

Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR
NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,
November 20, 2015

Next Meeting

November 9, 2015

Kohler

Banquet Hall

4572 Presidential Way

(directions on website)

**DINNER RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED**

Meal Price - \$15.00

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)
667-9392 or toflyfish@woh.rr.com
by Thursday, November 5th.

November Speaker



Brad Miller is a lifelong resident of Minnesota. He has been fly fishing for over 35 years. He has authored three books on fly fishing : "Top 10 Smallmouth Flies and How to Fish Them", "Backyard Fly Fishing", and "Top 10 Trout Flies and How to Fish Them". Brad has two websites devoted to fly fishing. His site

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President's Thoughts

Hello Friends,

I am happy to report that the club Pere Marquette salmon fishing trip was a great success. Due to strangely warm weather and low rain falls, the fish moved into the river later than usual. We arrived later this year as well and just happened to catch them at the right time. If you attended, feel free to post your pictures on the club Facebook site or send them to the MVFF site.

Our master class with last month's speaker Jason Randall was one of the most informative teachings I have ever experienced. Everything I thought I knew about currents, water flow and strike indicators went right out of the window. It's nice to see the Ron Lewises and Bill Bennetts of the world all look at each other and collectively admit we have been missing strikes and not catching fish because we had it wrong. Ha-Ha.

As many of you already know, our club vice president, Scott Davis, took a management position with Cabela's earlier this year. I am

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

happy to report this has been a successful venture for him and his opportunities continue to expand. This being said, he advised me that he is unable to assume the role of president for our club.

I advised the club officers when Scott and I first talked and we began to seek options that would meet the club needs. It is important for a vice president, president or any office member of this club to be mentored and taught some of the best practices for promoting, conducting and continuing club business. The responsibility of holding an office requires flexibility, time commitment, dedication and sacrifice. (You must be available to pinch hit at any time when there is no one to send.)

With Scott no longer available, we were facing a deficit of knowledge and a mentored apprentice. We immediately began to contact selected club members in the hope that someone would be interested in being the 2016 club president. In all cases, members were unable because of job, family or prior personal commitments.

During this time, two different club members asked me if I would consider a second term as president to keep our current course and to help mentor a new vice president. (They assured me that they were serious and not pulling my leg.) I asked the opinion of a few club members, checked to see if there had been a past precedent and ASKED MY WIFE.

Based upon feedback, I am offering to stay on as president of our club for 2016 if it is the will of the membership. I am proud of so many things our club has done this year and the opportunity to serve in any capacity is a great honor.

The positions of treasurer, vice president and club president are open for election this month. Please attend and cast your vote.

Please remember to fill out the ODNR creel survey for the Mad River.

I will see you November 9th.

Nathan A, Via

Annual Executive Board Election Scheduled For The November MVFF Meeting

MVFF By-Laws stipulate that nominations for club officers are to be presented at the October meeting and that annual elections are to be held at the regular November meeting. On alternating years we vote for Vice President (VP) and for Treasurer followed the succeeding year with voting for VP and for Secretary. The Treasurer and the Secretary are each two years terms. The newly elected VP is in that office for one year and assumes the office of club President the following year.

This year we will be voting for VP and for Treasurer. We have one nominee for each office this year. The nomination committee is presenting Kelly Kingery and Bill Grimpe for the two offices. Normal club procedure is that the top vote-getter becomes the VP and the second highest vote-getter becomes the Treasurer or Secretary.

Our current VP, Scott Davis, is unable to continue with active involvement with MVFF due to his responsibilities as head of the fishing department at the area Cabela's retail store. Therefore, we do not have a VP to move into the office of club President. As has been done at least twice in the past, the executive board with consultation with several past club Presidents is recommending that our current President, Nate Via, be presented at the upcoming election for possible continuation in that office. Any MVFF member in good standing and with appropriate background may present their name for inclusion on the ballot for President. Their name must be placed in nomination with an executive board member at least five days before our November meeting, as was announced at the October meeting.

Phil Clay
MVFF Secretary

2016 Fly Tying Classes

Rest assured the 2016 classes will happen. Woody Woodward, Bob Cain, Dale Stephens and others are working at getting them set up. The location and dates are not yet finalized; however, that should be rectified soon.

Check the MVFF website and Message Board for updates as more information is available.

November Fly of the Month

HOLY GRAIL NYMPH

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....	Curved caddis , size 12 – 20
Bead.....	Gold or Copper
Thread.....	Olive, 6/0 or 8/0
Rib.....	Mylar tinsel, holographic chartreuse
Body.....	SLF Squirrel, olive
Wingcase.....	Pheasant tail fibers, natural
Legs.....	Hungarian partridge or brown speckled hen
Head.....	Thread

