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## The President's Notes

Jeff McElravy ([jmcelravysr@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jmcelravysr@cinci.rr.com))

The Metro Parks of Butler Co had their Cardboard Regatta July 20<sup>th</sup>. I wasn't able to make last year's event, but signed on for these years. I didn't realize how Big the event was. There were cars parked on the grass all the way out to the front gate. We had a full complement of members signed up and others came along to help out. We sure needed them. We did some casting instruction and fly tying too. I worked with the casting group and I don't think I permanently scarred anyone. We were able to work with both kids and adults. A number of people took with them our new membership pamphlets. Tony Kalbli worked with some of us on long cast and double hauls. I think this may be a precursor to his "salt water" class that will be held in October. Thanks for the tips. The fly tyers were inside in the conference center. The station was located on the way to the inside bathrooms, so they had a lot of traffic. I saw some great demonstrations, and a number of kids and parents tying their first flies. Some of them were quite good! They fed us well and the races were fun to watch. I am looking forward to next year. Thanks to everyone that helped and a special thanks to Ed Jones for putting this together for us.

The weather continues to be unusual. Heavy rains, then rain, then extended hot temperatures. The streamers are getting a good work out this year. As the summer progresses, I am going to start using my water thermometer more frequently. Trout are very sensitive to the water's temperature. In the spring they will start to feed at around 40 degrees and actively feed at 55 degrees. The best fishing is when the water is between 60 and 65 degrees. The ideal is around 61. When the temps get above 65, the effort to get food starts to be more than the benefit of taking it. The trout will slow down and become very picky and maybe go into lockjaw. If a trout is hooked the fight will put the fish in danger. Reviving them will take a long time and may not be possible. Most DNRs will not stock trout in fisheries very often when water temperature gets over 70 degrees. The best thing to do is check the water temperature. If the temperature is above 65, look for another place to fish where it may not be so warm. Try closer to the spillway; look for a spring feeding the river or creek. The bushes and trees along the streams may be a bane to our casting but they are critical to helping keep the sun off the waters. The water is more oxygenated by waterfalls and in riffles. The fish will gather there. If all else fails, don't fish for trout and fish for our warm water fish. The black bass and sunfish are a lot more temperature tolerant. A Smallie will fight every bit as well as any trout pound for pound.

At our next meeting, Jim Stone, the President of the Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers will be our speaker. Steve Rose, the Treasurer of OHC, should be riding down with him. They are both members of the Mohican Fly Fishers and the Clear Fork is their home trout water. They will be speaking about the Ohio Council and the IFFF. We are an affiliate IFFF club, which means some of us are members but not all are required to be. We pay a per

capita for our affiliation to IFFF. Part of what Jim and Steve would like to do is answer any questions you might have. It would be helpful if you would send these questions to me and I will send them on.

Jeff

## Up a Creek

Steve Walker (swalker@roadrunner.com)

I don't know why it always happens when I'm up the creek quite a distance. I was fishing in a small creek that I had never been in before so I was exploring as much as fishing. As it's the middle of the summer and muggy, I decided to use some hip waders rather than full length waders. I had never used these hip waders before even though I had kind of made them.

Actually, about two years ago my wife had come home from some garage sales and announced that she had bought me some waders. Based on my years of marital training, my usual response to someone, usually my wife, buying me something like fishing equipment is to say thank you and put it on the shelf somewhere hoping its existence will be forgotten and they can eventually be disposed of properly. This usually works, however, there is that question that sometimes comes up from the giver some time later and it goes "whatever happened to \_\_\_\_ (?) \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). I hate hearing that question especially when I know from the beginning that I would never use whatever it was.

These waders are a full length boot foot waders with felt soles from Cabela's. They are a heavy canvas, by today's standards, probably fifteen years old. They went to the basement where they stayed for a year. Last year I decided that what I would do is to cut the legs off from the top. After I cut them off, I rolled the top of the legs down an inch and sewed it all around. Then I sewed on a vertical strap on the outside so that I could fasten the strap to my belt to hold the legs up.

So I'm out here on the maiden voyage of my hip waders, exploring this creek and fishing some. The bottom was a mixture of small pea gravel that you would sink in about two to three inches as you wade, sand, and pointy rocks of various sizes. Everything is going along fine. When I got to about a hundred yards from where I eventually turned around to go back, I noticed that the rocks were really pointy here and not too fun to walk on. They didn't look that bad and really didn't look much worse than what I had already walked on, so I kept on going being a little more careful where I stepped. I finally decided to turn around and go back. I started thinking that these waders were so uncomfortable on the bottom of my feet that I would have to put something in the inside of the boot to cushion my feet. I decided that when I got home I would find a thick piece of cardboard for the job. About that time for some reason I decided to check the felt soles on the boots with my hand. To my surprise I found out that I didn't have felt soles anymore, just the rubber bottom of the boot. Somewhere along the line the glue that held the felt soles on had come unglued and I was basically wading with moccasins. It was going to be a long walk back.

Now that I know I have this problem my feet seemed to hurt more. After I had gone a ways back, in some pain I might add, I noticed a tractor path off to the right that went up to a corn field. I had not seen it before on the way up the creek. The tractor path looked like mud, not pointy rocks, so I decided to give it a shot.

It was much easier walking. I got all the way back to where I had initially come across the creek without stepping on any more rocks. All I had to do was go through some woods and wade back across the creek, read pointy rocks. When I got home I had two jobs to take care of. First, I made sure that my wife knew what terrible and traumatic difficulties I had just been through. Second, I cut the straps off of the top of the waders and then made sure that the waders were disposed of properly.

