

The BUFFER

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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

The holiday season is upon us once again. Holiday blessings to all! I hope all of you had a great year and caught at least one bragging-size fish this year. I think my biggest fish so far has been a 10 pound carp caught at Brookville Lake this fall. What a wonderful fish to brag about (ha!).

Remember to send in your nominations for the 2008 club officers and board members by December 31st. Nomination forms will be available at the December general meeting. If you would like one sent to you electronically please contact me or any of the current board members. Voting for the 2008 Board of Directors will occur at the January general meeting.

If you are not interested in becoming a board member but would like to get involved in club activities at a lesser level, please let me know and I'll put you in contact with someone in your area of interested. Suggestions: How about organizing or helping with one of our club trips next year, either a local day trip or one of our out-of-town trips. If you like to write, consider writing about your fly fishing experiences for the BUFFER. Articles don't need to be long or complex. Short anecdotal ones are welcome. Our education directors can always use volunteer help at some of our education events during the year. Just sign-up when help is requested.

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December Meeting Program

David Barron will be the December 12th BUFF speaker. Dave spoke at our December meeting two years ago on Wisconsin spring creek trout fishing. He is back with us again but this time his talk is titled "Smallmouth on the Fly". The program will include an over view of fishing for smallmouth with a fly rod. He will cover water types where these fish live and feed (and the food they eat) along with equipment and flies that have been most successful for him.

Prior to the meeting on the 12th, David will be tying 2 or 3 of his favorite smallmouth flies as a demonstration (at Raffel's) beginning about 5:30 pm. Feel free to attend and observe if you like.

In the way of background: Dave and his wife Nancy have a B&B and fly fishing guide service in Wisconsin (jacquishollowangler.com). Dave is a FFF Certified Master Casting Instructor and has been a guide in Alaska for several years.

Fly Fisher of the Year nominations are now open until December 31st. This award is the highest honor bestowed to one of our members each year in recognition of his/her extraordinary effort in giving time and talent in support of our club. Nomination forms will be available at the December general meeting. If you would like one sent to you electronically, please let me know. The nominee list will be presented to the membership for voting at the January general meeting and the award will be presented to the recipient at the Cabin Relief Banquet on March 8th.

Orders for the BUFF logo sweaters and coats have exceeded the minimum needed so Carol Barton and Lane Stocker have sent in our order with expectations that the merchandise will be available at the December meeting.

The Banquet Committee is offering some additional guided trips this month as well as a 3-night stay in a cabin at Deep Creek Campground near Bryson City, NC. (Great trout country!) Check out Jim Boude's BUFFER article for a description of each. Purchasing one of these donated trips helps the club as all the money goes into our general fund for use to support club activities.

If you haven't paid your 2007 dues this year please help out our membership chairman by doing so this month. Also, starting as of January 2008 all membership dues will be converted to a January 1st to December 31st payment schedule. This means "all" of us need to pay our 2008 dues in January. There is no change in the amount (\$25/single and \$30/family). You may pay your 2008 dues at the December or January meeting or you may send a check to our club mail box: Buckeye United Fly Fishers, P. O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242. Those of you who have already paid part of your 2008 dues will pay a lesser pro-rated amount to put you on the new schedule. If you have any questions regarding your dues please contact Tim Findley, fin9695A@yahoo.com; 513-258-9293).

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2008 BUFF Banquet Blind Auctions (Banquet Saturday March 8, 2008)

2008 BUFF Banquet Blind Auctions Rules

The Blind auctions work like this. Write your name and bid on bid slip; then place it in the container provided at the meeting. The highest bid received will be announced and at the next meeting you will have the opportunity to bid a higher amount. The highest bid received will win as indicated below.

1st General Meeting Blind Auction Starts at Nov. 2007 and ends Jan. 2008

For the following items the Blind Auction starts at November, 2007 General Meeting and leading bids will be reported in December, 2007 with final winners determined at January, 2008 General Meeting.

