

The BUFFER

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The President's Notes

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First of all, I want to wish everyone a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year." Hope this has been a good year for you, both fishing and in general. I believe next year will be even better – As I keep telling myself, "I am as young as I am ever going to be for the rest of my life – enjoy it!!!"

The Club has had a good year; we scheduled more trips this past year than any so far. Most resulted in very good fishing but of course a few were canceled because of high (or low) water. Some of my goals for next year are to go on more Club trips, to volunteer more to help more people learn to fly fish or improve our waters, and to just appreciate the blessings we all have.

I just met with some of the Board members to set the calendar for next year and am excited about all the trips that are tentatively planned. Speaking of that, two of trips that I have always enjoyed are the Spring North Carolina trip where we fish the Tuckasegee and Nantahala rivers (sometimes a couple of other rivers also) for trout, and the Elkhorn river in Kentucky where we fish for small mouth bass. These are long standing trips that are always successful. We have had some great leaders for these trips but they are ready to pass the traditions on – so we are looking for new leaders for these trips. Most of the work has already been done and the past leaders will help you get organized. Let me or Steve Bailey know if you are interested in leading a trip – it is not hard and you will make a lot of new friends!!! Oh, by the way, there are four trips currently planned in May – so keep your schedules open!

BUFF December 2009 Program

What did you do last summer? This meeting will be devoted to talks and incredible pictures from some of our members who made the fly fishing trip of a lifetime.

- 1. Dave Traut Fly Fish for the VERY BIG ones in Kodiak, Alaska
- 2. George Fraley, Jeff McElravy and Lane Stocker Fly Fish the Spring Creeks and Free Stone Rivers of Montana.

Please remember to make your nominations for the 2009 Board of Directors. These need to be turned in by December 31st. You may e-mail your nominations to me or bring them to the December meeting. (Nomination forms will be available at the December meeting, or contact me for one if you can't make that meeting.) Remember to get the nominee's permission prior to nominating someone! Actual voting for the 2010 BOD slate will occur at the January 2010 general meeting. The new Board will be sworn in at the March BUFF meeting on March 10th.

Fly Fisher of the Year nominations are also open now. This award is the highest honor bestowed to one of our members each year in recognition of her/his extraordinary efforts in giving their time and talents to the club. Nomination forms will be available at the December meeting, and have already been emailed to the membership. I will also post a list of the past winners at the December meeting. 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 6.

If you are not interested in becoming a BOD member but would like to get involved with club activities, please let me know and I'll put you in contact with someone in the your area of interest. Suggestion: 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 fly fishing articles for the BUFFER. Of course, our education directors will need volunteer help with a variety of education events during the upcoming year.

Lane Stocker and Bob Miller (and team) are working hard to make this year's Cabin Relief Banquet even better. They will be telling you more about it as we get closer to the date, March 6th. Be smart and sign up early to save on your tickets (form on page 2) and be eligible for the Early Bird present. Bring your donations to the Dec meeting.

Make 2010 be a year where you strive to make our Club even better!

Roger

BUFF MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2010

It is time to start thinking about "renewing" your BUFF Membership for 2010.

Membership dues run from January 1st of each year to December 31st and need to be paid by January 1st.

Single memberships are still \$25.00/year. Family memberships are still \$30.00/year.

Make your checks payable to BUFF and mail them to:
P.O. Box 42242, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
Or pay at the monthly dinner meeting.
Checks or cash will be accepted at the dinner meetings.



Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet, Raffles, and Auction!

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Receptions Conference Center, 5975 Boymel Drive, Fairfield OH 45014 (Off of Route 4 in Fairfield, North of I-275)															
6:00	O Social Hour with Cocktails and Music, Silent Auction Begins														
7:00	Dinner Buffet with Slide Show and Music														
8:00		BUFF Awards and Recognition Ceremonies													
8:30		Guest Speaker – Jim Teeny													
9:30	Live Auction, Blind & Silent Auction winners announced														
	General and Grand Raffles														
9:45 General and Grand Raffles Schedule subject to change; times are approximations															
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Please make checks payable to "Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc." and mail to: Lane Stocker, Reservation Chairman, 1705 Bruce Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45223															
This form must accompany the reservation!!															
*\$31.43 for meal, -\$1.43 for Bailout, \$3.57 for Early bird, \$8.57 for Regular Resv. cover charge.															

BUFF 2010 Calendar



BUFF 2009 Calendar

December 2009

Dec 3	Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Dec 9	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45-9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Rd
Dec 16	BUFF Board Meeting, Atonement Lutheran
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Dec 18	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm

December Menu Price \$12

Roast Turkey & Dressing Baked Glazed Ham with Pineapples Candied Sweet Potatoes Succotash **Cranberry Relish Rolls and Butter Chef's Choice of Dessert**

January 2010

Jan 7	Advanced Fly Tying Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Jan 7	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Jan 13	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Road
Jan 14	Advanced Fly Tying Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Jan 15	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Jan 20	BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Jan 21	Advanced Fly Tying Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Jan 26	Knot Tying Class, Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Jan 28	Advanced Fly Tying Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Jan TBD	Derby City Fly Show .

