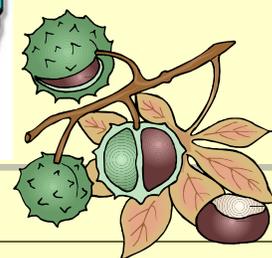




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Hello, our Newsletter is back!  
Sorry for the absence, we were making changes.

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## From my Tying Bench, Notes from the President

2010 had some changes for the OHC. We held our first Warm Water Conclave, we had a good turn out and a great time. Project Healing Waters is in full running order, thanks to Paul Blanch and North Coast Fly Fishers. 2010 was not without a sad moment our First, President Don Van Buren stepped down from his position as president of the OHC. Don was a prominent figure in the start up of the OHC, from "The Ohio Council Initiative" (2003) to the start of the "Ohio Council" (2006). Don is planning on having some personal time.

In 2011 we will see our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Warm Water Conclave, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 in Bellville, Ohio at the American Legion Park. This year it promises to be a bigger event. The Council chose the location due to its central location and the warm water fishery in the area. Project Healing Waters will continue to be an ongoing mission of the Ohio Council and its member Clubs.

Finally I should introduce myself. My name is David Snyder, I am the new president of the Ohio Council. I'm a life member of the FFF, my home is in the Cleveland area. I am still learning how to tie flies or they are teaching me. I'm not sure? I have been the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the OHC and I look forward to working with the directors of the OHC.

*David Snyder*  
President Ohio Council



# The Ohio Council

of the Federation of Fly Fishers



In conjunction with the Mohican Fly Fishers of Ohio  
Presents

## Warm Water Conclave

Saturday June 4th, 2011

Learn the Secrets to Catching Warm Water Fish  
Using a Fly Rod in Ponds, Lakes and Rivers

Sauger

Crappie

Bluegill

Bass

Carp

And Other Species

Fly Tying  
Fly Casting  
Vendors

Seminars  
Snacks  
Displays

The event will be held at the American Legion pavilion  
beside the Clear Fork River in Belleville, Ohio  
located adjacent to 77 Bell Street

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Admission: \$6 a person & \$12 for families

### **Eric Austin's Visit with the Mohican Fly Fishers of Ohio (MFFO)**

Eric Austin, known for his articles and contributions to several fly tying publications including Fly Anglers On Line (FAOL), visited during the Mohican Fly Fishers of Ohio's April meeting to talk about Classic Flies and Fly tiers, and to tie flies with the club's membership. Mr. Austin, who is from upstate New York but now lives in Delaware Ohio, shared his impressive knowledge of flies and fly tying history. The meeting ran into extra innings as the comments, questions and stories continued into the evening. Mr. Austin's visit was informative, entertaining, and extremely well received and appreciated by the MFFO members.

We look forward to seeing Eric again at our future meetings.

Visit Eric's web site: [http://flytyingworld.com/PagesE/eric\\_austin.htm](http://flytyingworld.com/PagesE/eric_austin.htm) to see samples of some of his art.



### **The 2011 Fly Fishing 101 Course**

**The classes will be held on the first four Thursday evenings in March (3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th) and will run from 7 PM to 9 PM.**

The Fly Fishing 101 Course will be held at the Springdale Community Center located at 11999 Lawnview Avenue in Springdale (behind the Outback Restaurant near Rt. 4 and I-275). This program is open to BUFF members "only"; there is no fee to attend.

The course material will cover rods, reels, backing, lines, leaders, tippets, recommended flies to get you started, knots, how to select a fly rod system to meet your fishing needs, other equipment needs and casting basics.

This program is designed for beginners and intermediate-skilled fishers. Pre-registration is not required; come at the last minute if you can. However, I do need to get an approximate attendance number for class handouts so I'll have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

Call or e-mail me (777-4854; [louhaynes37@gmail.com](mailto:louhaynes37@gmail.com)) if you have questions or will not be at the February meeting but plan to attend the course.

**If you have an interest in the course I encourage you to register even if you can't come to all 4 classes. You can catch-up by reviewing the notes from the classes you miss.**

**You do not need to bring anything other than something to write with.**

I'll hand out copies of all the slides used during the course so you can take notes as you wish.

**Class #1**

- **The basic fly fishing rig**
  - **Lines**
  - **Rods**
  - **Reels**
  - **Backing**

**Class #2**

- **Leaders**
- **Tippets**
- **Recommended flies**
- **Selecting a basic system to meet your fly fishing needs**
  - **Setting-up and taking-down your equipment**
    - **How to clean a fly line**
  - **Common fly fishing terms**

**Class #3**

- **Leader designs**
  - **Knots**
  - **Hooks**
- **Additional equipment needs**

**Class #4**

- **Casting principles and demonstrations**
- **Mel Krieger video on the most common casting errors and how to correct them.**



General Club Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at the French Creek Nature Center, 4530 Colorado Ave., Sheffield Village.

