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The President's Notes

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We had a Great Banquet last month. Bob, Lane, and their committee did an excellent job in a difficult economy securing eight tables of raffle items. I even managed to get the fly display from Chris Helms. I called him the next day to thank him for providing it to the club. I also won a 30% Discount for equipment from Dyna-King. As it happened, when I placed the order, it was with the person that arranged the donation. I was able to thank her and tell her how much I enjoyed tying with a Dyna-King vise I have had for a few years. Thanking these vendors and guides that make the donations go a long way in getting future donations. If you won a trip, please write up a thank you to them, and after the activity, write up an article for the BUFFER and put a note on the Web site. Please consider using these supporters as we go through the next year.

A number of recognitions were awarded at the banquet. Lou Haynes earned the Life Membership recognition for all the work he has done since being part of the club. I think it would take a couple trees to print out all of the things he has done for the club over the years. I have been told he is the only person to have received the President's Award, Board of Director's Award, and Fly Fisher of the Year.

Tom Scheer was presented with the Fly Fisher of the Year Award. He has worked hard with Gary Begley in developing the Casting Courses for the club and developing skill in others to get the Certified Casting Instructor certificate. He organized and headed a local group to participate in the Project Healing Waters program. This is well deserved recognition for Tom.

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BUFF April 2011 Program

Joe Street and Chris Anderson of Rivers Edge Outfitters in Spruce Pine, North Carolina will speak to BUFF members about the fishing opportunities in western North Carolina and surrounding areas. They will have some handouts and answer any questions from our membership They are a full service guide and fly shop organization with the main office in Spruce Pine, N.C. and a second office in Cherokee, N.C., and you can look at their web site at <http://www.riversedgeoutfittersnc.com/>.

Jon Kennard and Randy Clark received the Board of Directors Award. Jon has worked a number of years as Editor of the BUFFER, has served in conservation and on the BOD for as long as I can remember. Randy has organized trips for a number of years to North Carolina and served on and headed the Program Committee.

Thank all of you for the service you have given for BUFF.

The weather is finally starting to get better. I have managed to get out few times and fish in the Mad River and in Kentucky. The fishing had been a little slow until the other day. I went to a small lake, and managed to land seven rainbow stockers and about 18 blue gills. For me the first blue gill is the official start of spring. We have a strong slate of trips this year organized by Steve Bailey. I'm planning on Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Michigan for a start of nonresident licenses. I hope to add to the list. This is where BUFF is at its best. Join in with the activities, trips, and committees and get the most out of BUFF.

“HOW I GOT HOOKED ON FLY FISHING”

G. F. Welsh

I grew up half in Minnesota and half in North Dakota. While living in North Dakota, my father would take us to the lake in Minnesota twice each summer in the 1950's. We'd stay near my mother's relatives the first week, around the 4th of July, on Green Lake near Wilmer, Minnesota. The second week we'd spend in August at Ottetail Lake near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. It was at these lakes that my father would take me fishing. These were pan fish lakes with sunfish, bluegills, perch and an occasional walleye or a bass. The fishing was done by dangling a worm on a hook over the side of the boat and sitting and waiting and waiting. As I recall, he didn't move the boat very often and, for a time, in addition to rowing, he had a 1-1/2 horsepower outboard motor which never seemed to work very well. Although it was quality time with my father, as far as the fishing was concerned, it was booring. On the other hand, we were allowed to keep and eat the fish. There's nothing finer than a walleye pike filleted and sautéed (once you pick out the bones).

It wasn't until 30 years later that I found myself in Hampshire in the south of England for the first of two years in a row, 1985 and 1986, fishing first the river Test and the next year the river Itchen. For the first time, I was aware of what an action packed sport fly fishing was. Cast after cast after cast, some to the rising fish, some to the cover along the edge of the river in the beautiful chalk streams of southern England kept the action going. The gilley (guide) called the fish salmon trout, no doubt a direct translation of their Latin name salmo trutta. At that time, we could keep the fish caught. We'd take them to the hotel and ask the chef to prepare them for dinner. It was just the finest possible meal you could imagine. The flesh of these trout was the delicate pink suggestive of but paler than pink salmon. The pink color was attributed their being fed brine shrimp and taking up the color from the exoskeleton of the shrimp. The most memorable setting we fished was at Broadlands, the ancestral home of Lord Mountbatten, uncle of Prince Charles. Broadlands is a beautiful stately country home with a vast expanse of green lawn extending down to the river where we had a permit to fish. Fishing here was possible because Orvis had "let the beat" or leased a stretch of river. It was a lofty concession. When I went back the next year, I remember walking through a field of sheep down to the banks of the River Itchen. The sheep ambled off to the side of the road as we approached the waters for another fine fishing experience. And that year, there was a hot air balloon lift off from the front lawn of the hotel to add to the color and interest. Hunters had also been out that day. Evidently hunting season is more open in England than here. The hunting party brought back a small deer which they displayed on the back gate of their Volvo station wagon. The non-stop activity of casting, reeling, resetting the lures with flies and nymphs (or both) and moving from point to point down the river looking for fish make for an action packed day on the water. I've long remembered my introduction to fly fishing and ever thereafter sought to go fishing when traveling for business or leisure, much as a birder would go to see new species around the world.

