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

**Friday,
September 26, 2014**

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

Next Meeting

September 8, 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!**

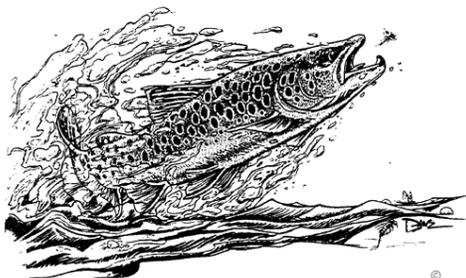
Casting Competition News!

This will be the last casting event of the year and the end of our outdoor meetings. This is your last chance to come on over and cast a bit...regardless of your skill level. No water required this month, just grass (hope it's been mowed). Hopefully the wind will cooperate as well.

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. 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



Well, it took most of the season, but true summer weather is finally here. Daytime temps in the nineties, nights in the seventies, and humidity at about one thousand percent.

Personally, I was quite happy with our below-normal summer temperatures. I love being able to turn off the AC in July and August, and sleep with the windows open. I hope the lower temperatures return soon. In any case, time is on my side in this respect.

August was another busy month for the club. On the 20th, we again worked with the MetroParks on their "Try Fly Fishing" events, this time at Carriage Hill. I would like to thank **Pat Mamula** and **Jerry Redford** for their assistance at the event. On Saturday, August 23, **Bill Grimpe** and volunteers led a group of vets in a PHWFF event at Spring Run.

September will be a busy month for the club as well. During this meeting, we will select the Nominating Committee, to begin preparations for our club elections in November. See the article on page 4 for more information.



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We will also begin preparing for our participation in the Midwest Outdoor Experience (MOX) in October. As in years past, we will again be offering the opportunity for folks to try fly casting. If you would like to help out at this event, please contact any board member as soon as possible.

Details about the 2014 Midwest Outdoor Experience can be found on page 5.

On a final note, I need to mention a couple of important items, both related to our club dinners:

1. There has been some confusion about at our outdoor meetings regarding meals. As to avoid further uncertainty, we would like to review that the price for our outdoor meeting dinners is \$10.00 per person. If you plan on eating, **please pay as soon as you arrive**, so that we may cook the appropriate amount of food in a timely manner.

We will also begin giving out meal tickets when dinners are purchased. The tickets will be turned in when you receive your dinner plate at serving time. Also, please pay for your drinks as you take them, not before (or after).

2. We have learned that the price for meals at our indoor meetings is increasing. Beginning in October, the new price for a meal at our Kohler meetings will be **\$15.00**.

If there are any questions about either of these meal-related changes, please feel free to contact me directly, and I will be happy to discuss the matter with you.

That's it – see you at the meeting on the 8th.

Tight lines,

Joe Nagel, President

Casting Competition Continued from Page 1

Here are the results for the August Bass Bug competition:

First Flight, Winner: Andrew Saunders (96) – New Member, Great job!

Seniors, Winner: Jeff Warden (97)

Masters, Winner: Ken Hudak (97)

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:

Scores will be based on the Average of the **Longest 4 out of 5 casts**.

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 just to have a good time) is to improve our casting abilities.

Good luck!

Jeff Warden

This Month's Fly – September 2014 Edition

"NO NAME" STEELHEAD INTRUDER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



RECIPE

Hook.....Tube Stinger, your choice of size
Shank.....55 mm
Thread.....Black/Purple/Pink 6/0
Eyes.....Dumbbell, plated
Hook connection.....Braided line or wire.
Rear Dubbing.....Prism dubbing, blue
Tail Hackle.....Neck hackle, pink or color of choice
Rib.....Wire, blue/black/pink
Body.....Sparkle braid, pearl or color of choice
Front Dubbing.....Prism dubbing, pink
Flash.....Flashabou accent, purple/pink/pearl
Underwing.....Fox hair, purple or pink
Overwing.....Neer hair, black/purple/white
Collar.....Schlappen, purple/black/pink
Hackle wing.....Saddle, color of choice
Accents.....Ostrich herl, color of choice
Head.....Prism dubbing, your choice of color