Rod Building, John Doscher, 7 pm

February 2010

Feb 3

Feb 4	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Feb 6	BUFF Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Receptions, Fairfield, OH
Feb 10	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Road
Feb 11	Advanced Fly Tying Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Feb 17	Rod Building, John Doscher, 7 pm
Feb 17	BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Feb 18	Advanced Fly Tying Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Feb 19	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Feb 23	VA Fly Tying Dave Jones, 9:30 am
Feb 24	Rod Building, John Doscher, 7 pm

March 2010	
Mar 4	CO-ED Fly Fishing 101 Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 4	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Mar 6	Cabin Fever Relief Banquet, Receptions, Fairfield, OH
Mar 10	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Road
Mar 11	CO-ED Fly Fishing 101 Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 13	Net Building Class Paul Feldman
Mar 17	BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Mar 18	CO-ED Fly Fishing 101 Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 19	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Mar 20	Net Building Class Paul Feldman
Mar 25	CO-ED Fly Fishing 101 Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
Mar 31	Spring Warm-Up Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm
April 2010	
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Apr 1	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
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Apr 1	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Apr 9	Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
Apr 14	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Road
Apr 16	Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
Apr 16	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Apr 21	BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Apr 23	Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
Apr 30	Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
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Apr 30-May 2 Nantahala River Trip Bryson City, NC

SNOW BOUND TROUT FISHING And Other Holiday Delights

Bill Schroeder

When Kathy and I decided to drive to Colorado to celebrate our daughter's and grandson's birthdays the last week of October, naturally I called a couple of outfitters and fly shops in the Breckinridge area where we would be staying to ask if there would be any fishing at all that time of year. To my delight they said it was possibly the best time of year, with very few fishermen, and many hungry trout. They were especially enthusiastic about the brown trout fall spawning runs that take place in several rivers in the area. The Blue River, Colorado River, Frying Pan River and Arkansas River were mentioned. They are all within 50 miles of Breckinridge. We decided to book a float trip on the Colorado River, leaving open other options depending on the weather and other conditions. When I sent in my deposit in September, no one envisioned there might be a full blown blizzard with I-70 closed for 100 miles, 14 inches of snow, and temperatures plummeting to 9 degrees.

As we headed west from Denver through the season's first Colorado snow storm, it was a white knuckle drive all the way to Breckinridge; cars off the road and one pretty bad accident which involved at least 20 cars. We made Breckinridge Sunday evening. I called our guide Monday morning to check to see if we were still on, and he said "Sure, but I do not recommend floating the Colorado or any of the rivers floatable rivers, because when the temperature suddenly plunges so does the fishing for while." He suggested we go "hunting for browns;"wading in the smaller waters of the Blue River. I had seen the Blue River as a small stream that flows south to north out of the mountains, virtually right through the tiny ski resort town of Breckinridge, continuing down to Dillon Reservoir. I also knew it then reappears on the north end of Dillon, below the dam, then flows under Interstate 70 right through the town of little town of Silverthorne, and from there on to the next reservoir. I had seen the river both above and below Lake Dillon as it runs past homes, trailer parks, industrial plants, strip malls and other attractions, not particularly enticing for fishing. I did not know that it is regarded as prime brown and rainbow trout venue, especially in October. I was in for a surprise.

Since our guided trip date was Tuesday, I told my guide, Ian, I planned to fish a little Monday in the river below Lake Dillon to get my casting bearings and skills warmed up. He supported that idea and suggested I begin directly beneath the I-70 Bridge and from there work my way upstream toward the Lake Dillon dam. Ian also suggested I try using small nymphs or a small egg pattern with a 12 inch dropper tied to a small wooly bugger. Taking my cue from Ian, I drove down Monday afternoon in sunshine and temperatures around 30 degrees. I fished for about an hour and a half and caught a nice rain bow about 13". It had spectacular red color on its sides and gills that I later learned was attributable to an abundance of freshwater shrimp that pass through Lake Dillon dam and provide nourishment for the big rainbows and browns that populate that stretch. Although I only caught one rainbow Monday, I was excited to have done it by myself, and eagerly awaited the next day's fishing with Ian.

Tuesday morning Ian and I met at the fly shop in Frisco, just a couple of miles from Lake Dillon. After completing the paperwork and purchasing a few flies, I climbed into Ian's SUV and we drove to the first area of the great snowy brown trout hunt. Ian's explanation of the situation made me understand the use of the term "hunting". Apparently the reservoirs in the area have good numbers of brown trout that remain in the lakes year round, except during the annual fall spawning season when brown trout leave the lake to migrate upstream to spawn. When they do so, they make small spawning beds called "reds" spread over several miles of the stream, where females deposit eggs and males fertilize them. The brown trout find holes and deeper runs and slots where they hold and wait, feeding on the abundance of food that is present in the nutrient rich stream. In the gin clear water, they can be spotted and site fished. Although my old eyes are untrained and not very sharp at detecting the well camouflaged fish, over a few hours, I learned to spot them and cast to them.

