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Ohio Sub Council Continues Growth

By: Don Van Buren, President, OSC

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) Affiliate Club that has joined the Ohio Sub Council (OSC) family of clubs; Land of Legend Fly Fishers (LLFF) in Newark, Ohio. LLFF brings us to nine member clubs in the OSC, and we are working with another state-wide organization to bring them on board as club #10 within the next couple of months. Watch the website for that announcement. By the way, ten clubs is the minimum threshold by FFF to form a Full Council, which has been our goal since the OSC was created.

Our short-term objective will be to assimilate the new clubs and to get them involved in FFF and OSC. Their expertise and talent will be added to an already vibrant, hard working and enthusiastic OSC Board of Directors. Together we will continue developing an Ohio agenda addressing fly fishing issues such as Conservation and Education.

For the immediate future we will remain as a Sub-Council while we continue to build on our foundation and plan for a major fundraiser to support our budget requirements. The Great Lakes Council's (GLC) leadership has been a steady, guiding hand throughout our development, and we still have much to learn from them before stepping out on our own. Many challenges face us as an organization and the GLC will continue to assist us with their guidance and support. When the time is right we will work with the GLC and FFF to effect an orderly transition to Full Council Status.

Establishing the OSC has improved club collaboration, and has created a bond between many of the Ohio Clubs. The old saying "You're not alone" has never been more evident. The two recent fly fishing shows in Ohio saw participation and support from almost every FFF club across the state for both events. Tiers and supporters traveled from Cincinnati to Cleveland in January, and the Cleveland contingent reciprocated in February. Clubs in between sent representatives in both directions, and it was like a family reunion at each of the shows. Today, the FFF is in better shape in Ohio than it has been in a long time and it will continue to improve.

If you do not belong to a local FFF club please consider joining one. If you are not aware of a FFF club near you, contact OSC from our web site or our Newsletter Leadership roster and we will direct you to the club nearest you. If no FFF Club is available, we can assist you in starting a new club in your area. OSC has a guideline in place for starting new clubs, which leads you through the formation process one step at a time. We have a vast library of support documentation to help new clubs get off to the right start, plus a member of OSC will be assigned as a liaison to assist you with the new club formation.

"You're not alone." OSC is available to help with FFF Club Development or FFF membership issues. Take advantage of our knowledge, expertise and willingness to help. And remember to take someone fishing...fly-fishing that is!

Don Van Buren



FFF Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Federation of Fly Fishers celebrates its Fortieth Anniversary this year. In order to help celebrate this milestone event, the Ohio Sub Council is asking all of its members clubs to display the 40th Anniversary Commemorative Logo in your newsletters and your websites. If you use it on the website, be sure to embed a hyperlink back to the FFF website (www.fedflyfishers.org)

The logo is available by E-mail from Barbara Wuebber at the FFF Office (fffoffice@fedflyfishers.org). Just drop her a line and request the 40th Anniversary logo and she will e-mail it right out. Keep in mind that in order to utilize the FFF logos you must have filled out a FFF Trademark Agreement form for your organization. If you have not done this, Barbara can also E-mail that form to you at no cost.

More information about events surrounding the anniversary and the annual conclave will be coming up on the FFF website and in the *Flyfisher* magazine.



OSC Welcomes Land of Legend Fly Fishers

The Ohio Sub Council welcomes Land of Legend Fly Fishers (LLFF) to the FFF family of clubs in Ohio. LLFF is in its 15th year as a club, and is based in Newark, Ohio just east of Columbus on the banks of the Licking River.

LLFF's Mission Statement is: "*To perpetuate the art and enjoyment of fly fishing for future generations and to promote the protection and preservation of our natural resources through education and unity of local fishers.*"

The club has a website at www.llff.net where you can learn more about them. Take some time to view the many photographs of this very active club

OSC President Don Van Buren will be making a trip in April to meet with LLFF President Rae Johnson and to officially welcome them into the OSC Family of Clubs. He will also have a Q&A session for the membership to learn more about FFF and OSC. I'll bet he also makes time to wet a line in one of the local ponds while he's there!

