



# The **BUFFER**

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## **The President's Notes**

**Jeff McElravy**

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At the last meeting, we had our Board of Directors and Officer elections. Jon is posting the list elsewhere in the **BUFFER**. We had a number leave their positions and new faces joining. Mike McCracken has served a number of years as Secretary. I certainly appreciate his sorting out of our BOD meetings to a concise and reasoned document. J.R. Jackson attended our last meeting to get acclimated. Lou Haynes, Mike Bryant, Roger Corrado, Jim Boude, Steve Lilly, and Jerry Schatzman have stepped back from an active service, but are going to help as they can. They have done a great job for a number of years and we will miss them. I would like to welcome Ed Jones, and Phil Pursley to the BOD. In the next couple of months, we will be looking at organizing the BOD to fit its members. I will swear in the Officers and Board of Directors at the March meeting.

Please check the Calendar for the Educational Events and Trips. We have a lot going on this year, and the sooner the leaders are able to organize, the better it will be for all of us. If you feel there is a class that would be helpful and we are not doing it, let the BOD know. We can work on it. The same goes for Trips. Steve Bailey is always looking for new places to fish and leaders to take us there.

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Show is Feb. 4. This our largest public education program and a great time, too. We have a large vendor area and fly tying space. Mark Ringstetter and Roger Corrado have been putting this together with Ken Dixon organizing the fly tying side. If you would like to be part of the fly tying area, please contact Ken. He may be able to fit you in. Mark and Ken can use help getting the tyers and vendors in before the show and out after. We are one of the few that do this service and it is greatly appreciated.

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet is March 3. This is our major fund raiser of the year. We need have any many members as we can attend and enjoy the event. We have a great speaker for the whole family this year. Ken Reinard is the Colonial Angler and will show us how it was done during the founding of our country. Make your reservations and buy your raffle tickets. There are reservations forms on our Web site. We are also looking for donations for our raffle tables. You can purchase

### **BUFF February 2012 Program**

**Chad See is our speaker. He is manager of Elk Spring Resort and owner of Mount'n Critters Taxidermy. He has guided for many years and fished in many areas of North America. Chad will discuss the Elk Springs Resort and the many recent changes they have made. He will review the background of the area and explain what makes the Elk and surrounding area so special. He will discuss the fish, the bugs and the how to's about catching fish with various techniques (Midging, Dry/dropper, Streamers, Nymphing and sight fishing)**

something to donate or better yet make something. Bob tells me, these items are what they are looking for mostly now. Remember, not all of us attending are fly fishers, so items not related to fishing are welcome. Gift cards would work just fine. Please bring these items to the February meeting or contact Debbie Hampton. These donations are tax deductible. Remember; make your reservations and BUY THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS! Oh! And don't forget to bid on the auction items.

I want to thank you for registering for the dinners at our last meeting. The number of members wishing to eat and forgetting to sign up was about a handful. There were some members that came and chose not to eat and that is fine. After a while we will get a handle on that number so we can have accommodations.

As I am writing this, it is a 50ish day in January. The fly rod was calling. I spend about 45 minutes out casting to prove I hadn't forgotten everything I knew. Spending a half hour as often as you can (maybe daily) can make a big difference in your casting ability. I have found that it really works well when I am on a stream and the fish are cooperating. I was only out twice in January and I better start looking for those warm days in February if I am going to make my days fishing goal. Help me out when you can. And don't forget your fly tying. Best time to stock up for spring fishing.

Jeff

## Library Info for 2012

The following are new books and videos that I have recently purchased for the upcoming year. If you are interested in reserving one of the items please contact me and I will make sure you receive it at the next membership meeting. Don't forget that there is a complete listing of all DVD's and Videos on our BUFF website.

Books:

"Tying Small Flies"      "Midge Magic"      "A New Generation of Trout Flies"      "Fishing Small Flies"  
"Wet Flies"      "Orvis Small Stream Book"      "Fly Fishing Guide to Montana"

DVD's...

"Casts That Catch Fish"      "Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass"      "Fly Fishing the Madison River"  
"White River with Davy Wotton"      "Advanced Tactics for Emergers and Dries"  
"Searching for Steelhead"      "Wet Fly Ways"

Don't forget to bring in your books and dvd's

Bob Mackey....Your Librarian

## BUFF MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2012

### DUES NOTICE

**An extension has been granted to active 2011 BUFF members who have not yet paid their 2012 dues.**

We would like to have you continue your active membership with Buckeye United Fly Fishers. Dues for single members are still \$25 for the year and family memberships are still \$30 for the year. You can make your check payable to BUFF and mail it to:

**P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242**

**Or pay at the monthly dinner meeting by cash, check or credit card.**

Thanks!

