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President's Notes

Jeff McElravy (jmcelravysr@cinci.rr.com)

As I am writing this, the snow is on the ground and I looking forward to football and not looking forward to shoveling the sidewalk and drive. It sure is pretty when all you have to do is look at it.

I have just come back from the Cleveland area tying with Ken Dixon at the North Coast Fly Fishers Show. It is always fun to be able to talk to other fly fishers and exchange ideas about tying, fishing, and what is going on in the clubs. Over the years this has helped us out, and I am sure we have helped others. Next Saturday, Ken and I are going to Derby City and tying at their show. If we are aware, we will put these types of events on our Calendar so you can support those clubs also.

I am not sure when this will be published. Either we will have just had or about to have our Fly Show. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that have worked on putting this together. Some of you have spent many hours of worry, sweat, and time on the show and some have helped out on the day of the show. All of this labor; I would like to thank you for. These activities help do many things for BUFF. It helps in our educational mission, our outreach, our increased membership, and our bottom line. I also feel that it provides a task that we can pitch in on to accomplish and enjoy doing so. It helps us get to know one other better and grow the strength of our club.

We have another "activity" coming in early March, our Banquet. Please make your reservations to attend. It is a great time to get together and enjoy seeing and talking about to events of the past year and the one we are looking forward to next year. We will be recognizing the members that have helped (Randy Clark is still looking for list of all members that have volunteered in the last year). The Fly Fisher of the Year, Board of Directors, and President's Award will be presented. We have an opportunity to come home with some equipment, trips, or activities that we didn't expect when we came. We may have little fewer funds, since this is our major fund raiser for the year. The one thing we can be sure of is having a good time and eating a good meal. I hope to see many of you there.

I would like to have a meeting of any members that have an interest in conservation. I would like to get your ideas of what the club would like to do to satisfy that part of our mission. I want to know what we have done in the past and what we can do in the future. Please contact me by email so I can setup a time and place for a meeting to discuss this.

The Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers (what a mouthful) is going to have a Warm Water Conclave June 14, 2014 in Bellville, OH. This is in the Mansfield area. The area of concentration is more to our warm water fisheries and fishing. We have a lot more warm water to fish around here than cold water. Please put this on your calendars and support it. There will be more information as we continue to put this together.

Jeff

Great Water Bug

Steve Lilly (sjlilly@fuse.net)

“Through a hole in the ice I saw a massive beetle almost 4 inches long that seemed to be sizing me up.”
Benjamin in the Canadian Forest.



Fortunately the North America Toe Biter also known as Giant Water Bug doesn't prey on humans but if someone with bare feet were unlucky enough to step on one they might quickly learn how it got its name. They are aquatic insects that live in still water like lakes and ponds. They have lungs instead of gills and are often seen hanging upside down just under the water and holding on to a stem of vegetation. They have two retractable breathing tubes that extend from their abdomen to above the surface for air. From this perch they can pounce on their prey and with strokes of their powerful middle and hind legs can catch insects, fish, frogs, tadpoles, small birds, and anything else they can grasp in their powerful pinches. They inject an enzyme into the prey to kill it and break the tissue down into something easily digestible. The ones in our

area live for a couple of years and can be fairly active during the winter. They have been seen swimming under the ice, but will burrow into the lake or pond bottom if need be to survive. With the arrival of spring, the mating season begins and they fly from pond to pond looking for a mate. It is during these flights that they flutter around lights in large numbers, earning their other nickname "electric light bugs". The female approaches the male to begin the courtship ritual which involves sparring with one another in midair. To ensure that he is the father, the male after copulating will have the female attach the eggs to his back but only a few at a time. They then copulate again and again until the male's entire back is covered with approximately 150 eggs. The male takes care of the eggs, frequently stroking them with his hind legs, and exposing them to air so they can dry off to retard any mold. After about three weeks the eggs hatch and the young start out on their own as small nymphs. For eight to ten weeks the juveniles go through five instars (various forms of development between molts) before becoming adults.

Steve Lilly

Giving Back To Our Community through Our Banquet

Bryan Tudor (bryan.tudor@yahoo.com)

Our annual banquet is almost here and the committee has been hard at work over the past year. As you know this is our only fundraiser. The funds from this event allow us to engage in the many events we provide to the community.