1. Place the bead on the hook, then attach the thread in the middle of the hook shank and wrap a tight thread base back to above the hook point.
2. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank over the hook point. (The length of the ribbing should be going out over the hook bend.) Wrap over the ribbing in tight touching turns back to close to the middle of the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Dub the thread lightly and wrap a tapered body forward to just in front of the hook point and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing and let the thread hang.
4. Grasp the ribbing and palmer it forward over the body in 3-4 turns to the front of the body and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing. Wrap the thread back to the front of the ribbing and let the thread hang.
5. Cut 7- 8 pheasant tail fibers and tie them in by their butts on top of the hook shank tight against the front of the body. (The length of the fibers should be going back toward the hook bend.) Remove any remaining fiber butts and cover the stubs with tight thread wraps.
6. Dub the thread lightly and take 2-3 wraps to cover the thread wraps binding down the pheasant tail fibers. (There should now be bare hook shank between the front of the body and the hook eye equal to about 4-5 hook eye lengths.)
7. Now push the bead back tight against the body, wrap the thread to the front of the bead, and make several thread wraps to hold the bead back in place.
8. Select a hackle feather for the legs and trim away the fluff at its butt end. Fold the barbs back creating a notch at the tip, then strip the barbs off one side, and tie it in by the tip tight in front of the bead. Wrap the feather forward in 1-2 turns and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. Remove any excess feather butt.
9. Spread the feather fibers evenly down on each side of the fly, then pull the pheasant tail fibers forward over the bead and in between the feather fibers and tie them down behind the hook eye. Remove any excess pheasant tail fibers.
10. Form a small thread head, whip finish, and cut the thread.

Mad River CleanSweep - Fall 2015

Conversations can often lead to nowhere, or they can create some of the most amazing moments; instants of time greater than any one person, and certainly greater than one individual could ever imagine.

Bitter cold greeted the Mad River CleanSweep volunteers as we began to amass at the rivers edge, and one of these moments in time commenced to being realized...pure greatness!

Frost covered rubbish soaked and stung the fingers as Ohio weather greeted us with wind-chill temperatures in the thirty degree range, but the Army of ant-like volunteers pressed on as if there were no barriers to the mission, ridding the Mad River of the abuse she has suffered at the hands of man.

Twenty-one individuals gathered at the Mad River's 36 Bridge on October 17, 2015, not to fish, but to return the treasured Brown Trout fishery to as litter-free as humanly possible.

Three drift boats covered the river from the 29 Bridge, to the bridge at Eagle City. Simultaneously, three mobile land teams covered the river's parking spaces from the Pimtown to the St. Paris crossings. This sweep cast the broadest scope of a Mad River cleanup to date, netting 200 square feet of tightly packed rubbish, weighing in at 1,750 pounds. One can only imagine the surprise as the payloads began being dropped off, and the realization set in as to how unprepared we were to handle this amount of trash. The solution was to make a mound and return the next day with a dump trailer to haul everything off to the landfill.



The CleanSweep derived from a conversation on an Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter Facebook thread. It was brought to the successful fruition by coordination from many individuals, organizations, clubs, and sponsors. I would like to thank Scott Smallwood, Tom Allen, Don Boysel, TU Mad Men Chapter, Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Central Ohio Fly Fishers, Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Cabela's, Mad River Outfitters, ReelFlyRod.com, and Urbana University for all of their coordination, donations, and members' support. Most of all, I would like to thank each individual volunteer who sacrificed their day to assist with the first, but far from last, Mad River CleanSweep.

Lessons were learned and the future bi-annual events, as well as other planned solutions, should prove to maintain the river in as pristine condition as possible, and do so in a streamlined process.

May you all keep your lines tight, and our waters clean...see you in the Spring for our next CleanSweep!

Ron Lewis



Brad Miller (cont'd)

fly-fishing-smallmouth.com is an informational site geared to help beginning and intermediate fly fisherman learn how to catch more bass, especially smallmouth bass in rivers and lakes. Flybass.com was developed in 2010 as an online store selling a variety of items related to fly fishing for larger game fish such as steelhead, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and saltwater fish.

Brad and his wife Lisa live in Brainerd, MN about five blocks from the upper Mississippi river. He spends most of the summer fly fishing for bass on the Mississippi and its tributaries. Though the years Brad has gained fishing knowledge through personal experience and fishing with various expert bass fly fishermen. From this experience he gained the information to publish his ebooks, especially "Top 10 Smallmouth Flies and How to Fish Them". He will present information on this topic at our November 9th meeting.

In addition to fly fishing Brad enjoys upland game hunting with his two retrievers.

MVFF CALENDAR

- 9 MVFF Indoor Meeting (Reservations are Required - see Page 1 for details)
- 12, 19 Casual Fly Tying, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- 20 Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of Tightlines

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 with the subject: "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name..

Reminder: ODNR Trout Survey - <http://ow.ly/RN4ct>

The ODNR Trout Survey is now online. If you like to fish for trout in Ohio in any manner (inland Brown Trout, Steelhead, or put-and-take rainbows), please take the time to give your input. As you know, Brown Trout fishing - particularly, on the Mad River, is especially important to our club. As you may also know, ODNR has made it known that they would like to make changes to current Brown Trout regulations - specifically, they have voiced the desire to remove the 12-inch minimum size limit.

The consensus among the majority of members of MVFF, COFF, the TU Madmen and other Ohio Fly Fishing Clubs is that we disagree with this and other planned changes. Your input really does matter so please take the time to complete the survey. You can read the full article that details the views shared by the other concerned organizations in the October issue of Tightlines.

Happy Thanksgiving



Have a very safe
and enjoyable
Thanksgiving!

Quote for the Month

*Yet fish there be, that
neither hook nor line
Nor snare, nor net, nor
engine can make thine.*

John Bunyan
Pilgrim's Progress (1678)



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