Steve Horgan  
Membership Chairman

## TWO NEW HAZEL CREEK BUFF TRIPS (FALL AND SPRING)

October 20-25<sup>th</sup> 2011 was the first ever Buff Hazel Creek Fall Brown Trout trip in Smoky Mountain National Park. It was a great success. The next one is a Spring Trip planned for May 3-6 2012. We also have a date for the Fall Brown Trout Trip at the same venue, October 18-21, 2012. These trips were featured at our January Buff Meeting by guest speaker, Steve Claxton, our host and guide for the Smoky Mountain Hazel Creek Trips. Steve came to our meeting to describe the Hazel Creek Trout Trips and answer questions for everyone who may be interested in future Hazel Creek Buff trips.

A unique feature about the Hazel Creek trips is their remote location in the Smoky Mountain National Park, that are accessible only by boat across Lake Fontana, or a very long backpacking hike around the lake. The trips start on Thursday around noon, when we board Steve's big pontoon boat to cross Lake Fontana with all our gear to the trail head on Hazel Creek. From there we hike a short distance to Campsite 86, where the "Hazel Creek Hilton" will be set up and ready for us. *These are camping trips on reserved "back country" sites within the National Park.* However this is *luxury "Hazel Creek Hilton" type camping* with all camping equipment, tents (large double occupancy stand-up), food, luxury cots with mattresses, and even firewood, all provided and set up on site by Steve and Becky Claxton (master backwoods chef), who are owners, hosts, and guides for the Smoky Mountain Adventure Guide Service. *Only sleeping bags and fishing gear are not provided.*

These National Park back country campsites are "reservation only", and are limited to 10 Buffers per trip. The list is now forming for the Spring Trip with "interested parties" being added in the order they are received... The same is true of the Fall trip. Reservations for all trips are on a "first come" basis.

Another unique feature of the trips is the history of Hazel Creek itself. There are three species of trout; rainbows, browns and the unique Eastern Mountain Speckled Trout, a native species whose ancestry on Hazel Creek dates back about 6,000 years. Also, evidence of the communities and towns of mountain people who lived along Hazel Creek is still there, dating back to 1830. Hazel Creek fish populations of all three trout species are good, and do not require "catch and release only", making a fresh trout dinner a distinct possibility for campers. Actual fish counts by park service fish biologists indicate populations of 5000 fish per mile. This is higher than nearly all streams in Montana and elsewhere.

More details on these trips will be available on the Buff Web Page. There is also a video link to the Fall 2011 trip that will enable you to see pictures of our Buff members on beautiful Hazel Creek, the fish, the campsite, and other aspects. If you would like to be added to the lists for either or both of these trips,—Spring Trip May 3-6 or Fall Trip October 18-21, please email Bill Schroeder at [wschroeder@cinci.rr.com](mailto:wschroeder@cinci.rr.com) and designate which events you are interested in. By doing this, you make no commitment, just express interest. The "I'm interested lists will become the "I'm going" lists in the date/time order emails are received. We will firm up who is going around March 9th, when a \$100 deposit will be required to hold each spot. The second and final payment of the \$300 balance will be due April 9<sup>th</sup>. Total trip cost is \$400 per person, everything included. Deposits are fully refundable so long as your spot is filled by someone on the wait list. At this writing, neither trip is full.

***Not everything is known,  
much less understood, about our world.***

Caddisflies are active throughout the winter, thanks in part to the annual crop of leaves from our deciduous trees. Then as the waters warm, they begin their emergence as adults with hatches occurring any time from early spring to late fall.



Dolophilodes in the summertime

There is one weird species Dolophilodes Distinctus that will emerge all year round. They look and behave like any other caddisfly during the warm months but when they come out in the winter, the females don't have any wings. It may not be a large emergence but they are around, and have been seen crawling on top of snow. Usually caddisflies are ready to reproduce as soon as they emerge, but no one seems to know if the Dolophilodes mate during the winter months. If they are not mating, what are they doing, and what happened to their wings?



