

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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

**Friday,
December 28, 2012**

**Time to Pay
Your Dues for 2013!**

Next Meeting

December 10, 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: toflyfsh@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, Dec 6, 2012.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

The Annual MVFF Awards Banquet

An annual tradition, the MVFF Awards Banquet is a time to meet and greet friends, share a good meal and recognize members' contributions and accomplishments. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating many of those who made significant contributions to the club this past year.

Membership Renewal Reminder

2013 Membership fees are due **NOW**.

The membership fee remains unchanged at **\$35.00**.

Membership dues comprise 50% of our annual budget. Our club depends upon support such as yours in order to:

- Provide quality speakers at our indoor meetings
- Offer our outstanding Fly Tying Classes
- Participate in community projects (i.e. - PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

If you have already renewed your membership for 2013 - thank you! If you have not, please bring your membership dues with you to the December meeting.

The club is counting on you!

President's Thoughts



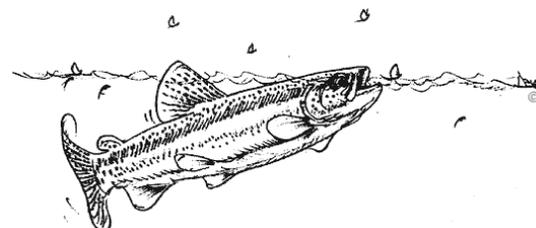
One of the greatest honors bestowed upon me was when you voted me into office so I could serve you as the President of MVFF. It was pleasure to get to know each one of you.

I would like to thank every one of you that helped out the club by serving - you are the back bone of the club. Next month, you will have on new Board of Directors, and I am sure they will lead MVFF to great things. With our support, they should excel with no problems. Phil Clay and I will be leaving the Board this year. Your new officers for 2013 are:

Brian Furderer as President
Joe Nagel as Vice President
Carl Markstrom as Treasurer
Matt Mullins as Secretary

We are fortunate to have so many members that are willing to step up when asked to help out, with some requests being more challenging than others. I am very proud of our members and our club.

December will be our Awards Banquet, and I look forward to seeing every one and being able to recognize those that have served the club in many ways. December will be a time to celebrate and reflect on our accomplishments of the past year.



Rod Building Class for 2013

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

When:

Rod building classes will **begin Saturday February 16**, and continue for about 4 weeks total.

The morning classes (5 **new** students only) are from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (see **note** below).

The afternoon classes (5 **old grads** only) are from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Should there be an overflow (as has happened previously), I may add a Sunday class (10:00 am – 12:00 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 to \$400 US 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 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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E-mail: jcorbrods@aol.com

Note: The first class for beginners starts at 9:30 am; the remaining sessions start at 10:00 am

2013 Fly Tying Class Reminder

It's hard to believe, but the 2013 fly tying classes will begin next month! The class schedules have been posted online, and can be found on the club's website at:

<http://www.mvff.us/flytying.html>

Any member that is interested in attending the classes, but **has not yet signed up**, should contact Tom Courtney as soon as possible at tcourtney4@sbcglobal.net or **(937) 219-1925**.

Also - remember to look for the "after Christmas" sales of tinsel for fly tying!

This Month's Fly – December 2012 Edition

SQUIRRELLY CUSS

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Streamer or curved nymph, 2x long, size 8-14
Head.....Brass bead
Thread.....Black 6/0
Tail.....Squirrel body fur
Rib.....Copper Wire, small
Abdomen....Floss, red, green, orange, yellow, blue, or purple, your choice
Collar.....Squirrel body fur
Legs.....Black round rubber

Instructions:

1. Place the bead on the hook, then place the hook in the vice. Tie-in the thread behind the hook eye, and wrap a tight thread base back to the hook bend. Remove any thread tag.
2. Clip a small bundle of hair from a squirrel hide (**NOT THE TAIL**), clean out the underfur, and try to even the tips as much as possible.
3. Tie the hair in on top of the hook shank at the hook bend as a tail with the tips extending out past the hook bend. Wrap the thread in tight thread wraps forward over the hair butts to slightly behind the bead. Trim off any excess hair butts and let the thread hang. (**The tail should be roughly the length of the hook shank in length.**)
4. Cut a piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end right behind the bead, then wrap the thread over the ribbing back to the hook bend. The length of the ribbing should extend out over the hook bend.
5. Cut a 4"- 5" piece of floss and tie it in tightly against base of the tail, then wrap the thread forward in touching turns to slightly behind the bead. (*The idea is to use the thread to form an even underbody for the floss body.*) Let the thread hang.
6. Grasp the floss and wrap it forward in touching turns to just behind the bead and tie it off. Remove any excess floss. (*You should now have a smooth floss body.*)
7. Now palmer the ribbing forward over the floss body in 5-6 turns to behind the bead and tie it off. Remove any excess ribbing. Let the thread hang.
8. Form a dubbing loop right behind the bead. Cut a batch of body hair (with hair as long as you can find), clean out the underfur, and measure it for length. (**The hair should be long enough to reach from behind the bead to somewhere between the hook point and the hook bend.**) Place the hair carefully into the dubbing loop and, keeping the loop taut, spread the fur out in the loop so that you have about 1 1/2" to 2" of hair in the loop (basically this is enough for 2-3 turns on the hook shank). Keeping the loop taut to keep the hair in place, use a pair of sharp scissors to trim the butt ends of the hair in the loop close to the thread. Spin the loop and create a hair dubbing brush. Wrap this brush around the hook shank behind the bead for 2-3 turns and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing brush. Let the thread hang.
9. Cut 2 pieces of rubber leg about 2"-3" long and tie one piece in by its middle directly behind the bead on the side of the fly, then do the same thing with the other leg on the other side of the hook. Both the front and rear legs should be about the length of the hook shank (The front legs can be a little shorter at your option.) and parallel to the hook shank.
10. Do a whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread. Apply head cement to the whip finish, if desired.

MVFF at Area Events

American Heritage Girls Outing



Several club members made the trip down to Loveland, Ohio to assist in the American Heritage Girls Outing on Saturday, November 10.

Looks like they had a great fall day to introduce these young ladies to fly fishing!

(Images courtesy of club member Heather Statt.)



Another Big "Thank You" to All Members Who Participated!

MVFF CALENDAR For December, 2012

10 - **MVFF Indoor Meeting** (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details.)

28 - 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.

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:

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

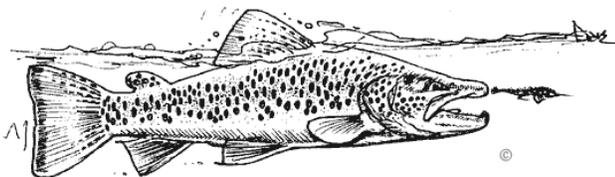
November Meeting Re-Cap

At the November meeting, Brandon Wade and Mike Wlosinski of Cumberland Drifters spoke to the club about fishing for trout in the Cumberland River Tailwaters, below Wolf Creek Dam.

The Cumberland Tailwater fishery extends up to 75 miles below the dam, and offers the opportunity to catch rainbow, brown and now brook trout. Though it is possible to wade-fish in some areas, access to wading is somewhat limited, and fishing from a boat is a more practical option.

Brandon and Mike concentrate on the first 16 miles below the dam, offering 2 different day trip options (mile 1-8, and mile 8-16), fishing from their drift boats. They prefer fishing during low-water (which they consider to be 3500 cfs or less). They also prefer nymph-fishing; however, streamers will also produce, as will dry flies under the right conditions.

The Cumberland Tailwater is a year-round fishery, within a 5-hour drive of Dayton. If you are interested in learning more about this fishery, visit Brandon and Mike's website at <http://www.cumberlanddrifters.com>.



Carl Markstrom (left), with Mike Wlosinski (right) of Cumberland Drifters at the November meeting.



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