

# TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

**Friday,  
November 22, 2013**

**Our Next Indoor Meeting**

## Next Meeting

**November 11, 2013**

**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, November 7, 2013.**  
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

## This Month's Speaker:

**Charlie Craven**



Our speaker for the November 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



Hopefully everyone has been able to find time to get out and enjoy the fall fishing in the area or up around the Great Lakes. I have seen some great salmon and steelhead pictures from our club members and I personally can't wait to spend a few days up there as the steelhead continue to move in.

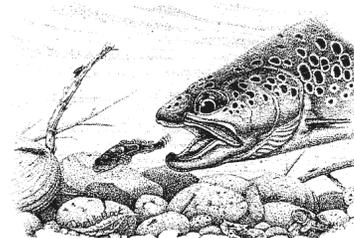
This is also the time of year when the days start get short and fly fishing tends to give way to fly tying. Therefore, I am extremely excited to have Charlie Craven, author, owner of Charlie's FlyBox in Denver, CO, and one of the most recognized fly tiers of this generation, presenting at our November meeting. Charlie is responsible for some of the most innovative fly patterns used on Colorado's South Platte River or anywhere else that fish choose to live. This is a meeting that no one will want to miss.

I want to thank everybody that attended the Midwest Outdoor Experience or volunteered at our booth. This year's event was another huge success for both Five Rivers MetroParks and our club. Approximately 22,000 people attended this event over the course of two days and they were exposed to all of the great outdoor opportunities that exist right here in the Miami Valley.

Don't forget that November is election month as we will be electing a new Vice President and Treasurer. We are also still looking for someone to take over as our raffle chair in order to keep our monthly raffles going strong.

Hope to see you all on November 11th.

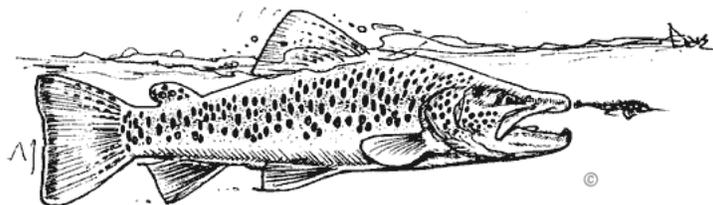
Brian Furderer  
MVFF President



## Important - Club Elections This Month

The annual club elections will be held during the November meeting. This year, we will be electing a new Vice President and new Treasurer.

All club members in good standing are eligible to vote. So be sure to attend, and let your voice be heard!



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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>.

## Project Healing Waters Update - November, 2013

On Saturday, October 26, a group of our vets had the opportunity to fish at Spring Run Trout Club. Though the weather was cold with strong wind gusts, the vets caught some fish, and a good time was had by all!



Club member and vet Jerry Redford fishing Spring Run



A blustery fall day of fishing for the vets at Spring Run

# This Month's Fly – November 2013 Edition

## PINE SQUIRREL STREAMER

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward  
Photograph by Bob Cain



### Recipe

Hook.....Streamer, 4-6xl, size 8 to 4  
Thread.....Brown or color to match body, 6/0  
Under body/tail support....Foam rubber strip, 2mm  
Tail.....Pine squirrel zonker  
Body.....Pine squirrel zonker  
Head.....Thread

