

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
October 24, 2014**

**This Month:
Charlie Craven!**

Next Meeting

October 13, 2014

**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 9, 2014.**

(NOTE - New Dinner Price is now **\$15.00**)

This month:

Charlie Craven!



Our speaker for the October meeting will be Charlie Craven. Charlie's fly patterns have been featured in just about every fly fishing book and magazine you can think of. He will demonstrate how to tie and fish his most popular patterns.

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President's Thoughts

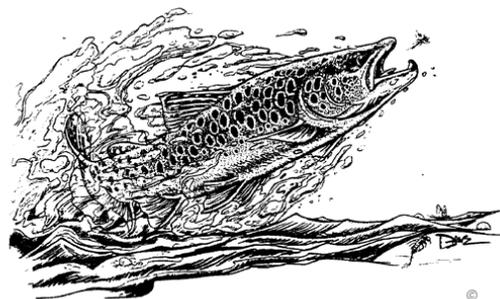


Well, fall is finally here. Pleasant daytime temperatures and cool nights (that are GREAT for sleeping with the windows open) – I love it! This is my favorite time of the year.

The fishing is continues to be good as well. Smallmouth and brown trout are still active, as are the panfish in our local waters. Be sure to make to time to get out and fish.

As I write this article, many of our club members are travelling north on the annual salmon trip. To the salmon fishermen - I wish you all success. One of these days I hope to join you. For now, though, be sure to send us some pictures to share when you return.

October has us returning to the Kohler Banquet Center to resume our indoor meetings. I want to remind everyone that, for our indoor meetings, **reservations are required.** Be sure to contact Mike Wolford by **Thursday, October 9**, if you plan to eat dinner with us at the meeting. Mike's contact information can be found to the left of this article, as well as on the club's website. Also, remember that the new meal price will now be **\$15.00.**



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I think you will be impressed with the line-up of speakers we have for our 2014-2015 indoor season. Kicking things off at our October meeting is none other than **Charlie Craven**. You won't want to miss this one! See the article on pages 1 & 4 for details.

As you can see by the Events article on page 4, we have a lot going on this month. If you would be interested in representing the club at one of the events listed in the article, please contact me.

Our October meeting is when we announce the nominations for our club elections in November. During this year's election, we will be choosing a new Secretary and Vice President. If you were not nominated, but you are interested in running for office, it's not too late. We will be accepting open nominations from the floor during the meeting. If you are interested in the possibility of serving the club in this manner, we certainly want to give you the opportunity to do so!

October is also the time to begin thinking about renewing your club membership for 2015. The price for an adult membership will remain unchanged, at **\$35.00 per member**.

Membership fees make up about 50% of our annual revenues. This allows us to provide the high caliber programs and services you have come to know and appreciate; quality speakers such as Charlie Craven; fly tying classes; rod-building classes, and so much more. So think about renewing your membership at the October meeting.

My final topic for this newsletter is about the recent Project Healing Waters outing at Zanesfield, on September 23. We have included some pictures of the trip on page 4 – be sure to check them out.

I have to tell you, this was a special day. The weather was perfect, everyone caught fish, and had a great time. Having the privilege of assisting our vets during these trips gives me a great feeling that is hard to describe. I am certain that we will offer similar trips in the future, and I will participate in them if I am able. I hope you will consider helping out as well.

That's all for now. See you at Kohler on the 13th!

Tight lines,

Joe Nagel, President

Casting Competition News - The Last Cast...

Here is the last of the Casting Competition reports for this year from your team of Ken Hudak, 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 presented their floating trophy.

We had a great turn out this year for the First Flight Division. We had many first-timers participating and winning. Welcome and great job!

Here are the results of the September 2014 Distance Competition (average of 4 casts):

First Flight

Longest Cast: Phillip Iversen, 82 feet

Winner: Phillip Iversen (76')

Seniors

Longest Cast: Jeff Warden, 66 feet

Winner: Jeff Warden (62')

Masters

Longest Cast: Ken Hudak, 79 feet

Winner: Ken Hudak (75')

Longest cast of the night overall was Phillip Iversen's 82 feet. Way to go!

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 Jeff Warden or Ken Hudak for other arrangements. We would like to have plenty of time to get them to the engravers.

This Month's Fly – October 2014 Edition

Little Yellow Sloan

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Scud/Nymph/Curved Caddis, size 6-10
Thread.....Yellow, 6/0 or 8/0
Head.....Black bead to match hook size
Dubbing.....SLF Prism, yellow
Tail.....Tan or amber goose biots
Abdomen....Stretch tubing, med or small, yellow
Wing case...Turkey slip or thin skin, black or gray
Thorax.....SLF Prism dubbing, yellow
Legs.....Mottled brown hen saddle
Antenna.....Tan or amber goose biots
Collar.....SLF Prism dubbing, yellow
Coating.....Epoxy, UV Knot Sense, or Bug Bond



