



# The BUFFER

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## The President's Notes

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

We have a lot going on. The Fly Show is coming together, and is right around the corner. The Fly Show committee still needs a little help mostly during the time of the show. It is going to take about 40 members at the show spending some time representing BUFF. If we have enough help to spread the work around, we will have time to enjoy the largest public event we put on. The Fly Show Committee has done an outstanding job putting this together. Not to take a back seat to anyone, the Banquet Committee has been very busy too. Reservations are starting to come in with the early birds. The December meeting is the deadline for the early bird reservation. They have lined up the entertainment and started getting the prizes for the raffles and auctions. This is the main fund raiser for BUFF and we need as many people attending the Banquet, buying raffle tickets, and bidding on the auctions, as possible. Both the Fly Show and the Banquet are in new locations this year and it should be a good change. Nominations for Officers, Directors and the Fly Fisher of the Year have started or about to start. We are looking for a new Editor for the BUFFER. Jon has done this for a number of years (10?) and it is time for him to take on other responsibilities. I will miss his ability to make what I send him, look and sound a lot better. If you interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please let me know so we can talk. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at the Springdale Recreation Center.

Last year I made a goal of fishing 150 days in 2012. I didn't realize how high a bar I set when I did that. I am past the 100 mark by a little and may get to 110 days on the water. Some of those trips I made by myself and that let me try different casts and techniques that I wouldn't normally use. I enjoyed more fishing with old and new friends on the BUFF trips and a few others. I have heard members say they didn't get out as much as they wanted to this year. I didn't either but I found it easier when I put it into my schedule and planned around it instead of trying to fit a trip in. It helps when you have scheduled the trip with someone else. If you are going to fish locally, take someone else in the club along with you. This way you can show him or her your favorite spot, and they can reciprocate. Or you can help someone discover a new trick or technique in the same way someone helped you out. One of the reasons the Blog portion of the website was installed was to facilitate getting together to fish.

Depending on where you are in the Fly Fisherman's Progression: May you be able to catch more fish, larger fish, more difficult fish, and/or enjoy more time fishing in the new year.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Jeff

## **BUFF December 2012 Program**

### **"The extraordinary life of the endangered freshwater mussel: protection, conservation, management, and restoration in America's streams and rivers"**

**Monte McGregor** will explore an overview of the status of the most endangered group of aquatic animals in North America along with the causes for their declines. We will look at methods for restoration, and plans and actions for recovery.

You will see captured underwater video of extraordinary observed behavior, learn of connections of mussels to fish and other aquatic species, understand the plight of the most endangered group of animals in North America, and much more. You will also hear about fascinating research at Kentucky's state of the art mussel research station-the Center for Mollusk Conservation.

### **Speaker: Monte McGregor**

Monte is a native of western Kentucky and a 1989 graduate of Murray State University (B.S. Biology). He obtained a M.S. (aquatic biology) from Tennessee Technological University in 1991. His doctoral work was completed in 2000 at Auburn University in the internationally known "Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures" where he worked on stream macroinvertebrates in pristine streams in Alabama.

He worked for 6 years as a malacologist with the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries where he started the Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Center. He has been with Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources since 2002.

He is especially interested in restoration of aquatic communities, including propagation of mussels under controlled conditions. Mussel culture is a relatively new field, but has promise in that its product will provide the necessary knowledge to repopulate mussels into our rivers and streams.

Monte was recently (2012) awarded the honor of being the "Naturalist of the Year for Kentucky" by the Kentucky Society of Natural History.

He is an adjunct professor at:

- University of Louisville
- Kentucky State University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Western Kentucky University

Monte lives in Lawrenceburg, KY. with his wife Brenda and 6 children (ages 5 to 18)

## BUFF MEMBERS DUES FOR 2013

Member's dues cover January 1st of each year to December 31<sup>st</sup>, and should 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 42614, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Or.....Pay at the monthly dinner meeting.

Checks, cash or credit card will be accepted at the dinner meetings.

## Skip Morris Fly Tying Clinics

BUFF is proud to present Fly Tying Clinics with nationally acclaimed fly tyer Skip Morris. The clinics will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013 at Christ's Church in Mason. There will be two clinics: 10am - 12 noon and 2-4 pm.

