

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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August ISSUE DEADLINE:

Friday,
July 24, 2009

**PLEASE BE SURE
TO PAY YOUR
2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES!**

Next Meeting July 13, 2009

Deeds Park Casting Pond

(Directions on Website)
NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
The fun begins at 5:30

June Casting Results

Unfortunately, the June results were not available at press time. However, we will be sure to include the June and July results in the August newsletter.

July Casting Competition: Roll-Casting

Note - if the pond is dry again this month, we will cast bass bugs instead.

Good luck to all participants!

Competition Guidelines

Everyone will cast to the same five rings. Any fly that lands inside the black part of the ring will result in 1 point. Those skillful enough to place the fly inside the gold ring will receive 2 points. The person in each division with the highest score will win the event.

At the end of the outdoor season, overall winners of each division will be determined by dropping the lowest score of every caster and then adding their other 4 scores. 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 win your division (it's happened before!) so show up and cast.

Remember - while we do keep score and while 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.

President's Thoughts



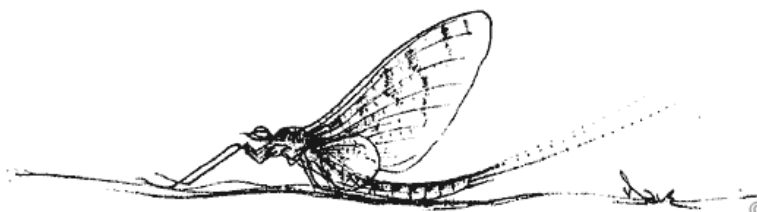
Getting time to fish has been a real problem so far this year. Family obligations have taken precedent and too many chores at home. This has got to change.

On Saturday, June 13, members Steve Radcliffe, Howard Guscar, Ken Osman, Doug Baker, Bob Haflich and myself spent the day at Spring Run assisting a church group with teaching inner city kids to fish. There were three vanloads of boys of all type, sizes and shape. Ken Osman and I worked with three, starting out on the lake fishing for Bluegills. None of these boys had ever fished before let alone cast spinning gear or any other type of gear. To great excitement all caught fish and had some large enough to keep. One boy would get so excited when hooking a fish, he was always sure it was a monster. Later we took them to the trout stream and each one caught a nice trout. It was fun day but I have never cleared up so many tangles in my fishing experience.

Also, Steve Radcliffe wants to thank all those who stepped forward to help with transportation so that an Air Force vet can get to special medical treatment at the Cleveland Clinic. Our group is providing transportation to Columbus where some Ohio State Police officers pick him up and go on to Cleveland. Later in the day, the State Troopers bring him back to Columbus and our guys pick him up for the return to Dayton. This trip is to be made once each month. Steve Radcliffe, Jim Calvert, Ken Norton, John Young, Dick Higgins and Howard Guscar are on the drivers list for this service project. We can always use additional drivers.

MVFF was the winner of a Gerstner Tool Chest by having the most club members attend the annual warehouse sale. I just got the email from Scott Campbell, Gerstner President, and will pick up the chest sometime next week. Not sure what we will do with it as yet but will take it up with the rest of the board. We may hold it for next years Spring Fling or have a special drawing as a fund raiser for the fly tying program next year. Will let you know what is decided.

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I received an email from Tom Allen, (via Bob Hazlett) with the Ohio EPA staff. The following is the text, describing a Mad River cleanup and the current state of the river.

"The Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) conducted its stream cleanup (mainly around bridges) yesterday, June 14th. Volunteers were mainly made up of TU and Central Ohio Flyfishers (COFF) members with one local from the Kaiser Lake area. We did manage to collect around 15 bags of trash, covering an area from West Liberty downstream to St Rt 55, with the bulk of it coming from the St Rt 29/296, St Rt 36 and St Rt 55 bridge areas.

