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# The President's Notes Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Don't miss the "Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show" coming-up on Saturday, February 7. This is our main public education event of the year. Be sure to tell your friends, neighbors, work associates and anyone else who will listen, about this great show. If you are not a show volunteer that day, be sure to support BUFF by coming as an attendee. Check the BUFF website for show details.

The annual Cabin Relief Banquet is scheduled for Saturday night, March 7. This banquet is our primary fund-raising event and the proceeds go along way to support the many club classes and activities we have during the year. Come and support your club, bring a friend, win some great prizes, find some new fishing partners and maybe even a new fishing spot or two, and have a great time! Space is limited to 200 attendees, so get your reservation in soon! Also, remember to bring your raffle donations to the February meeting or, if you can't be there, contact Jim Boude to make arrangements to get them to the banquet committee. Information about the banquet can be found in an accompanying article in this issue and on the BUFF website.

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## BUFF February 2009 Meeting Program Wild Atlantic Salmon

W. Hardy Eshbaugh, professor emeritus of Miami's faculty from 1967-98, including positions as chair of his department and director of Miami's W.S. Turrell Herbarium will be address ongoing efforts to restore wild Atlantic Salmon stocks throughout their native range. He will give us an overview of the various recovery measures and strategies being applied and the broad spectrum of agencies and organizations committed to achieving this goal.

Dr. Eshbaugh's conservation outreach at the international and national level has encompassed serving on the boards of the Nature Conservancy (Ohio) and the Atlantic Salmon Federation.

The annual Fly Fishing 101 Course will be held on the four Tuesday evenings in March at the Springdale Community Center. This course is intended for beginner and intermediate skilled fly fishers. The course covers the basics on rods, reels, lines, leaders, other equipment needs, casting and much more. The specifics of the course will be available at the February general meeting and also sent to the membership by e-mail. If you would like to attend, please sign-up at the February meeting or e-mail me at: <a href="mailto:louhaynes37@gmail.com">louhaynes37@gmail.com</a>.

Finally, thanks to all who have paid your 2009 dues. If you are one of the few who haven't, please help our membership chairman by sending them in soon to the BUFF address. You may also pay at the February monthly meeting. Remember, the final day to pay without loss of membership privileges is March 11.

## **Fall 2008 Steelhead Fishing Trip Report** Tom Agin

I was really excited about going on this trip. This was my first trip with the club and my first time fishing for steelhead. The Friday we left for the trip the weather in Cincinnati was cold, but no snow. When we arrived at Pine Lake there was probably 8 inches of snow on the ground and the road back to our cabin had not been plowed. Getting back to our cabin was quite the adventure. I rode with Mike Rubush and we quickly found out that his front wheel drive van on ice is no better than a rear wheel drive van on ice! In order to get Mike's van back to the cabin we had to chip the ice off the road. Did you know that a wading stick can double as an ice chipper!?!

After everyone got settled in we set off to go fishing at one of Tom's hot spots, Helen Hazen Park. After fishing for a while I noticed that when I was casting no line was going out. I looked at my pole and all of the guides were iced up and the tip was iced up solid, so it's no wonder the line didn't go anywhere! This was another first for me! Lou, I think you need add this to the fly fishing 101 class. I de-iced my guides and fly line and tried fishing again. The water temperature was a cool 34 deg. Unfortunately that first day no one caught a fish. Tom said that he had one on, but that was the extent of the action.

Breakfast Saturday produced another first. I experienced Tom's people skills as he poured on his charm with the waitress. I am quite sure that he has fine tuned this skill working in the Fly Shop at Bass Pro! Fishing on Saturday was the very similar to Friday, ice cold water, frozen guides, learning new holes and . . . . no fish! Later that evening back at the cabin we found out that Dave French had a very good day. Dave had 5 fish on and landed 3 of them. He was fishing by himself, but he did have pictures. Another fisherman was there and graciously took his picture with one of the fish he caught. He also had pictures of the other two.

Sunday brought another first for me, casting between the slushburgs. The water was a little colder, ~32 deg, and there was a lot of slush floating by. I know that several people were fine tuning their casting accuracy that day. After trying (freezing) for an hour and no hint of a fish several of us wrapped it up and headed back home.