A Minute for Conservation

Steve Lilly

A stream never rests, whether it is carving a Grand Canyon or leveling the Appalachians. Lately much of its activity is devoted to fixing what humans have done.

Those who have fished our streams in the spring are well acquainted with gobs of long stringy moss along the stream bottom that clings to every knot in our leader and completely covers our fly. The moss inhibits the use of any beaded fly such as our favorite Clouser, and with our prey down along the bottom, we can only try to coax them to come up and take our lure. Fortunately, as we go into Summer the moss is less of a problem and we can happily cast any kind of fly.

Just what is this stuff? The moss is long stringy, branched green algae called *Cladophora Glomerata*. It thrives on a large load of nutrients, particularly dissolved phosphorus that is found in our waters as a result of agricultural runoff. Early in the year the algal bloom begins and the *Cladophora* multiply and grow unmolested. Then the crayfish, especially our indigenous Rusty Crayfish (*Oronectes Rusticus*), and our local Gilled Snails (*Elimia Olivula*) come out of their winter quarters. They find the *Cladophora* to be quite tasty and before long they are devouring it faster than it can grow. By late Spring our streams are in good shape. It is fortunate that we don't live along the shores of the Great Lakes where the *Cladophora* can grow and multiply relatively unabated, and will often wash up on the shore in a huge smelly mess. Mosses need bright sunlight to grow, and in cloudy water they can only do well near the surface in shallow water. Part of the recent surge of the *Cladophora* in the Great Lakes has been attributed to the invasive zebra mussel that filters the water so that sunlight is able to penetrate much deeper, leaving the moss more space to propagate.

Meanwhile in our area the *Cladophora* becomes part of the food chain, and, as the crayfish get fat, so do the smallmouth.



BUFF Ultimate Fly Box

Steve Horgan

I think it would be enjoyable and useful for 2011 BUFF members to help create the BUFF Ultimate Fly Box. It will be a collection of BUFF members' favorite flies which work for different species and it will be viewable at the BUFF website. It's an opportunity to teach as well as learn from fellow club members. Current BUFF members can submit to me via email an unlimited number of descriptions of their favorite flies. Members who do not have email can send their descriptions to me on a DVD via the U.S. mail or give it to me at a BUFF meeting. The description must include a picture of the fly (jpeg file), tying directions - a simple listing of materials in the order used, species caught on the fly, and comments (if any) the submitter may want to add to the description. Please add your full name to the description in case it is not included with your email address. And please put the names of your flies in the title of your email to me. Ken Foltz has graciously consented to use the information provided to design the BUFF Ultimate Fly Box on the BUFF website. Thanks Ken! If two people send in the same fly description, the fly shown in the Ultimate Fly Box will be credited to the first submitter. Depending on the response we hope to continue to add to the BUFF Ultimate Fly Box in the future. You can send your fly descriptions to me at your convenience. Your participation in creating the BUFF Ultimate Fly Box is appreciated.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PADDLEFEST KID'S OUTDOOR EXPO

On Thursday, June 23 BUFF and NKFF are working together to teach kids basic fishing skills. The event will be from 9:30 to 4:30 at Old Coney Island and is part of the Paddlefest weekend.

Thursday's activities are called Paddlefest Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo. It's free and open to kids from 7-14 years old. Besides fishing, there are nearly 20 other outdoor events/skills that kids can participate in, but fishing is the most popular activity of the day. For many children, this may be the first time they have ever touched a fishing rod and we want to make sure it's not the last.

We'll be teaching kids how to cast a spinning rod by participating in casting games on shore before trying to catch a catfish in one of 3 holding tanks. Besides these activities we have several other educational events planed.

But we need your help. we'll need lots of volunteers to staff the event and help the kids. This will be a very rewarding day for anyone who volunteers.

If you'd like to help or if you have any questions please call Lou or Craig or visit www.ohioriverway.org for more information about Paddlefest weekend.

Further details to follow.

