

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
November 25, 2011**

**Time to Renew
Your Membership for 2012!**

Next Meeting

November 14, 2011

**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
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by **Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

This month: Patrick Robinson



Patrick "Flybum" Robinson is an avid outdoorsman with a deep passion for fly-fishing, but it hasn't always been this way. Patrick got his start in the great outdoors at the age of four. It was on the trap line, fishing for bluegill, or on the occasional duck hunt that his true passions began to develop. As Patrick grew, so did his ambition for the outdoors.

As a young man, home went from southern Indiana to the banks of the mighty Mississippi and it was there that some of the best hunting memories (primarily duck hunting) of a lifetime were made. It was also here that fishing really began to take root. Whether it was a monstrous flathead catfish, an alligator gar or a freshwater eel on the other end of the line, Patrick was game for it.

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President's Thoughts



Now that the snow is falling in Colorado, it is time to get ready for some good steelhead fishing as our temperatures will soon usher in the fall run in what is known as "Steelhead Alley". As a result of this, I have turned my fly tying toward those patterns that I hope will work in a few weeks.

November is a very important time of the year for our club as we have our election of officers for the next year. I wish to thank Joe Nagel and John Young for their time and efforts in contacting people about running for office for next year. The two positions that will be filled are that of Treasurer and Vice President. The list of candidates is very impressive and should result in a very close competition. Our candidates, listed in alphabetical order by last name, are; Doug Baker, Brian Furderer, Ray Lee and Carl Markstrom. Juan Gomez and I will be stepping down and Ken Hudak will take over as President for 2012. Remember that your vote does count and that you must be at the meeting in order to vote. Be sure to contact Mike Wolford if you plan to eat dinner with us.

Thanks to Woody Woodward, Patrick (Pat) Middleton and John Young for helping out at the October Boy Scout Jamboree and to Sam Brown and his Scouts for providing food and for assisting the club at this event. The weather was cold and windy but did not stop these members from doing an excellent job of representing our club. Another event in October was the Xenia Ohio DNR fly fishing clinic and again, my thanks go to Woody Woodward, Patrick Middleton, Jeff Warden and Bernie Fritz helping out at this event.

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This past year our club has been very active in many public events as well as in recruiting new members. To all who have helped this year I cannot say "Thank You" enough. Please remember that 2012 dues are due now. If you paid your membership fees prior to September 1, you must pay for next year. For those who renew early, the Board will again offer a \$25.00 visa card at our January meeting. To be eligible, you must have your dues paid by the end of the December meeting. The Board of Directors is working on the final figures for the club budget for next year and plans to have copies of the budget available at the December meeting for any club member that would like review the information.

Our guest speaker for November will be Patrick Robinson, who will talk about steelhead fishing in "Steelhead Alley". John and or Ron will have more information about Mr. Robinson in this issue.

Don't forget about casual fly tying and that club memberships make great holiday gifts. Mike Wolford will have the "dues assist" box at the sign-in table if you have any extra change to help provide support to keep members who are facing hard times.

Make sure you vote for your candidate for our club Treasurer and Vice President.

See you at the meeting.

Tom Courtney

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Upon returning to his hometown of Seymour Indiana at age 8, his adventurous side began to take him to any piece of water he could find. Many miles were covered on a bike and later by truck. They took him to Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky Spotted, Hybrid Striped and any other bass you could think of. In between was the occasional Bluegill, Crappie, Catfish or Grass Pickerel from the local creek. It was during these years that Patrick began to dream about fly-fishing. It was an interesting thing that captivated his mind. However no one he knew was involved in the sport or could lend a hand in teaching. Therefore, it remained a dream.....for a little while. At the age of seventeen, the first fly rod was purchased. It was a cheap K-mart special, and Patrick had no idea how to use it until 1999 when he walked into his first fly shop. In the year 2000 his fly-fishing career really took off. Taking all of his knowledge and experience of fishing up to that point, he set out to become the best he could be at the art of fly angling.....and the rest as they say, is history.

Patrick hails from Middlefield, Ohio in the heart of "Steelhead Alley." His fly-fishing experience has taken him coast-to-coast in pursuit of various warmwater, coldwater, and saltwater species. He is an accomplished writer, photographer, fly-tier, and public speaker. He currently serves as Head Guide for Steelhead Alley Outfitters and owns and operates Flybum Media Productions. You can check out his blog at:

<http://www.steelheadalleyoutfitters.blogspot.com>.

PHWFF Fishing Trip - Pere Marquette River



Rick Jimenez, Navy veteran and member of our 2011 Project Healing Waters group, was one of five vets chosen from around the country for a trip to the Pere Marquette River in Michigan. The veterans stayed at the Rainbow Club, near Baldwin, MI, and were set up with equipment and guides for 3 days of fishing.

These were among the first significant fish Rick has taken on a fly rod. Way to go Rick!