In the first pool we tried, with some tips and pointers from Ian, I learned to cast upstream and dead drift just about every inch of the small stream. Where we fished, it was only about 15' wide, and the run was about 40 feet long. As I cast and dead drifted the flies, Ian climbed the bank and studied the stream, assuring me that there were fish there. In that one small section, about 15' wide and 40', at Ian's urging, I probably made over 50 casts and drifts. This yielded four hookups and landed three nice brown trout in a range of 13 to 15 inches.

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That seemed way more casts than seemed warranted to me, but Ian explained that the cold water temperatures, while healthy for the fish, also made them sluggish and slow. Therefore, a particular spot should be cast several times before concluding it had been thoroughly fished. Ian said a well placed drifting egg pattern or nymph might not attract a strike unless it passed within a few inches of a holding fish, due to the very cold water. I took him at his word.

The next deep run was a few yards upstream. It was a wide spot that started at the base of a riffle and moved clockwise around a long bend. From a sand bar across from the bend I could cast and dead drift an egg-wooly dropper combination that produced three more nice brown trout that were holding in the run below the riffle. In that pool we also spotted a huge brown that I judged to be a bout 25 inches, but could not get that one to strike.

After lunch we moved to another section of the river, a few miles down stream where Ian had permission to fish private water. There, big rainbows were holding and feeding in abundance. We even saw a few that were sipping midges from the surface. I had four nice hookups there, but all of them got off, quickly, probably because of the small size nymphs we were using and my lack of experience in providing the light touch and patience required to avoid pulling the tiny size 22 hook out of the fish's lips.

Two days later I returned alone to upper section in the afternoon and caught two brown trout in an hour and a half, using the same flies and technique.

Then on Friday, after the overnight low had plummeted to 9 degrees, and four more inches of snow had fallen, I assumed the good fishing was over. Nevertheless, I dutifully returned to the river in the afternoon, when the temperature had risen to 23 degrees and caught two more browns (one was 19") and a rainbow about 12". It was a very enjoyable experience, even though the freezing guide problem required frequent underwater thrashing to thaw the guides and make casting possible. It is also necessary to wear gloves and be very deliberate and careful not to drop them in the water when you take them off to re-rig or tie on a different fly. I can tell you that on personal experience.

Thanks To All The Volunteers Lou Haynes, BUFF Public Education Director

Now that the year is winding down I want to thank each of you who helped with our "Public Education Program" in 2009. The club is blessed to have so many of you who are willing to donate your time and talents to the various club activities. Your efforts go a long way in making BUFF the great club it is today.

Here is a listing of the public education events you helped me with this year:

- 1.) The Adventure Summit at Wright State University (fly tying table).
- 2.) Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs with the West Chester Police Dept. (fly tying for the kids).
- 3.) Indian Hills High School Outdoor Activities Class (fly tying and casting at the spring and fall classes).
- 4.) Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program (fishing with the kids; 15 Fridays this year).
- 5.) Pink Ribbon Event at the Elk Creek Gun Club (fly casting and fishing for breast cancer survivors).
- 6.) Women in the Outdoors Program at the Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club (fly casting and fishing).
- 7.) The Great Outdoors Weekend sponsored by the Green Acres Foundation (casting and fly tying).

Other public education programs which you supported this year include:

- 1.) Casting For Recovery lead by Debbie Hampton, Gloria Begley and Patti Howell.
- 2.) Cincinnati Veterans Hospital Fly Tying Program lead by Dave Jones.
- 3.) BUFF booth at the Derby City Fly Fishing Show in Louisville lead by Jim Boude.
- 4.) Fly tying and fly fishing programs with Scouts Groups lead by several club members.
- 5.) The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show lead by Mike Bryant and Mark Ringlstetter.

Thanks again and have a "Great Holiday Season"!

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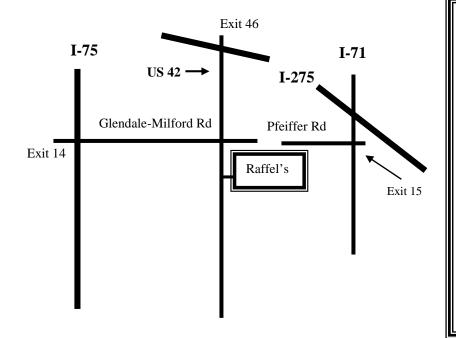
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday December 9

CALL 513-829-1465 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT <u>WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM</u> FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 4)



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.

From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.