

# The BUFFER

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## The President's Notes

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The weather has cooled off and local fishing has slowed down a bit. It's time to spruce-up the fishing equipment, restock the vest, catch up on fly tying and reminisce about the nice ones we caught and the bigger ones that got away. Some of us will journey to warmer climates to fish this winter, a few hardy souls will battle the winter elements in pursuit of the magnificent steelhead and the rest of us will hibernate for the winter waiting for spring fishing to arrive.

Fortunately, not all is lost for those of us who hibernate as there are several events coming up. Here is a partial list:

1. Advanced fly tying classes start Friday night, January 4th and will run for several weeks. These will be held at the Springdale Community Center. Check with Ken West for details.
2. The North Coast Fly Fishers are hosting the Cleveland Fly Tying Expo on Saturday, January 5th. BUFF will have a fly tying table at the event. For Expo details visit the North Coast Club website: [www.ncff.net](http://www.ncff.net)
3. The Derby City Fly Fishers are holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, January 26th, in Louisville. Our club will have a booth at their show. For details check the Derby City website: [www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com)
4. The BUFF Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is scheduled for February 9th at the Receptions Conference and Banquet Center in Fairfield. Our show coordinator, Mike Bryant, will need several volunteers to help during the show. Please sign up to help Mike.
5. Our Cabin Relief Banquet is set for Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. This function is our primary fund raising event. Come and join the fun. Get your tickets early as the banquet is limited to 200 people.
6. The BUFF Fly Fishing 101 course for beginners and intermediate-skilled fishers will be held on Tuesday nights in March at the Springdale Community Center. Details will be provided at the February general meeting and in the BUFFER.
7. Come to the spring casting tune-up Wednesday evening, March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Springdale Recreation Center. Gary Begley and Tom Scheer, our casting leaders, will help you fix your "less-than-perfect" casting loops.

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## January Meeting Program

**Captain Jon Ray** has been fly-fishing since the age of 15, and has guided fly anglers in Michigan and Colorado for the last several years. He is with Hawking Outfitters of Northern Michigan ([www.hawkinsflyfishing.com](http://www.hawkinsflyfishing.com)). Jon's first love is chasing large resident trout with streamers & dry flies. The Upper & Lower Manistee, Muskegon & the Pere Marquette are among his favorite rivers. He has fly fished around the world including Alaska, Argentina, Belize, and New Zealand. Some of his favorite fishing spots outside of Michigan are stripers in Maine, trout in Montana, or snook in Florida.

If you want to find out more about Jon's fishing experiences and favorite fishing haunts, come to the January BUFF meeting. He is said to be an enthusiastic speaker and a guide who is totally focused on helping his clients land that trophy chrome steelhead, large wary brown trout or dominate male salmon of your dreams.

**Finally, just a few reminders:**

- ✓ Voting for the 2008 club officers and directors will be held at the January meeting. The newly elected officers and board will serve from the March 8, 2008 banquet until the 2009 banquet.
- ✓ Voting for the "Fly Fisher of the Year" will also be held at the January meeting. The recipient will receive the award at the March banquet.
- ✓ Remember to bring your raffle donations to the January or February meeting. Contact either Jim Boude or Bill Huber if you have questions regarding the banquet.
- ✓ Your 2008 membership dues need to be paid by the March general meeting to avoid penalty. You may pay at the Jan., Feb., or Mar. meeting or send your check to the BUFF mailbox. (See article below) Contact Tim Findley or Dick Naber if you have questions regarding your membership fee.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