This Month's Fly – November 2011 Edition

MAC'S ROCK WORM

Instructions Bill "Woody" Woodward /
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Scud, size 12-14

Thread.....Black or Olive, 6/0

Head.....Brass bead

Abdomen.....Black or Olive Jelly Rope, Stretch Tubing or Vinyl Rib over a **lightly dubbed** body of peacock dubbing

Thorax.....Peacock herl or dubbing

1. Place the bead head on the hook and place the hook in the vise.
2. Attach the thread slightly behind the bead head.
3. Lightly dub the thread and wrap a dubbed body back to the middle of the hook bend. Remove the excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Cut a 3"-4" piece of Jelly rope or stretch tubing and make a diagonal cut in one end. Tie it in tightly by the point of the diagonal cut at the end of the dubbed body, then wrap it in almost touching turns up the hook shank (allowing some of the dubbing to show between the wraps) to slightly behind the bead head and tie it off. Remove any excess tubing.
5. Select 2-3 peacock herls, trim off the butts, then tie them in right at the front of the vinyl body wraps. Wrap the herls forward together to behind the bead head forming a thorax and tie them off. **(The thorax should be thicker than the vinyl body.)** Do a whip finish behind the bead head and cut the thread. Remove any excess herl.

Note: This fly is intended to be an imitation of the caddis larva found in much of the United States. This fly should be fished with a dead drift retrieve.

Important Reminders:

#1 - Club Elections This Month!

Voting for two new board members will take place at the November meeting.

Please be sure to come to the meeting and let your voice be heard.

Your vote counts!

#2 - Membership Renewals

Membership renewals for 2012 are due by **December 31!**

Hurry! Renew today!



October Meeting Re-Cap



Mike Schmidt (right), speaking with Woody and Phil after the meeting.



When Mike talks about big flies - he mean BIG!

Mike Schmidt was our guest speaker for the October meeting.

Mike's program was entitled "*Trout Hunting with Meat*". As the name implies, the presentation was about using big flies for big fish – quality vs. quantity. Mike started with an overview of the flies he uses (and some fly history as well), the gear he uses to fish them, and where he fishes for big trout.

Be sure to check out Mike's website at <http://www.anglerschoicflies.com>.

2012 Rod Building Classes

This long-running class is officially ready for sign-ups! These classes for MVFF started in 1981.

When: Rod building classes will **begin Saturday February 11**, and **continue for about 4 weeks total**.

Morning Classes (5 **new** students only) are from 10 am - 12 pm (see note below).
Afternoon Classes (5 **old grads** only) are from 1 pm - 3 pm.

Should there be an overflow (as has happened previously), I may add a Sunday class (10-12 am).

Where: At my shop (165 Miami Dr.) in Yellow Springs.

How to enroll: If you're at all **serious** about securing a **position in these classes send a deposit of \$100 immediately! It's a first come, first served basis. Don't wait a month and then find out we're filled up. A phone call or e-mail (see below) will buy you one week to get your deposit in. You're not in until you've paid!**

Total cost?: The course fee is \$10.00 – covers thread, glues, finishes, etc. (no tattoos!).

Rod parts (reel seat & insert, cork rings, & guides) run about \$50. This is using the lower end of the best components – we don't tolerate junk! Of course you can crank this figure up with nickel-silver seats, burlwood inserts, tic guides, etc.

I offer both St. Croix & Sage blanks. The St. Croix Ultra-Legend series is excellent, and is less expensive than Sage. These blanks can run from about \$80 - \$400 American dollars. Bags & cases of various types are also on hand.

What else?: If you've got questions, need advice on choosing what's best for you, or whatever, give me a call. Answers are generally free (correct answers are .05 ea.). You're welcome to test cast my personal rods. Visiting professor Raymond Lee has assured me that he will again honor us with his presence. In addition, rod wrapping jigs are available, as well as the turning motors for curing finishes. A modest rental fee is charged.

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Note: first class for beginners starts at 9:30, remaining sessions start at 10 am.

MVFF CALENDAR For November, 2011

- 5 - **Bamboo Rod Restoration Classes Begin** (Pre-Registration Required)
ONDR Meeting: Ohio's Brown Trout Program - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Horace R. Collins Laboratory (Reservation required)
- 14 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details)
- 15, 29 - **Casual Fly Tying** - 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424
- 25 - 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

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

MVFF at GearFest - October 1, 2011



Jerry Redford talks to a couple of event attendees as Marty Vandebrook ties flies at GearFest 2011.

Marty Vandebrook, Jerry Redford, Woody Woodward and Joe Nagel represented the club on October 1 at GearFest, at Eastwood MetroPark.

As you can tell by the picture, the weather was a little chilly. Even so, this event gets bigger and better every year!

If you have never attended GearFest, be sure to consider doing so next year!



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