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The Vice President's Notes

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Jeff McElravy (our President) is fishing in Montana, and has asked me to write this article for the BUFFER. Little did Jeff realize that I would be writing about him.

We have come a long way under Jeff's leadership – It seems we have moved to the next level. Although he has not done it alone, we must give him credit for his vision and ability to engage capable people.

Look at what has happened in just a short time. We have moved our meeting location to an absolutely incredible place with a new and wonderful caterer, while reducing our cost. Our membership has increased. At our last meeting (a typically low turn-out month) we had a record number of people and included two other local flyfishing clubs. The synergy and energy at that meeting was electric.

More quality trips than ever. More tying and casting classes. More involvement in outreach like our work with the VA, Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery. A greater emphasis on conservation. And certainly more programs for education and community involvement.

Our board positions are full. People are stepping forward. We are getting more new members to help in our efforts to fulfill our mission.

The future promises great things as well. Our Fly Fishing Show will be changed to a much bigger and better venue to accommodate a greater number of programs, activities, vendors, and people. The banquet will be revitalized as well. There will be many things to look forward to, so please get involved. It is when you are a part of our team that you will receive the most benefit of what the club has to offer.

I recently heard a long time member say that he “has never been so proud of our club”. I agree. Do you?

2012 Fall Smoky Mountain Trout Trip

When? October 11-14, 2012

Where? We're staying at "Smoky Mountain Retreat" log cabins. Checkout there website:
www.smokymtretreat.com

How much? A \$100.00 deposit will hold your spot on the trip. Meals, gasoline and travel arrangements are up to you. Lodging will cost \$40-\$50 a night. Send deposit checks payable to Jerry Schatzman, 7210 Welbeck Dr. Maineville, Ohio 45039.

The Plan: We'll be fishing on our own, self-guided, unless you prefer to hire a guide yourself. Come when you can and leave when you must. We will adjust the lodging cost per the number of nights you stay. Depending upon the number of guests per night, the cabin cost will vary. Individual cost per for lodging was under \$120 last year. We will arrive on Thursday 10/11 and head for home on Sunday 11/14. Friday evening we will have salmon dinner.

The accommodations are excellent, reasonably priced and well located, relative to the Tuckaseegee, Deep Creek, the Cherokee Reservation waters, and the Nantahala Rivers. We'll be within reach of several other streams as well. No shortage of trout fishing here. We have 4 people signed up and have room for 12 more people.

In the last few years several people had 30 plus fish per day. (Rainbows, browns and brook trout) Last few years the trees have been beautiful, and the weather has been great.

Look for a full description of the trip on the website!

Questions: For more information, contact Jerry Schatzman 513-900-9105, gsschatzman@roadrunner.com

BUFF August 2012 Program

Lou Eucker is the speaker from Mad River Outfitters in Columbus, Ohio. "Warm Water Teaser" is the title of his program. He will focus on warm water species in waters within a 60 to 90 minute drive from Cincinnati.

A fishing fanatic, Lou grew up around Cincinnati fishing streams and lakes throughout southern Ohio. By the time he was seven he was throwing flies at sunfish and bass in local streams and ponds, and he has not looked back since. Lou studied fisheries in college, and has been lucky enough to have some great jobs working both locally and out west with fish and conservation.

Though Lou can often be found throwing flies at trout in the Mad River, he is always looking for the next species to add onto the list. In the Spring and Summer he can be found stalking carp one day and striper fishing on the Ohio river the next. After working on the west coast he has developed a true addiction to swinging flies with two handed rods for steelhead. Having honed his skills on such fabled western waters as the Rogue, Trinity, and North Umpqua Rivers, he hopes to spread the relaxed style of the swing to our waters here in Ohio.

