

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



April Meeting

As you all know our April meeting is canceled. We will communicate with the membership through email as conditions change. Watch for those and monitor the website as well.

MVFF Annual Auction Results

Here are our totals for the March 9th Auction. This was the best we've done for a few years. A big thank you to all who made it such a success.

	TOTAL	GENERAL FUNDS	PROJECT HEALING WATERS-NATL	CASTING FOR RECOVERY	VETERAN'S PROGRAMS
2020	\$ 6,495	\$ 6,050	\$ 360	\$ 85	
2019	\$ 5,308	\$ 5,093	\$ 140	\$ 40	\$ 35
2018	\$ 6,107	\$ 5,767	\$ 210	\$ 130	
2017	\$ 5,527	\$ 5,527			
2016	\$ 6,464	\$ 6,464			
2015	\$ 5,317	\$ 5,317			

NOTE: Beginning in 2020 files are included in general funds and not tracked separately.
Included in the above for 2020: 4 PayPal transactions totaling \$198, 1 I.O.U. of \$37

Thanks to everyone for another great auction year!
And special thanks to my helpers, JD Dukes and Barry Schroeder, for keeping the checkouts running smoothly.
Kathy Williams, Treasurer

Updated Library List and Mailing Option

The new MVFF Library List has been posted to the website. You can learn more about this in the Notes from the Library article in this issue.

A new capability we have added for this very unusual time is the mailing of DVDs. If a club member sees a DVD they want in the new library listings they can email me or call with their address and we will mail it out to them at no cost to them. They would return the DVD at a future club meeting.

Thank you. Jeff & Cindy

Mid-Week Fly Fishing Event

March 11th outing was productive for Ken Davy



The first event was held at the Possum Creek MetroParks ponds. Just Ken Davy (with a nice crappie and rainbow) and Tom Arnold (no fish, no photo) were there from the club, but there were a good many others on what was a pleasant, if not a little windy, afternoon.

The MWFF events are canceled until further notice.

President's Thoughts ...



Hello again,

These are some crazy and trying times we are in right now. I hope everyone is doing well and staying calm. As of this moment all MVFF functions have been put on hold. This includes Project Healing Waters as well. We will send out an email to members once we start things back up.

That being said there are still a few things we can do. Frank Cox has been putting a few fly tying videos up to show some of the flies we didn't do in class. Myself and others I know have taken some of our time to continue enjoying the outdoors by fly fishing. If you can I highly recommend getting outdoors somewhere and enjoying the sun and fresh air. Fish, take a walk, practice your cast in the back yard, ride a bike, or go for a hike. If you can't get out maybe spend some time at the tying bench and fill up your boxes. Read up on a new skill, technique, or body of water. There are plenty of ways to increase your knowledge and/or promote your well-being.

Jim Calvert and I meet a few friends at Hatchery Creek in Kentucky a couple weeks ago. We had a great time fishing and discussing the world as we see it. I would recommend checking it out if you get a chance.

The Mad River is fishing well at times. If you can hit it during the right conditions you can have an outstanding day.

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MVFF CASH AND FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

I will miss seeing everyone this month, but hope you are staying healthy! I'm attaching one page of the Treasurer's Report. This looks very good due to your support at the Auction as well as incoming dues payments. Our Income exceeds Expenses by \$5,136 through March. As always, you can contact me with any questions or to request a copy of the reports. Kathy Williams

	3/31/20	3/31/19	12/31/19	12/31/18	12/31/17
ENDING CHECKBOOKS	10,051	8,469	4,915	3,392	6,373
ENDING MONEY MKT. SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	10,372	10,636	10,371	12,635	8,729
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH	20,423	19,105	15,286	16,027	15,102

MVFF FUND BALANCES	3/31/20	3/31/19	12/31/19	12/31/18	12/31/17
GENERAL FUNDS	19,683	18,358	14,982	15,998	15,102
RESTRICTED FUND: PROJECT HEALING WATERS	360	140	-	-	-
RESTRICTED FUND: CASTING FOR RECOVERY	85	196	-	-	-
RESTRICTED FUND: REEL RECOVERY	-	-	-	-	-
RESTRICTED FUND: HARDSHIP SUPPORT	160	125	125	-	-
RESTRICTED FUND: VETERANS' PROGRAMS	135	286	179	29	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	20,423	19,105	15,286	16,027	15,102

Note: Fly Tying has been incorporated in General Funds beginning 2020 (aligned for comparison in prior years).

