

Mohican Fly Fishers

Bellville, OH

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February Meeting (Feb 14)

Heather Doherty and Christine Szymanski, from Scenic Rivers Ohio, made an informative presentation. Christine Szymanski will schedule training for water quality monitoring volunteers in May. We will work in conjunction with Richland County Soil and Water to share our macroinvertebrate data in several riffles along the Upper Clearfork River. Please talk with Dave Meadows about volunteering for at least one of the streamside tests during the summer.

We are off to a strong start for 2024 with 36 paid members, including six newbies! We had great attendance of 25 members—thanks for coming out to vote on Valentine’s Day! We elected a new slate of officers and board members. After the meeting, the board members reelected Rogers as board chair. The next board meeting will be after the April meeting.

Thanks to Dave Harris, we now have a clear understanding of who can fish along the Gold Prospector’s (GPAA) section of river. MFFO members displaying our hangtag, GPAA members, and TU members are the only anglers allowed on this stretch of river which runs from the Cutnaw Bridge downstream to the bend in the river. Dave also pointed out that we can fish a one-mile stretch from the pipe dam above the Blue Bridge in Bellville down to the bend in the river below the elementary school soccer fields. Please respect private property as we currently have access only on “river right” for much of this stretch. We will issue a map shortly showing parking and access.

A consensus of members agreed to participate in an online fish survey so we can learn about the survivability of our trout.

Next Meeting (March 13)

Chuck Barber will talk about the use of fishing guides and present some material on Hexagenia mayfly fishing on Michigan’s Ausable River.

Upcoming Dates

March 2. North Coast Fly Fishers
March 9&10. Midwest Fly Fishing Expo. Warren, MI.
March 13. How to use a Guide and Hex fishing on Ausable.
April 10. Curt Wagner, ODNR Fisheries Biologist.

2024 Officers & Board Members

President	Matt Bower
Vice President	Dave Meadows
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Membership	Pam Spires
Communications	Peter Rogers
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At Large 1	Trina Martin
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Ohio Scenic Rivers. Heather Doherty and Christine Szymanski, representing Central Ohio Scenic Rivers, presented details of the program and explained why we should help encourage Scenic River designation for the Upper Clear Fork. Current Central Ohio Scenic Rivers include: Lower Clear Fork, Mohican River, Big and Little Darby Creeks, Kokosing River, and Olentangy River. One of the primary reasons we should consider this designation for our river is to help maintain water quality and our fishery habitat. The river quality monitoring program helps track water quality by collecting macroinvertebrates several times a year. Poor indication of water quality is investigated by ODNR and, if required, Ohio EPA. Our club will perform monitoring three times a year along several good riffle runs along the river. We need volunteers—see Dave Meadows!



Rainbow darter found at Gatton Rocks

Christine demoing seining techniques



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

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