Of more immediate concern is the observed condition of the stream. Stream flow is very low for this time of year and the algae bloom is tremendous. In over 40 years of involvement with Mad River I have never witnessed algae in the river as thick as it is now. This kind of issue makes it even more important to support the Joint SWCD Board of Clark, Champaign and Logan counties in developing a Watershed Action Plan with options/incentives to address water quality/quantity issues of Mad River. With stream and riparian area alteration, nutrient loading, bank erosion/siltation and possible decreases in ground water discharge, are there more areas of the Mad River watershed that would not meet Ohio EPA attainment standards today compared to results from 2005 stream surveys? There will be very difficult issues for the Board to address in order to sustain the quality of this valuable resource for the future. TAKE CARE!!!!"

Not good news. We really need a lot of rain.

That's it for this month. Don't forget the outdoor meeting on July13 at the Deeds Casting pond. We had good attendance last month and the food was up to the usual high standard.

The casting contest was a little different this time as there was no water in the pond, so it was conducted on dry land. It still worked out.

Check the TNT schedule and get out to one or more on a Thursday. It's fun and you may learn about a new place to fish and make some new friends.

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- Dave Oertel

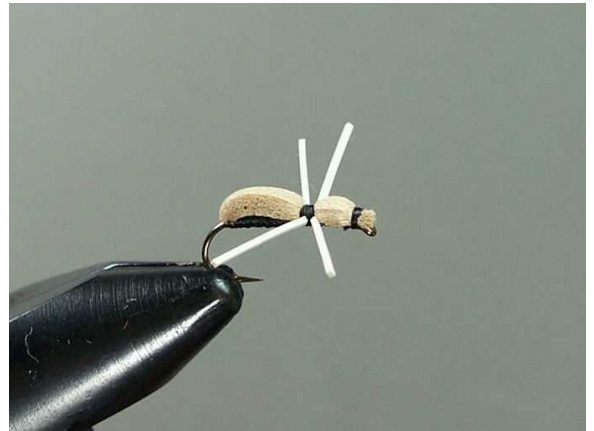
This Month's Fly – July 2009 Edition

LI'L FOAM SPIDER

Instructions by Woody Woodward / Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

HookDry, size 14
ThreadOlive/Black/Brown/Red 8/0
Underbody.....Thread
Body 2mm Foam Strip, 1/8th inch wide
LegsRound White Rubber, Small
HeadThread



1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back in tight touching turns to the start of the hook bend, laying down a good thread base.
2. Cut a 3" or 4" strip of foam 1/8th inch wide, then cut a point on one end. Tie the strip in by the pointed end at the hook bend. Bind down the butt end of the foam point with tight thread wraps and return the thread to the hook bend. (The length of the foam should extend out over the hook bend.) Ensure the foam is on the top of the hook shank.
3. Wrap the thread forward to a point 1/3 of the hook shank behind the hook eye and let the thread hang. Grasp the foam strip and pull it forward firmly and tie it down with several tight thread wraps at the point where you left the thread. This forms the abdomen of the spider. **DO NOT TRIM OFF THE REMAINING FOAM STRIP!** Advance the thread in a 1-2 wraps to slightly behind the hook eye and let the thread hang.
4. Now pull the remaining foam strip forward to right behind the hook eye and tie it down with several tight thread wraps forming a thorax.
5. Trim off the remaining foam strip, form a small thread head, do a whip finish and cut the thread.
6. Reattach the thread on top of the thread wraps at the front of the abdomen. Cut two 2" pieces of rubber legging. Tie one strip at its middle on each side of the body in front of the abdomen, keeping the thread wraps on top of each other. **This should give you 2 legs on each side of the fly.** Whip finish the thread and cut it. Apply head cement to the thread wraps, if desired. Trim the legs so that they are no longer than the hook shank.

Note: Because of its small size, this fly will not always float on the surface but will instead sink to about 1-2 inches below the surface. Bluegill and crappie seem to find this aspect irresistible. Use a slow retrieve. Unless you're good at line watching, it is recommended that you use a strike indicator.

