

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
October 26, 2012**

**Our First Indoor Meeting
Of the Season!**

Next Meeting

October 8, 2012

**Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way,
Kettering, Ohio**

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. ,
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or
E-Mail him at: toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, Oct 4, 2012.**

(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

This Month: Dave Allbaugh

Dave Allbaugh was born and raised in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is a professional, licensed Pennsylvania guide, wet fly tier, and owner of **Wet Fly Waterguides**. He has been fly fishing since the 1970's, and has concentrated his efforts at the famed waters of Central and North Central Pennsylvania, specifically streams like; Spring Creek, Penn's Creek, Little Juniata, Kettle Creek, and Big Pine Creek.

Dave specializes in the classic art of wet fly fishing. His mission is to educate new and seasoned fly fishermen about the largely forgotten art of wet fly fishing, and to show exactly how productive wet flies can be throughout the year. Over the past 30 years, Dave has spent countless hours on the stream and at the vice, perfecting and designing highly effective wet fly patterns and customized wet fly leaders.

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President's Thoughts



Summer and the summer meetings have come to an end. The indoor meetings are beginning. With all the great speakers that we are planning, we are going to have a good, informative time.

We had awesome casting competitions this year; good fun was had by all. Thanks to Jeff Warden, Dan Matousch, and Lash LaRue for all their time spent running the competition. I would like to thank Bernie Fritz and Shawn Johnson for being the master chefs that they are and Mike Wolford for getting everything there and Paula PJ Mann-Smith for handling the raffle.

With the help of the fine folks at Spring Run, we are coordinating a fly fishing event for veterans of Project Healing Waters (PWHFF) at the trout club. Spring Run Manager, Alan Donaldson and Steve Hayes, the current Spring Run Club President, have agreed to cover the guest fees and cost of the fish for the PWHFF vets. MVFF will cover the rest of the expenses for the Project Healing Water outing to Spring Run.

A big thank you to member Heather Statt for helping out with PWHFF, as well as to the folks at Spring Run - you all are really outstanding!

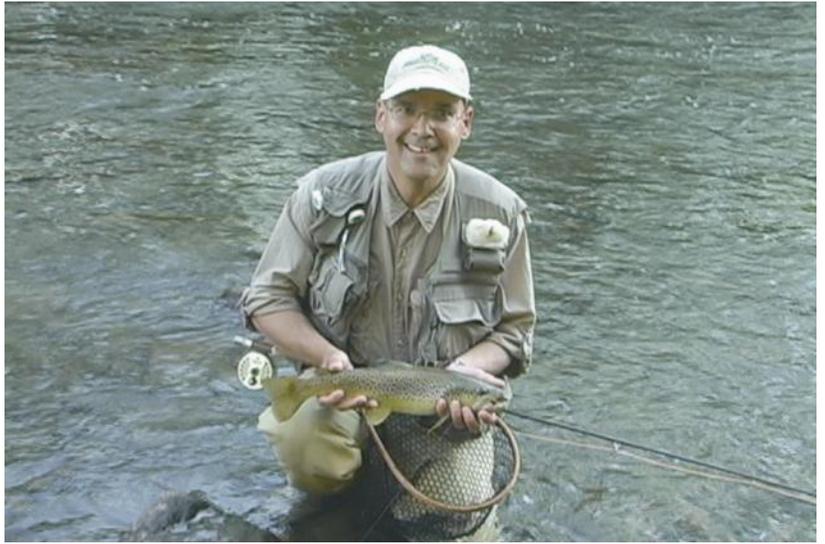
Well, I am cutting it close; as I write this article, I am getting ready for my PM River trip. So, I will talk to all when I get back.



Dave Allbaugh Continued from page 1

A unique aspect of Dave's guide service; it is one of a very few in the country that focuses on fishing with wet flies throughout the year. He takes great pride in teaching his clients that this lost art of fly fishing is as effective today as in the past.

Dave has given numerous seminars and demonstrations on wet fly fishing to local TU chapters, FFF clubs, Boy Scout troops, high school fly fishing clubs, and fly fishing shows. You can reach Dave and **Wet Fly Waterguides** at www.wetflywaterguides.com or wetflywg@gmail.com



Casting Competition News - The Last Cast...

Here is the last of the Casting Competition reports for this year from your team of Lash La Rue, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden. Thanks for all your participation, and another great turn-out this year. Overall Division winners will be announced at the December Awards Banquet and will be presented their floating trophy.