Meetings begin socially at 6:30 PM

## Hello, I Am a Newcomer To Your Club

You cannot know the reason why I am here this evening.

It may be as simple as a move to your community or as complicated as a personal crisis.

In either case, I am here. And I will probably remain here and come back to visit with you again next month, and the next month and probably join the club if you will do some things for me:

Won't you please....

Smile at me as I walk in the door. You are my first impressions of the club during the first few moments I am in your room, and this first impression will probably stay with me a long time.

Speak to me during the social hour and after. I know you want to see your friends and settle that piece of committee business. But I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for each other unless I first see evidence that you care for the "stranger in your midst."

Tell me good things about your club and members. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people interact with each other and help both beginners and experienced fly fishers.

Notice me even if I am not a "family". I don't want to feel invisible just because I am here for the first time. Introduce me to the other members and ask a bit about my background in the sport.

Talk to me again the second month when I come back, and the third and the fourth.

I am still not a part of your club family. Please don't feel you have "done your duty" by me just because you made a point of greeting me the first time I was here.

Invite me to take part in an outing, fishing trip, tying night, or work project.

I need to know that I am accepted by a group who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual.

If you can find it in your club to do these things for me, I will come back...the second month, the third, and maybe forever. I will join you on an outing, project, or hopefully a fishing trip and become a highly involved member of your organization, and, In doing so, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched.



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### What Has The FFF Done For Me?

By Skip Hosfield

This is a question we often hear among club members when they are approached to join the Federation. I suppose it is an attitude to be expected in an age when fly fishing has expanded far beyond anything imagined by those of us who helped to found this international fraternity of fly fisher's. Speaking as one who served many years in membership development, at both the regional and national level, I shall try to provide a response to this question.

Anyone who was not already a fly fisherman in 1965 when the FFF was founded cannot really know the nature of the world of fly fishing at that time. I have been a fly fisherman all my life. My father was a fly fisherman and I learned it from him, as most people did then. I moved to Oregon in 1958 and I never met another local fly fisherman until the McKenzie Flyfishers was started in 1964.

There were obviously lots of them around, but they didn't advertise or proselytize. Unless one had a relative or friend who was a fly fisherman, chances are there was no opportunity to learn. Prior to the founding of the McKenzie Flyfishers there was only one fly fishing club in Oregon - the Flyfishers Club of Oregon. Unless you are a member of the Portland business or professional community you have little chance to enjoy the fellowship of other fly fisherman.

Those of us who were fly fishing in 1964 were such a small part of the sport fishing world that we did not even exist in the eyes of those who made our laws and managed our angling resources. There were no magazines devoted to fly fishing. There were very few books written about fly fishing. You had to be living in a major city in order to have access to a fly fishing shop. If you were a fly tier, you were probably self-taught from basic instructions in one of the three or four fly fishing books in print at the time. And you had to order your materials from catalog descriptions. The really accomplished fly tiers were rare, and most of those were tying professionally full or part-time, and typically they jealously guarded their methods.

Fly rods and tackle in general had changed very little for fifty years. After World War II fiberglass rods were being manufactured but that technology was in its infancy. The big tackle boom was in spinning rods and reels which originated in Europe. Fly fishing was such a small specialized market that it comprised a very small part of the production of the major fishing tackle manufacturers.

All this began to change in 1965. The FFF was founded for the purpose of getting fly fishing clubs linked together in common purpose to promote fly fishing as a favored method of angling and to give fly fishermen a unified voice in the management of our angling resources. Its leaders adopted Lee Wulff's maxim that, "A good game fish is too valuable to be caught only once." The

FFF waged the fight to establish the principle of catch-and-release. Another purpose of the FFF was to publish a magazine devoted entirely to fly fishing.

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No publisher was willing to risk a publishing venture on a market presumed to be so small. With the publication of *The Flyfisher* in 1968 we had the first magazine exclusively for fly fishing. After the FFF had shown what the potential market could become, commercial fly fishing magazines began to appear.

When the McKenzie Flyfishers organized the original Conclave of Flyfishers in 1965 they established the paradigm for all FFF conclaves which have followed. It would be based on education, information sharing and outreach. It would finally shatter the shell of exclusivity which surrounded this sport in the public mind. The most famous and revered anglers in America would come to these annual gatherings and freely give their time and knowledge. The fly tying demonstrations at FFF conclaves soon attracted tiers from everywhere. Tiers which had been working in isolation for many years were soon coming into contact with one another and sharing methods and ideas. This initiated a fly tying renaissance which continues to this day.

