

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:

Monday,
December 26, 2016

Next Meeting December 12, 2016

Kohler Banquet Hall
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on website)

DINNER RESERVATIONS
ARE REQUIRED

RSVP to Mike Wolford at (937)
671-2780 or toflyfish@woh.rr.com by
the Thursday prior to the upcoming
Monday meeting (December 8th).

Meal Price - \$15.00
The fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Annual MVFF Awards Banquet

An annual tradition, the MVFF Awards Banquet on December 12th is a time to meet and greet friends, share a good meal and recognize the contributions and accomplishments of members.

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating many of those who made significant contributions to the club this past year.

Make your reservation now!

RESULTS OF BOARD ELECTIONS

The election of MVFF Board Members for 2017 was conducted at the regular November club meeting. Paula Smith was elected and will serve as Vice President. Phil Clay was elected to serve another term.

Our officers for 2017 -

PRESIDENT: Kelly Kingery will move into the President position after having served as Vice President in 2016.

VICE PRESIDENT: Paula Smith will serve as Vice President for 2017 and become President for 2018 per club by-laws.

TREASURER: Bill Grimpe will continue as Treasurer for the second year of his term.

SECRETARY: Phil Clay will fill the office of Secretary.



President's Thoughts

Hello Friends,

This is December and the last month I have as your club president.

Three years ago when I accepted your nomination for MVFF Vice President, I had some base goals in mind and a strategy to help promote the club and inspire members.

Goals:

1. I wanted to grow the club membership and find an even larger base of new members.
2. I saw a need to increase the club budget so we have more resources in general.
3. I wanted to strengthen and promote Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.
4. I felt the need to meet and interact with people from other clubs.
5. I wanted to seek a wider scope of involvement from new and younger members.
6. I wanted to find a way for MVFF to accept tax deductible donations.
7. I felt the need to make sure all members, male and female, had full access to club trips and outings.
8. I wanted to talent scout the membership and cultivate the next group of club leaders.
9. I saw a need to develop subcommittees to assist with events and new members.
10. I wanted to settle the issue of club participation in the International Federation of Fly Fishers.

Strategy:

1. Tell EVERYONE about our club and invite them to come see what we do.

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

2. Challenge members, new and old, to get involved with events and raise their voices.
3. Encourage the right people to seek the right club jobs.
4. Do what was right even if it was unpopular with some folks.
5. Stay out of the way at times and let others step up to meet challenges.
6. Always be the club member to step up if all else failed.

I am so proud to say, WE accomplished every goal.

Our membership is larger than ever and we obtained more finances than anytime in previous club history.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is vibrant, strong and MVFF's biggest outreach program. THIS PROGRAM SAVES LIVES!

New future and current club leaders have stepped up to accept officer and subcommittee positions that will strengthen MVFF in the future.

You elected the first female president and vice presidents in the history of MVFF.

Female members now have a lodge to themselves at the Pere Marquette.

Tax deductible donations can be made to the club and this will ensure greater finances in the future.

We had intense discussions during club meetings with many passionate points of view about our involvement with the IFFF and the proposed Mad River changes by ODNR.

We involved information from other clubs and organizations while seeking answers that were then used to shape our continued support of the IFFF and a challenge to ODNR for their reckless proposals that were halted in part to club efforts.

The opportunity to serve as your VP and then two years as club president have been some of the most enjoyable years of my life. I am honored and forever humble. The members of MVFF truly represent and exemplify the best attributes mankind has to offer. I have seen so many give so much of themselves to support and teach a sport that has more in common with spiritual beliefs than it does with just fishing.

Fly fishing challenges us to put down the phones and the computers and the self-created stressors that wall us off from the truly important things this world has to offer.

God doesn't send me emails or speak to me on my phone. He shows me the beauty of the rivers and lakes I stand in, his streams wash away my stress and my pain and he encourages me to live and experience the things I will recall on the last days of my life.

Thank you for three great years,

Nathan

2017 ROD BUILDING CLASSES

This long-running class (since 1981) is ready for sign-ups!

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

The morning class (5 new students only) is from 10:00 a.m. - Noon (see note at bottom of page). The afternoon class (5 old grads only) is from 1-3:00 p.m.

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 \$100.00 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 St. Croix, Pac/Bay, & Temple Fork blanks. These blanks can run from \$80 to \$400. Rod 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.

