

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

**Friday,
July 25, 2014**

**This Month:
More Summer Fun
At the FOP!**

Next Meeting

July 14, 2014

**Dayton FOP Shelter
4275 Powell Road
(Directions on Website)**

**NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Meal Price - \$10.00**

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

Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings have begun, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. This year's host of judges are none other than Ken Hudak, Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. This is our second year at a new location with REAL – No Kiddin' – WATER! I think the wind gave the casters more problems last month than trying to get used to real water.

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 7:00 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. It should hopefully allow us enough time to eat dinner too.



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President's Thoughts



It's summertime, and the fishing is easy....

Well, the fishing would be easy, if the monsoons would ever quit. This has got to be one of the wettest seasons we have had in quite some time. And by August, we will be wishing to have some of this rain back. That's the way it goes in west-central Ohio.

Still, a lot of river fishing has been possible despite all of the rain, and lake / pond fishing is good this time of year as well. I hope you all are getting out to enjoy the fishing while you can.

On June 24, I had the pleasure of assisting the good folks at Five Rivers MetroParks with their "Try Fly Fishing" event at Possum Creek. I want to also thank member **Noel Baldwin** for coming out and lending a hand as well.

We had a pretty good turnout – 22 people signed up to see what fly fishing is all about. Unfortunately, the evening was cut short due to heavy rains, but I believe everyone had a good time, and a lot of the folks caught fish.



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MetroParks will be having another "Try Fly Fishing" event on **Tuesday, July 22, at Cox Arboretum**. I will again be assisting with casting instruction. I would also like to set up our club booth to help answer any questions the participants may have about fly fishing, but we need volunteers to do so. If you would be interested in staffing our booth at the event, please contact me as soon as possible via my e-mail address on Page 1.

On June 14, we had our first TNT event of the year, at Rosewood Park in Centerville. Several members came out for a morning of catching bluegills and "monster" bass (see the bass picture on page 4 – you will **NOT** believe your eyes!).

TNT events are fun and are a great way to meet your fellow members while fishing new water. **I challenge each of you to consider hosting a TNT event this year.** Hosting a TNT event easy – all you have to do is choose a date / time to fish choose one of your favorite local fishing locations, and send me an e-mail. I will take care of the rest.

If you are interested in bamboo fly rods, you will definitely want to stick around after the announcements at the July meeting. Member **Jerry Wallace** will be bringing some of his bamboo rods for members to try out, and will give a talk about bamboo rods as well. Sounds like fun – I am really looking forward to it!

Special note to all of the salmon fisherman in the club - there are still **2 spots available** for the Pere Marquette trip this fall! If interested, see the article on Page 4 for details.

In closing, the board has declared this month - July, 2014 – to be **Member Appreciation Month**. We wanted to do a little something to say "Thank You!" to all of our members for their continued support of Miami Valley Fly Fishers.

So, what exactly will we be doing? Well, I'm not going to tell you - you will have to come to the July meeting to find out!

That's all for now. See you at the meeting on the 14th!

Kind regards,

Joe Nagel, President

Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

Here are the results for the June Nymph:

First Flight, Winner: Karen Via (94)
Seniors, Winner: Ken La Rue (94)
Masters, Winner: Ken Hudak (95)

Casting Competition – this month is the **Roll Cast**.

Here are the rules for the Roll Cast.

- **Limit of 15 casts total.**
- Start with fly in target #1. Cast to target #1 until scored (inside one of the rings).
- Then on to the remaining 4 targets or until a maximum of 15 casts are made.
- Any target not scored is a demerit of "-2" points. Highest score with fewest casts wins.

Casting Competition Guidelines:

The monthly competitions, Divisions, and scoring guidelines can now be found on the club web site at the following link:

http://mvff.tripod.com/Reference/MVFF_Casting_Competition_Guidelines.pdf

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 – July 2014 Edition

CRAVEN'S WIGGLE DAMSEL

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain

Tail Section

Hook.....Nymph, long curved, size 14
Thread.....Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Tail.....Marabou fibers, olive
Abdomen.....Marabou fibers, olive

Thorax Section

Hook.....Dry, size 14
Connector.....Monofilament
Eyes.....Bead chain, small
Tail.....Marabou fibers, olive
Thorax.....Marabou fibers, olive
Wing case.....Marabou fibers, olive
Head.....Thread



Tail Section

1. Place the hook in the vise. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
2. Select 8 – 10 bushy marabou fibers and strip them from the quill. Pinch the ends off the fibers to even them up, then tie the tips in as a tail at the hook bend on top of the hook shank with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. The tail should be ½ hook shank in length. The length (butts) of the fibers should be going toward the hook eye.
3. Lift the marabou butts and move the thread in front of them, then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye. Now wrap the marabou butts forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie them off. Remove any excess butts.
4. Form a thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.
5. Take a pair of wire cutters and cut the bend off of the hook shank.