President's Thoughts (cont'd)

Smallmouth season is getting close. There are many wonderful rivers and creeks that have some great smallies in them. I can hardly wait till the bite takes off.

I would like to address the scam that is circulating. Someone is sending emails from a different account that is not mine nor Sam Brown's. This has happened several times now over the past couple years. DO NOT buy gift cards and send the numbers to anyone. We are NOT doing a COVID-19 relief fund. I personally will never ask anyone to send me money with out personally talking to you. Please be careful.

Regards,

Eric Rice
MVFF President



Notes from the Library

April 2020

It is often hard to qualify a collector's gift, first because it truly is a gift of great value both in content and apparent labor of devotion over many years, secondly the value the gifted collection will have on future users. Bob Cain has again added to the club library a gift that will touch many fly fishers new and experienced. This addition is DVDs on fly tying. That seems a simple statement, yet the instructors are among the best, the subject matter proven. From Darkes & Miller on bass patterns, Don Bastian on advanced classic wet flies, Craig Matthews Yellowstone hatch flies, a select set of volumes by Jack Dennis, Skip Morris, Tom Rosenbauer, and Brian Flechsigs & Jerry Darkes on steelhead patterns. In addition, there is a series of Gary LaFontaine originals. This is just the short list. A complete listing can be found in the new [MVFF Library Listing](#).

FLY TYING IS IN FULL GO MODE. No sadly the club's popular classes with Woody, Tom, Frank, and the gang are over for this year, **BUT** the library is proud to announce that through the generosity of Mr. Cain four DVDs entitled Tying and Fishing the Dave Whitlock Originals is being added to the library with a **TWIST**.....Each DVD can be checked out for one month....**with enough materials to create three (3) flies.** Each DVD has instructions for 1-2 flies. You do not have any tools? No problem. To encourage new tiers and any member who does not have access to fly tying tools the library will loan out on a monthly basis four (4) vises and a simple tool set. Here is how it will work...one DVD and one set of materials for one type of fly to up to four members per month. At the end of each month the DVD will need to be returned to the Library. **You get to keep and fish the flies you have tied!** Depending on the number of requests you may be able to check out another DVD and material set the next month. The vises and tools will be loaned out with the DVD as requested also on a monthly basis.

We want to thank Fred Dudding for the suggestions on improving the Library listings. You will find a new Library list with additions showing what books and DVDs are currently out and when they are expected to be returned. We will add to the end of each "Notes" article our contact information so that a member can put a listing on hold for pickup at the next meeting. Some DVDs that have been in the active Library will be placed in the archives. These will still be available, but by request only and will not be carried to each meeting as in the past. An archives list can be found at the end of the MVFF Library Listing. Check it out. J.W.

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April Fly of the Month



Instructions by Bill "Woody"
Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

1. Flatten the barb on the hook and put it in your vise. Tie in the thread behind the hook eye and wrap it back down the hook shank to a point 1/3rd of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
2. Tie in the eyes at the 1/3rd point using figure eight cross wraps. (It is recommended that you apply super glue to the eye thread wraps to keep the eyes from turning on the hook shank.)
3. Wrap the thread back behind the eyes and tie in 4-8 strands of flash (doubled) on top of the hook shank with the flash extending back past the hook bend. Wrap the thread back over the flash to the hook bend. The flash should extend at least 2-3" past the hook bend. (If the fly is to be weighted, make 4-6 wraps of lead wire in the center of the hook shank behind the eyes, then tie in the thread and build a thread ramp at the front and back of the lead wire, covering the lead with thread for a smooth body, then tie in the flash and wrap the thread back to the hook bend.)
4. Select four equally sized schlappen feathers, strip the fluff from their base, and tie them in as a wing/tail at the hook bend with 2