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap a tight thread base back down the hook shank to the hook bend, then wrap it back up the hook shank to about 1/8" behind the hook eye. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a strip of foam approximately 1/4" wide and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank slightly behind the hook eye with the length of the strip extending back toward the hook bend. **Keeping the foam strip on top of the hook shank**, wrap thread tightly over it back to the hook bend. Be sure to bind and compress the foam tightly to the hook shank so it is okay to wrap the thread back and forth over the foam to fully compress it and achieve a level underbody. Now grasp the remaining strip (*which should be laying flat on top of the hook shank over the hook bend*) and trim it even with the back of the hook bend to create a small flat platform at the hook bend.
3. Take a full strip of squirrel zonker and separate the fur down to the skin approximately 1" from the end of the strip. (Be sure that the fur of the strip is flowing back toward the hook bend.) Lay the strip on top of the hook shank and tie it in tightly at the hook bend where you divided the fur to create a tail. (The fur of the tail should **be flowing back over the hook bend**.) Now lift the longer length of the strip, wrap the thread in front it, then wrap the thread forward to behind the hook eye. (*At this point, take a very small drop of super glue and apply it to the top of the little foam platform, then press the bare skin side of the tail down onto it. Be careful not to get any glue on the fur. This step will stabilize the tail and keep it from twisting into the hook bend.*)
4. Lift the front section of the zonker strip out of the way and place a light coating of super glue on the foam underbody all the way to behind the hook eye. Now wrap the length of the zonker strip forward in touching turns to behind the hook eye and tie it off tightly. Trim off any excess strip. (*When you wrap the strip forward, be sure that the **skin side of the strip** is in contact with the underbody/hook shank. Also be sure to stroke the fur backward with each wrap so that it does not come in contact with the glue.*)
5. Form a neat thread head being sure to cover any visible skin at the tie off point. Do a whip finish and cut the thread.

Note: This fly has a lot of movement and will work all day but is especially effective in the evening. Try casting it down and across with a few short strips.



# Rod Building Class 2014

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 15**, and continue for about 4 weeks total. The morning classes (5 **new** students only) are from **10 am -12 pm** (see note below). The afternoon classes (5 **old grads** only) are from **1-3 pm**.

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

## **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, and 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. The above blanks can run from about \$80 - \$400 (US). 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 X. Lee has assured me that he again will honor us with his presence. Rod wrapping jigs are also 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 am, remaining sessions start at 10 am**

# 2014 MVFF Fly Tying Classes

It's now time to sign up for the 2014 Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced Fly Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as a part of the many benefits of membership in our club.

The Beginners class will be on Tuesdays starting on **January 7, 2014**. The Intermediate/Advanced class will be on Thursdays starting on **January 2, 2014**. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks. Classes will be held at the Lodge at the Huber Heights Gander Mountain starting at 6:00 pm.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$70.00 for the newer kits and \$35.00 for the older kits. The rental fee is returned to you at the last session, provided all tools and storage devices are returned in good working order. If you desire to purchase a tool kit, one option for you would be to go the Fisherman's Headquarters in Dayton where you can receive a discount for being a MVFF member. You may also purchase kits on-line or from other fly shops.

It is easy to sign up and registration for both classes is now underway. You may register via email or by telephone by contacting any of the following persons or by signing up at either the November or December MVFF meeting:

- Richard Quigley at 937-298-9614 or by e-mail at [quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net)
- Dale Stephens at 937-233-5134 (if no answer leave a message and he will call back) or by e-mail at [dalebea65@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dalebea65@sbcglobal.net)
- Bob Cain at 937-548-3963 or by e-mail at [BobCain@woh.rr.com](mailto:BobCain@woh.rr.com) or
- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or 937-222-2224 (work)

Class sign-up information needed is as follows: Name, email and home address, phone number - home and either work or cell phone, and a request to rent a tool kit if you need one.

Last year we had excellent attendance at both classes - so the earlier you register, the better your chance of being in the class (this also help us plan on our budget request for next year).

You may attend either or both classes; however, if there is space needed in the Beginners class (and you have previously taken that class), then you will be asked to take the Intermediate/Advanced class in order to make room for new students. For new students: it is best if you can make all classes, (but is not required) as you will learn new techniques each week that help to build your skills. We will also be incorporating some new flies and techniques in both classes that all members should find helpful.

# MVFF CALENDAR For November, 2013

- 2, 9, 16 - **Cane Rod Restoration Class** (Pre-registration required.)
- 11 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)
- 14, 26 - **Casual Fly Tying**, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 22 - 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](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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## October Meeting Re-Cap

Terry and Roxanne Wilson were the speakers for our first indoor meeting of the Fall 2013 season.

Terry and Roxanne's presentation was about pursuing and catching big bluegill (big = 8 inches or longer) throughout the fishing season. Can't wait to get out and try their methods!

For more information, be sure to visit the Wilsons' website at <http://www.thebluegillpond.com>.



Terry and Roxanne signing books at the October meeting.





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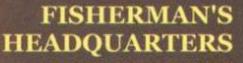


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