

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**June ISSUE
DEADLINE:
Friday,
June 24, 2011**

**More Outdoor Fun
At Deeds!**

Next Meeting

June 13, 2011

Deeds Park Casting Pond

(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The fun begins at 5:30

Our second outdoor meeting of the season! More grilled food, 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!

Here are the results for the May Dry Fly
(Winner and runner-up for each division):

First Flight

Winner: Fred Dudding (95)
Runner-up: Greg Czarnecki (93).

Seniors

Winner: Brian Furerderer (96)
Runner-up: 3-way tie (94) Alan Ashley, Dan Matousch, Jeff Warden.

Masters

Winner: Jim Calvert (96)
Runner-up: Dale Stephens (95).

**– 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.

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President's Thoughts



Rain, rains go away! While there are areas of Texas that are in a drought, it would be nice to send them some of the abundance of rain we have had this year. After trips to Tennessee, Michigan and Pennsylvania, I have had nothing but overflowing streams and bad fishing. The plus side to this is that I still get to appreciate all of the beautiful nature around us.

Since our last meeting, Ron Lewis has stepped forward to assist John Young with our guest speakers for this next year. If you have any particular person for them to consider, please let them know as soon as possible as many notable speakers have their schedules filled out months in advance. The first results of the casting competition will be listed in this month's edition of Tightlines.

Remember that there are free casting lessons and good fellowship at our outdoor meetings. This is the ideal time to bring a friend or somebody you know who would like to learn more about fly fishing and what our club has to offer. Those who attended last month's meeting were again treated (for a fee) to a delightful dinner of steaks or chicken prepared over the charcoal grill by Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson. Along with this are the usual cookout trimmings. After a year of relaxation, our two chefs did an excellent job. New club engraved streamside fly boxes were awarded to the winners of each of the three casting completion categories and Greg Sherwood has his usual desired items for the raffle.

Activities for the club in the month of June continue with our outdoor meeting, TNT events, casual fly tying at Gander Mountain, and Project Healing Waters. June 5 from 9:30am-12:30pm will be a Boy Scout leader training event at Caesar Creek State Park at the Day Lodge Shelter area. Tom Perry is in charge of this event and is looking for some help with this so please contact Tom if you can help. Another fun event is the Ohio Power Trip. Contact Ken Hudak for more information related to the dates, times, fishing permits and all details not mentioned in another section of this month's newsletter.

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Bob Cain will be representing the MVFF in July with a fly fishing day for the Church of the Brethren. Please contact Bob for more information as Brian Furdere is the only one helping out at this time.

I hope that those who help Tom Perry, Bob Cain, and those who attend the Ohio Power will take some pictures for our newsletter. I also would like for them to inform all of us (via the Tightlines) as to how the event turned out.

Board of Directors Information for All:

April 11, 2011 the Board of Directors discussed, and passed two items of information the club members need to be aware of. The two items were with regards to advertising in the Tightlines and the sharing of member information.

Advertisers - If an advertiser offers either the club, and/or the club membership at least a 10% discount on items they carry then they will not be charged to advertise in the Tightlines. If a company, or individual desires to advertise in the Tightlines but does not offer a 10% discount to club members then they will be charged a yearly fee of \$150.00 per advertisement.

Member Privacy - Only Board members and Committee Chairpersons will have access to the club roster unless a request is made to the Board, and approved by the Board, to provide member information. We, as a Board of Directors, feel it is important to protect the privacy of our members.

I hope to see you in the water fishing but if the rain does not end soon, you may want to contact John Young about how to build a float boat.

Tom Courtney

Casting Competition Continued from page 1

Casting Competition – this month is the Bead Head Nymph.

Here are the rules for casting the nymph. You will start with the fly in target #2. You will pick up the fly and have unlimited false casts to target #1. You will then only be allowed **1** false cast to each remaining target.

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.

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!



This Month's Fly – June 2011 Edition

EZ HEX NYMPH

Instructions Bill "Woody" Woodward /
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Nymph 2XL, size 6 - 10
Thread....Brown or Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail.....Ostrich herl, natural grey
Body.....Dubbing, squirrel blend, sulphur or equivalent
Rib.....Gold or Copper wire, fine
Hackle.....Ringneck pheasant church window feather,
 natural or a Speckled brown hen feather.
Eyes.....Plastic bead chain or mono, small, black
Head.....Thread

