

Newsletter, October 2023

Mohican Fly Fishers

Bellville, OH

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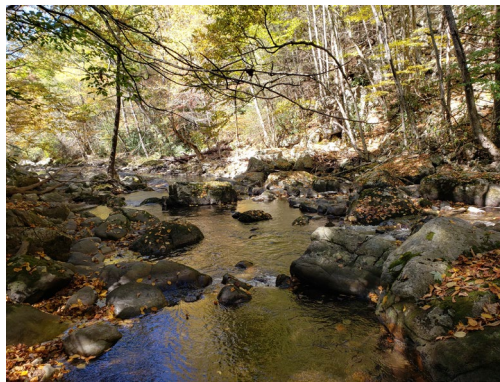
Upcoming Programs

November 8. Build your own leaders. Next Board Meeting.

December 13. Christmas party and silent auction.

October Meeting (October 11)

Meetings resumed indoors at the American Legion in Bellville. Members shared several fish stories including Clay and Trina's big salmon catches in Michigan. Trina has activated our Facebook page and several members are now posting photos, stories, and videos! Keep these coming and sign up for a Facebook account to keep up with various activities. See Trina for help if you are unfamiliar with Facebook. This month's program (next page) included presentations and discussion on techniques for catch-and-release methods. Discussions continue with the Scenic River division of ODNR who is evaluating our club becoming water-quality monitors on the Upper Clear Fork. Heather will connect us with the appropriate people at Richland County who have also performed insect testing. Interested volunteers should contact Peter Rogers.



Wild brown, rainbow, and brook trout

Fishing in SW Virginia streams

Next Meeting (November 8)

Our November program focuses on building your own leader systems. Tapered leaders with tippetts work well in some situations, but others benefit from do-it-yourself leaders. Dave Meadows will demonstrate a tapered leader and Mike Bowman will demonstrated a Euro-nymphing leader.

Affiliate club of:



Greg Hornish showed YouTube videos and Dave Harris led a discussion on catch-and-release. As a conservation-minded club, we should all consider practicing catch-and-release techniques to protect our treasured trout population. Currently, ODNR stocks the Upper Clearfork with yearling brown trout hoping they will survive and grow. Everyone can help by not killing our fish.

Some key points to consider:

- Use barbless hooks (Pinch barbs or buy them that way)
- Land fish with a net, preferably a rubber one
- Use appropriate tippet to allow landing fish quickly
- Fish when water temperature is below 70F
- Keep your hands wet when handling fish
- Survivable rate is 35% if the fish is airborne > 60 secs
- A fish may perish even if it swims away on release
- Fish with a partner to take quick photos



Greg apprenticing as IT technician showing YouTube videos on catch-and-release techniques:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqFVBxMp9uM>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMGO50R_IrA



Careful handling leads to survival



[Mike's advanced catch-and-release](#)

Want to learn more? Come to the next meeting and bring a friend.

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MEETINGS:

The second Wednesday of each month

6:00—7:00 pm

American Legion

77 Bell Street

Bellville, OH

Meet at American Legion pavilion in the summer

Contact Matt Bower, President (740) 263-8306

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