### **The following information is taken from the BUFF Policies**

- There is no change in current dues amounts (single, \$25/yr.; family, \$30/yr.).
- The anniversary date for each membership shall be January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- Members must be in good standing (listed on the membership roster) to be eligible for club classes and trips and to receive the BUFFER.
- All "new" members will pay a "one-time" initiation fee of \$5 included with their membership dues.
- Dues for new members joining during the year will be pro-rated to put their anniversary date on the January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup> schedule
- Beginning in 2008, membership dues will be due on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- Starting in 2008, renewing members will have a grace period from January 1<sup>st</sup> until the March general meeting to pay their yearly dues. After that date they will be dropped off the membership roster and be treated as a new member upon rejoining the club.
- Members who have already paid their full dues in 2007 prior to the months under the 2007 pro-rated procedures, will owe a reduced membership fee on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to renew to December 31, 2008. The amount owed will be the pro-rated amount. (See the Treasurer to determine the exact amount)

**January Menu**  
**PRICE THIS MONTH \$12.00**

**Cheese & Pepperoni Stuffed Chicken Breast**  
**Salmon Croquettes**  
**Au Gratin Potatoes**  
**Succotash**  
**Tossed Salad with Dressings**  
**Rolls and Butter**  
**Sherbert served with Sugar Cookie**

If you are unable to attend the January BUFF meeting, please fill out the below information and mail to BUFF before January 9, 2008. If you will be able to attend the meeting, copies will be available then for your use. Thanks.

**B.U.F.F**  
**Membership Update**  
**January 9, 2008**

In an effort to update and/or verify our membership records, please fill out the requested Information and return it to:  
BUFF, P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Telephone where you can best be contacted)

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ BUFF Member since (year only) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a BUFF membership badge? \_\_\_\_\_

(Badges will be available at the next regular monthly meeting)

Who recommended you to BUFF? \_\_\_\_\_

Your comments to help membership better serve you:

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Thank you

Dick Naber, Membership Chairman/Tim Findley, Director at Large

## **Beginners and Advanced Fly Tying**

### **Ken West**

I never like to start an article with an apology, but time just got away from me since the last article. So, to Tom Baker, Jim Hampton, Jeff McElravy, and Gary Begley, sorry I didn't get you guys recognized for the great job you did with **Beginners Fly Tying**. Also to Davey Jones for securing the room, and to Bill Schobel, Bill Huber, Lee Chambers, and Steve Walker for helping. (I hope I didn't forget anybody)

The classes were very enjoyable. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

**The Advanced Fly Tying class** dates are finalized, and will be held on Friday evening 6:30 to 8:30 at the Springdale Community Center. Directions are on the website. **January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, February 1st**, and the 8th, are the dates. We'll be joined by a new person this session. Lane Stocker will be teaching a class, and we all welcome her. Lane is not only very accomplished with a fly rod, but also is an excellent fly tyer. There will be lots of new techniques, but most of all we always seem to have a good time.

See ya there!

## **What happened to the zebras?**

### **Steve Lilly**

On March 27, 2007, the Army Corps of Engineers reduced the outflow for the Ceasar Creek Dam from 1225cfs to 238cfs. This caused the creek below the dam to drop from a gage height of 9.2 ft to 6.4ft, almost 3 feet. As the creek receded from the bank, several million zebra mussels became stranded. These zebra mussels were so thick, they were virtually shoulder to shoulder all along the edge of the creek, and in some spots were bunched up three or four deep. All of them were alive because Zebra mussels can live for weeks out of the water. Although they attach themselves to whatever solid objects are available, such as intake pipes, these zebra's were not attached to anything. They don't have any appendage like a foot for locomotion as many mussels do, but sometimes they will bunch up in a ball and let the current roll them along. Many such balls of zebras could be found along the creek bank. All of these stranded zebras were waiting for the water to rise so that they could get on with things. In addition to the stranded zebras, many more were still in the stream, and were firmly attached to the stream substrate by way of their byssal threads.

All summer long, anyone wading in the creek could easily find lots of zebra mussels attached to the rocks all along the creek bottom. If a rock were lifted from the stream, many zebras of all sizes could be found on the rock's underside.

