

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,  
September 21, 2012**

**Our Last Outdoor Meeting  
Of the Year!**

## Next Meeting

### September 10, 2012

#### Deeds Park Casting Pond

(Directions on Website)

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The fun begins at 5:30

**Join Us for the Final  
Outdoor Meeting  
Of the Season!**

## 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 August Bass Bug Competition:**

**First Flight, Winner: Matt Taylor, 88**

(This young man was the very first person to cast; beat my score too. Way to go Matt!)

**Seniors, Winner: Dan Matousch, 93**

(Who's scoring this stuff?!)

**Masters, Winner: Marty Vandebroek, 93**

(What can I say?)

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## President's Thoughts



The summer is coming to an end, schools are starting up, and summer vacation is over. Weather should start to cool down and the fishing should start picking up on our local water ways. So get out and try your luck on the rivers.

For the groups going up to the Pere Marquette I hope you have good weather and good fishing. It is a great event and good fun catching king salmon on the river. So if you get a chance and some time, get up there - you will enjoy it.

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## Attention: Important Casual Fly Tying Schedule Change

The **August 30** and **September 11, 2012** Casual Fly Tying classes will be held at **Fisherman's HQ in Dayton** and will begin at **5:00 pm** on these dates.

This change in time / location is due to a remodeling project under way at Gander Mountain, and the Lodge is not available these dates.

We will return to Gander Mountain Lodge for Casual Fly Tying on September 27 at 6:00 pm.

It is important that you talk to Woody directly and RSVP if you plan to attend, as **space is limited**.

**DO NOT** leave messages at the store for him.

(Note - the phone number we have for Woody at Fisherman's HQ is from the newsletter ad - **937-222-2224**.)

## President's Thoughts Continued from page 1

Make sure you get out to our last outdoor meeting of the year at Deeds Park. We are going to be finishing up the casting contest with distance casting. Lash LaRue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden have done an outstanding job running this event this summer. Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson have been preparing chicken and steaks for you and doing a fine job. Mike Wolford collecting your money, making sure that all the food makes it out there, and everything is set up. Paula, taking care of the raffle, and getting us some great items. Please make sure you take time to give them your personal thanks for the time they give for you.

At the September meeting we do nominations from the floor for a nominating committee. According to the by-laws, the nominating committee shall consist of no more than five members in good standing. Their job is to recommend candidates to fill two board positions for 2013. Nominations will be held at the October meeting with election to be held at the November meeting. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee or board please let a member of the board know.

I would like to thank all of you that showed up at Cox Arboretum and helped out with the Metro Park casting clinic. They had a good showing of people wanting to learn how to cast a fly rod and great help from our members. The real good time started when we got the chance to go fishing in two of the ponds they have on the property. You can catch some really nice fish out there if you could get your fly past the turtles. They have bass, bluegills, carp, and white catfish. It was a great way to spend an evening, once again thanks to all who help make these things possible.

- Ken Hudak



## Casting Competition Continued from page 1

**Casting Competition** – this month is the **Distance Competition**.

Distance Rules: (**No Water Needed!**)

Make 5 casts (in 5 minutes).

While we may not enforce the 5 minute rule, we do want to give everyone a chance to cast and still have time to eat dinner. No fly, just a piece of yarn.

Tip: While there are no rules about how many false casts you can make, the fewer you make, the better your results will be. And don't rush the cast – give the rod time to load.

Scoring: Will Be Based on the Average of the Longest **3 out of 5** casts.

**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!**  
Jeff Warden

# This Month's Fly – September 2012 Edition

## DEAD CADDIS

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain



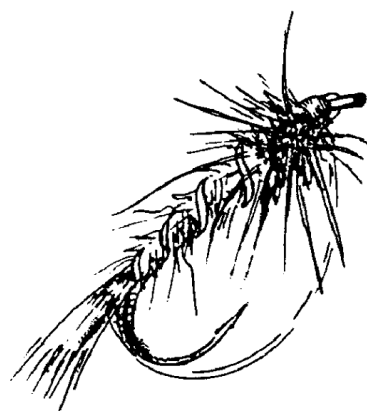
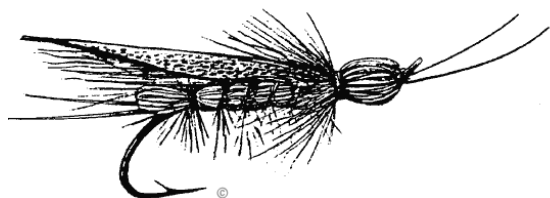
### Recipe

Hook.....Wide gap Scud hook, size 12-16  
Thread....Gray, 6/0 or 8/0  
Body.....Muskrat natural fur dubbing (or equivalent)  
                  blended with cut deer hair  
Wing.....Elk hair or fine deer hair  
Antenna...Pheasant tail fibers  
Head.....Dubbing