One example is our involvement with the Vets at the VA. We teach these vets fly tying but more importantly, we are there as a friend and bring some peace while they recover. We engage with kids at Parky's Farm and teach them to fish with cheesy hot dog and a cane pole. For some of these kids it is their first time fishing and we are privileged to introduce them to the sport we all love. In return, the smile on their faces is a memory you will never forget. Another example is Casting for Recovery. This weekend get-away is for women battling and/or recovering from breast cancer. Our small part in helping these courageous ladies get together over a weekend to enjoy being outdoors brings them some peace and tranquility from their daily lives.

These are just a few examples of how the funds from the banquet are used. But, it's also about having fun, socializing with friends, and making new friends. On top of that, you have the opportunity to win great prizes and trips. But at the end of the night, it really allows BUFF to help make a difference in other people's lives and the community.

For those of you that have already registered, we are so glad you can join us. For those not yet registered, please consider joining us on Saturday night, March 8th at Receptions. Help us to continue to provide the services to the community that we have done in the past and come out for a great night!

I hope to see you there.

Bryan Tudor

Co-Banquet Chair

Update on Whitetail Fly Tying Supplies

Ken Dixon (krigidix@outllo.com)

Whitetail Fly Tying Supplies, located in Toledo, Ohio, is owned by Chris Helm. The Shop is in the basement of Chris' home. For those of you who do not know him, Chris is a world class fly tier, most notably known for his work with deer hair, including his famous deer hair mouse, bass bugs, muddlers, and more. In addition, he has made numerous DVD's on tying. Not only is he a great tier, Chris is recognized as arguably the leading expert on deer hair in general. In addition to running his shop, he collects and processes deer hides each year for major suppliers such as Nature's Spirit. Chris is a good friend to many of us and has over the years been a great supporter of B.U.F.F.

Chris has always had an outstanding stock of tying supplies. To many of us, visiting the shop is akin to being a kid turned loose in a candy store (except we don't have someone else to pay for our extravagance at the end of the day). Chris seems to always have those hard to get items you just have to have (whether you knew you needed it or not), or, in the rare instance he doesn't have it, knows where to get it and have it shipped to you. And maybe even better, Chris is willing to take the time to talk with you to be sure you get what you really need to complete your special project.

Recently, Chris reached an agreement to sell his business, including the company name, all materials and the deer hide processing, to Mike & Nancy Richardson of Geneva, Illinois. The switchover begins in early April when they will begin transferring the materials. Chris will act as a consultant to the new owners for the next year. The Richardson's plan on serving the fly tying community in the same manner as has Chris and will gladly accept phone, fax or internet orders. Once we get contact information for the Richardson's, we will pass it along. Chris does plan to continue to hold the special fly tying workshops in his home, and he will finally have the chance to complete the book on deer hair (what else) he has been writing. Heck, he might even get a chance to do a little fishing.

B.U.F.F. wants to wish Chris the very best as he goes forward on this, his latest journey in a rich life.

February 12, 2013 BUFF program

Pete Moore (petecontact1@gmail.com)

Speaker: Wes Krupiczewicz

Wes is a retired engineer and current President of Derby City Fly Fishers in Louisville, Kentucky. Wes has been fly fishing over 45 years, teaching himself to cast based on an article in Field and Stream magazine. Originally from Michigan, he has lived in Louisville for about 35 years. Wes enjoys fly fishing for all species in all waters.

The presentation will focus on 4 relatively obscure places to fish in and about the Louisville area. These destinations include Otter Creek, Floyds Fork, Ohio River at McAlpine Dam, and Dix River Tail water. Pertinent gauge information and ideal fishing conditions will be presented.

2014 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Update

Bob Gustafson (j.r.gustafson@att.net)

The 2014 Fly Show is shaping up to be our best ever--over 40 exhibitors are already in the fold, and the show is well on its way to a sell-out of exhibitor booths. The Cincinnati fly show has become one of the best in the Midwest over the years and is drawing unprecedented interest in new and returning exhibitors.