From the nucleus of a dozen or so clubs represented at the first conclave, FFF members have gone out and organized many hundreds of fly fishing clubs throughout the United States, Canada and many other countries throughout the world. The growth of FFF during the 1970s brought forth a corresponding growth in the fly tackle industry bringing an exponential increase in the availability and quality of fly fishing tackle of all description. This growth has been paralleled in the publishing industry which now churns out more magazines, books and videos than anyone could have imagined forty years ago. Anyone engaged in fly fishing today has benefited in many ways from what the FFF has done and continues to do. The availability of high quality and relatively inexpensive equipment in an astonishing range of choice would not be possible without the growth of the sport which the FFF has fostered. Your fly fishing club would most probably not exist if not for the FFF. The proliferation of fly fishing shows is mostly the result of FFF activity to promote the sport and extend knowledge. Anyone who has attended the Northwest Fly Tyers Expo has the FFF to thank for the experience.

If you fish in Oregon, you can thank the FFF for the fact that efforts to eliminate all regulations restricting certain waters to fly fishing were defeated by the Oregon Council, FFF. If you enjoy the improved fishing on catch-and-release waters, you owe it to the FFF. The fact that fly fishing is now taken quite seriously by the ODFW is the result of efforts by members of the Oregon Council.

In conclusion, when asked by someone what the FFF does for him, turn the question around and ask him what he is prepared to do to continue the work of those who have gone before him, and who created the improved climate for the sport he enjoys today. The very least one should do is to join the organization and thereby help to build a strong membership base which will enable the FFF to remain a strong force in conserving, restoring and educating through fly fishing.

## Up coming events

2011 International Custom Rod Building Expo

February 26 & 27, 2011

High Point, NC

For more information <http://www.icrbe.com/>

March 17-20, 2011

Cleveland Outdoor Adventure Show

Cleveland I-X Center

Cleveland, Ohio

For more information [www.outdoorontheweb.com](http://www.outdoorontheweb.com)

April 29th - May 1st, 2011 Mohican Wildlife Weekend

(MFFO will be at the Covered Bridge on Saturday and Sunday)

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Mohican Fly Fishers

"Bamboo Bash"

Bellville, Ohio

2011 Ohio Council Warm Water Conclave

June 4, 2011

Bellville, Ohio

For more information <http://www.ohiofff.org>

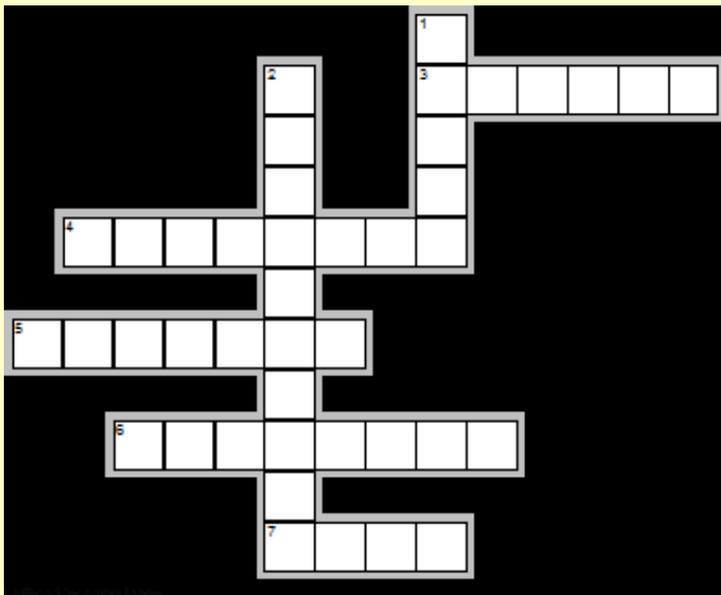
## Fly Fishing Crossword #1

### Across

3. The line between the tippet and line
4. Simplest of all knots
5. Used to wade in water
6. Used to help flies stay on top of the water
7. Insecure knot, beginning of other knots

### Down

1. Classic angling knot
2. Vintage Knot, Base for other knots



#### Across

3. LEADER—The line between the tippet and line
4. OVERHAND—Simplest of all knots
5. WADDERS—Used to wade in water
6. FLOATANT—Used to help flies stay on top of the water
7. SLIP—Insecure knot, beginning of other knots

#### Down

1. BLOOD—Classic angling knot
2. FISHERMANS—Vintage Knot, Base for other knots

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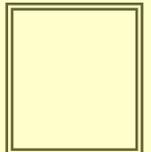
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