

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,  
August 26, 2011**

**The Summer Fun Continues  
At Deeds Park!**

## Next Meeting

**August 8, 2011**

**Deeds Park Casting Pond**

(Directions on Website)

**NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

The fun begins at 5:30

## 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!

It was very difficult casting last month due to the lack of genuine water. Despite having to deal with our simulated water that did not load the rod, three Masters showed us how to hit the last target – Bill Bennett, Ken Hudak, and Marty Vandenbrock – Congratulations!

### Here are the results for the July Roll Cast

(Winner and runner-up for each division):

#### First Flight

**Winner:** Chris Bussler (4 targets in 7 casts; 2 gold, 2 black rings.)

**Runner-up:** Nathan Via (First time caster, 4 targets in 7 casts; 1 gold, 3 black rings – great job!)

#### Seniors

**Winner:** Jeff Warden (4 targets in 6 casts)

**Runner-up:** Joe Gilmore (4 targets in 8 casts)

#### Masters

**Winner:** Bill Bennett (All 5 targets in 6 casts) Awesome!

**Runner-up:** Marty Vandenbrock (All 5 targets in 10 casts)

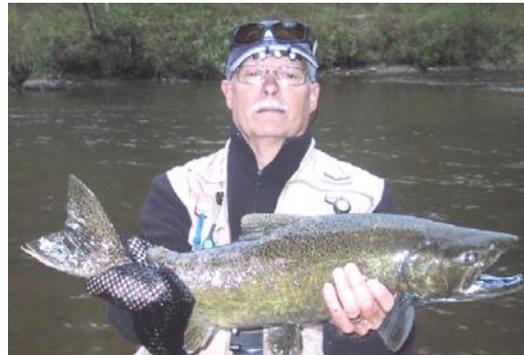
**– NEW THIS YEAR –  
CASTING COMPETITION CUT-OFF TIME**

**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



I hope each of you have had the opportunity to spend time with your family this summer and if not, that the vacation time is near. The newspapers are now full of the "back to school sales" and the thought of fall is not far off with most schools starting back up by the end of August.

This month, like all of the months this year, has been full of public relations events to help promote not only our club, but fly fishing as well. Bob Cain and Woody Woodward attended a camp for the Church of the Brethren to teach young folks about fly fishing and fly tying and had a full day of curious individuals of all ages. I will be showing a small group of Boy Scouts at Woodland Trails the basics of fly tying and casting this week. To all of you have helped with the many events this year I want to say a big "Thank You" for your efforts.

The warm temperature on the day of the July meeting was one that many of us would welcome in January. Our attendance was very good and several members have mentioned to me that they are pleased to see the turnouts we have had this summer. If you have not been able to make it, you only have two more tries before we move back inside. Each month we have had new members, and visitors at our meetings and all have felt very welcomed. Thanks to all for making these folks feel that we are a very friendly and helpful club.



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## President's Thoughts Continued from page 1

This time of the year means the several members like to pay their dues and not have to worry about them during the holidays. Please make sure your contact information is updated with Phil Clay. One item each of you should be aware of is the formation of a "hardship" account within our club budget. This was discussed, and voted on, at our last meeting to set up a fund to help those of our membership who have fallen on hard times and need to spend the cost of the dues on food, or other vital items. The way this will work is that any member may contribute whatever amount they would like to the fund. You might want to send in an additional dollar with your dues for next year as an example. The treasurer (Juan this year) will deposit the money in the hardship account. Members who want to stay in the club but cannot pay the dues will contact one of the Board members and ask for assistance. The Board will be the only people to know who has requested help and the Board will decide if help is to be given.

This came about as I know of two prior members who were active in the club, and fly tying, that had to forgo paying their dues because of a reduction in retirement benefits that forced them to "tighten their belts" and cut back on many things they enjoyed. Please help with this if you are fortunate to be able to do so.

The way it stands right now, we will not be meeting at Deeds Park next year. The City of Dayton no longer allows us to turn the water on at the park for casting competition. Ken has received several emails about places that might meet, or exceed, the club's needs and he will be working on this for next year. Please email him with places that might work out better for the club.

Finally, the salmon fishing trips to Michigan are not very far off. If you would like to learn how to tie some of the flies used to catch these magnificent fish, show up at the casual fly tying classes. Let me know you will be there and I will bring some materials to help you learn.