Same insect in the winter

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)

# 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.*

## February 2012

Feb 1 **Rod Building** John Doscher  
Feb 2 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
Feb 4 **BUFF Fly Fishing Show**  
Feb 7 **Advanced Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr.  
Feb 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park  
Feb 13 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer  
Feb 14 **Advanced Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr  
Feb 11 **Net Building** Paul Feldman.  
Feb 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
Feb 17 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
Feb 18 **Net Building** Paul Feldman  
Feb 21 **Advanced Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr.  
Feb 22 **Rod Building** John Doscher  
Feb 27 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer  
Feb 28 **Advanced Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr.  
Feb 29 **Rod Building** John Doscher

## March 2012

Mar 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
Mar 3 **BUFF Banquet**  
Mar 6 **Advanced Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr.  
Mar 7 **Rod Building** John Doscher  
Mar 12 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer  
Mar 13 **Advanced Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr.  
Mar 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park  
Mar 14 **Rod Building** John Doscher  
Mar 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
Mar 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
Mr 21 **Rod Building** John Doscher  
Mar 27 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm  
Mar 27 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer

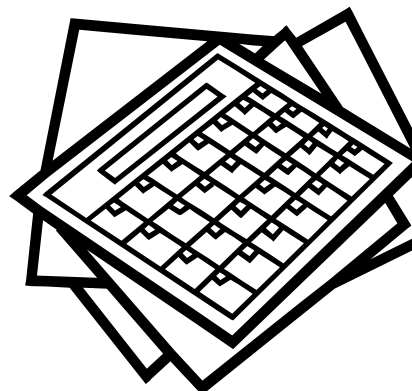
## April 2012

Apr 2 **Casting Tune Up** 6 – 8 pm Springdale Community Center  
Apr 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
Apr 5-8 **Spring Steelhead Trip** Chagrin Falls, OH Tom Herr  
Apr 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer  
Apr 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park  
Apr 13 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm  
Apr 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
Apr 20 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm  
Apr 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
Apr 27 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm  
Apr 30 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer



## May 2012

May 3 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
May 5 **Casting For Recovery Fish-A-Thon**, 8am – 12 pm VOA Park  
May 3-6 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder  
May 4-6 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon  
May 4 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm  
May 8 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer  
May 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park  
May 9-13 **Carolina Trout Quest** Pete Moore and Gary Cummins  
May 11 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm  
May 14 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer  
May 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
May 17-20 **Elk River Trip** Rodney Louke and Lee Chambers  
May 18 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm  
May 18 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
May 22 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm  
May 21-25 **Spring Creek Trip** Phil Pursley  
May TBD **Fly Fishing 101 Outdoor Fly Fishing Lab for Beginners** TBD



## June 2012

Jun 7 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
Jun 7-10 **Elkhorn River Trip** Marty Foltz and Charlie Montgomery  
Jun 12 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer  
Jun 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park  
Jun 15 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
Jun 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
Jun 25 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer  
Jun 26-28 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon  
Jun 27-30 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey

## July 2012

Jul 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
Jul 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer  
Jul 11 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh  
Jul 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park  
Jul 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
Jul 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm  
Jul 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
Jul 30 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

## August 2012

Aug 2 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones  
Aug 8 **BUFF NKFF Combined Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park?  
Aug 14 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer  
Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center  
Aug 17 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley  
Aug 25-Sep 1 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey  
Aug 27 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

## February Menu

### Dinner Menu

Smothered Pork chops  
Apples, Raisins and onions

Penne Pasta Primavera in Alfredo sauce  
Topped with Grilled Chicken

Wild Rice Pilaf

Brussels sprouts with  
Bacon and onions

### Dessert

Double Stacked Gourmet Brownies

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

### OFFICERS:

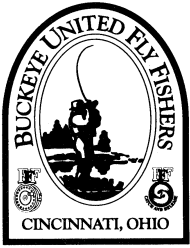
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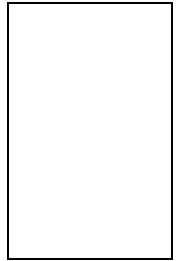


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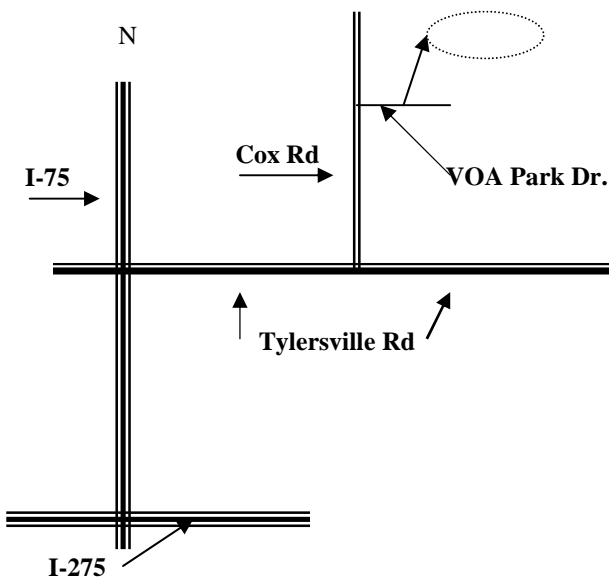
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**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 – February 8

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.