However, by November there wasn't a zebra to be found anywhere in Ceasar Creek. They are not on or under any rocks. Maybe one or two could be found in a backwater, some distance from the main stream, but otherwise they were all gone. What happened to all those millions of zebras that were so prevalent in the early spring?

### **BUFF Announces a Fourth Tie & Lie!**

A new Tie & Lie will be held at Fly & Shot Outfitters, 11130 Kenwood Rd., phone 513-247-9523 (At the corner of Cornell & Kenwood Rds.) on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 7:00-9:00 PM. Materials & hooks will be supplied; tyers need only to bring their vice, tools & thread. Fly & Shot will offer a 10% discount on tying related items purchased by tyers on BUFF Tie & Lie nights!

# The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™

Mike Bryant

Mark your calendars! The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ is coming on Saturday, February 9, 2008. The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ will continue its focus on providing both experienced and prospective new fly fishers timely information on the great sport of fly fishing. Our goal is to educate, inform and to have fun. During the Show, we hope to offer and familiarize attendees with available local, regional and national fly fishing resources. **Same great Show, a great low admission of only \$6.00 per person, and children 12 and under are still admitted free.** This year's presentations include fly fishing opportunities on Lake St. Clair, and kayak fly fishing in Kentucky. Included with your admission is attendance to all presentations, both exhibitor halls, the fly tying island, fly tying demonstrations, and a chance to win some door prizes!! Make sure you bring your friends, family members, and especially kids to the Show.

The Show will be held at the Receptions Conference Center, located off of Route 4 in Fairfield (only minutes from I-275). This is the same facility we used last year.

**Location: Receptions Conference Center, Fairfield, OH (northern Cincinnati suburb)**

**Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008**

**Time: 9:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

In addition to the presentations and the fly tying activities, there will be numerous exhibitors that include fly shops, guides, outfitters, clubs, state and local resources, and much more. We plan to have new exhibitors as well as old favorites.

There's something for everyone. Check out B.U.F.F.'s website ([www.buckeyeflyfishers.com](http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com)) for more information. So mark your calendars and we will see you at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ on Saturday, February 9, 2008.

## BUFF 2008 Calendar

### January

- Jan 3 Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
- Jan 4 Advanced Fly Tying 6:30 – 8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jan 5 North Coast Fly Fishers Fly Tie Expo, Cleveland, OH
- Jan 9 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Jan 11 Advanced Fly Tying 6:30 – 8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jan 15 Tie and Lie Batavia 7-9 pm Riverside Coffee Mill, S. Riverside, Batavia
- Jan 16 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
- Jan 18 Advanced Fly Tying 6:30 – 8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jan 18 – 21 Houghton Lake, MI Ice Fishing Trip
- Jan 18 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
- Jan 23 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Jan 25 Advanced Fly Tying 6:30 – 8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jan 26 Derby City Fly Fishing Show, Louisville, KY

### February

- Feb 1 Advanced Fly Tying 6:30 – 8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Feb 2 Net Building Paul Feldman
- Feb 7 Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
- Feb 8 Advanced Fly Tying 6:30 – 8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Feb 9 BUFF Fly Fishing Show, Receptions, Fairfield, OH
- Feb 13 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Feb 15 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
- Feb 16 Net Building Paul Feldman
- Feb 19 Tie and Lie Batavia 7-9 pm Riverside Coffee Mill, S. Riverside, Batavia
- Feb 20 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
- Feb 27 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH
- TBD Rod Building

**Important Note:** The entire baseline BUFF 2008 Calendar will be printed in next month's Buffer, however, subsequent Buffers will contain updated "by month" calendars, and should be considered the most current.

# 2008 BUFF Banquet Blind Auctions (Banquet Saturday March 8, 2008)

## 2008 BUFF Banquet Blind Auctions Rules

The Blind auctions work like this. Write your name and bid on bid slip; then place it in the container provided at the meeting. The highest bid received will be announced and at the next meeting you will have the opportunity to bid a higher amount. The highest bid received will win as indicated below.