### Instructions:

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to slightly past the hook bend.
2. Prepare some dubbing by cutting up some elk or deer hair into small pieces and blending them with gray muskrat dubbing. You can do this by hand or by using a coffee grinder. When you're done, you should have gray dubbing with different lengths of hair projecting from it.
3. Dub the thread and wrap a tapered body to slightly behind the hook eye. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Cut, clean, and stack a small bunch of elk or deer hair as a wing and tie it in on top of the hook shank at the end of the dubbed body. The hair tips should project back to or slightly past the hook bend with the hair butts projecting over the hook eye. **DO NOT LET THE HAIR SPIN AROUND THE HOOK SHANK.** Trim the hair butts even with the front of the hook eye and let the thread hang.
5. Cut 2 pheasant tail fibers to serve as antenna and tie one in on each side of the fly at the same point where you tied in the wing. The antenna should extend back past the tips of the wing but not be part of the wing. Trim off the fiber butts and let the thread hang.
6. Now dub the thread and wrap it forward over and through the hair butts to the back of the hook eye. Ensure that you cover the wing thread wraps with dubbing. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
7. Do a whip finish right behind the hook eye, cut the thread, and apply head cement if desired.

**Note:** This fly purposely looks somewhat ragged with pieces of hair sticking out of the dubbing. Do not trim off these hairs, as they are part of the fly - remember - this is a dead bug. It is best fished in a dead drift in slow current.



# 2012 Cane Rod Rebuilding Class

We held several of these a few years back, and now we have had requests for more. This year's class will be held on three consecutive Saturdays in November (11/3, 11/10 and 11/17), from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Take a heavy old 9 - 9.5' cane (split bamboo) rod and cut it down to make a lighter, more fishable version. Minimally, you'll need to make a new grip, add a reel seat, and maybe reposition a guide or two. Or you can totally strip the rod of guides & varnish and redo it completely. If so, you'll need to do the stripping before class begins. I can advise you on how to proceed with this.

You might have an old rod in mind, or obtain one at a garage sale. Be aware that not all old cane rods are fishable. They may have separated glue joints or the tips may have "gone soft" (deformable). Correctable problems include broken/missing ferrules, missing guides, wraps, warped tips, or bad varnish. I'll be glad to tell you if a particular rod is a suitable candidate for the class. Just bring it to me.

At the time of this writing, several of you have expressed interest, so be sure to let me know. Students should already be familiar with guide wrapping. However, a quick refresher on technique can be provided if needed.

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## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

### September 15 - Outdoor Adventure Weekend at Pike Lake State Park

We recently received an invitation to give a **fly fishing demonstration** on Saturday, September 15, during the **Pike Lake State Park's Outdoor Adventure Weekend**. They are looking for someone to give a one-hour fly fishing presentation from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Joe Nagel at [joe.nagel@gmail.com](mailto:joe.nagel@gmail.com).

### October 5 & 6 - The Midwest Outdoor Experience (formerly GearFest) at Eastwood MetroPark

The club will once again have a booth at the Midwest Outdoor Experience. We are looking for "the usual" - folks to tie flies, as well as a little casting 101.

Joe Nagel is the contact for this event - [joe.nagel@gmail.com](mailto:joe.nagel@gmail.com).

### October 20 - The 9th Annual Little Miami Watershed Festival at Caesar Creek

We are looking for volunteers to staff a booth for the club at this event as well. If interested, please contact one of the board members:

<http://mvff.tripod.com/contacts.html>

## MVFF at the MetroPark's "Try Fly Fishing" Event



On August 7, several club members participated in / assisted with the MetroPark's "Try Fly Fishing" event at Cox Arboretum.

Turnout for the event was outstanding, with 53 participants!

A big "Thank You!" to all club members who pitched in and helped make this a success!

**Left: Ken Hudak goes over some casting basics with one of the attendees to the MetroPark's "Try Fly Fishing" event.**

# MVFF CALENDAR For September, 2012

- 10 - **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 11, 27 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.  
(\*Note\* - see the article on page 1 for important information about the **location change** for the session on the 11th.)
- 15 - **Outdoor Adventure Weekend at Pike Lake State Park** (see article on page 4 for details).
- 21 - Article Deadline for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**.
- 23 - **TU Madmen Workday on the Mad River** Check the Madmen's website for details:  
<http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html>.
- 29 - **TU Madmen's Fishing Survey on the Mad River** (See the Madmen's website for details on this event as well.)

## MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **460** 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](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, 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:

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## It's Here Again!

The Five Rivers MetroPark's **Midwest Outdoor Experience** (formerly GearFest) has grown beyond just gear and exploded into a **multi-day event**, featuring:

- **Camping**
- **Competitions**
- **Regional Music Acts**
- **Exciting Demos**
- **A Friday and Saturday Night Beer Garden, and much more!**

The **Midwest Outdoor Experience** offers something for the budding weekend warrior to the hardcore outdoor enthusiast. With over **12,000 visitors** during the 2011 event, the **Midwest Outdoor Experience** is one of the largest festivals celebrating the outdoor lifestyle in the Midwest.

For more information, log on to:

<http://www.outdoorx.org>

See you there!



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