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #1 R & R Fly Fishing (Ian & Charity Rutter) Smokey Mountains Guide Service
Highest Bid to Date \$350.00

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #2 On The Fly Guide Service (Scott Cunningham)
Minimum Bid \$150.00

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #3 CCS Fly-Fishing Outfitters (Tim MacCourtney)
Highest Bid to Date \$350.00

Tickets to the musical "Wicked" Two tickets & Parking Pass to Musical "Wicked"
Highest Bid to Date \$263.00

2nd General Meeting Blind Auction Starts at Dec. 2007 and ends Feb. 2008

For the following items the Blind Auction starts at December, 2007 General Meeting and leading bids will be reported in January, 2008 with final winners determined at February, 2008 General Meeting.

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #4
Smoky Mountain Angler Highway 321 North 466 Brookside Village Way Suite 8
Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (865) 436-8746
smokymtnangler@aol.com www.smokymountainangler.com
This is a full day wading trip for two people. Everything is supplied except lunch and license. This trip has a value of \$240.00.

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #5
Indigo Guide Service (Kevin & Joan Morlock) 6655 E. Barothy Road PO Box 93
Walhalla, MI 49458
This is a full day guided/instructional fly fishing trip for two people on the Pere Marquette River. All fishing gear and a full grilled shore lunch are provided. A \$380.00 value. Expires one year from purchase.

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #6
Troutfishers Guide Service (Randy Ratliff) 301 Royal Dr.
Kingsport, TN 37663 (423) 360-1468
fishwithrandy@embarqmail.com www.trout-fishers.net
This is a half-day guided float trip for one or two people. Waders, boots, and fly rod will be available for use, if needed. A Tennessee fishing license with trout stamp and lodging are not included. This trip is valid through November 30, 2008 and is valued at \$300.00.

3 Nights in Campground Cabin Deep Creek Campground (Terry & Lila Floyd)
P.O. Box 105 1090 W. Deep Creek Road Bryson City, NC 28713 (828) 488-6055
dctc@dnet.net www.deepcreekcamping.com
This is a three night stay in a cabin at the campground. You would stay in the Tuckasegee (Tuck-a-see-gee) Cabin or an equivalently priced cabin that includes linens. With tax, this is a \$240.00 value. It can be used in September 2008 excluding Labor Day Weekend.

\$150 Minimum Bid for Trips & Campground Cabin

Little Red Ramblings

Gary Cummins

Growing up in Southern Ohio I recall hearing people describing objects of diminutive dimensions as being “smaller than a gnat’s butt”. This simile encapsulated the Little Red trip for me this year. A fly with which all of us who were on the trip had success is called the Red Ass. It’s a simple, soft hackle fly consisting of a simple recipe of wet hackle, peacock herl, and red thread forming a tag end at the bend of a hook. The most successful sizes were 14 and 16. When asked: “what are you catching them on?”, yelling back “I got a Red Ass” was a totally clear and benign response in those circumstances. New member, Andy Statt, lost count after 40 fish and his fly was reduced to a piece of red thread on Thursday. As he and his wife, Beth, are members of the American Casting Association he was able to cast to feeding fish at distances the rest of us envied. His personal best distance was 163’. Both had pretty, pretty casts... not that I noticed.

Ted Grossman is a recycled new member who came back to BUFF after living in Texas for 15 years, also happily lost count of the number of fish that he caught one day. Many fish were caught. Big fish were caught. Bob Mackey felt compensated after having lost a couple of browns that were over 21” by landing at least two others of that size or larger.

For the most part the weather was outstanding. Bright sunny days for the most part. The air temperatures were highs in the low 70s, dropping into the 30s at night and a water temperature of 46 which proved challenging on a couple of overcast days.

On Wednesday nine of us rented three boats and migrated to Mossy Shoals which was void of the combat fishing we had had in the redds of Cow Shoals. Initially alone, we had tremendous fishing, reportedly the best place to fish on the entire river. A guide and his two clients did show up and after they caught fish and the river started falling, they had to leave in their larger boat, but not before the guide, a complete stranger, told us exactly how to set up our rigs and what flies to use. Dave Jones, (the younger) told me that he has only been trout fishing for a few years, but based on the number of strikes and landings he made which I witnessed, he’s a fast learner. And finally, Bruce James had his cache of “56er’s” pay off. He spent the last year tying a number of this hot fly of last year and for the first part of the week, it was pretty much ignored. But on Thursday, there was a school of fish which thought he had produced masterpieces.