Tom Courtney

## Casting Competition Continued from page 1

### Casting Competition – this month is the Bass Bug

#### Bass Bug Rules:

Start with bug in hand and allowed unlimited casts to target 1. Then only two (2) false casts to all remaining targets.

We might also have a 50/50 event to see who can hit the mouse trap. 2 casts for \$1.00, with maximum of 5 false casts allowed per attempt. (Rules subject to change.)

#### 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.

#### General Competition Guidelines:

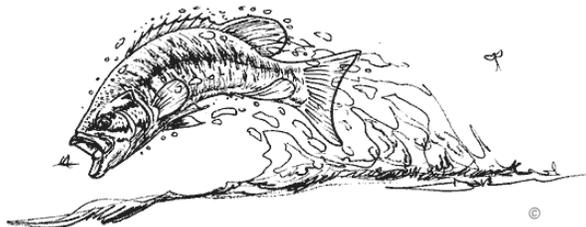
Everyone will cast to the same five rings, using the club rod. One person from each division will be determined the winner of that night's competition. Based on your cumulative scores of all the events, an overall winner will be determined for each division and presented a traveling trophy in December.

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 – August 2011 Edition

## OLIVE CZECH NYMPH

Instructions Bill "Woody" Woodward /  
Photograph by Bob Cain

### Recipe

Hook.....Swimming Nymph, size 8 - 12  
Thread.....Olive 6/0 or 8/0  
Shellback.....Scud backing, clear or equivalent  
First Rib.....Fine silver wire or oval tinsel  
Second Rib....Fine monofilament such as 6X or 7X tippet  
Underbody.....Lead wire .15  
Body.....Olive sparkle dubbing  
Hot Spot.....Orange or pink dubbing  
Thorax.....Hare's ear dubbing, spiky  
Head.....Thread



1. Tie-in the thread behind hook eye and wrap it back to **halfway down the hook bend** making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. By one end, tie in a 4" - 5" piece of monofilament, a 4" piece of scud backing, and then a 4"-5" piece of silver wire at the middle of the hook bend with their lengths extending out over the hook bend. Wrap thread back over their butt ends to a point about ½ way down the bend of the hook. Trim off any excess butts.
3. Now take a 5'-6" piece of lead wire and, **starting over the hook barb**, make 30-35 touching wraps forward toward the hook eye. When finished, break off the excess lead. Cover the lead with thread wraps and move the thread back to the middle of the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
4. Form a dubbing loop and fill it with olive dubbing, twist the loop, then wrap it in touching wraps up the hook shank over the lead wire covering the rear two-thirds of the hook shank forming an abdomen. Tie off the dubbing loop and remove any excess. Let the thread hang.
5. Take the silver wire and wrap it forward over the abdomen in counter-clockwise evenly spaced wraps as a rib. Tie it off in front of the abdomen and remove any excess wire. Let the thread hang.
6. Now dub the thread with orange dubbing and, starting tight against the front of the abdomen, make 2-3 tight wraps to create a "hot spot" (think egg sac), then tie it off and remove any excess dubbing. Let the thread hang.
7. Dub the thread with hare's ear dubbing and, starting tight against the "hot spot", wrap a **spiky** thorax forward to slightly behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
8. Grasp the scud backing and pull it forward over the abdomen, "hot spot", and thorax and tie it off directly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess backing. **Be sure to keep the backing on top of the hook shank and to keep it under tension until it is tied off.**
9. Now grasp the monofilament rib and wrap it forward clockwise in evenly spaced turns over the entire body and tie it off behind the hook eye. Remove any excess monofilament.
10. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread. Apply head cement if desired.
11. Take a bodkin, dubbing brush, or other suitable tool and brush the thorax to create legs.

**NOTE:** If desired, the shellback can be tinted with permanent markers. The first (wire) rib can be omitted, at the discretion of the tier. However, the second (monofilament) rib is essential as it holds everything together. You can form the abdomen without a dubbing loop, but using it adds to the durability of the fly.

