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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

**Friday,
July 24, 2015**

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

Next Meeting

July 13, 2015

**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!**

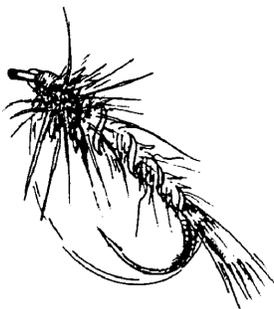
Casting Competition News!

The outdoor meetings have begun, which means it's time to dust off those casting skills. Come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. Another great year with REAL - No Kiddin' - 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



Hello all,

Last month, I wrote about a Hazel Creek North Carolina fishing trip that I took with some other club members during the month of May. Since that time, numerous people have expressed interest. I have highly endorsed the trip and provided contact information.

Now comes the cautionary part.

On 06/06/15, one month after our trip, 16 yr old Gabriel Alexander was attacked and almost killed by a black bear in the area we stayed and fished. The bear pulled Gabriel out of his hammock by his head and started to drag him into the bush. Gabriel's father physically fought the bear by hand and saved his son's life. The two were then forced to hike almost five miles until they found help.

Facts:

The Alexander's were serious experienced hikers who covered 40 miles of a 50 mile hiking trip at the time of the attack. They used proper aerial storage to secure their packs and food. Gabriel is not of small frame and is actually larger than his father.

Thoughts:

Our love for fishing takes us to state and national parks all over the country. There are bear, moose, wolves, coyotes, wild boars and mountain lions in them there hills.... We naturally assume that we are the top of the food chain because for the most part we are. We sometimes forget that nature is a (Fence Tester) always looking for a weakness in the defenses. Example: Even the bacteria is getting stronger and harder to kill these days. We also forget we are at the top of the food chain if and only when we can defend this position. Unless we establish our ability to be the apex predator, we are the prey.

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Options:

Open carry of a firearm is legal within the National parks. It is also legal in one form or another in all states parks with the exception of California, Texas, Florida, South Carolina, Illinois, New York and D.C. (Check state laws for the finer provisions before bringing your firearm.) The possession and responsibility of having a firearm is a personal choice and not an option some are willing to take. I would suggest nothing smaller than a .357 round.

Another highly effective and non lethal option is a canister of bear spray. This is the same (pepper spray) used by police. A study of bear attacks in Alaska from 1985 -2006 shows the spray was effective in 92% of all incidents and 98% of the users escaped without injury. The chemical is very strong. If you are accidentally sprayed in the face with it, you will not be able to see and all of your mucous membranes will cut loose. All areas of skin contact will become irritated and burn until cleaned. Wash your hands before using the restroom! Personal experience...it can be bad :-)

Another non lethal option is known as a bear bang. This is a sharp pen sized device that is used to fire a number of cartridges that make noises, whistles or leave flare trails. My friend, Don Matthews, was an experienced bear hunting guide in Alaska and he uses bear bangs when we salmon fish in Canada each year. FYI, there are YOUTUBE videos that show bears running a short distance then returning after the bang is fired.

Sorry to write such a serious page this month, but I could not live with myself after having endorsed a trip and someone was hurt or killed because I failed to make them aware of their safety options or the environment.

On a lighter note, I will sponsor a Wednesday night trip to a fishing spot later this month. This will be like the old TNT trips, but obviously on a Wednesday. I will announce the trip on both the website and on Facebook. I do not anticipate any bears.....

Look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on July 13. Get out and enjoy some fishing!

Nathan A. Via,

MVFF Club President

Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

Here are the results for the June Nymph:

First Flight, Winner:	Amy Aspenwall (93)
Seniors, Winner:	Nathan Via (93)
Masters, Winner:	Greg Kiddon (93)

