Newsletter, December 2023

Mohican Fly Fishers

Bellville, OH

https://www.mohicanflyfishersofohio.com/



December Meeting (Dec 13)

Another strong attendance of 26 members, including three new members and a guest. Our Holiday party was a great success including the rod raffle, the silent auction, and the great food, thanks to Dave Meadows! Reports of stocking were made by several. The Upper Clear Fork was stocked with 500 brown yearlings per mile and recent rain and higher flows have spread them out nicely with strong reports of fish caught throughout the Bellville area. ODNR had problems with the put-and-take rainbow stocking of the lower with fewer than 500 released at the covered bridge. Apparently, the London hatchery was struck by the "ICK" or white-spot disease with a huge loss of fish. Clear Creek received their normal stocking of rainbows and got a lot of pressure the first weekend. ODNR has begun a trial stocking program of rainbows in the Cuyahoga above the dam and will introduce steelhead in the lower river next year.

One of our latest members, Harry Itagaki from Gambier, won the raffle for the fly rod made by Dave Meadows. Thanks Dave, congrats Harry, and welcome to the club!

Our webpage (https://www.mohicanflyfishersofohio.com/) has been updated, thanks to Jim Stone. Check it out, pass the link along to prospective members, and let Rogers know if additional updates are required.

Consider running for office (elections are in February) and annual dues are payable to Greg Hornish.

Next Meeting (January 10)

Our January meeting begins at the "beach" with a presentation about salt-water fishing by Jerry Wood. We currently have an opening for Vice President and Membership Director. Please let Dave Meadows know if you are interested in running.



Upcoming Dates

January 10. First meeting of new year. Jerry Wood on saltwater fly fishing.

February 3. BUFF Expo February 14. Voting for officers. Heather Doherty, ODNR Scenic Rivers. "Stream-side Forests and Healthy Rivers".

March 2. North Coast Fly Fishers March 9&10. Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. Warren, Ml.



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Holiday Spirit. Dave Meadows organized a great holiday meeting with a rod raffle, silent auction, and food from Fast Eddie's. A number of members brought in side dishes, pies, and other desserts.

The rod raffle included a Dave Meadows handmade

graphite rod, won by new member, Harry Itagaki from Gambier, raising a whopping \$255. The silent auction included a number of antique rods and reels, handmade flies, trout books, a dozen free-range eggs, and a complete fly-tying kit. The auction raised \$468.

One of the many highlights of the evening was the robust rendition of Jingle Bells, sung by all and led by choral director, Dave Harris.













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

Visit our web page at https://www.mohicanflyfishersofohio.com/

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

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