a funny story. I continued with Joe Nagel's spring tune-up idea to get club members up and running for the early fishing season. My thoughts were to work on casting, line cleaning, gear inspection and gear organization. I made an announcement at the April meeting and carried the idea in my president's corner in last month's Tightlines newsletter. WELL...I got up early on Saturday the 16th and bought a large trough, dish soap, water, shop rags and drying towels. I got to the FOP at 7:30 am and made sure all was ready for the 9:00 am deadline. 8:45 came around and my list of usual suspects were nowhere to be found. I started fishing in the pond and noted it was now 9:00. I said to myself, "Myself" (because it's good to confront your listener even when it is you) "what if no one shows up for this tune up?"

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May 2016

I knew I should have gone to Ron Lewis's Mad River camping extravaganza, but no . . . I had to plan the tune-up on the same date. This is gonna be like an episode of survivor and when no one shows, the tribe will have spoken, I will be the biggest loser and Donald Trump will fire me.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! Maybe I could take photos of the empty shelter, an empty fish stringer and the empty fisherman-less pond. At the next meeting, I could ---- tell everyone the tune up was a big success. I could ---- hold up my photos of the shelter and rave about the activities. I could --- brag about all the fish we caught and I could --- face it and admit I should have gone camping. Dammit!!!!!"

Just when I was ready to throw my rod in the pond, what should I see, but a fly casting knight in a shining Porsche Cayenne. You guessed it, Mr. Bill Bennett had arrived and the folks followed. We had an outstanding time. I watched club members, new and old exchange ideas and stretch a few lines. Bill even turned his ball cap backwards like a Rapp Master. I have pictures....Billy B? Anybody feelin' it? Well anyway people came, I saved face and you get a dumb story.

This is a great new month and I for one am stoked that we are back outside for our club meetings. I have surveyed the F.O.P. shelter and pond and I am pleased to report the care takers, Shelly and Chuck, have done an outstanding job with the outdoor maintenance. For those who are new, we will meet at 4275 Powell Rd., Huber Heights Ohio for our summer meetings through September. We will be cooking steak or chicken on the grill and there is always enough potato salad and beans to go around. Ken, Jeff, Lash and Dan will be hosting the casting competition again this year, we will continue with the club raffles and Mr. Bill Bennett will be there to teach casting for dummies to guys like me.

Be safe and see you in May,

Nathan A. Via/MVFF President

Ohio Power 2016 (cont'd)

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 northeast (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.



Last year's CleanSweep was a huge success!

Mad River CleanSweep '16

I hope all of MVFF and our families enjoyed the mild winter and the opportunities Mother Nature afforded us.

Spring brings on the start of the new outdoor season for many. Wildlife begins to emerge with their new young as the foliage regenerates into lush greens. The Earth does this for you every year; just so you have obstacles to wrap your backcast on and customize your budding vocabulary. Welcome to Spring folks.

Spring also gives us all the opportunity to right the wrongs civilization has imparted upon the waters we fish. Over the Winter, both intentionally, and unintentionally, debris of all sorts has found its way into the Mad River. We are going to fix this...yes you too, so please clear your calendar.

June 18, 2016 is the next scheduled bi-annual Mad River CleanSweep, and we need your help. Please plan on attending for all or part of the CleanSweep as every donated hour counts.

June 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Route 36 Bridge in Urbana, Ohio

Bring work gloves and dress appropriately for the weather.

Last year's effort was an overwhelming success and this year we should be able to do more in less time after previously learning a few lessons.

There will be food and drinks along with some door prizes I am sure sponsors will offer up when I come begging. Last year we ate two crock-pots filled with chili and bean soup.

While you have your calendar out go ahead and save the date for September 15, 2016. This will be the day we have part two of the bi-annual CleanSweep.

Thank you all for what I am sure will be another successful year of giving back a little...just a little. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Ron Lewis at 937-608-7183. Thank you!

The best way to stay informed on Mad River current events and conditions is via Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter on Facebook.

See you there!

- Ron Lewis

May Fly of the Month



ISONYCHIA EMERGER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook..... Emerger/Curved Caddis, size 12

Thread.....Olive, 6/0

Schuck..... Brown Zelon/Antron

Body..... Sow scud dubbing, rainbow or equivalent

Wing..... Deer Hair/Comparadun, Dun or Natural

Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise and attach the thread about one hook eye length behind the hook eye. Wrap a tight thread base back to the start of the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 2" piece of shuck material and tie it in at the hook bend so that the butt ends reach forward to where you tied in the thread. Wrap over the butt ends with tight thread wraps, and then return the thread back to the hook bend. Trim the shuck to a length equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the length of the hook shank. The thread should be at the hook bend.
3. Dub the thread to create a **thin** dubbing noodle and wrap it forward to where you tied in the thread and remove any excess dubbing. Leave the thread at the front of the dubbed body. Let the thread hang.