All said, I had a good time. This was my first trip so I really enjoyed learning the ropes and the places to go. The guys were more than helpful and always willing to help. It was great to get to know some of the guys at the club better. I look forward to my next trip. Maybe I will hook up with a steelhead in the spring!!!

### 2009 Cabin Fever Relief Banquet

You are Cordially Invited to Join Us

WHEN:

Saturday, March 7, 2009 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

#### WHERE:

Receptions Banquet Center, Off Route 4 5975 Boymel Drive Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (513) 860-4100 Phone

**SPEAKER:** Zach Mathews: Zach is a staff writer with American Angler magazine. He is also a contributing writer to Fly Fisherman, Fish and Fly, and The Drake. Chances are you've read articles by Zach on subjects as diverse as fishing cane rods, Spey casting, fishing the Yellowstone, and photographing nature. Zach considers many of the West North Carolina rivers fished by BUFF members as his winter "home waters". When he's not fishing, Zach practices law in Marietta, Georgia.

IMPORTANT DETAILS: Cost: \$40 per person. Reservations: Must be made in advance – no pay at the door. Reservation request forms are available on the web or at the monthly meeting. Individual names of attendees are needed on the request form so that ticket labels may be prepared. Checks payable to Buckeye United Fly Fishers, and sent to: Lane Stocker, Reservations Chairman, 1705 Bruce Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45223

## **Alaska Rainbows Jeff Georgin**

In June of 2008 my wife Annette and I had the good fortune to spend two weeks in Alaska. During that time we drove through the Kenai Peninsula area and then on to Denali National Park staying at various bed and breakfasts along the way. In the second week we took a guided float/wading trip fly fishing for rainbow trout in Willow Creek which is a tributary of the Susitna River. Willow Creek is situated between the now famous town of Wasilla and Denali

I am a fairly experienced fisherman with very little time fly fishing. My wife had never fly fished in her life. So this was a real adventure for us. Our trip was booked through Susitna Valley River Guides and we couldn't have been happier with our choice. The owners are Mike and Sonia Coughlin and they made sure that our waders, boots, rods etc were perfectly suited to us. Our guide was Ron Read who took just the two of us down the creek.

The water was high but clear and full of fallen trees and limbs. The original plan was to drift white salmon smolt streamers with a split shot about 2 feet above it and merely drift down the creek dropping it vertically into likely looking spots along the way. Ron warned us that we would snag a lot and told us not to worry about losing flies because there was no way to avoid it and they had lost a couple dozen the day before. We hooked and lost a couple of decent fish and were well on our way to losing our two dozen flies when Ron decided to change tactics. It was a bit difficult to feel the take as quickly as we were moving so it was a welcome change.

We beached the raft and began to wade in what had been the main creek channel the year before. A big storm had dropped enough debris to divert the water and what was left was perfect for wading. The 4' deep water was an interesting wade for my 5' wife but she made it across without incident.

Ron and Annette fished a big deep pool a bit upstream and I fished some riffles below them. Using the same rig we were drifting we both hooked and lost a couple fish. Ron was extremely patient and soon had Annette casting comfortably. She would have been far more nervous with me instructing so it worked out great. At last the big moment happened where she cast precisely where she thought a fish would be and hooked and landed a beautiful 17 inch rainbow. The look on her face after Ron landed the fish was something I'll remember forever. At that point things really heated up and we landed seven total rainbows in around a half hour none smaller than the first one. The biggest was a 24 incher that nailed my fly right next to a big root ball at the bottom of a sunken log.

Needless to say, we are now BUFF members as a result and are looking forward to really becoming more proficient at fly fishing and can't wait for our next adventure. If anyone wants anymore info on our guides or Alaska in general you can contact us at jsgeorgin@fuse.net.

## 2009 General Meeting BUFF Banquet Blind Auctions

Trip 1 Indigo Guide Service Winner -- Don Kohls Trip 2 Lowe Guide Service Winner -- Dick Naber.

Please thank them & congratulate them as well.