Evening comes early in November and after a tough day of wading and catching fish, a conclave would gather outside one of the motel rooms, with our favorite beverages in hand and as Tom Scheer called it there would be a “suspension of reality”. Discussions centered on effective flies, knot efficiencies, rig set-up, hook and tippet sizes ... topics absolutely essential for the survival of the free world. The next pertinent question would be where do we eat which would then necessitate further discussions and another mass migration.

One of the more enjoyable aspects of the BUFF trips, which I advocate for all members, is the camaraderie. Sharing lives and experiences while fishing or rooming together are commonplace. Also at night some people would tie flies. Thursday night, Don Prince cranked out enough size 16 nuclear eggs to accommodate the entire group. I assume everything he ties could be called a Prince Nymph of some sort. Tom Scheer concentrated on tying 20 and 22 midge patterns that he and Fritz Backscheider had successfully used with their guide, Greg Seaton. These size flies were used for the conquest of another dimension of fly fishing mania by Tom. He will proudly show you his hat indicating he is a member of

the Little Red Fly Shop's 12-12 Club. Members of this club have landed a 12" fish on a 12x (1#) tippet. This requires incredible finesse as you can imagine. Being an old bass fisherman for decades it's very difficult for me, upon sensing a strike, not to take two steps back and rip their lips; jerking the rod abruptly to set the hook. Fortunately during one of our afternoon aperitifs after fishing, Greg told us to remember the buzz word "cast" when using light tippets and small hooks. We were told to simply gently lift the rod as if we were beginning our pick-up and back cast. This easy controlled movement is more than enough to sufficiently set a very small hook. Also from being an old bass fisherman, I am overwhelmed that the idea of big bait, big fish is not always applicable to trout fishing. As a matter of fact, fish in excess of 20" would often more readily take the size 20 or 22 fly than one which is a 16 or larger. It's gratifying that in the five years I have been in BUFF I finally feel that my casting lessons, instruction in fly tying, information from presentations and on the water experiences from trips are finally coming together to open a new satisfying area of fishing to me. It is also equally gratifying that in fishing with friends whom I have met, there's no hint of competition. It has always been an atmosphere of someone sharing what they know to make your experiences more enjoyable. I entreat everyone in the club to seriously consider going on any trip they can because it involves something much more than catching fish, which is, of course, the purpose of all of the trips. Friday morning was spent sitting and standing around in the Red River Fly shop beside the river. Power generation during the morning had blown out the river preventing fishing in that area. Most of us enjoyed spending the time talking with the locals who would gather there and looking for good goodies to buy and stuff in our fly vests. I was given a tape measure by Jed, the manager, to get the dimensions of a wooden line winder which they had, that I might make in my wood shop. Everyone we met at restaurants, motel, shops, guides were very gracious.

There was one startling occurrence. In rooming with Sam West for six days, he finally gave me a serious answer to a question ... once. Seriously, Bob Mackey and Sam West are to be thanked for all the efforts they gave in arranging the trip, housing and providing information to us for a great trip. The weather, fishing, and fellowship made memories of a lifetime.



2007 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

<u>OFFICERS:</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
President	Lou Haynes	513-777-4854	bdhaynes@one.net
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Club Asset Owner	Lou Haynes	513-777-4854	behaynes@one.net
Membership Health Owner	Katie Huber	513-891-5694	bkhuber25@aol.com
Fly of the Month	Joe Cornwall	513-891-0782	commuse@fuse.net

December Menu

NEW PRICE THIS MONTH \$12.00

**Roast Turkey & Dressing
Baked Glazed Ham with Pineapples
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Succotash
Cranberry Relish
Rolls and Butter
Pumpkin & Mince Meat Pies**