# Youth Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Event

On Thursday, July 14, Bill (Woody) Woodward and Bob Cain, representing the Miami Valley Fly Fishers, provided fly tying and fly fishing instruction at an advanced fishing camp conducted for youth at Camp Woodland Altars, a Church of the Brethren Camping facility near Peebles, Ohio in Adams County.



## TU Madmen Water Monitoring Update

As you may know, during the TU Madmen water monitoring session on 6/25/2011, stonefly larvae were found at 5 of the 6 sampling locations (all except Rt 29/296). Below is some additional information about the stonefly nymphs from Don Dean, Director of Education/Conservation for the TU Madmen chapter:

*"I have keyed out the stonefly larvae that we collected from several sites on the Mad River on 6/25/11. They were all the same species: *Perlesta placida* complex. They have been previously reported in Logan and Lucas Co.s by Gaufin (1954) and by OEPA in the check list "Aquatic Macroinvertebrates of the Mad River Watershed." However, OEPA did not collect this species from the headwaters during their sampling (2003) using Hester-Dendy samplers....I'm still puzzled as to why we saw them this year in several places but not in previous years."*

See the calendar entry on page 5 for information about this month's Monitoring Event.

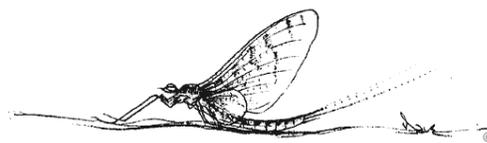


Family: Perlidae  
*Perlesta placida* complex  
Golden Stone  
Mad River, June 25, 2011

## MVFF Member Items for Sale

Check out items for sale posted on the MVFF Message board at the following link:

<http://mvff.proboards.com/index.cgi?action=display&board=talk&thread=749&page=1>



# MVFF CALENDAR For August, 2011

- 4, 10, 18, 24 - TNT (See schedule below for details)
- 8 - MVFF Outdoor Meeting - Deeds Park Casting Pond (See website for directions)
- 14 - TU Madmen Water Monitoring - visit <http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html> for more info
- 16, 30 - Casual Fly Tying - 6:00 - 8:30 PM, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424
- 26 - 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](mailto: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](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf) OR [http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP\\_Form.xls](http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls)

## 2011 MVFF TNT Schedule

### SPECIAL NOTE:

The TNT event on **WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2011** will be a paddling/fishing float. We will be floating a six mile section of the Great Miami River but to ensure that we cover the distance in time we will be breaking the trip down into 50% fishing and 50% paddling. We will be meeting at 5:30 PM on the west side of the Linden Ave Bridge take out point and will be shuttling cars as necessary.

Participants can bring their own kayak or canoe and Dan also has a limited number of six (6) fishing kayaks that can be rented for charge a nominal fee (\$15) to cover insurance costs. If you are interested in renting a kayak from Dan please give me your \$15 rental fee (cash or check) at our meeting on August 8, 2011 to ensure your spot.

Phone: 970-333-4240  
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Thank You,  
Brian Furgerer

**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	<a href="#">Mad River</a>	<a href="#">SR 55 Parking Area</a>	Brian Furgerer
6/09/2011	<a href="#">Carriage Hill MetroPark</a>	<a href="#">Red Wing Shelter</a>	Mike Wolford
6/16/2011	<a href="#">Caesar's Creek</a>	<a href="#">Tailwater Parking Lot</a>	Mike Wolford
6/23/2011	<a href="#">Beavercreek YMCA</a>	<a href="#">Dominic Lofino Park Lake</a>	Joe Nagel
6/30/2011	Open Date	N/A	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
7/07/2011	Open Date	N/A	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
7/13/2011	<a href="#">Little Miami River</a>	<a href="#">The Narrows Reserve</a>	Brian Furgerer
7/21/2011	<a href="#">Great Miami River</a>	<a href="#">Steele Dam</a>	Joe Nagel
7/28/2011	Open Date	N/A	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
8/04/2011	Open Date	N/A	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
8/10/2011	<a href="#">Great Miami River</a>	<a href="#">Linden Ave Bridge</a>	Dan Schlegel
8/18/2011	<a href="#">Great Miami River</a>	<a href="#">Steele Dam</a>	Joe Nagel
8/24/2011	<a href="#">Mad River</a>	<a href="#">SR 36 Parking Area</a>	Brian Furgerer



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