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BUFF 2011 Calendar

April 2011

- Apr 1-3 **Spring Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr
- Apr 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Apr 15 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Apr 15-17 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Apr 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Apr 22 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Apr 26 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Apr 27-May 1 **Carolina Trout Quest Trip**, Pete Moore, Gary Cummins
- Apr 29 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm

May 2011

- May 6 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- May 10 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- May 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- May 9-12 **State College, Pa., Trip**, Phil Pursley,
- May 13 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- May 16 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- May 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- May 18 **Little Miami River Day Float Trip**, Donn Rubingh
- May 20 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- May 19-21 **Elk River Trip**. Rodney Louke, Lee Chambers

June 2011

- June 4 **Ohio Council of FFF Warm Water Conclave**, Belleville, OH 9am – 4 pm Amer. Legion Pavilion at Clear Creek R.
- Jun 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Jun 9-12 **Elkhorn River Trip**, Marty Foltz, Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 14 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Jun 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jun 29-Jul 2 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey

July 2011

- Jul 12 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Jul 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
TBD
- Jul 13 **Little Miami River Day Float Trip**, TBD, Not Confirmed
- Jul 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 21 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

August 2011

- Aug 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
TBD
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 31 – Sep 3 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey, Dolph Greenberg

September 2011

- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 14 **Little Miami River Day Float Trip**, Steve Lilly
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 18-23 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip**, Joe Guenther
- Sep 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Sep 23 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 27 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Sep 30 – Oct 2 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm

October 2011

- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 5 – 9 **Smoky Mt. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 11 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Oct 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Nov 4 – 6 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
- Nov 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

December 2011

- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

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Please note that this calendar is only current as of the latest Buffer, and is accurate based on inputs from BUFF oprs. Efforts are made to ensure accuracy, but be sure to verify dates and times of those events that interest you. Ed.

Volunteers Needed at Parky's Farm

Please let me know if you would like to help with the Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program. I want to develop a list of volunteers who are willing to help and are available on Fridays during April, May, Sep, and Oct. Fishing hours are from 10 AM to 2 PM. Generally, 4 to 5 volunteers are needed each Friday except on Parky's Farm special events days when bus loads of kids come from schools, then we could use 8 to 10 helpers. Also, if you want a great place to fish before and after the activities, bring your rod and flies. Located in Winton Woods County Park, it is open from dawn until dusk.

If you have not participated before, this a great opportunity to support our club and see many smiling faces as kids catch a fish, many times their first fish ever; so come join us for a wonderful experience at Parky's Farm.

We will provide all the equipment and bait needed so all you have to do is show up and help bait some hooks and take off the fish. Our Spring season begins on April 15th, and runs for 6 straight Fridays. The fall program begins on September 9th, and runs for 6 straight Fridays. Mark your calendars and plan on being there.

Directions

Follow I-275 to Exit 39, the Winton Rd. exit. Take Winton Rd. south approximately 3.5 miles. After crossing the lake, take the next street light and turn right onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

OR

Traveling east on the Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway take the Winton Road exit (Traveling west, take the Galbraith Rd. exit and turn right onto Winton Rd.). Follow Winton Rd. north for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

Thanks for your help!

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April Menu

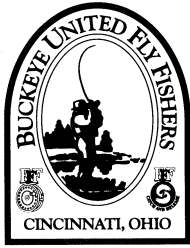
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Scheduled to be!

Build Your Own Pasta Bar
Penne and Fettuccini Pastas
Marinara, Alfredo and Pesto Sauces
Grilled Julienned Chicken, Italian
Sausage, Meatballs
Sautéed Seasonal Vegetables
Caesar Salad
Cheesy Italian Bread and Garlic
Bread
Chef's Choice of Dessert

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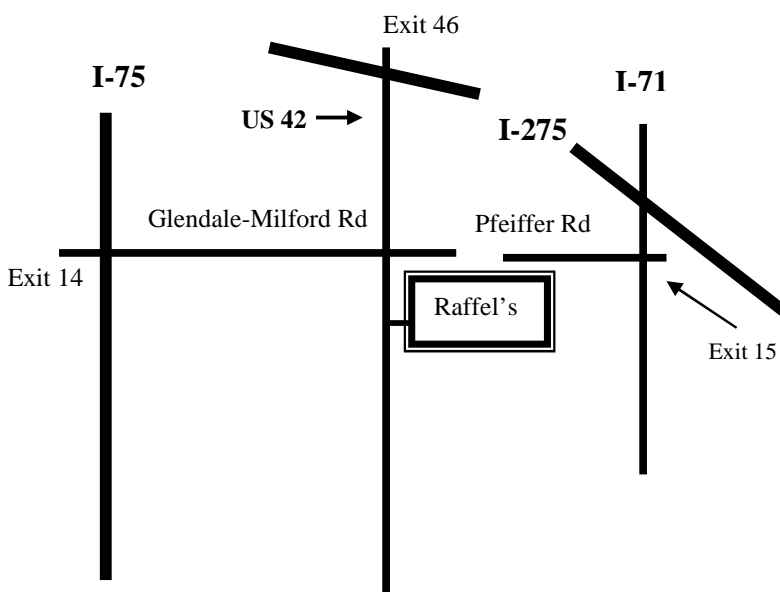
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday April 13

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Directions:

From I-275 – Take Exit 46, (US 42), south for three miles to Glendale-Milford Rd. -- Continue south and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-75 -- Take Exit 14, east, on Glendale-Milford Rd. until the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd). Turn right (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

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