MOHICAN WILDLIFE WEEKEND

By: Jim Stone, Secretary, OSC

Mohican Wildlife Weekend will once again be held in the Spring of 2005 in the North Central Ohio area. The program promotes and celebrates the wildlife habitat, natural history and heritage, and recreational possibilities of the Mohican area. This increasingly popular program has grown to 17 program sites and over 35 programs for the 3-day weekend. Sites include Mohican and Malabar State Parks, Pleasant Hill Lake Park, Appleseed Center, Gorman Nature Center, Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Kingwood Center, and others. Programs include guest speakers, tours, hands-on activities, a barn dance, birding activities, and nature hikes. It has attracted visitors not only from the North Central Ohio area, but from all over the state. The weekend was even featured in an article in *Midwest Living* (featuring a full photo of a fly fisherman).

The Mohican Fly Fishers will once again participate in the weekend, which will be April 22-24, 2005. We will set up below the covered bridge in Mohican State Park on both Saturday the 23rd and Sunday the 24th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will give demonstrations, talk to fishermen, etc. as we have done in the past. If we wish, we can sell food and drinks. More specific details and brochures will be available as we get closer to the weekend. So mark your calendars for April 23 and 24 and plan to participate. This is a very good opportunity for us to get our message and club activities across to the public, as well as to attract new members.

More details are available on the web at www.mohicanwildlifeweekend.com

Fly Fishing the Web

By Joe Cornwall, Director, OSC

The spring of 2005 is upon us and as we fly fish through the 21st century we will find many new opportunities waiting for us. Today we have the ability to communicate in ways- and at speeds- that even ten years ago would have been unthinkable. From the most esoteric fly tying material to the hottest new gizmo, from the weather in Belize to fishing reports from the upper Great Miami River; information, knowledge and networking will change the very foundation of our sport. Don't be left behind! There are uncounted angling opportunities encompassing all fish in all waters right here in Ohio! Learn to fly fish the web and you'll uncover new species of fish to target, new waters to wade, and new friends with whom you can share this wonderful journey! This column will explore virtual fly-fishing sites worldwide.

www.ohiogamefishing.com

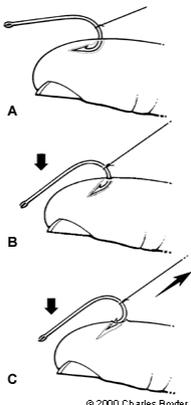
Ohio Game Fishing was born on April 7th, 2004, and was the collective effort of a group of guys who felt the internet and Ohio fishing community needed a free, reliable, professional, and family oriented resource for anglers across the state. In less than a year OGF's membership has grown to almost 2900 members. You will find fishing reports from across the state and around the world, tips and techniques, as well as spirited discussion of almost every issue affecting contemporary outdoor sports. The OGF mission statement is "*To provide the outdoor community with an informative and reliable resource that promotes fellowship, sportsmanship, and community service*".

www.troutnut.com

Ever wonder what a *Ephoron leukon* nymph really looks like under water? Want to know what a damsel fly nymph looks like as it swims in order to create a better imitation? How about a fish's eye view of a stickleback minnow? You'll find them all here at this amazing web site. Featuring thousands of images taken underwater on the clear, clean streams of Michigan, Troutnut.com is a vital resource for the committed angler!

www.flytyingforum.com

This amazing site is the brainchild of a few young, bright and rabid fly fishers – at least one of whom is a Cincinnati native! Featuring a fly pattern data base created by the thousands of active members from around the world and bulletin boards focusing on warm water fly fishing, cold water fly fishing, salt water fly fishing, general fly tying and more, FlytyingForum.com is one of the best of the best on the Internet today. Membership in the forum is free and the knowledge base is nothing short of amazing. If you want to improve your chops either on the water or at the vice you need to check out www.flytyingforum.com!



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Hook Removal

As we get ready for the Spring fishing season, it's good to review this simple hook removal technique to be used in the field. Technique compliments of Charles Boyer and the American Family Physician website, www.aafp.org. Be sure to follow up with proper medical care for the wound if a hook becomes embedded in your skin, including determining the status of your last tetanus shot.

String-yank method. (A) Wrap a string around the midpoint of the bend in the fishhook. (B) Depress the shank of the fishhook against the skin. (C) Firmly and quickly pull on the string while continuing to apply pressure to the shank.