This year I will be assisted by the talented Joe Nagel. He will serve as both my eyes & brain - what could be better! The legendary Ray Lee may also appear.

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 a.m., remaining sessions start at 10:00 a.m.

Online Shopping & Supporting a Charity

Since you are already doing all that online shopping this holiday season, why not also secure a benefit for a charity at the same time. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com and selecting the charity of your choice.

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December Fly of the Month



1. Place the bead on the hook and tie-in the thread behind the bead and take a **few** thread wraps back toward the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 4"-5" piece of ribbing and tie it in by one end where you left the thread. Keeping the wire on top of the hook shank, wrap over it back to halfway down the hook bend. Let the thread hang.
3. Cut 3-4 pheasant tail fibers, and, keeping them on top of the hook shank, tie them in as a tail where you left the thread on the hook bend. The tail should be about a hook gap in length. Keeping the fiber butts on top of the hook shank, make touching thread wraps over them back to behind the bead, then reverse direction and wrap back to the tail.
4. Spin the thread counter clockwise to flatten it and wrap back to behind the bead. You may need to wrap back and forth over the hook shank to form a smooth tapered body. End with the thread slightly behind the bead.
5. Grasp the ribbing wire and palmer it forward in 5-6 turns to

2017 MVFF FLY TYING CLASSES

It's now time to sign up for the 2017 Beginner and Intermediate Fly-Tying Classes. These classes are free to members as one of the many benefits of MVFF membership.

The Beginners class will be on Tuesdays starting January 3rd. The Intermediate class will be on Thursdays starting January 5th. Both classes will continue weekly for 12 weeks. Classes will be held at the Lodge at the Huber Heights Gander Mountain store at 6:00 pm to 8:30 p.m.

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

- "Woody" Woodward at 937-236-2102 (home) or at Fisherman's Headquarters, 937-222-2224 (work), or
- Dale Stephens at 937-233-5134 (home) or by email at dalebea65@sbcglobal.net

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.

We normally have excellent attendance at both classes - so the earlier you register, the better your chance of being in the class.

Higa's SOS

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photograph by Bob Cain

Hook.....	Curved Caddis/Emerger, size 12-18
Thread.....	Black, 6/0 or 8/0
Bead.....	Silver/Black Nickel
Tail.....	Black pheasant
Rib.....	Silver wire, small
Body.....	Thread
Wingcase.....	Holographic tinsel, red
Thorax.....	Awesome Possum dubbing (or equivalent), black
Legs.....	Flashabou Accent (or equivalent), black

6. Cut a 2"-3" piece of tinsel and tie it in by one end on top of the hook shank slightly behind the bead (the length of the tinsel should be going toward the hook bend). Wrap the thread back over the tinsel to about 1/4 of the hook shank behind the bead. Let the thread hang.
7. Dub the thread and wrap it forward to behind the bead to form a thick, bushy thorax and tie it off. Remove any excess dubbing.
8. Cut 2 strands legging material (flash) and tie them in by their middle behind the bead, then do two figure eight wraps over/through them to position them on either side of the thorax. Wrap a few thread wraps over their base to help them lay back. Trim the legs to reach back to just short of the hook bend.
9. Now grasp the tinsel and pull it over the top of the thorax and tie it down behind the bead. Remove any excess tinsel and do a whip finish behind the bead and cut the thread.
10. Apply head cement over the thread wraps.



Knowing how many members will be participating helps us to plan for materials and our budget request to the MVFF Board for the classes.

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 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 fly-tying skills. We will also be incorporating some new flies and techniques in both classes that all members should find helpful.

If you need to rent a tool kit for the class, the cost is \$70.00 for the newer kits or \$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 to Fisherman's Headquarters on Keowee Street 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.

Go to <http://mvff.tripod.com/flytying.html> for all your information.

Preview: Upcoming Speakers

January Meeting - Mike Schultz of Mike Schultz Outfitters in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Mike specializes in southeastern Michigan angling, instruction, and destination travel.

Logging countless hours on the water each year, Schultzy has developed a vast knowledge of midwestern waters and beyond. The bulk of his guiding and angling takes place on his home waters of southeastern Michigan; the Huron, Flint, Shiawassee, Raisin & Kalamazoo Rivers offer world class warm-water fishing. His signature fly patterns are available through the ORVIS Company.