### Two (2) more Guided Fly Fishing Trips

Blind Auction started at January 2009 General Meeting Final winners determined at February 2009 General Meeting

#### TRIP 3 Current Bid for Trip 3 -- \$150.00

CCS Fly-Fishing Outfitters Tim MacCourtney P.O. Box 2396 Cherokee, NC 28719 (888) 243-5274 Toll Free (828) 736-3012 Cell maccourtney@verizon.net www.ccsflyfishing.com

This is a full day trip for two people, wading or floating. Tim provides everything but the lodging, though he can help set you up with lodging if necessary. This is a value of \$300.00.

Contact the above donator to set a date and time for the trip. (2009 Banquet Trip)

#### TRIP 4 Current Bid for Trip 4 -- \$185.00

A&N Outfitters Steve Waak 227 Main Street Milford, OH 45150 (513) 444-4009 (866) 740-2097 Fax info@a-noutfitters.com www.a-noutfitters.com

This is a float trip for one or two people on the Little Miami River. Any needed equipment, including flies, can be provided. Lunch will also be provided. This trip is a \$250.00 value.

Contact the above donor to set a date and time for the trip. (2009 Banquet Trip)

## **South Holston River Experiences Steve Horgan**

After committing to fly fishing as my preferred way to fish, a pronounced need to learn the basics had me Goggle searching trout/smallmouth fly fishing in Tennessee in mid-winter 2007. Fishing the South Holston River with Champion Outfitters (www.southholstonriverflyshop.com) in Bristol, TN looked good so I called and booked some days for late April. This tailwater fishery is used to generate electricity although I was fortunate there was no generation the entire time I fished there. Matt Champion showed a lot of patience with me as I created some casting knots that would have challenged Houdini. While the smallmouth fishing in other local rivers was slow due to low water temps, nymph fishing for browns and rainbows in the South Holston was very good. I even managed to lose my first large trout, a 20+ inch brown that taught me the importance of bowing the rod to a large fish when it jumps while attached to light tippet. I left northeastern Tennessee believing I actually had a chance to catch fish using a fly rod.

A year later I decided to return in July to try my hand at dry fly fishing their famous afternoon sulfur hatch. Sustained generation put us in Matt's Hyde drift boat for some excellent action and continuing instruction in correctly presenting a fly to feeding trout.

We spent one morning nymph fishing and the fishing action in riffle areas was fast and furious for modest sized rainbows. Before ending my trip Matt mentioned the late fall opportunity for large prespawn brown trout. So I read archived monthly reports at his website and began following his latest reports on the South Holston River. Male browns precede the girls by a week or two before the serious romance begins. While they will definitely eat a fly at this time, I was told by Matt it was not a numbers game. But I thought it might be a number game as I had yet to land a 20 inch brown.

I picked up the phone and booked two days just before Thanksgiving after Matt landed his personal best 32 inch brown on Nov. 13, 2008 (pictured at his website under Reports). The weather forecast was for 40 degrees with 80% chance of rain as I prepared for the 380 mile trip to Tennessee. As a fan of John Gierach I recalled him loving this kind of weather for trout fishing. Monday morning of Thanksgiving week found us several miles downstream of the dam dealing with an early morning release. Tight lining a size 16 nymph with an egg dropper without a strike indicator resulted in my first 20 inch brown as the second fish of the day. After lunch we headed upstream to search for large browns. The area we fished had fairly shallow water with occasional bottom cuts the browns would hold in for some time. Cruising fish would create small wakes that made it possible to locate fish at some distance. These fish are very spooky and moving fishermen would easily induce the flight of previously stationary fish. Smaller browns would sock the egg fly while the take of larger fish was very light. About an hour after lunch I hooked up with a large brown that gave a tremendous fight for several minutes, ending when Matt tailed it at river's edge. I had caught a tape-measured 28 ½ inch brown that had eaten a size 16 BH copper john. The good fortune required to catch this fish did not escape my thoughts. Tuesday was 10 degrees colder with occasional flurries and 25 mph gusts. The catching was quite difficult for me and all the other fishermen we talked to.