Pike Red Devil

Recipe

Hook.....Mustad 3366 or equivalent, size 1 – 3/0
Thread.....White or Red, 3/0
Weight.....Lead wire, size .20 (Optional)
Eyes.....Spirit River Deep Sea Eyes, 3/8", Black or Silver with Red, Black, or Silver stick-on pupils
Flash.....Pearl Krystal Flash
Wing.....White Schlappen feathers
Collar.....Red and White Crosscut Rabbit Zonker Strips
Head.....Thread

feathers on each side of the hook shank. The feathers should be tied in so that they splay out from the hook shank. Wrap over the feather butts to just behind the eyes. Trim off any excess butts and return the thread to the wing/tail tie-in point. (The wing/tail should extend past the hook bend by 3-4".)

5. Tie in a short piece of red crosscut rabbit zonker strip at the tail tie-in point and wrap it forward for 2-4 close wraps, then tie it off and remove any excess. (The hair should flow toward the hook bend.)

6. Now tie in a longer white crosscut rabbit zonker strip in front of the red zonker strip and wrap it forward in close wraps to behind the eyes and then figure eight wrap it over the eyes and tie it off slightly behind the hook eye. (Again, ensure that the hair flows toward the hook bend.) Remove any loose hair around the hook eye and form a substantial thread "nose" between the hook eye and the front of the eyes. Whip finish, and cut the thread. (It is suggested that you do two whip finishes for durability.)

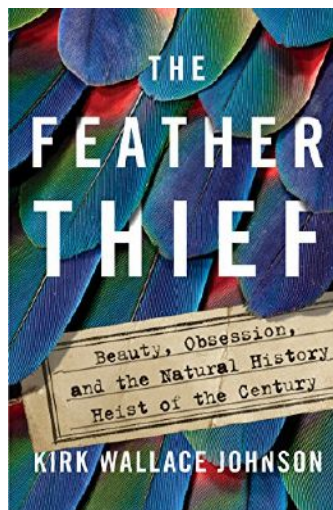
Book Recommendation

While we all are anxious to be out fishing, we're all probably spending a little more time at home than we would like. To help pass the time I came across a book that I highly recommend. Not the usual fly fisherman fare. No casting lessons, no new fly revelations, no new destinations. But a great read about a story only made possible by the obsession of the salmon fly tying enthusiast.

I was sitting at my usual spot for the Wednesday wine tasting and talking fly fishing to one of my bar mates. The wine rep overheard me and said there was a podcast she had just listened to by the author of a book about a guy who stole a bunch of feathers for fly tying. Ok, I was interested! No, I'm not really "into" fly tying, will probably never tie a salmon fly, love to fly fish, but don't watch hours of Orvis videos or read many books. But I do love fly fishing, history, and I enjoy a good mystery. "The Feather Thief" came through on all accounts.

Since I was heading to the Catskills at the end of the week I purchased the audiobook and the Kindle version for the trip. Normally

I drive about 6 hours at a time and take a break while my wife drives. I drove both legs, to and from, 11 hours each way all on my own. I couldn't stop listening.



From the early British history of Robert Wallace, a Darwin contemporary who came up with the theory of evolution at the same time as Darwin, but how Darwin received the credit, the near extinction of exotic birds because of fashion, a reference to Sacha Baron Cohen, obsessed fly tiers, the Rothchild's and a crime that would seem absurd and of little importance without the entire tale

woven by the author.