Thorax Section

6. Place the hook in the vise, tie-in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap a thread base back to the hook barb. Let the thread hang.
7. Cut a 3-4" inch length of 3x monofilament. Thread the line through the tail section hook eye and then firmly lash both ends of the mono line to the side of shank of the front hook. Note: Carefully position the tail section so that the tail hook eye is directly behind the main part of the front hook shank and keep the connecting loop short with just enough slack space to assure that the tail has room to wiggle when fishing the fly. (If the loop is too long the tail section will foul around the bend of the front hook.) After making sure the trailer hook is properly positioned, firmly wrap the thread forward over both ends of the mono line to behind the hook eye and then fold the mono line back and wrap back over it for several wraps. Remove any excess mono line and return the thread back to a point about three hook eye lengths behind the hook eye and let it hang.
8. Select a pair of bead chain eyes and tie them in on top of the hook shank using tight figure eight wraps about three hook eye lengths behind the hook eye. Move the thread back to the hook bend.
9. Cut another small clump of 8-10 marabou fibers and even the tips by pinching them off. Measure the tips to equal ½ the hook shank and tie them in on top of the hook shank as a tail at the hook bend. The marabou butts should be going toward the hook eye.
10. Lift the marabou butts and wrap the thread in front of them and forward to behind the bead chain eyes. Now wrap the marabou butts forward to behind the eyes, then wrap them under the bead chain eyes and tie them off behind the hook eye. DO NOT CUT OFF THE EXCESS BUTTS.
11. Now wrap the thread back over the top of the bead chain eyes and around the hook shank right behind the bead chain eyes. Pull the remaining marabou butts back over the middle of the bead chain eyes, forming a wing case, and tie them off right behind the bead chain eyes.
12. Pull the remaining marabou butts forward again over the bead chain eyes and trim them off even with the front of the hook eye. This will leave a small tuft of marabou behind the eyes.
13. Whip finish behind the bead chain eyes and cut the thread.

TNT Event - June 14, 2014

Our first TNT event of the season was held on Saturday, June 14, at Rosewood Park in Centerville. It was a beautiful morning to fish with several of my fellow club members.

Hosting a TNT event could not be easier; all you have to do is choose when and where to fish, then contact Joe Nagel (joe.nagel@gmail.com), and he will take care of all the scheduling. Give it a try!



A beautiful morning at Rosewood Pond.



One of many bluegill caught at our first TNT event!



A "Monster" bass!

Openings Still Available for the Pere Marquette Trip!

Believe it or not, there are still **2 openings available** for the Pere Marquette trip!

We have 2 Lodges reserved for Sept 28th thru Oct 3rd, and **two spots are still open at the time of this writing.**

If you are interested going on this trip and would like additional information, contact Jim Calvert (937-925-1211) or E-mail (Jcckac@aol.com).

These slots are sure to fill quickly, **so don't hesitate if you are interested!**

MVFF CALENDAR For July, 2014

- 8, 22 -** **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 14 -** **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 22 -** **MetroParks' "Try Fly Fishing" Event**, Cox Arboretum (Visit <http://www.metroparks.org> for details)
- 27 -** Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **470** 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:
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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

MetroParks "Try Fly Fishing" Events

Five Rivers MetroParks will be holding their next "Try Fly Fishing" Event on **Tuesday, July 22, at Cox Arboretum**.

We will be assisting the MetroParks at this event. If you would like to help out, please contact any board member as soon as possible.

For more information about the event, visit the MetroParks' website at <http://www.metroparks.org>.



**A happy young fisherman, with his first bluegill on a fly!
(At the "Try Fly Fishing" event at Possum Creek on Tuesday, June 24)**



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