If you are interested in fishing the South Holston you are welcome to contact me for information (email: <a href="mailto:peggyandsteve@cinci.rr.com">peggyandsteve@cinci.rr.com</a>). There is a lot of public access along the river and several lodging alternatives are available including camping. The South Holston River Fly Shop is well stocked with the necessary flies and Matt Champion will readily give his advice to help you prepare to fish the South Holston. Guided wade fishing with Matt, especially if you have a fishing partner, is very reasonable.

### **BUFF 2009 Calendar**

#### February 2009

Feb 5	Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors					
Feb 6	Advanced Fly Tying, 6:30-8:30 pm, Springdale Rec. Ctr					
Feb 7	BUFF Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Receptions, Fairfield, OH					
Feb 11	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45-9 pm					
	Raffel's on Reading Rd.					
Feb 13	Advanced Fly Tying, 6:30-8:30 pm, Springdale Rec. Ctr					
Feb 14	BUFF Net Building, Paul Feldman					
Feb 18	Fly Rod Building, John Doscher					
Feb 18	BUFF Board Meeting, Atonement Lutheran					
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm					
Feb 20	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm					
Feb 20	Advanced Fly Tying, 6:30-8:30 pm, Springdale Rec. Ctr					
Feb 21	BUFF Net Building, Paul Feldman					
Feb 24	Fly Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr 10 am-12 pm, Dave Jones					

Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm

Advanced Fly Tying, 6:30-8:30 pm, Springdale Rec. Ctr.

Fly Rod Building, John Doscher

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March 2009					
Mar 2	Fly Fishing 101, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm				
Mar 4	Fly Rod Building, John Doscher				
Mar 5	Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors				
Mar 7	Cabin Fever Relief Banquet, Receptions, Fairfield, OH				
Mar 9	Fly Fishing 101, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm				
Mar 11	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45-9 pm				
	Raffel's on Reading Rd				
Mar 16	Fly Fishing 101, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm				
Mar 18	Fly Rod Building, John Doscher				
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Mar 20	Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm				
Mar 23	Fly Fishing 101, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm				
Mar 25	Fly Rod Building, John Doscher				
Mar 25	Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm				

### **February Menu PRICE THIS MONTH \$12**

Mar 26 Fly Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones Mar 26-29 Laurel River (Ladies ONLY) Trout Trip, Hot Springs, NC

**New Orleans Chicken with Red Beans** and Rice **Pork Chops with Apples Au Gratin Potatoes Buttered Corn Tossed Salad with Dressings Rolls and Butter Chef's Choice of Dessert** 

#### **April 2009**

Apr 2	Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Apr 2-5	Pine Lake Trout Club Steelhead Trip, Tom Herr
Apr 3	Fly Casting Tune-Up ,Springdale Rec. Ctr., 6:30-9 pm
Apr 8	BUFF Monthly Meeting 6:45-9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Rd
Apr 15	BUFF Board Meeting, Atonement Lutheran
	Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Apr. 17	Tio & Lio Dogg Dro 7 0 pm

Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm Apr 17 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

Apr 22 Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH

Apr 23 Fly Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones

Apr 24 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

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#### **May 2009**

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May 1-3	Nantahala River Spring Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC, Tim Findle
May 7	Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors

May 8 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

May 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd

May 15 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

May 15-17 Elkhorn River Smallmouth Bass Trip, Frankfort, KY, Don Hogue

May 15 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm

May 20 BUFF Board Meeting, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm

May 21-24 West Virginia Fly Fishing Trip

May 27 Tie & Lie East, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH

May 28 Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones

May 31 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm

#### June 2009

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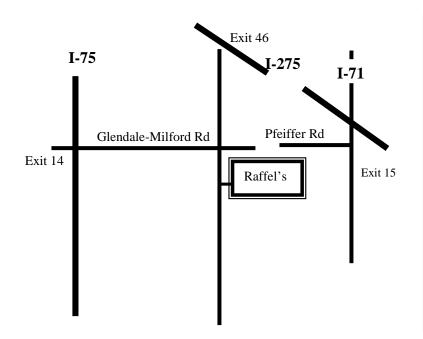
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Mailing Address

### Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – February 11

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 CATERED MEAL SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 6:45.
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 6)



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