Crayfish are found throughout the world. There are about 500 species; 350 are found in North America
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Crayfish seem to be the food of choice for about anything that swims, walks, crawls, or flies. It is no wonder that in the far distant past some of them got tired of running and hiding and decided to try their luck out of the water. Crayfish are proficient at digging and will burrow into a hole in times of low water, or to survive a harsh winter, or to go far away from water and never have to worry about getting eaten by a fish. Like all aquatic creatures they have gills for absorbing oxygen, but crayfish can keep their gills moist and functional with rain, dew, or even high humidity. As they dig, they bring to the surface a ball of dirt, and using their pinchers they place it along the edge of the hole while the rest of their body remains safely below the surface. This creates the distinctive chimney type structures that are found in places like Mason's Cottell Park. The burrow may contain more than one crayfish, and will have up to four entrance tunnels connecting with a vertical shaft that ends in a flooded chamber below the water table where they spend much of the day. They are never completely safe. Occasionally a small snake may slither down the tunnel, and after dining on the inhabitants, take over the burrow as their own. In addition to snakes, owls apparently feast on them as bits of crayfish have been noted in owl scat. Maybe crayfish are unaware of owls, and at night they feel safe enough to leave the burrow to get something to eat, or find a mate.



If anyone has an idea for a future article, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at sjlilly@fuse.net or Jon Kennard at jonkennard@fuse.net

Steelhead School

Phil Pursley

Our alarms went off at 6:15 on March 16th. We loaded our gear and winter clothes into our vehicles and headed north to the Pere Marquette River in Baldwin Michigan and Steelhead School. The lodge had already sold out two sessions, but Frank opened up another for the five BUFF members who signed up plus seven other fishermen from around the Midwest.

Once we drove the seven and a half hour trip to “the state up north” as the famed Woody Hayes referred to Michigan, we all went to dinner. Promptly at 7:00 p.m. a young man who looked to be all of fourteen years of age came into the lodge’s great room and introduced himself as Casey. After Casey had us introduce ourselves and talk about our steelhead experience, he started the class. We soon found out that Casey actually is nineteen years old, and that he has the knowledge and experience of a forty year old angler.

The first thing Casey taught us was to make our own leaders. This is an area that I have been making a big mistake by trying to use tapered leaders. He taught us the correct formula of 20 pound, 10 pound, and 8 pound leaders with the proper tag for our weight to be added to our lines.

The next morning we awoke to a cozy fire in the fireplace and our breakfast of cereal, bagels, juice, coffee and the like. Casey talked to us about reading the waters, and then gave us a break. Next, he taught us a lesson on knots. Some are better knot tiers than others, but it was interesting to hear what knots the professional guide use and which knots the guides like best.

After the knot session we headed to the river to put our knowledge to work. The class of twelve was divided up into groups of four, and guides watched as we cast our lines into the water. The guides gave advice as we fished and continually reminded us that this session is designed for practicing and not catching. The catching should come on Sunday when we were to be paired up with guides and float the Pere Marquette for a half day.

The river practice ended sooner than we liked. However, lunch was waiting for us back at the lodge. Next, Casey showed us the bugs he had collected from the river and then chose a couple of these bugs to imitate with a little dubbing and some feathers. This session was followed with free time that some used to fish, others to tie flies, and others to take a nice nap.

When Sunday morning breakfast was over a fleet of drift boats was waiting for the freshly schooled anglers. Devon walked up to Steve Walker and me and said, “Do you want to join me on the river.” We soon had our rods stored in Devon’s truck and headed to the river. We put in at “Green Cottage” and floated a mile or so down the river. We both had some success hooking up with some fish at our first stop but didn’t net one. I was surprised to see how brilliant the chrome shine is on a first year fish. We floated to other spots and had no success. Devon soon spotted fish and had to row a little ways up stream to find a place to anchor the boat. Steve soon hooked a fish and netted it. With appropriate pictures taken, Steve said, “Phil, would you like to try this spot”. Of course I jumped at the chance. and soon had several hook ups which resulted in me catching my first ever steelhead. I was so excited. I soon had another fish on, and Devon assisted with the net. As soon as my fish was ready to go into the net, Steve yelled, “We have a double”. Devon netted Steve’s fish - we were to happy fishermen! The fishing portion of our trip was over, and we both enjoyed our lunch, and discussed who had the larger fish, as Devon rowed us down stream for an hour to Gleason’s landing.

