

# Mohican Fly Fishers

Bellville, OH

<https://www.mohicanflyfishersofohio.com/>



### November Meeting (Nov 8)

We had a strong attendance of 22 folks including two new members who recently moved into the Bellville area. Reports of stocking were made by several. The Upper Clear Fork was stocked with 7-8 inch browns at the end of October but many of the fish have yet to leave the comfort of their stocking location. A good rain may help them disperse and the fishing should open up nicely by the end of November. ODNR did not stock the Lower Clear Fork at the beginning of November as usual but do plan to make the first dump of catchable rainbows in Mid November. The water flow on the Upper is extremely low (8CFS) with a temperature of 60F. The flow rate on the Lower (1.2ft) is perfect with a slight tinge and a temperature of 55F. This water is ready for fish! No news yet on stocking of Clear Creek and Mad River.

Next month, we celebrate the holidays with our annual Christmas party. Dave Meadows organizes the food from Fast Eddie's. Feel free to bring a side dish, dessert, or a salad. Think about donating some fly fishing gear for our silent auction and bring cash or a check to purchase some good stuff. Think about buying a chance or two to win Dave Meadow's latest rod (a graphite, 4 wgt, 7 1/2-foot beauty)—perfect for dry-fly fishing. Consider bringing a prospective member and definitely bring your appetite. The board has approved the club's bylaws and we are applying for tax-free status. Consider running for office (elections are in February) and pay your 2024 dues to Stoney.

### Next Meeting (December 13)

Our December meeting celebrates the holidays with great food, a silent auction, and a raffle of another beautiful handmade, albeit graphite, rod from Dave Meadows. The party and auction take the place of our regularly scheduled program. Bring an appetite, bring money, bring yourself and a friend.

### Upcoming Dates

**December 13.** Christmas party, silent auction, and rod raffle.

**January 10.** First meeting of new year.

**February 14.** Voting for officers and board members. Board meeting.

**Heather Doherty**, ODNR Scenic Rivers. "Stream-side Forests and Healthy Rivers".

**March 9&10.** Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. Warren, MI.

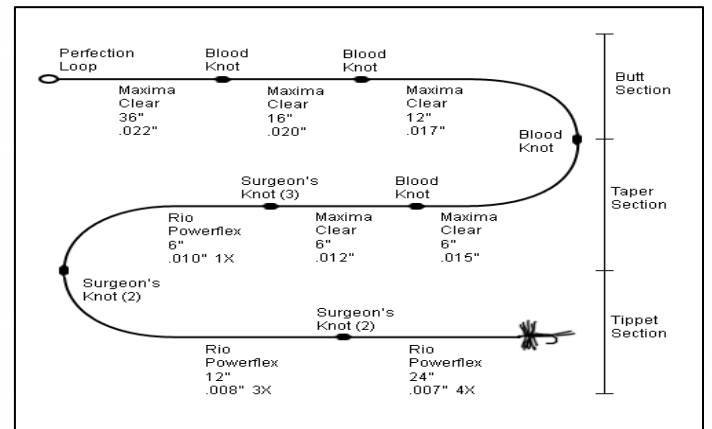
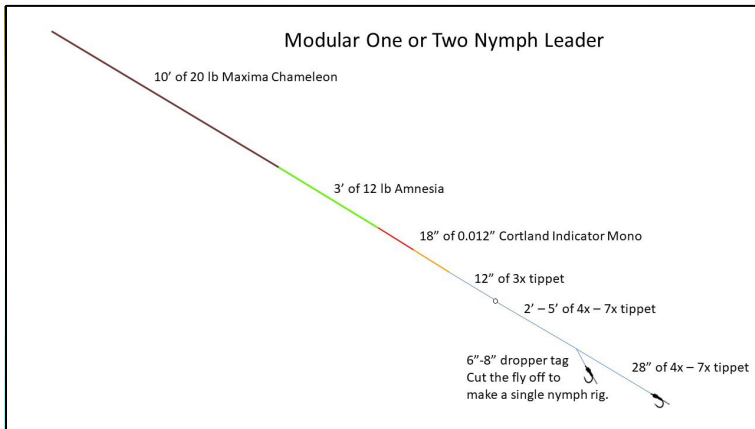
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**Tying your own leaders.** Dave Meadows, the club's ultimate dry-fly fisher says it makes more sense to make your own leader. It's cheaper and way more flexible to match your stream and fly conditions. Rules of thumb:

1. Match butt section diameter to that of the running line
2. Match your tippet size to your fly size
3. Use a combination of blood knots (bench knots) for the upper portion and surgeon's knots (field knots) for the lower sections and the tippet.
4. Tie leaders 5-6 feet long

Mike Bowman described a more complex and longer leader for Euro Nymphing, stressing that the correct leader materials help good line management, a key to Euro Nymphing success. Devin Olsen describes a number of leader setups in his book that are about 20 feet long and can be configured for tandem nymphs, single nymph, and dry-and-dropper options.



[Euro Leaders by Devin Olsen](#)

[Dry Fly Leader example](#)

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**MEETINGS:**

The second Wednesday of each month  
 6:00—7:00 pm  
 American Legion  
 77 Bell Street  
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 Meet at American Legion pavilion in the summer



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