## Speaker for the August 14, 2013 BUFF meeting, Jim Stone

Pete Moore ([sharonandpetem@gmail.com](mailto:sharonandpetem@gmail.com))

Jim is a long time fly fisherman. He is president of the Ohio Council of FFF and a member of the Mohican Fly Fishers of Ohio

### Program

Jim will talk about the goals and objectives of the Ohio Council of FFF along with their programs planned for 2013. He will discuss how they are organized and how they interact with the national FFF organization. He will share details about their outreach programs and how they plan to grow and develop the effectiveness of Ohio Council of FFF.

### Editor's Note:

The following articles recognize the effort and personal time that goes into the public relations work in which so many of the Buff members participate. The photos display the enjoyment that is given to those who participate in the activities. The display of photos is a bit unusual for the Buffer. I was trying to have the "Buffer" recognize the efforts of those who volunteer. If this appeals to you, I'd like to plan on recognizing other volunteers and their projects, but I need articles. I don't mind attending events to help and take photos. I don't mind writing copy, but probably would need some input from the more knowledgeable volunteers. Please let me know your reaction by taking the time to submit an article. **Tom Smith** ([sunpls@cinci.rr.com](mailto:sunpls@cinci.rr.com))

## VOA Regatta – 7/20/2013

Tom Smith ([sunpls@cinci.rr.com](mailto:sunpls@cinci.rr.com))

Buff members supported the VOA Park Regatta held on 7/20 with Fly casting instruction and coaching as well as Fly Tying. Attendance was a bit light but several Buff Members were present to support the effort. Youngsters participated enthusiastically particularly in the fly tying.



Buffers present for the Fly Casting Instruction / coaching are (left to right), Jeff McElravy, Phil Pursley, Steve Wallace, Sue Jones, Ed Jones, Tony Kalbli

### Fly Tying



## Parky's Farm – Fishing Fever (7/19/2013)

Ed Jones ([jonesee@miamiOH.edu](mailto:jonesee@miamiOH.edu)) / Tom Smith

Friday, 7/19 was a very warm day with temperatures in the high 80's and low 90's. There was not a lot of fish action, but these young anglers did have some success. The big catch of the morning was a good sized catfish caught by the boy in the red T shirt (in the lower center photo). He lost interest in his catch once it was landed. He went back to fishing. Several turtles were caught as well. The bait used was sliced hotdogs and bacon, but some of the youngsters liked to have their hooks baited for them. The youngsters seemed to enjoy the experience quite a bit. Ed and the Buff members who support him do an outstanding job of keeping the youngsters interest.



Here's the nice catfish. And here's the boy who caught it.



## July Joint Meeting – Ladies Casting Clinic

Tom Smith ([sunpls@cinci.rr.com](mailto:sunpls@cinci.rr.com))

Ann Miller provided a casting clinic for the ladies attending the joint meeting. Below are some photos of the event.

Ed Note: I don't have names with which to tag these photos, but I wanted them in the Buffer. In the future I'll get the copy generated in sufficient time to make sure I have names to go with the photos





August 2013

- Aug 1 **Tie & lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Aug 2 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 10 am - 3 pm CRC demonstration Tom Scheer
- Aug 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 - 9 pm Voice of America park
- Aug 16 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 - 9 pm Gary Begley
- Aug 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center

September 2013

- Sep 5 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Sep 7 **Project Healing Waters** ODNr Fish Hatchery, Castalia, OH 9 am – 3 pm
- Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Sep 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Sep 11 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh (**NOT Confirmed**)
- Sep 16 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr. 7pm D. Jones
- Sep 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Sep 20 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pm Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 6 – 9 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Sep 23 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- Sep 27-29 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon)
- Sep 28 **Great Outdoor Weekend**, IWLA Lodge, Loveland, time tbd

## August Menu

### Dinner Buffet

Grilled Bone-In Pork Chops

Roasted Chicken - Legs  
and Thighs

Baked Potatoes  
With butter and sour cream

Buttery Corn on the Cob

Seasoned Whole Green  
Beans

### Dessert

Chocolate Éclair Cake

## 2013 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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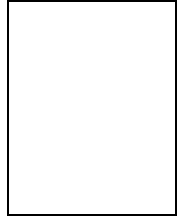
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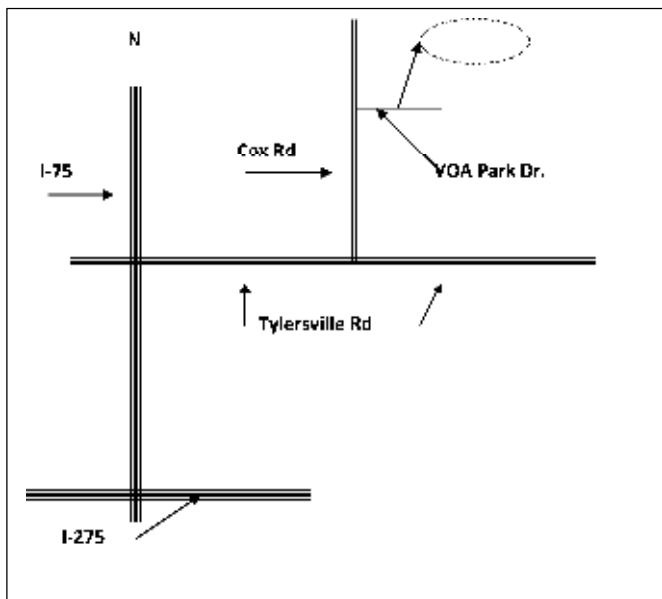
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

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## Next Monthly Meeting – August 14

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month through the Sunday evening before the monthly meeting!



### 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...

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