The show will have a superb lineup of speakers, casting demonstrations, and fly tying demonstrations. Show headliner is A K Best, a top name in fly fishing and tying circles and the author of many magazine articles and books. Speakers include:

A K Best – two presentations: “Fishing with Too Much Water” and “Fishing with Little Water”

Dane Law, Southeastern Anglers – “Trout Fishing the Southern Appalachians and Beyond”

Frank Willetts, Pere Marquette River Lodge – “Steelhead vs. Trout”

Jon Ray, Hawkins Outfitters – “Smallmouth on the Fly”

Jerry Darkes, Angling Consultive Services – “New Fly Fishing Gear for the Coming Year”

There will be featured fly tying demonstrations by top notch tiers: A K Best (two presentations), Glenn Weisner of Glenn River Fly Co., Mike Schmidt of Angler’s Choice Flies, and Kevin Compton of Performance Flies as well as top tiers from regional fly fishing clubs, including BUFF, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Miami Valley Fly Fishers, and Mohican Fly Fishers.

Casting demonstrations at the Casting Pond will be conducted by Dave Leonhard from Orvis Streamside, Traverse City, MI and Kevin Howell from Davidson River Outfitters in Pisgah Forest, NC as well as BUFF casting instructors. This year there will be more time for public access to the casting pond to try out rods for sale at the show and for Boy Scouts to work on Fly Fishing Merit Badge requirements.

Putting on a world-class fly fishing show takes a lot of work. BUFF is fortunate to have a dedicated team of volunteers working hard to prepare for the show. To date, 28 BUFF members have volunteered to serve on the Fly Show Committee or to work the day of the show. We need more volunteers. Please see any member of the committee or email Bob Gustafson at j.r.gustafson@att.net or Bob Miller at bob.miller@alta-gila.com to volunteer.

The show will be Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 to 4:00 at The Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children 12 and under and Scouts in uniform are admitted free. Parking is free at The Oasis.

2013 Show Pictures



Notices and Reminders

Tom Smith (tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com)

2014 Fly Show date is Feb. 1, 2014. The show chairman is still seeking volunteers to help with show production activities during the show. Please volunteer to help the club

2014 Club Banquet is March 8, 2014. Reservation can be made and paid for at the January meeting. The banquet also needs volunteers

Buckeye United Fly Fishers
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday February 12, 2014

Voice of America
5:00 pm- 9:00 pm

Dinner Menu

Baked and Breaded Fish
Fresh catch to be determined closer to event

AYS Signature Seasoned Breaded and Baked Chicken
Breast, thighs, legs and wings

Cheddar Broccoli and Rice

Homemade Macaroni and Cheese

Seasoned Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Cheese Cake with Assorted Fruit Toppings



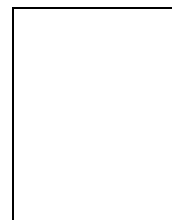
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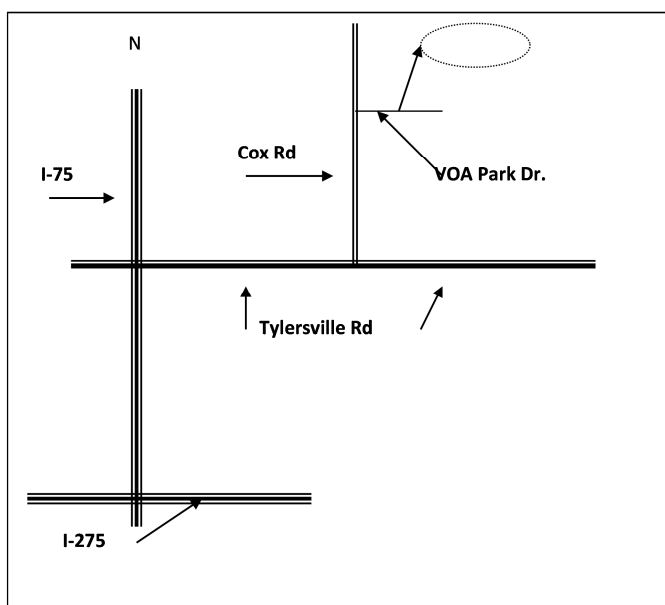
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – February 12, 2014

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20th of the month through the Sunday evening before the monthly meeting!



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.