Discount On Certificates For Fisherman's Quarters

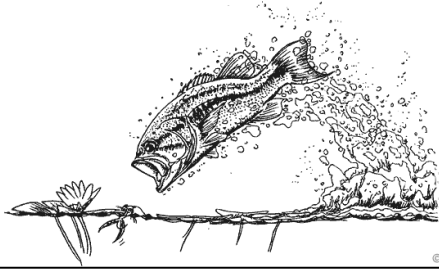
FOX45.COM is offering for one of those "\$50 Certificate for \$25" deals. This one is for Fisherman's Quarters!

The link on the FOX45.COM website for GiftSource (right-hand side of page, half-way down) will take you to the offer. Or, you can go directly to the page from here:

<http://wrgtqs.incentrev.com/index.cfm?action=offer&offerid=9959>

As of press time, there were over 50 certificates left.

- The editors



MVFF 2009 TNT Schedule

Date	Location	Host
6/4/2009	Rush Run	Anthony Back
6/11/2009	Great Miami River	Josh Hobbs
6/18/2009	Mad River	Chris Daniels
6/25/2009	Camp Birch	Kevin Fitzharris
7/2/2009	Twin Creek	Anthony Back
7/9/2009	Great Miami River	Josh Hobbs
7/16/2009	Mad River	Chris Daniels
7/23/2009	TBA	
7/30/2009	TBA	
8/6/2009	Caesars Creek	Anthony Back
8/13/2009	Great Miami River	Josh Hobbs
8/20/2009	Mad River	Chris Daniels
8/27/2009	TBA	

*** Check the MVFF message board for exact location and any last minute changes**

MVFF FYI

Darby Creek Outfitters

I met a couple of great guys fishing on the Mad River who have started a guide service on Darby Creek (near Columbus OH). Mark Adams and D. J. Daughtery are their names. Check out their web site – <http://www.darbycreekoutfitters.com>. They are also selling some high quality furled leaders you might like to try.

- John Young, Vice-President

(Editor's note – judging by their listed phone number – 555-555-0123 – the Darby Creek Outfitter's website appears to be a work in progress. We sent them a message inquiring about this, and we will post additional information on our message board when received.)

Scissor Sharpening

I have been looking for a good place to sharpen my fly tying scissors. Someone told me Jo Ann Fabrics does them, but only a couple times a year.

The place I found does a wonderful job and I had 4 pairs sharpened. Three were the very small Orvis scissors and a regular large pair. When I called they told me to bring them right down, and they sharpened them while I waited. The three small ones were \$2.00 each and the large \$3.00 each. I asked if they could sharpen serrated scissors for cutting deer hair—they said they could, and it would not damage the serration.

The business is located at the corner of Avondale Drive and Old Troy Pike in Dayton, Ohio. They have been in business for several years and do a great job.

SHUPERT & SONS SHARPENING SHOP
99 Avondale Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45404
937-233-5144
FAX 937-233-9506

- Dale Stephens

Website Modifications

Several months ago, the fly-tying section of our club website was completely updated with a brand new look. You can now reach any recipe from a single index, and the format has been improved and standardized.

Our thanks to Tom Arnold and Bob Cain for making this happen!

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to make available to all our members, contact Bob Cain (bobcain@woh.rr.com) for format and photography requirements.

- Bob Hazlett

MVFF CALENDAR For July, 2009

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Thursday Night Tease (TNT)
(See club website for details.)

7, 21 - Casual Fly-Tying – “The Lodge” at Gander Mountain
6:00—8:30 PM

13 - MVFF Outdoor Meeting, Deeds Park Casting Pond - 5:30 PM
(No Reservations Required)

24 – Deadline for August *Tightlines* Articles

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 CALL TREASURER, BECKY GROVE, FOR PRE-APPROVAL.

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:

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Our Next Outdoor
At Deeds Park!

More Food, Fun
And Casting Competitions!

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