



# Ohio Fly Line



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## From the President's Desk

As President of the Ohio Council (OHC), I have many things to be appreciative of this Holiday Season. Since our last OHC Board of Directors Meeting November 4, 2007, your OHC has been very busy. Three new OHC Directors, Paul Blanch, Joe Sudomir and Ted Zalenski have been added to our roster. Also new to the OHC team is Timothy Findley Sr. who came aboard as our Director of Membership prior to our last meeting. The addition of new OHC Directors and the retention of a very solid core group have greatly improved our people resources.

See our website <http://www.ohiofff.org/> for a complete listing of the OHC Leadership.

OHC representatives have been added to two Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) committees, David Snyder to Communications and Don Van Buren to Best Practices. These are two of the four special Committees reporting directly to the FFF Board of Directors.

We have reorganized our Officers and Directors making the OHC more efficient and better able to respond to the FFF, Ohio Clubs and Ohio constituents.

Designing an OHC Logo for shirts, hat, and patches has been completed. These will be on display at the North Coast Fly Fishers (NCCF) 6th Annual Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo scheduled for January 5, 2008 at the Cuyahoga Community College Eastern Campus.

Jim Stone has upgraded the OHC Website, and we have a new "Ohio Fly Line" newsletter editor in Ted Zalenski.

Our Club Resource project spearheaded by Jerry Polen has been successful and ahead of the initiation of FFF's "Best Practices" committee, which helped us immensely when, we were asked to supply similar information to FFF.

Some of our goals for 2008 are to develop and refine an Ohio Agenda for the OHC, plan and develop a major OHC Education event and to increase the number of Ohio FFF clubs and membership.

This has been a remarkable first year for our OHC and the best is yet to come. On behalf of the OHC, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and will be looking forward to a Happy and Joyful New Year.



*Don Van Buren*

President of the Ohio Council

# 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual FFF International Fly Fishing Show / Conclave

Mark your calendar for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual FFF International Fly Fishing Show / Conclave. The dates are set for July 22 – 26, 2008 and the location is Whitefish, Montana. Whitefish is a small town located on the Shore of Whitefish Lake.

Just a few miles from Glacier National Park and International airport.

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4451>



## 2008 Retreat Dates Announced

The 2008 retreat dates for Reeling and Healing, Inc. are all set. We are excited to announce that we will be adding a fourth and fifth retreat in 2008. Both are Spring retreats. The first will be held at Rockwell Springs Trout Club near Castalia, Ohio on May 4-5 and the second will be held at Mohican State Park on May 18-20. Then two retreats will be at Schmidt Outfitters in Wellston, Michigan from July 6-8 and July 20-22.

Our July 20-22 retreat is an alumni/new participant retreat. The alumni will be fishing more and will do some fly tying. Get your reservations in early since there is limited space available.

Our fall retreat will again be held at Rockwell Springs Trout Club in Castalia, OH on September 22-23.

If you would like to sign up for one of the 2008 retreats, please call Judy or Dick Walle at 419-536-2469 or visit the website at [www.reelandheal.com](http://www.reelandheal.com).

## What the OHC does for *You*

- ✿ The voice of fly fishermen in Ohio, to their state and federal agencies.
- ✿ Conserving our waters for future generations.
- ✿ Promoting catch and release.
- ✿ Educating future generations on the art of fly fishing.

This is only but a small part of what the OHC does for the Fly fishing community in Ohio. As we grow so does our strength and Voice in the state and Federal front. We also can take on more conservation issues and educational programming. This can only be accomplished with support from our members. The OHC and FFF depend on you. There are always ways in which you can help locally or at the state level. We are only as good as our members, so please spread the word and help us grow.



## ***Hello Members At Large***

I would like to take a minute to introduce myself. My name is David Snyder and I am your Representative on the Ohio Council (OHC). For those of you without a Club affiliation I am your sounding board.

I was, previously, a member of the Firelands Fly fishers and served as their Vice president, until a change in work locations. While with the Firelands Fly Fishers, I was a Director on the Ohio Sub Council (OSC), which became the OHC.

While I do believe in belonging to a FFF based Club I know that work, home life, other affiliations and monetary reasons can lead some of us to a Life At Large (Without a Home Club) I encourage you to find a Club or better yet start your own Club, the OHC can assist you. Just remember all "At Large members" can reach me via Email Thru [www.ohiofff.org](http://www.ohiofff.org) click on Leadership.

Respectfully  
*David Snyder*  
Director At Large  
1<sup>st</sup>. V.P. OHC &  
V.P. Communications



## **OHC Fly Pattern**

This issues fly Pattern really caught our attention for a couple of reasons:

1. The simplicity of the pattern.
2. On a cold snowy day in Ohio

were else could you possibly want to be?

**How about Florida!** Which is where this fly works its magic?

## **Bonefish Pusher**



This fly is designed to push a lot of water in addition, thereby interest any nearby bonefish.

**HOOK:** 3407 #2

**EYES:** 1/30 oz. black

**TAIL:** Tan doll hair, with about 8 Krystal flash, rainbow or pearl.

**Bars are black permanent marker.**

**BODY:** Brown palmered rib over pearlescent tubing.

**WING:** Deer body hair tied under the eyes, flared and trimmed to form a head.



Thank you to George Vosmik of North Coast Fly Fishers for this WARM inspiration.

## Ohio Council Mission Statement

The purpose of the Ohio Council (OHC) is to support the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF), representing the FFF associated Clubs of Ohio and adjacent states. We will strive to meet this objective by:

- Creating an atmosphere that encourages education, conservation and the enjoyment of fly-fishing, fly tying and related activities.
- Developing practical goals supporting education, conservation and the enjoyment of fly-fishing and fly tying.
- Freely sharing information and knowledge as it involves fly-fishing and fly tying.
- Encouraging and promoting communications with Fly Fishers and Fly Fishing Clubs.
- Cultivating, encouraging and teaching sound conservation practices that preserve and improve our environment and water resources.
- Educating as many people as we can to the joys, delights of fly-fishing, and fly tying.
- Maintaining a current informational base on issues, concerns and practices as they pertain to fly-fishing and fly tying for the OHC area.

Supporting the goals and objectives of FFF.

## The Federation of Fly Fishers' Code of Angling Ethics:

The following is a shortened version suitable to be carried by the angler:

Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch. Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated. Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed. When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water. Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.

## ***From National*** **Need an Idea For Your Club's Next Program?**

Jeffrey Pill and the American Museum of Fly Fishing have just produced an excellent DVD titled "Why Fly Fishing". Many of our sport's best known personalities speak to the subject. Joan Wulff, Nick Lyons and John Gierach, among others enumerate their love of fly fishing and why it is important to them. Out sports history, literature, art and deep felt appeal are all explored by these friends and others.

This special DVD will give all of us food for thought and discussion while providing entertainment on a level many steps above "me & Joe fishin".

To obtain a copy for yourself or your club, contact The Book Mailer, P.O. Box 1273, Helena, MT 59624-1273 or call 800-874-4171. The cost is \$30 with \$25 being a tax deductible gift to the American Museum of Fly Fishing.



**Join the Federation of Fly Fishers**

<http://www.fedflyfishers.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4498>

**OHC Leadership**

Van Buren, Don (North Coast Fly Fishers)  
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Snyder, David (At Large)  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
*Vice President of Communications*

Blanch, Paul S. (North Coast Fly Fishers)  
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*Vice President of Education*

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Grake, Bill (Firelands Fly Fishers)  
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*Director*

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