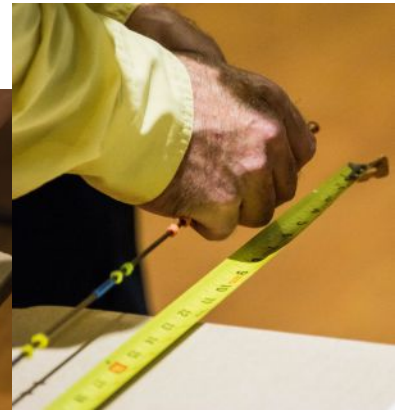
~ Bill DeShurko



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Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

The 2020 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program kicked off on February 19th with the start of the very popular rod building class. We completed three of the classes before they needed to be canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Some of the vets were making great progress on their rods. We'll just have to figure out what to do when we get back to any state of normalcy. Here are some photos from that first class.



Mid-Week Fly Fishing Events (canceled until further notice)

While they are canceled as club-sponsored events we have left the schedule here and on the website. The outings were all being held at area parks and many of those parks remain open. Individual members could still elect to fish.

From Five Rivers MetroParks: Following directives from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Public Health, Montgomery County Health Department and the CDC to limit public gatherings, all Five Rivers MetroParks events, programs, shelter and camping reservations and rentals are cancelled **until at least May 3**. Registered program participants, permit holders, and those with facility rentals and reservations will be notified of the cancellations and full refunds will be issued in the coming days. All volunteer activities also are cancelled until at least May 3. Although all indoor spaces have been closed to the public (**including restrooms**), Five Rivers MetroParks' outdoor parks and trails remain open.

It is recommended visitors take preventative action when visiting the park system, such as self-monitoring and practicing social distancing.

For the most up-to-date information on MetroParks operations, [please visit the MetroParks COVID-19 update page](#).

There are other parks on this list so also watch for any postings that might indicate the park is closed. In all cases take care.

Again, all the outings that were planned are still posted on the [Club Calendar](#) where you will see further information and they are on the MVFF Facebook page in [Events](#).

3/11/2020	Possum Creek Ponds	4790 Frytown Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
3/25/2020	Carriage Hill Park	7800 Shull Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424
4/9/2020	Deer Meadow Park	4321 Pinnacle Rd, Moraine, OH 45439
4/15/2020	Madison Lakes	81 Olive Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
4/22/2020	Eastwood Lagoon	4347 Springfield St, Dayton, OH 45431
4/30/2020	Lofino Park	640 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45430
5/6/2020	Deer Meadow Park	4321 Pinnacle Rd, Moraine, OH 45439
5/14/2020	Rosewood Park	475 Roselake Dr, Centerville, OH 45458
5/20/2020	Wellfield Park	612 River Rd, Union, OH 45322
5/28/2020	Argonne Lake (kayaks)	4790 Frytown Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
6/3/2020	Indian Riffle Park	2900 Glengarry Dr, Kettering, OH 45420
6/10/2020	Lofino Park	640 Grange Hall Rd, Beavercreek, OH 45430
6/18/2020	Arthur Fisher Park	5661 Dayton-Liberty Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
6/24/2020	Miami View Park	5911 Munger Rd, Dayton, OH 45459
7/1/2020	Stubbs Park	255 W Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458
7/9/2020	Rip Rap Road Park (wading)	6858 Rip Rap Rd, Dayton OH
7/15/2020	New Park (kayaks)	Old Springfield Road, Vandalia, OH 45377
7/23/2020	Oak Grove Park	1790 E Social Row Rd, Dayton, OH 45458
7/29/2020	Delco Park	1700 Iron Horse Trail, Kettering, OH 45429
8/5/2020	Rosewood Park	475 Roselake Dr, Centerville, OH 45458
8/12/2020	Oak Grove Park	1790 E Social Row Rd, Dayton, OH 45458
8/19/2020	Eastwood Lake (boats)	1385 Harshman Rd, Dayton, OH 45431
8/27/2020	Arthur Fisher Park	5661 Dayton-Liberty Rd, Dayton, OH 45417
9/9/2020	Dr. Michael Bowers Lake (kayaks, long portage)	Wenger Road, Englewood, OH 45322
9/23/2002	Delco Park	1700 Iron Horse Trail, Kettering, OH 45429
10/8/2020	Carriage Hill Park	7800 Shull Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424