1. Place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook, then reverse direction and wrap the thread back forward to about 1/8" behind the hook eye.
2. Tie in a set of bead chain eyes, using figure eight wraps, about 1/8" behind the hook eye. (If desired, apply a drop of super glue or head cement to the thread wraps covering the eye.) Wrap the thread back to the hook bend.
3. Select 6-8 ostrich herl fibers, align the tips, and tie them in as a tail at the hook bend. The tail should approximately half the hook shank in length. Tie the herl in so that the excess length of the herl goes toward the hook eye.
4. Fold the excess herl back over the tail and bind it down with 2-3 tight thread wraps on top of the hook shank at the same point as you tied in the tail. (This excess herl will be pulled forward later to become the body shell back.) Let the thread hang.
5. Cut a 3"-4" piece of ribbing and tie it in at the same point as the tail with the excess stretching out over the hook bend.
6. Dub the thread and wrap the dubbed thread forward to a point about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing.
7. Grasp the excess herl which you folded back earlier and pull it forward over the top of the dubbed body as a shellback and tie it down in front of the body. Trim away any excess herl butts.
8. Now grasp the rib and palmer it forward for 4-5 wraps over both the body and herl shellback and tie it off in front of the body. Remove any excess ribbing.
9. Select an appropriately sized hackle feather. (DO NOT REMOVE THE FLUFF FROM THE FEATHER BASE.) From slightly below the tip, stroke the fibers down toward the base and tie the feather in by its tip (at the point where the fibers start to be stroked down) at the front of the dubbed body.. The feather should be tied in with the concave (dull) side down. Trim off any excess tip and then make 2-3 wraps of the hackle and 1-2 wraps of the fluff forward to behind the bead chain eyes and tie it off. (When stroking the fibers downward, try to gauge how much hackle will be needed to allow you to make the wraps of hackle and fluff without having too much hackle fiber.) Remove any excess hackle and move the thread to the front of the bead-chain eyes. Form a small thread head between the hook eye and the bead chain eyes.
10. Do a whip finish right behind the hook eye and cut the thread. (It may be advisable to do two whip finishes for durability.) Cut the thread.

Attention - Michigan Salmon Trip Openings Available!

We still have **2 openings** for the fall Salmon trip to the Pere Marquette River.

Here is your chance to do battle with a 30 Lb. King Salmon or a Michigan fall Steelhead.

Details are as follows:

- Dates:** Sunday, Sept 18th thru Wednesday, Sept 21st.
Location: We stay at Barothy Lodge. (We are in Elkhorn Lodge, a 5 star Log Chalet on the river). Check it out at <http://www.barothylodge.com>.
Cost: **\$232.00** for 4 days of fishing and 3 nights at the Lodge.
(Guides are also available, if you want to do a drift boat trip while you are there.)

The river is literally at your back door. We have 7 miles of private river on the property, or you can drive 10 miles to Balwin and fish the flies-only section of the P M River, which contains the famous spawning grounds of the P M.

Fishing is usually pretty good in the fall as you have the resident Rainbows and Browns, as well as some lake-run Browns that migrate in with the Salmon. The King Salmon are the rulers of the river at this time of year, and the average fish is 18 lb + with the big ones up to 35 lbs. The other fish are mixed in with them raiding the nests for eggs and are fun to watch even if you don't catch them. If you have never done this, it should be on your bucket list.

Truth is this trip is so much fun that the fishing is a bonus. These spots will be filled on a **first-come basis**, so if you are interested in joining us, call Jim Calvert at (Cell 937-925-1211 or Work 937-325-2469).

MVFF Members In Action - May, 2011



Here are just some of the highlights from May events:

Left:

MVFF Members Ron Lewis (pictured), Mike Tyler and Brian Furderer participated in the TU Madmen's Workday on the Mad, on May 21.

The crew worked on trash cleanup and path clearing at Route 36 and Route 296.

Right:

MVFF Member Gordon MacKenzie represented the club as a volunteer at Trout Fest in Townsend, TN.



5-23-2011

Dear Mrs. Pat McManes and family,

*This letter is to thank you for your family's very generous donation of **Joe McManes' collection of fly fishing materials to the Miami Valley Fly Fishers (MVFF)**. Your generous donation will be used to further the goals of MVFF.*

A primary goal of MVFF is to enhance and spread the art of fly fishing and fly tying with our members and within our community. A part of this MVFF effort is Project Healing Waters (PHW). PHW provides the opportunity for wounded military veterans to learn the art of fly fishing and fly tying with necessary modifications to deal with any physical disabilities they may have. The donated materials from your husband will greatly benefit our PHW project with gear and tying materials for these wounded warriors.

I'm confident that your husband, Joe, would be greatly pleased to know that his collection of fly fishing materials will be used to enhance the goals of MVFF including the PHW project. Thank you again for your generous donation.

Sincerely,
Phillip Clay
MVFF Secretary

MVFF CALENDAR For June, 2011

2, 9, 16,
23, 30 -

TNT (See schedule below for details)

7, 14,
21, 28 -

Project Healing Waters 2011 - VA Hospital (Contact Dave Oertel for more information)

12 -

TU Madmen Water Monitoring - Meet at the Rt 36 parking area at 9:00 AM

13 -

MVFF Outdoor Meeting - Deeds Park Casting Pond (See website for directions)

14, 30 -

Casual Fly Tying - 6:00—8:30 PM, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424

24 -

Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

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.

REMINDER FOR CLUB PURCHASES

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

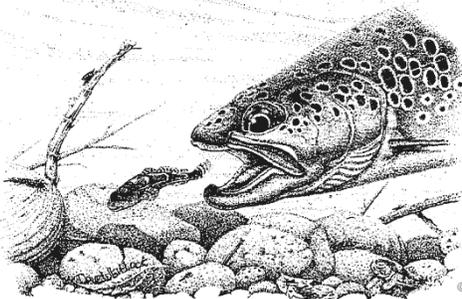
The TNT season has begun but we still need a few more volunteers for TNT events this summer. Please contact me if you are interested in hosting a TNT outing for any of the open dates. I will ensure that all of the important details get updated on the MVFF message board and in Tightlines. Feel free to 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 Furerer

All Meeting Times ≈ 5:30 PM - However, check the MVFF message board (<http://mvff.proboards.com/index.cgi>) 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 Furerer
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	Beavercreek YMCA	Dominic Lofino Park Lake	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 Furerer
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 Furerer



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