February Meeting - Hank Patterson of Idaho. Hank is a very unique fisherman, guide and comedian. His humorous presentations on fly fishing are not to be missed. Check out some of his work on YouTube - just search for Hank Patterson Fishing.

~ John Young



Fall Mad River CleanSweep Another Success

The October 15th Mad River CleanSweep was again a very productive outing in support of this gem of a waterway.

We had about 30 volunteers of all ages. Some worked from various watercraft and others worked the shoreline gathering the remnants of canoe outings, as well as the occasional tire. It's hard to imagine how so much debris can build up in such a short time. Some of it is just accidental, but there is a portion that just represents a disregard for our wonderful natural resources.

Everyone had fun and felt proud of their accomplishment. There was a lot of trash to be removed and these folks were up to the task. Many stayed a few hours and socialized, ate and shared a few beverages.

We want to give a special thanks to two sponsors for their help. Smith Roll Off Service for helping us deal with the removal of the trash and Mother Stewarts Brewing Co. for necessary refreshment.

Plan to attend the next Mad River CleanSweep in the spring. The 2017 dates will be determined soon and we'll get them on the club calendar.

~ Ron Lewis

New MVFF Non-Profit to Enable Tax Deductible Donations

We have started a new Non-Profit to help with funding our programs with tax deductible contributions and grants. The new Miami Valley Fly Fishers Educational Outreach (MVFFEO) is a 501(c)(3). The MVFFEO will be able to fund programs such as, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, veterans programs, river cleanup, youth programs and any other educational or environmental awareness programs we would like to operate. We have filed the required paperwork with the State of Ohio, and the appropriate filings with the IRS are in process. Once the filings have been made with the IRS, we will be able to start receiving donations.

We will be able to apply for grants and receive tax deductible contributions. These contributions can be estates set up with the MVFFEO as the beneficiary. The donation made to the Organization can be general donations or you can specify that your donation is to be used for a specific purpose or program, like veterans programs.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me, Sam Brown - cell 937-546-2106 or my office 937-875-9510.



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Update



MVFF & Dayton VAMC

Activities for 2017 will soon be starting up. First-off will be rod building. So far there are nine veterans who have signed up to build rods. The Hook & Hackle Company, which donates the rod kits, will be sending out rods in the next couple of weeks. There is no expense incurred for the rods.

The rod building period runs from January 2nd through April 14th. Completed rods are then sent to the national office for judging, with winners announced the first week of May.



Bill Grimpe, MVFF's PHWFF Program Chair, has purchased two more rod dryers so we will be better prepared for the upcoming class. Bill also plans to purchase a reel and rod tube for each participant. These purchases come from the PHWFF budget. In addition to the annual allocation we receive from the National PHWFF office, the budget is augmented by other contributions. Of recent note is the \$184.00 raised by the raffle of the turkey deer hair fly tied by Jim Calvert and \$260.00 from the Quarter Auction.

Fly tying instruction and working on casting and knot tying skills will begin in April, which will be followed by fishing outings in the summer.

If you would like to get involved in MVFF's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program, contact Bill Grimpe - his contact information is on the MVFF website at <http://mvff.tripod.com/contacts.html>. We can use more volunteers and you will certainly find it to be a rewarding experience.

Quote of the Month

If we carry purism to its logical conclusion, to do it right {fishing} you'd have to live naked in a cave, hit your trout on the head with rocks, and eat them raw. But, so as not to violate another essential element of the fly-fishing tradition, the rocks would have to be quarried in England and cost \$300 each.

John Gierach

Time for 2017 Dues...

Yes it is that time already. 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 (such as PHWFF)
- Continue to promote the sport we love so much

So please renew your membership now. Make your check out to MVFF and bring it to the December meeting or mail to . . .

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CALENDAR

December 12	MVFF Indoor Meeting, Kohler Banquet Hall, 4572 Presidential Way 5:30 p.m. (Directions on website) Annual MVFF Awards Banquet
December 26	Deadline for January Tightlines articles
January 3	Beginners Fly Tying Class begins
January 5	Intermediate Fly Tying Class begins
February 4	B.U.F.F. Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
February 11	Rod Building Classes begin

DVD Library

The club has an extensive library of DVD's. There is a link to the list on the Home page of our website (www.mvff.us). Take a look and I bet you'll find something of interest . . . there have been some recent additions. If you have questions contact Richard Quigley at quigleyfam@sbcglobal.net.

Buy / Sell / Trade

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