Hatchery Creek Fishing Trip

After the very interesting presentation by Brad Redmon at our January meeting, Eric Rice and I decided to go down and give the Creek a try. The Creek is basically a tailwater from the Wolf Creek Hatchery and has a consistent flow of water and is stocked every other day with fish. It is located near Jamestown, Kentucky.

We drove down on a Wednesday morning and fished Wednesday and Thursday, returning home on Thursday evening. It is only a 4 ½ hour drive so you can fish the same day with an early start. We stayed overnight at the Baymont Inn in Albany, KY, which is about 12 miles from the stream. You can also camp right at the Hatchery Campground if it is open. It is a first class campground.

You will need a Kentucky fishing license and trout stamp to fish the stream.

This stream was constructed and opened in 2016, and is a beautiful piece of construction. The first 500' of the stream is catch and keep for the stocked fish with a 5 fish limit and then it dumps into the lower stream which runs about 1 ½ miles to the Cumberland River. The rest of the stream is catch and release with flies or lures only. I recommend you park at the campground road gravel parking lot and then it is a short walk down the path to the stream.

The stream has browns, rainbows, brook and cutthroat trout in it, with rainbows the most common fish. There are more pools riffles and chutes than you can count, and it is a great place to try out your Euro Nymphing skills. Most of the stream is relatively shallow and easy to cross if needed, but mostly you can bank fish easily and could get by with hip waders. The work is that the stream is busy on the weekends, but we only ran into a handful of other fisherman there in 2 days.



We had great weather both days we were there, but the water was slightly off-color from the rain just before we arrived, and that made it hard to see the many structure pieces that were placed in the stream and snags were common. We caught about 15 fish all total on the trip. All were rainbows and many in the stocker size range of about 8".

We did have 4 or 5 12" – 15" fish and Eric hooked 2 big rainbows, but they both eluded the net. I believe the other species and the really big fish will migrate upstream from the Cumberland River later this spring to spawn. If you hit those conditions right you could really have a great trip.

We walked every inch of the stream down to the Cumberland River and enjoyed the walk as well as the fishing. This stream is a beautiful piece of nature and it makes me jealous that it is not in Ohio so we could fish it more often. I plan on going back down this spring, but with the travel restrictions, I recommend you check on what is open before you go down there now since each state is different. Catch me at a future meeting if you want more details.

Stay Safe and Healthy,
Jim Calvert

(check out this site for nice photos of Hatchery Creek - <http://kyonthefly.com/flyfishingkentucky/trout-waters/hatchery-creek/>)

Tying Videos Posted to Our Facebook Page



Frank Cox has been busy lately. He has been making videos of him tying flies with his elaborate camera system and posting those to Facebook. You really need to check this out.

The first one he did was Ken's Crazy Ant - Modified.

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/videos/2010256089120080/>

He also posted another video of him tying Kelly Galloup's BWO Nymph.

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/videos/680824475986771/>

We're guessing there will be more. Great job Frank!

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CALENDAR

All events are canceled for the time-being. We have left those events, such as the Mid-Week Fly Fishing outings, on the schedule. They will not happen as a club activity until it is appropriate to do so. They are left there in case you want to individually go out to a park to fish. Ken Davy has included onfo for each outing on the fishing potential at these waters and there are links to a map for each location.

Check the [MVFF Calendar](#) page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>

Membership List & Directory Updated

The member list has been updated. Members who have not paid their dues have been removed from the roster and from the club's email notification list.

Members who have not paid their dues and who had registered on the website have had their accounts deleted so they cannot log in to the site. If your account was deleted and you subsequently renew you will have to re-register.

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