Here are the results of the September 2012 Distance Competition (average of 3 casts):

First Flight

Longest Cast: Dave Brown, 70 feet
Winner: Dave Brown (64')

Seniors

Longest Cast: Ron Lewis, 78 feet
Winner: Ron Lewis (76')

Masters

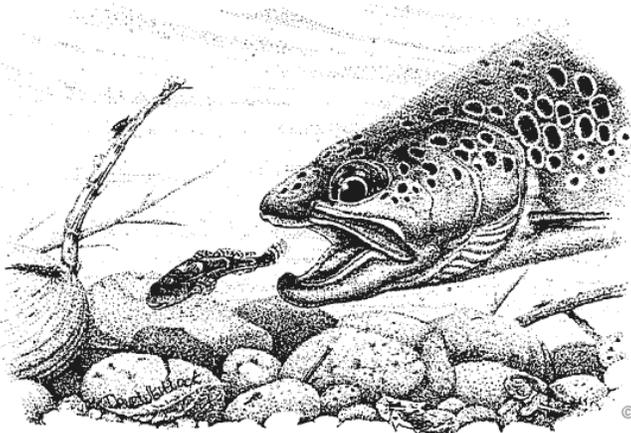
Longest Cast: Mike Wolford, 80 feet
Winner: Mike Wolford (77')

We hope everyone had a good time and picked up a pointer or two. See everybody next year.

Special Note to last year's winners:

Please bring your floating trophy in to the October meeting. If you cannot make the October meeting, please contact one of the casting crew for other arrangements.

- Jeff Warden



DVD Library Reminder...

If you have borrowed a video from the club's DVD library prior to the outdoor meeting season, please be sure to bring it with you to the October meeting, so that others may enjoy them as well.

And after returning any videos you currently have, you can check out some more!

This Month's Fly – October 2012 Edition

SPAATZ

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3906B, size 12-14
Thread.....Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Bead.....Brass
Body.....Thread
Collar.....CDC, Black
Underwing.....Marabou, Red
Wing.....Hen pheasant body feather
Head.....Thread

Instructions:

1. Place the bead on the hook and place the hook in the vise. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back to the bend of the hook, then reverse direction and wrap the thread back forward to behind the hook eye to form a thread body. For a heavier body, just repeat wrapping the thread until you reach the desired thickness. Return the thread to behind the bead.
2. Select 5-6 **fluffy** marabou fibers and tie them in right behind the bead. The fibers should reach back to 1/2 the hook gap past the hook bend. Remove any excess fiber butts.
3. Select a well-marked hen pheasant body feather and trim off the fluff.. Measure it so that the tip extends back to the end of the tail. Stick the butt end (without any barbs of it) into the back of the bead on top of the hook shank over the marabou and tie it in with several tight thread wraps. (This wing should now be laying flat over the top of the marabou--see the picture.)
4. Select a large black CDC feather and tie it behind the bead by its tip. Take 2-3 wraps of the feather behind the bead as a collar and tie it off. Remove any excess feather.
5. Whip finish behind the bead, cut the thread, and cement the thread wraps behind the bead. (Be careful to avoid getting cement in the CDC.)

2012 Cane Rod Rebuilding Class Reminder

(Editor's Note: Don't forget about the cane class! This is a good way to keep those rod-building skills fresh until February.)

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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Outdoor Adventure Weekend - Pike Lake State Park

On Saturday, September 15, club member Joe Nagel went down to Pike Lake State Park (just outside of Bainbridge, Ohio) to give a fly fishing demo during their **Outdoor Adventure Weekend**.



Pike Lake is a small but scenic body of water (13 acres), with bluegill, crappie, bass and other fish. For more information about Pike Lake State Park, check out the following links:

<http://www.pikelakestatepark.com/pikelake.html>

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/pikelake/tabid/777/Default.aspx>



One of the fly fishing demo participants, casting a fly rod for the first time.



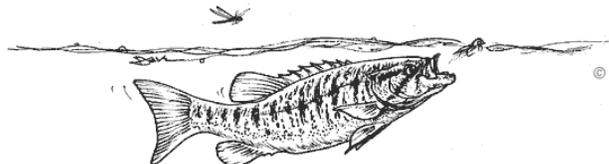
Beth Ackerman, ODNR Naturalist at Pike Lake State Park and host of the event, tries her hand at fly casting as well.

Volunteer Opportunities Still Available

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

At the time of this writing, we are still looking for volunteers to staff a booth for the club at this event. If interested, please contact one of the board members:

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



MVFF CALENDAR For October, 2012

- 5, 6 **Midwest Outdoor Experience** (See ad at the bottom of this page).
- 8 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 9, 25 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 20 - **9th Annual Little Miami Watershed Festival at Caesar Creek** (Volunteers needed - See Page 4)
- 21 - **TU Madmen Water Monitoring** - Meet at the Rt. 36 Parking area at 9:00 am.
(See <http://www.tumadmen.org/html/calendar.html> for details.)
- 26 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

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

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.

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

Don't Forget!

The Five Rivers MetroPark's **Midwest Outdoor Experience** (formerly GearFest) takes place **October 5 & 6** and features:

- **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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October 5 & 6, 2012 - Eastwood MetroPark



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This Month's Meeting:

DAVE ALLBAUGH

October 8, 2012
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