

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,
June 22, 2012

Our Next Outdoor Meeting
Of the Year!

Next Meeting

June 11, 2012

Deeds Park Casting Pond

(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The fun begins at 5:30

Join us for our next 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. 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.

Here are the results for the May Dry Fly:

First Flight, Winner:

Paul Schultz (88)

Seniors, Winner:

Phil Clay (89)

Masters, Winner: Mike Wolford (90)

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President's Thoughts



The outdoor meetings are off to a great start. The weather was very good and we had a great attendance. The casting competition this year is headed up by Jeff Warden, Lash LaRue and Dan Matousch. We had a good amount of contestants taking part in the fun. Remember you cannot win if you do not participate. So get out there and try your skill or luck and see how you do.

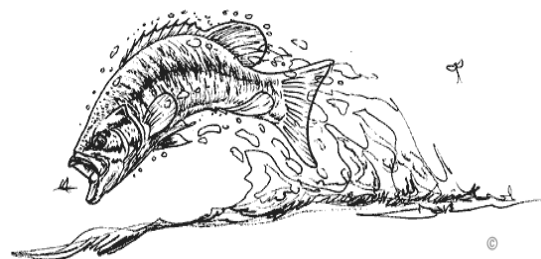
The food was outstanding as usual, thanks to our master chefs Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson. Thanks as well to our quartermaster, Mike Wolford, the man behind the scenes, who picks up all the food.

Paula PJ Mann-Smith is doing a great job with the raffle. Thanks to her hard work, we have great items every month. Thanks to everyone who puts forth the effort and works hard to make our meetings run smoothly and a good time. See you all next month.

On another note, we are looking for someone to head up the Project Healing Waters. Dave Oertel must step down; we can get you plenty of help. If you're interested, please get in contact with me.

Hope to see you on the water.

Kenneth Hudak



MVFF At The Centerville Fishing Fun Event



On Thursday, May 3, several members represented the club at the Centerville Fishing Fun Event, held at Oak Grove Park.

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June 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!
Jeff Warden

This Month's Fly – June 2012 Edition

HAYSTACK EMERGER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Curved Caddis, 2x wide, size 10-16
Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Wing.....Deer Hair, Natural or color of choice
Rib.....Pearl tinsel or small colored wire of your choice
Body.....SLF dubbing, olive or color of your choice
Head.....SLF Dubbing to match body

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the middle of the hook shank, then reverse direction and wrap the thread half-way back toward the hook eye. This should put the thread approximately 1/4 of the hook shank back from the hook eye.
2. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of deer hair as a wing. Measure the wing to be the length of the hook shank and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the 1/4 point with the tips projecting out over the hook eye. **DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN AROUND THE HOOK SHANK.** Trim the hair butts at an angle and make several tight thread wraps over them to secure them, then cover the remaining hair butts with thread. Return the thread to the front of wing. Lift the hair wing and make several thread wraps tight against the front of the wing to stand up the hair.
3. Now wrap the thread back to the rear of the hair butts and tie in a 3"-4" piece of ribbing material with the length of it going back over the hook bend. Wrap the thread over the ribbing material back to almost half way down the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a dubbed body back to just behind the wing. Remove any excess dubbing. *(Don't be concerned if the body looks a little scruffy.)*
5. Palmer the rib forward over the body in four or five wraps and tie it off behind the wing. Remove any excess ribbing and let the thread hang.
6. Dub the thread again and make 1-2 wraps behind the wing to cover the rib. Tie-off the thread wraps, then divide the hair wing into 2 equal halves with one half going forward
7. over the hook eye and the 2nd half leaning back toward the hook bend. Wrap the dubbed thread between the two wing halves to keep them divided then lift the front wing half and form a dubbed head. Remove any excess dubbing. *(You should now have two comparadun style wings with dubbing between them--See the picture.)*
8. Now make a small thread head behind the hook eye, whip finish and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.

Take Me To Your Leader

By Joe Nagel – Tightlines Editor

Today's modern commercial leaders are a convenient choice for fly fishermen. They come in a variety of sizes, lengths and materials for just about every fishing situation. However, convenience comes at a price – literally. A cheaper alternative to commercial leaders is to make your own. But, is it worth it? Here are some Pros and Cons – you decide:

Pros	Cons
Cheaper overall price than commercial leaders	Larger initial starting cost to purchase materials
Great way to pass non-fishing time	Time-consuming
Satisfaction that comes from tying your own leaders	No knots (this can be a real plus around weeds)
It's Fun!	

Should you decide to create your own leaders, there is a wealth of information out there to help. Here are some tidbits to get you started:

How To:

LeaderCalc

Steve Schweitzer at GlobalFlyFisher.COM has put together a great spreadsheet to help you design leaders for just about any fly fishing scenario. Follow the link below for more information:

<http://globalflyfisher.com/fishbetter/leadercalc/download.php>

Gary Borger's Nymphing Leader

This is the leader that Gary described during his presentation back in April:

<http://www.garyborger.com/nymphing-leader/>

Furled Leaders -

Here are some links with information on making your own furled leaders:

<http://www.hatchesmagazine.com/page/may2006/185>

<http://globalflyfisher.com/fishbetter/henk/>

Leader Materials:

Available from most major fly fishing stores and websites.

TU Madmen - Trout In The Classroom (TIC) Fish Release

Students from Benjamin Logan Schools in Bellefontaine, Ohio, have been participating in Trout Unlimited's Trout-in-the-Classroom (T.I.C.) program.

Last November, they received about 300 brown trout eggs from ODNR. They had three aquariums set up to raise the trout; one each at the elementary, middle and high school. Of the original 300 eggs, about 140 trout survived, and they were released on May 16 into Onion Creek, just upstream of where it empties into the Mad River within West Liberty Park.

Follow the link below to see a slideshow of the event:

<http://tinyurl.com/tic-slideshow>

MVFF Club Member Personal Items For Sale

Check out the following post on the club's message board for some personal fly fishing items for sale by club members:

<http://mvff.proboards.com/index.cgi?board=talk&action=display&thread=881>

MVFF CALENDAR For June, 2012

- 1-3 - Ohio Power Trip** (See May edition of Tightlines for details.)
- 7, 14, 21, 28 - TNT** (See schedule below, as well as the club's message board, for more information.)
- 11 - MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 12, 28 - Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 22 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of TIGHTLINES**
- 23 - Little Miami River Celebration**, The Narrows, 9:00 am (Contact Ken Hudak for more information.)
- 24 - TU Madmen / Mad River Water Monitoring**, Route 36 Bridge at 9:00 am
(Visit <http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html> for details.)

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 is now on Facebook! Follow us at:
<http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>

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, 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

2012 TNT Events: 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 TIGHTLINES.

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

Date	Time	Location	Host	Fishing Information
June 7, 2012	Open Date			
June 14, 2012	Open Date			
June 21, 2012	6:30 PM	Great Miami River Old Springfield Rd	Tom Helbig	Wade/Float Tube/Canoe fishing for smallmouth, rock bass, & carp
June 28, 2012	Open Date			
July 5, 2012	Open Date			
July 12, 2012	6:30 PM	Great Miami River Rip Rap Rd Access	Tom Helbig	Wade/Float Tube/Canoe fishing for smallmouth, rock bass, & carp
July 19, 2012	Open Date			
July 26, 2012	Open Date			
August 2, 2012	Open Date			
August 9, 2012	Open Date			
August 16, 2012	Open Date			
August 23, 2012	Open Date			
August 30, 2012	Open Date			



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