4. Cut, clean, and stack a small batch of deer hair. Measure the hair from the front of the dubbed body back to the bend so that the tips reach back to just beyond the bend of the hook. Tie in the hair in front of the body (keeping the hair on top of the hook shank) with several tight thread wraps, then lift up the hair butts and take several tight thread wraps in front of the wing to stand the butts up.
5. Do a 6-8 turn whip finish in front of the wing butts and cut the thread.
6. Now grasp the hair butts, lift them up straight, and trim them off at an angle such as for a caddis head. Apply thread cement to the thread head, as desired.



Casual Fly Tying

Have a fly tying question? Need help with a specific technique or fly pattern? Have a suggestion for a new fly? These sessions are intended to offer an informal and helpful time and place to dialogue, tie flies and help each other!

The Casual Fly Tying sessions meet twice a month through November 22nd. There is no agenda and you must bring your own supplies. But you get expert advice free of charge! We meet at Gander Mountain at 6:00 p.m. The schedule is posted on the Calendar Page, Message Board and there is a link to a printable version on our web site mvff.us as well.

See you there!

CALENDAR

May 9	MVFF Outdoor Meeting - Dayton FOP Shelter / Casting Pond
May 10, 26	Casual Fly Tying - Gander Mountain
May 28	Deadline for articles for the June issue of Tightlines
June 3-5	Ohio Power Outing
June 11	Mad River Monitoring/Sampling (see tumadmen.org)
June 18	Mad River CleanSweep

Casting Competition News!

It's time for the outdoor meetings, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. Does anyone remember when we had to use the big blue tarp for our "water"? We are so thankful to have real water for the casting events. Woot-woot!!! Your judges, for the seventh year in a row, will be the team of Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over – visit 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!**

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. If no one is casting, at the discretion of the judges, we might close as early as 6:30 PM.

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 and all 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:

(Judges will make the final ruling on all scores; there will be no ties for any event.)
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



Beer and Bobbins

Sugar Creek Fly Shop is still planning monthly BnB events . . . Beer and Bobbins! The last event was April 20th, 6:30-8:30. The next one has not been announced, but you can check out their FB page - <https://www.facebook.com/SugarCreekFlyShop/?fref=ts>. The cost is \$15 for materials (you must have your own vise and tools). Space is limited so you have to reserve a spot. It is BYOB, but beer is not a requirement.

TU Madmen Adopt-A-Bridge Program

This year Trout Unlimited Madmen Chapter is ramping up the Adopt-A-Bridge program for the Mad River.

The idea is to have volunteer Bridge Captains oversee the conditions and spot maintenance of designated bridges along the Mad River. This individual would notify a Trout Unlimited designee of any crime or dumping they are made aware of so law enforcement can become involved, and site-specific cleanups can be organized.

If you fish a bridge consistently so you have eyes on it a few times a month or more, we need you! What better way to give back than to know you are part of the aggressive solution to prevent unsightly access points, and possibly be a spoke in the wheel of making bad guys grasp some justice.

If you are not the individual above, but still want to give back, we need you too. The Bridge Captains will have a list of go-to volunteers who they will call first in organizing their spot cleanups, or gathering information.

By working together we will make a difference!

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Ron Lewis at 937-608-7183. Thank you!

- Ron Lewis



PHWFF Policy/Guidance

Kevin Ramsey, Regional Coordinator of PHWFF (Ohio/Kentucky), communicated the following guidance that came out of a recent Regional Coordinator teleconference with regard to volunteers at fishing events.

"Hi all,

I want to take a minute to update you on a subject that was discussed on our monthly RC teleconference tonight. The subject is whether it is permissible for volunteers to fish with veterans, and when. This has been somewhat contentious over the past few weeks and I think this is a reasonable solution.

First, safety will always be your main concern. Any veteran that is new to the program or has any issue that could result in a fall or is in any way immobile must have a non-fishing mentor with them at all times when fishing. This must be strictly adhered to.

Secondly, if your program participants are on a trip that is using PHWFF monies for expenses, volunteers should not fish. The reason is that any donated monies are to be used for veterans. However, if you are on day trips and a veteran requests a volunteer to fish alongside them (close by and safely) volunteers may fish. It is unacceptable to leave any veteran unattended (whether the volunteer is fishing or not). I hope this clears up any confusion about this. Any volunteers attending the Castalia "Patriots Day Event" will not be permitted to fish by request of the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks."

Bill Grimpe, coordinator of MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing efforts, indicates that we have been substantially in compliance with this policy/guidance. We will have to make sure all future volunteers also understand their role in such fishing events.

Many thanks to MVFF members who came out to represent the club at Cabela's grand opening April 9-10



DVD Library

The club has an extensive library of DVD's. There is a link to the list on the Home page of our website (mvff.us). Take a look and I bet you'll find something of interest . . . there have been some recent additions. If you have questions contact Richard Quigley at quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net.

Quote of the Month

All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish.

~ Harold F. Blaisdell, *The Philosophical Fisherman*, 1969

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