Reservations are required and will be limited to 25 tiers per session. Cost for the clinics will be \$40 for one and \$60 for both. BUFF members will be given reservations priority until January 9 (regular monthly BUFF meeting) and then reservations will be opened to other area fly fishing clubs. Reservation forms will be available at the December & January BUFF meetings and online at [www.buckeflyfishers.com](http://www.buckeflyfishers.com).

This is an opportunity to learn fly tying from a master fly designer and tyer. Skip has over forty years of experience at the vise and on the water. He is the author of 12 books including the top-selling fly tying book in America since 1992, *Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple*, now in its 23rd printing.

Skip's books and tying clinics are in huge demand partly because Skip understands not only fly tying and fly fishing in a way few do—but mainly because **he understands the teaching of these skills** with rare depth. **This is Skip's passion.** And he really loves sharing what he's discovered with other fly fishers at all levels. His books and tying sessions are carefully thought out, thorough, and easy to follow.

Each of Skip's original fly designs are tested and tested again, altered this way and that, to make the fly as effective and consistent as he can make it. It's a slow evolution—a fly can take three or more years to perfect (but if one just never measures up, Skip will abandon the design altogether). The finished fly designs are tough, they do just what they're supposed to do (land upright, hook fish effectively, swim or shimmy or float), and fish love them.

For more information on the upcoming clinics, contact Ken Dixon or Bob Gustafson.

*We saw the world's largest mosquito perched ominously on the wall .....just waiting!!!*  
*The Urban Pantheist*

If you turn over a rock in a stream, particularly in late fall or early winter, you will likely find what appears to be a very large gray maggot. It is a Crane fly larva in the insect order Diptera or "True Fly" which means that they have only one pair of wings. Some True Flies such as mosquitoes, midges and black flies must have a "blood meal" before they can reproduce, but fortunately for us, the Crane fly doesn't. The Crane fly Larvae feed mostly on leaves and woody material referred to as detritus, and our local deciduous trees provide them with ample fodder. After the egg stage Crane flies have a relatively long larval stage, for some species up to 5 years, before they go through a brief pupal then the adult stage. Their metamorphosis is remarkable as they change from a rather ugly crawly thing to a large and delicate long legged flying insect. North America has around 1500 species of crane flies, some are aquatic and others are terrestrial. Unless you live close to a stream, the one perched ominously on the wall most likely came from under a log. They won't bite because their sole function as adults is to mate and they barely have enough time for that because their adulthood is often measured in hours.

Steve Lilly



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](mailto:sjlilly@fuse.net) or Jon Kennard at [jonkennard@fuse.net](mailto:jonkennard@fuse.net)

The Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, February 2, 2013, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Oasis Conference Center.

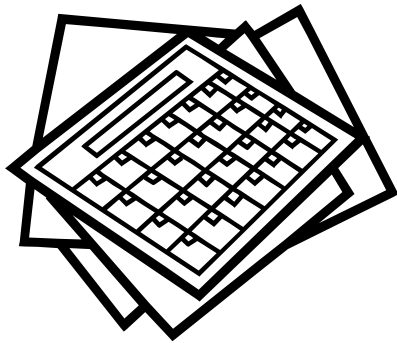
- Over 21,000 sq ft of exhibition, demonstration, and presentation space
- Something for all fly fishers - from beginner to advanced
- Over 50 exhibitors - vendors, fly tiers, DNR booths, and others
- Educational fly fishing speakers
- Casting Pond - casting instructions and/or try out a new rod from one of the vendors
- Fly tying demonstrations with a special kids tying area
- Kids area with fun things to see and do
- Fishing guides and fishing lodge representatives
- Canoes, kayaks, pontoons, and other watercraft
- Raffles and door prizes

# 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.*

## 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



## Banquet Alert!!!

The last date to be an early bird for the banquet is the general meeting in December

# BUFF 2013 Calendar

## January 2013

- Jan 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jan 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jan 17 **VA Tying** 7pm D. Jones

## February 2013

- Feb 1 **Fly tying clinic w/Skip Morris** Christ's Church, Mason 10am – 12 noon and 2pm – 4pm
- Feb 1 **Fly Show Set Up**, The Oasis, Loveland 12 Noon – 8pm
- Feb 2 **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show** The Oasis, Loveland
- Feb 6 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Feb 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Feb 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Feb 27 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher

## March 2013

- Mar 2 **BUFF Annual Banquet and Recognition Dinner**, Oscar Event Center @ Jungle Jim's, Fairfield 6pm-9:45pm
- Mar 6 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Mar 8-10 **Steelhead School**, Pere Marquette River Lodge in Baldwin Michigan.
- Mar 13 **Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Mar 13 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Mar 20 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Mar 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Mar 20-25 **Spring Creek Trip**, State College, Pa
- Mar 21 **VA Tying** 7pm D. Jones
- Mar 27 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher ,if needed

# Procedures for Selection Fly Fisher of the Year

The following procedure/timeline for selection the Fly Fisher of the Year (FFofY) was approved at the October Board of Directors meeting. It will be incorporated into the BUFF official Guidelines & Policies, and will be used for the selection on the 2012 FFofY.

1. By November of each calendar year, the President will present to the Board of Directors a recommendation for a Fly Fisher of the Year Nominating Committee composed of 3-5 BUFF members in good standing, including at least one member of the Board of Directors. The Board will accept or amend the recommendation as it deems appropriate. Serving Nominating Committee members will not be eligible for the FFofY award for that year.
2. The Nominating Committee will select it's committee chair, determine it's operating procedures, and solicit recommendations from the membership, including rationale for each recommendation, not later than December.
3. The Nominating Committee will consider all recommendations and prepare a ballot consisting on not more than 5 nominees from the membership recommendations, and distribute ballots at the January *or* February membership meetings. ***Nomination forms will be available this year at both the December and January meetings and on-line. Voting will be at the February meeting.*** FFofY selection should be based on service to BUFF, organization priorities and activities, and to fly fishing in general, rather than personal friendships.
4. The Nominating Committee will tally ballots and inform the President of balloting results no later than the February Board of Directors meeting.
5. **The President will make the award at the annual banquet.**

## Fly Fisher of the Year Procedure Correction {See above}

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**The November Buffer article explaining newly adopted procedures for selecting the Fly Fisher of the Year included an error by indicating that the Nomination Committee would distribute ballots at both the January and February membership meetings. The new policy recently adopted by the Board provides that ballots should be distributed at either the January or February general meeting (not both). **Nomination forms will be available this year at both the December and January meetings and on-line. Voting by paper ballot will be at the February meeting only.****

## December Menu

*Sliced Herb Roasted Pork Loin  
Accompanied by a demi-glace sauce*

*Sliced Beef Brisket*

*Harvest Roasted Red Skin, Yukon, and  
Sweet Potatoes*

*Sweet Buttery Corn*

*Rolls and Butter*

### Desserts

*Homemade Spice Cake with cream cheese  
icing*

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

### OFFICERS:

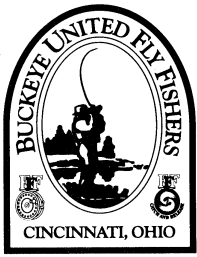
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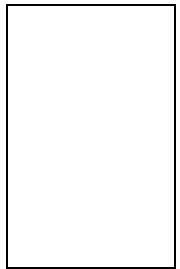


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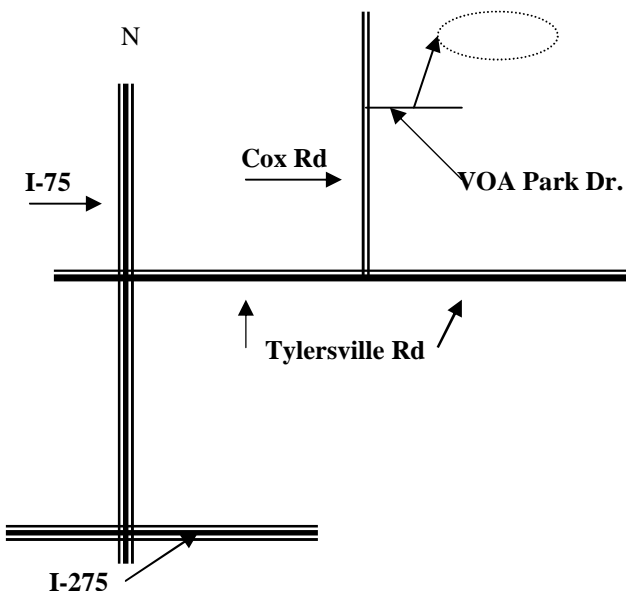
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**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 – December 12

**CALL 513 683 0286 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://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.