1. Place shank in vise by open end, then tie-in thread behind shank eye and wrap a thread base back to the rear.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" of connection material and fold it in the middle creating a loop. With the rear of the fold loop extending back beyond the rear eye by about an inch, lay one side of the fold loop on each side of the hook shank and tie it in tightly at the rear shank eye. Wrap the thread forward over the butts to the middle of the shank, then fold the butts back and wrap the thread tightly over them back to the rear shank eye. Remove any excess butts. *(At this point, you should have a 1+'' loop extending back behind the rear shank eye.)* Return the thread to behind the front shank eye.
3. Now tie-in a set of dumbbell eyes on top of shank about 1/8th behind the front shank eye using tight x-wraps of thread. Turn the dumbbell eyes to under the shank and wrap the thread back to the rear shank eye.
4. Dub the thread and wrap a small ball in front of the rear shank eye. Tie off the dubbing, remove any excess, and let the thread hang.
5. Cut a 4" piece of ribbing wire and tie it by the end in front of the dubbing ball. The length of the wire should extend back past the rear shank eye. Return the thread back to the front of the dubbing ball.
6. Cut a 5" piece of sparkle braid and tie it in by one end in front of the dubbing ball. The length of the braid should extend back over the rear shank eye. Cover the braid butt with thread wraps and then wrap the thread forward to a point about 1/4 of the shank behind the dumbbell eyes.
7. Now wrap the sparkle braid forward in touching turns to about 1/4 of the shank behind the dumbbell eyes and tie it off. Remove any excess braid.
8. Grasp the ribbing wire and palmer wrap it forward over the braid body and tie it off in front of the braid body. Remove any excess wire.
9. Dub the thread and wrap another small dubbing ball in front of the braid body. Tie off the dubbing and remove any excess dubbing from the thread.
10. Cut 9 -15 pieces of flash and tie them in tightly **on top** of the shank in front of the dubbing ball. Cover the butts with thread wraps. *Make sure to keep the flash centered on top of the hook shank.*
11. Cut a small amount of fox hair as long as possible, clean the fluff out of the fur and tie it in by the cut end in front of and over the flash on top of the shank.. This wing should extend back to the rear shank eye.
12. Now cut a small length of neer hair. It should reach from behind the dumbbell eyes back to the rear eye of the shank. Tie the hair in by one end on top of the shank right in front of the fox hair wing. Bind down the butts with tight thread wraps and remove any excess.
13. Select a schlappen feather and tie it in by its tip directly in front of the neer hair wing, then take 4 -5 wraps toward the back of the dumbbell eyes. Tie it off and remove any excess feather. If necessary, make a few tight thread wraps back over the schlappen fibers to ensure that they lay back over toward the rear shank eye.
14. Select two long saddle feathers (at least 3' to 3 1/2'') and remove the fluff from their base. Tie one in by the butt on each side of the fly on top of the shank **behind the dumbbell eyes**. These are the hackle wings. Try to ensure they are the same length. Trim off any excess butts.
15. Now select two long ostrich herls to serve as accents. Tie them in by one end on top of The shank behind the dumbbell eyes tight on the outside of the hackle wing. They should be as long as the hackle wing feathers. Remove any excess herl butts. The thread should still be behind the dumbbell eyes.
16. Dub the thread and make 2-3 wraps behind the dumbbell eyes the x-wrap over the dumbbell eyes to behind the shank eye and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing, form a small thread head, whip finish and cut the thread.

MetroParks "Try Fly Fishing" Events

The August "Try Fly Fishing" Event was on **Wednesday, August 20, at Carriage Hill MetroPark**. Though attendance was light, a good time was had by all, and most folks caught fish.

This is the last "Try" Event with which the club will be assisting this season. However, we will once again be offering the opportunity to try fly casting at this year's **Midwest Outdoor Experience (MOX)** in October.

If you would be interested in representing the club at MOX, either by staffing our booth or assisting with fly casting, please contact a board member to let them know!

See the ad on page 5 for more information about the 2014 Midwest Outdoor Experience.



Right: Carole with one of several bluegills she caught at the "Try Fly Fishing" event on August 20.

Way to go Carole!

Nominating Committee Selection This Month



The September meeting is the time when we choose our Nominating Committee. This committee has the important task of reaching out to members in good standing about running for office in the club elections to be held at the November meeting. The board member positions becoming available this year are Secretary and Vice-President.

At the October meeting, the committee will announce the nominees. Please note that any member in good standing may run for office. If you are not nominated and would like to run, you may submit your nomination directly to the committee.

If you are interested in being on the Nomination Committee, please contact a member of the board as soon as possible.

Indoor Meeting Season Begins Next Month

Starting in October, we will return to the Kohler Banquet Center to begin our "Winter" meeting season. For our new members, our indoor meetings are somewhat different; along with a buffet-style dinner, we have guest speakers come in to talk about particular aspects of fly fishing at the October, November, January, February and April meetings. The December meeting is devoted to our awards banquet, and of course, the March meeting is the time for the Great MVFF Auction!

Please also remember that the new meal price at Kohler will be \$15.00, and reservations are required. Reservation information and directions can be found on our website at <http://www.mvff.us>.

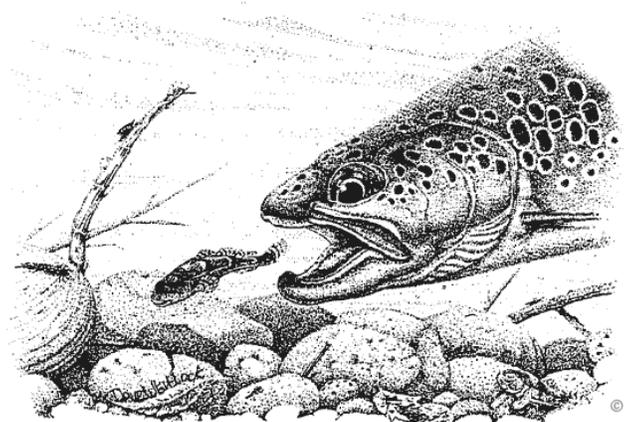
Wanted: Newsletter Articles

Do you have a fly fishing-related story, or bit of insight you'd like to share with your fellow club members? If so, we want to hear from you!

We love member-submitted content, and we try to include such articles into the newsletter as space allows.

Submit your articles for consideration to the club's e-mail address at:

mvffemail@gmail.com.



MVFF CALENDAR For September, 2014

- 8 - **MVFF Outdoor Meeting** (Reservations Not Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 9, 23 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 26 - 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.



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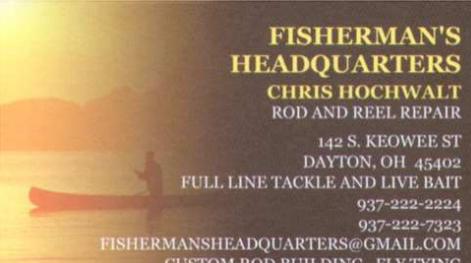
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