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 2015 Edition

KLINKHAMMER SPECIAL

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Curved Caddis, size 12-22

Thread.....Tan 6/0

Abdomen....Lt Tan Dubbing

Wingpost....White/Lt Gray Polypropylene Yarn

Hackle.....Dry hackle, Dun

Thorax.....Peacock Herl



1. Take a pair of pliers and bend the front of the hook shank downward about 10 degrees at the 1/3rd point on the hook shank. Now place the hook in the vice so that the bent front section is parallel to the ground, giving a flat surface on which to tie-on the wing post.
2. Tie-in the thread behind the hook and wrap a solid thread foundation back to where the hook shaft was bent, then wrap the thread back to the middle of the thread foundation.
The thread should now be in the middle of the bent section of the hook shank.
3. Cut a 2-3" length of poly yarn and divide it in half lengthwise. Lay one of the halved lengths of poly yarn on the hook shank so that its middle is located where the thread is hanging and tie it in with 2-3 tight wraps of thread. Then, with your left fingers, pull both ends of the length of yarn straight up and take several thread wraps of thread around the base of the yarn, creating an upright wing post and a thread foundation for the hackle.
4. Select a hackle feather with barbs 1½ times the size usually required for the size hook being used. Strip the fluff off the base of the hackle feather and, with the dull side of the feather facing you, tie it in vertically along the side of the wing post with several thread wraps going up and down the wing post making a thread foundation on which to later wrap the hackle. The bottom hackle barbs should be located so that they are slightly above the top of the post thread foundation. Return the thread to the base of the wing post.
5. Now wrap the thread in tight wraps down the hook shank to the hook bend. Dub the thread sparsely for a thin body and wrap it back up the hook to just behind the wing post and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing from the thread.
6. Select three peacock herls and tie them in directly in front of the dubbed body. Twist the herls and thread together into a herl "rope" and make 2-3 wraps of the "rope" behind the wing post, then wrap it under the wing post and continue wrapping the "rope" to just behind the hook eye. Untwist the herl from the thread and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove the excess herl, make a whip finish behind the hook eye, and cut the thread.
7. Reposition the hook so that the wing post is perpendicular with the floor.
8. Reattach the thread at the base of the wing post. Grasp the hackle feather and bend and crimp it vertically to the wing post at the top of the wing post thread foundation. Wrap the hackle feather counterclockwise down the wing post for 5-7 wraps. After the last wrap, hold the hackle feather horizontally out from the wing post and make 2-3 tie-off wraps around it at the base of the wing post. Remove the excess hackle and tie a whip finish at the base of the wing post. Cut the thread.

Charity Event to Benefit Project Healing Waters

The **Xenia and Beavercreek Network Group** is hosting a charity event to benefit Project Healing Waters. The event will be held on July 23 at the **Mangan Banquet Hall** (1585 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, Ohio). Doors will open at 6:00 pm, and the event begins at 7:00 pm. Please note - the hall is **not** handicap accessible.

Vendors participating in the auction include **Jamberry Nails, Thirty-One Gifts, All'Asta, Origami Owl, Michi, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Younique,** and **Tupperware**. Vendors will have jewelry, cosmetic and skin care items, household items and other collectibles for auction.

The proceeds from the event will be used to purchase fishing gear for program participants residing at the VA Medical Center.

FOR THIS AUCTION, WE ARE CREATING FOUR GIFT BASKETS TO ENHANCE OUR DONATION TO PROJECT HEALING WATERS. We are not using club funds, so we are asking for donations from club members.

In part, we would like to create four baskets of items centered on family friendly themes:

1. BBQ Basket

- Consisting of favorite sauces, rubs, grilling tools, aprons and cookbooks.

2. Wine and Spirits Basket

- Consisting of wine, liquor, cork screws, stoppers and glasses.

3. Family Outdoor Fun Basket

- Consisting of water shooters, kids water toys, sunscreen, off, towels and lawn blankets.

4. Picnic Basket

- Consisting of table cloth, candles, utensils, glasses, thermos, cloth cooler and cookbook.

Please call Bill Grimpe at **937 845 3332** if you have any questions about items. If you would like to make a donation, please bring cash, and a receipt will be provided.

Thanks,

Karen Via



Pere Marquette Trip - Fully Booked

Jim Calvert has confirmed that the Pere Marquette trip for 2015 is now **fully booked!**

If you missed out this year, don't despair; there is always next year.

Spoiler Alert - Jim is looking into the possibility of also putting together a Canadian Fishing Trip in 2016! Stay tuned!



MVFF CALENDAR For July, 2015

- 9, 23 -** **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 13 -** **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 23 -** **Charity Auction to Benefit Project Healing Waters** (See article on Page 4 for more information)
- 24 -** 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:
<http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>

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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

"Reality" Shows You Can Truly Enjoy

Folks, I don't know about you, but I cannot tolerate any of the so-called "Reality" shows on television. The name itself is an oxy-moron; these shows are about as fake as you can get, and they are about as entertaining as a root canal.

Well, I have found a couple of online sites that have what I think should be considered true "Reality" shows - because these are actually **REAL**.

Show #1 - Bear Cams At Katmai National Park

Several live-stream cameras have been set up in Katmai that allow you to view the world famous bears fishing for salmon. You can check them out at:

<http://explore.org/live-cams/player/brown-bear-salmon-cam-brooks-falls>

Show #2 - Steep Creek Salmon Cam (#salmonwatch)

This live-cam is in the water Steep Creek, just outside of Juneau, Alaska. In a few days, the sockeye salmon will begin to return. Later in August / September, the Coho will arrive. You will also see Dolly Varden and sea-run Cutthroat trout, as well as Coho fry from last season. You may view the salmon cam at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLq2uoKcVGO>

Do you know of a similar site? If so, share it with your fellow club members on our Facebook Page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers>



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