With Sunday being such a productive day all five BUFF members decided to stay an extra day. On Monday we must have learned from Casey and our other teachers. We had numerous hook ups and netting of fish. All of us felt that our steel head school was a valuable experience.

BUFF 2012 Calendar

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.

August 2012

Aug 2 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Aug 4 **BUFF River Clean Up** Donn Rubingh
Aug 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Aug 14 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Aug 17 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Aug 25-Sep 1 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey
Aug 27 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

September 2012

Sep 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Sep 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 8 **Project Healing Waters**, Trip to Castalia Hatchery, Tom Scheer
Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Sep 12 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 16-20 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** Joe Guenther
Sep 17 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Sep 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Sep 21-23 **Castling For Recovery Retreat**, Indian Bear Lodge, Debbie Hampton
Sep 23-29 **Catskills Trip, 5 Rivers in 5 Days, Claryville, NY** Steve Bailey
Sep 25 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Sep 28 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 28-30 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon



October 2012

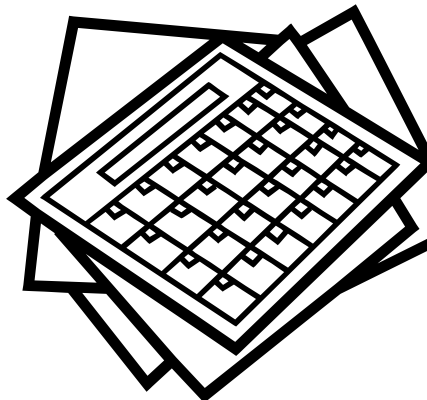
Oct 4 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Oct 5 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Oct 11-14 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC** Jerry Schatzman
Oct 12 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 16 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Oct 18-21 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
Oct 19 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Oct 29 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

November 2012

Nov 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Nov 2-4 **Fall Steelhead Trip** Tom Herr
Nov 6 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Nov 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Nov 19 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Nov 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Nov 26 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2012

- Dec 3 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Dec 6 **Lie & Tie** Bass Pro 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 21 **Lie & Tie** Bass Pro 7-9 pm Gary Begley



August Menu

*Hand Carved Marinated Flank Steak
With Mushrooms and Demi Glace*

*Tequila Lime Chicken Breast
With mango salsa*

Confetti Rice

Marinated Roasted Vegetable Medley

Desserts

*Glazed Strawberries on Angel Food Cake
Topped with Whip Cream*

2012 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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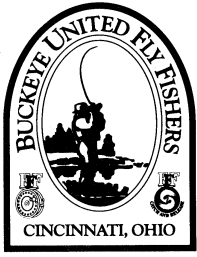
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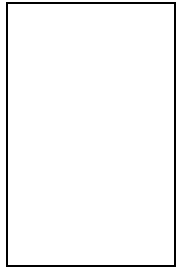


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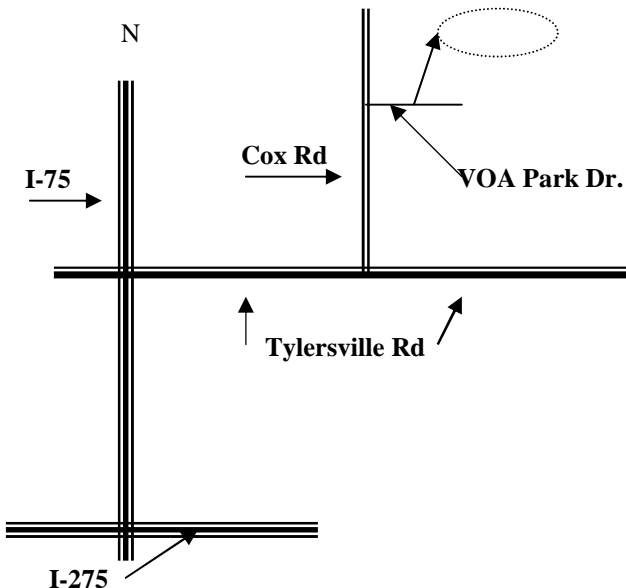
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – August 8

CALL 513 683 0286 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$15/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!



Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

From the Warren County area...

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.