1. Crush the barb and place the bead on the hook by inserting the hook point into the smaller hole on the front of the bead. Slide the bead up to the hook eye and place the hook in the vise.
2. Tie in the thread behind the bead and wrap a tight thread base back to **half way down** the hook bend.
3. Lightly dub the thread and form a small ball of dubbing half-way down the hook bend. Do not make this ball too big as its only purpose is to assist in dividing the tail biots. Leave the thread with the dubbing ball.
4. Select two matched biots from the quill (**Pull two that are right next to each other to assure they are the same length and width**). Place the biots back to back so that they curve away from each other and even their tips. Measure the biots against the hook shank so they are equal to one-half the hook shank length. Tie the biots in at the front of the dubbing ball, with one on each **side** of the hook shank. They should point out back from the dubbing ball. Once you have them properly tied in, wrap the thread back so that the biots are tight against the dubbing ball, then wrap forward over the butts with tight thread wraps. Return the thread to slightly behind the bead head.
5. Cut a 5"- 6" piece of stretch tubing and tie it in by one end tightly on top of the hook shank slightly behind the bead. Keeping the tubing on top of the hook shank, stretch it slightly and wrap over it with tight thread wraps back to the biot tail, then wrap the thread back to slightly behind the bead head. Wrap the thread back and forth on the hook shank until you form an even thread underbody, then return the thread to slightly behind the bead head.
6. If desired, use a brown permanent marker to dapple the thread underbody.
7. Now, while keeping the tubing under tension, wrap it forward in tight touching turns to about 1/4th of the hook shank behind the bead head and tie it off. Remove any excess tubing.
8. Dub the thread and form a **small** ball at the front of the tubing abdomen.
9. Cut a slip of turkey fibers from a treated turkey feather about 2/3rds of the width of the hook gap. Cut a notch in one end. Tie it in on top of the hook shank tightly in front of the dubbing ball with the notched end going back over and just covering the dubbing ball. Trim off the excess turkey fibers. *(If using thin skin, cut a strip of thin skin about 2/3rds the width of the hook gap. Cut a small notch in one end. Remove the paper backing from the strip and tie it in shiny side up centered on top of the hook shank over the dubbing ball with the notch pointing toward the hook bend and tie it down tightly. Remove any excess skin.)*
10. Select a hen saddle feather and remove two clumps of 12-15 fibers from its quill to serve as legs. Tie one clump in on the near **side** of the hook shank tight against the base of the turkey wing case. The tips should reach slightly past the end of the wing case. Remove any excess fibers and repeat this process with the second clump on the far side of the hook shank. Let the thread hang after removing any excess fibers.
11. Now dub the thread and wrap a small ball in front of the legs and slightly over their base. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang. *(You should still have a small bare piece of hook shank behind the bead head.)*
12. Repeat steps 9 and 10 and to create a second wing case and a second set of legs in front of this wing case. These legs should be slightly longer than the first pair of legs. Trim off any excess fiber butts.
13. Select 2 biots and tie them in tight behind the bead head. One biot should be located on each side of the top of the hook shank. The bead head should spread the biots outward as antenna. *(These biot antenna should be slightly longer than the hook gap.)* Remove any excess biot butts.
14. Dub the thread lightly and wrap a small dubbing collar behind the bead head between the antenna and the second set of legs covering all the thread wraps. Remove any excess dubbing.
15. Now whip finish the thread in front of the collar behind the bead head and cut the thread.
16. (OPTIONAL) You can apply a small amount of epoxy or resin to the top of the wing cases forward to the bead head to simulate an air bubble. Be sure to keep the bubble on top of the wing cases and do not let it go down the sides of the fly.

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Here is a little more information about Charlie, in his own words:

"I got started as a commercial tyer when I was twelve years old. I have tied flies for most of the shops in the Denver Metro area since that time. I guided on the South Platte and other area waters for about twelve years or so, then moved on to help open and run a fly shop in Boulder. Well, eventually, it was time to move on and finally open my own shop. I love this business and can't imagine not being a part of it. I am truly lucky to have realized my lifetime dream, and I thank my lucky stars everyday. I have had the opportunity to meet and get to know people from all walks of life, with the common thread being fly fishing and tying. These are my kind of people! I have always loved trout fishing and go out every chance I get. My favorite rivers vary from season to season, but include the South Platte, the Colorado and the Eagle among others. My partner, Ross, and I have done a fair amount of saltwater fishing and I find it truly challenging and addictive. We've been to Belize, Mexico and the Florida Keys several times and plan on continuing this tradition as time allows. I have three great kids, Charlie (17), Julie (14), and Jack (11). They spend a fair amount of time with me here in the shop, so they're no strangers to the fly shop life! We live right here in Arvada and are all native Coloradoans."

Be sure to also check out Charlie's website at <http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com>.

October Events

October is shaping up to be a busy month for the club. Here are some of the events in which we will be participating:

The Midwest Outdoor Experience, Eastwood MetroPark
Friday, October 3 and Saturday October 4

If you love the outdoors, this is a must-attend event that has something for everyone. Check out the ad on page 5, and visit <http://www.outdoorx.org/> for more information.

Field and Stream Grand Opening, Austin Landing
Friday, October 10 through Sunday 12

We will have a table at the event on Saturday, October 11. For a map of the store's location, click on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/k4zvbzk>

Little Miami River Watershed Festival, Caesars Creek Visitor's Center
Saturday, October 18

More information can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/owqt588>

PHWFF Outing at Zanesfield

On Tuesday, September 23, several volunteers from the club assisted a group of our PHWFF vets during a day of fishing at Zanesfield. All of the vets caught fish, and I think it is safe to say that a great time was had by all!

To all of the volunteers - thank you for your assistance! And to our PHWFF vets - thank you all for your service! We hope your day was memorable.



MVFF CALENDAR For October, 2014

- 3, 4 - **Midwest Outdoor Experience**, Eastwood MetroPark (See ad at the bottom of this page for details.)
- 7, 21 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 10, 11, 12 **Field and Stream Grand Opening**, Austin Landing (See article on page 4 for details.)
- 13 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 18 - **Little Miami Watershed Festival**, Caesars Creek Visitor's Center (See article on page 4 for details.)
- 19 - **TU Madmen's Water Monitoring on the Mad River**, Rt 36 Parking Lot at 9:00 am
- 24 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **480** 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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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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