DECEMBER

Dec 6	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Dec 12	BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd
Dec 19	Social Hour 6 pm Dinner at 6:45 pm BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd., Springdale, OH



Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Raffles and Auction! Saturday, March 8, 2008



Receptions Conference Center

5975 Boymel Drive, Fairfield OH (Off of Route 4 in Fairfield, North of I-275)

- 6:00** Social Gathering, Silent Auction, Cocktails and Dinner Music
- 7:00** Dinner Buffet with Slide Show and Dinner Music
- 8:00** BUFF Awards, Recognition Ceremonies and Board/Officer Installations
- 8:30** Speaker: Thane Maynard, Executive Director of Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- 9:30** Blind & Silent Auction winners announced
- 9:45** General and Grand Raffles

Banquet Reservations:

Early Bird Reservation	by Jan. 9, 2008	\$35 ea.	x _____	= _____
Regular Reservation	(after Jan. 9, 2008)	\$40 ea.	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(1 for \$10)	\$10 ea.	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(3 for \$25)	\$25 ea.	x _____	= _____
Banquet Donation (Banquet attendance not required for donation)				= _____
Total Enclosed:				_____

All Attendee's Name(s): _____
(Name required for each reservation)

Address: _____ Phone # _____
 _____ Email _____

How Paid (Circle One): Check Credit Card CC #: _____
 CC Exp. Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Please make checks payable to "Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc." and mail to:
 c/o Jim Boude, Banquet Chairman, 11980 Weeping Willow Ct., Loveland, OH 45140

This form must accompany the reservation!!

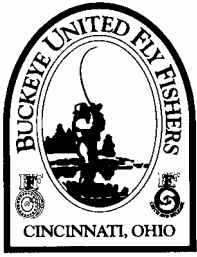
Thank you!

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Receipt: Name: _____

Banquet Reservations:

Early Bird Reservation (through Jan. 9, 2008)		\$35 ea.	x _____	= _____
Regular Reservation	(after Jan. 9, 2008)	\$40 ea.	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(1 for \$10)	\$10 ea.	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(3 for \$25)	\$25 ea.	x _____	= _____
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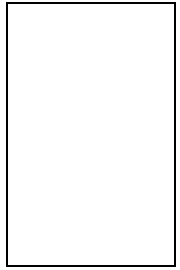


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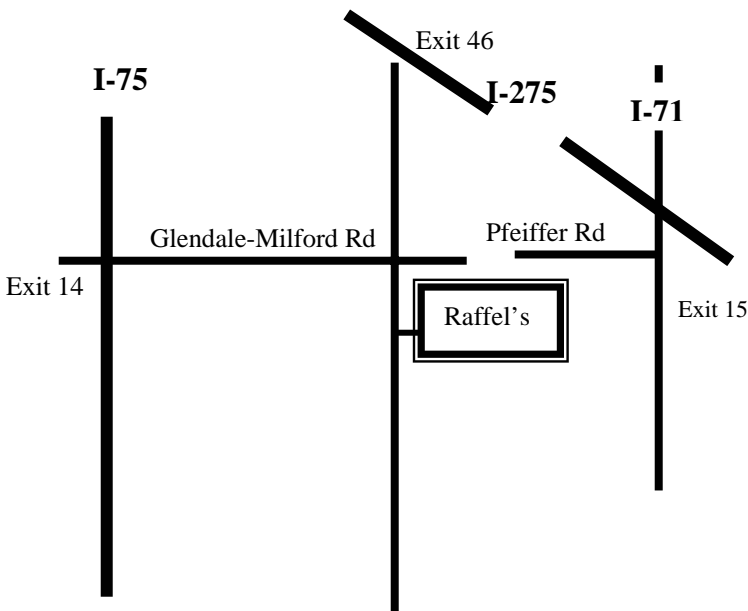
FIRST CLASS MAIL

NOTICE: Please check dues expiration date on lower right corner of mailing label. If dues have expired, contact the BUFF treasurer at the next meeting to determine prorated membership amount for 2007 or refer to BUFF website for further information. B. U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday –December 12

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 6:45 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 6)



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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