### 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting Blind Auction FINAL BIDS JAN. 9, 2008

The following Blind Auction items started at November, 2007 General Meeting and final winners will be determined at January 9, 2008 General Meeting.

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #1 R & R Fly Fishing (Ian & Charity Rutter) Smokey Mountains Guide Service

*Highest Bid to Date \$350.00*

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #2 On The Fly Guide Service (Scott Cunningham)

*Highest Bid to Date \$150.00*

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #3 CCS Fly-Fishing Outfitters (Tim MacCourtney)

*Highest Bid to Date \$350.00*

Tickets to the musical "Wicked" Two tickets & Parking Pass to Musical "Wicked"

*Highest Bid to Date \$275.00*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting Blind Auction Starts at Dec. 2007 and ends Feb. 2008

For the following items the Blind Auction starts at December, 2007 General Meeting and leading bids will be reported in January, 2008 with final winners determined at February, 2008 General Meeting.

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #4 Smoky Mountain Angler Highway 321 North 466 Brookside Village Way Suite 8

Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (865) 436-8746

*Highest Bid to Date \$150.00*

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #5 Indigo Guide Service (Kevin & Joan Morlock) 6655 E. Barothy Road PO Box 93

Walhalla, MI 49458

*Highest Bid to Date \$200.00*

Guided Fly Fishing Trip #6 Troutfishers Guide Service (Randy Ratliff) 301 Royal Dr.

Kingsport, TN 37663 (423) 360-1468

*\$150 Minimum Bid for Trip*

3 Nights in Campground Cabin Deep Creek Campground (Terry & Lila Floyd)

P.O. Box 105 1090 W. Deep Creek Road Bryson City, NC 28713 (828) 488-6055

*\$150 Minimum Bid for Campground Cabin*

Early Bird Reservations due by Jan. 9, 2008 General Meeting!!!



**Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
Annual  
Cabin Fever Relief Banquet  
Raffles and Auction!  
Saturday, March 8, 2008**



**Receptions Conference Center**

5975 Boymel Drive, Fairfield OH (Off of Route 4 in Fairfield, North of I-275 )

- 6:00 Social Gathering, Silent Auction, Cocktails and Dinner Music
- 7:00 Dinner Buffet with Slide Show and Dinner Music
- 8:00 BUFF Awards, Recognition Ceremonies and Board/Officer Installations
- 8:30 Speaker: Thane Maynard, Executive Director of Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- 9:30 Blind & Silent Auction winners announced
- 9:45 General and Grand Raffles

**Banquet Reservations:**

Early Bird Reservation by Jan. 9, 2008      **\$35 ea.** x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regular Reservation (after Jan. 9, 2008)      **\$40 ea.** x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Strips (1 for \$10)      \$10 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Strips (3 for \$25)      \$25 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Banquet Donation (Banquet attendance not required for donation)      = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

All Attendee's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name required for each reservation) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How Paid (Circle One): Check    Credit Card    CC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
CC Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc." and mail to:  
c/o Jim Boude, Banquet Chairman, 11980 Weeping Willow Ct., Loveland, OH 45140

***This form must accompany the reservation!!***

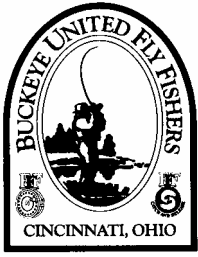
Thank you!

**Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Receipt: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Reservations:

Early Bird Reservation (through Jan. 9, 2008)      **\$35 ea.** x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regular Reservation (after Jan. 9, 2008)      **\$40 ea.** x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Strips (1 for \$10)      \$10 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Raffle Strips (3 for \$25)      \$25 ea. x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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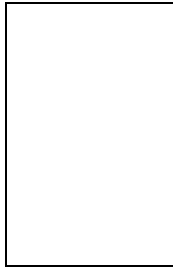


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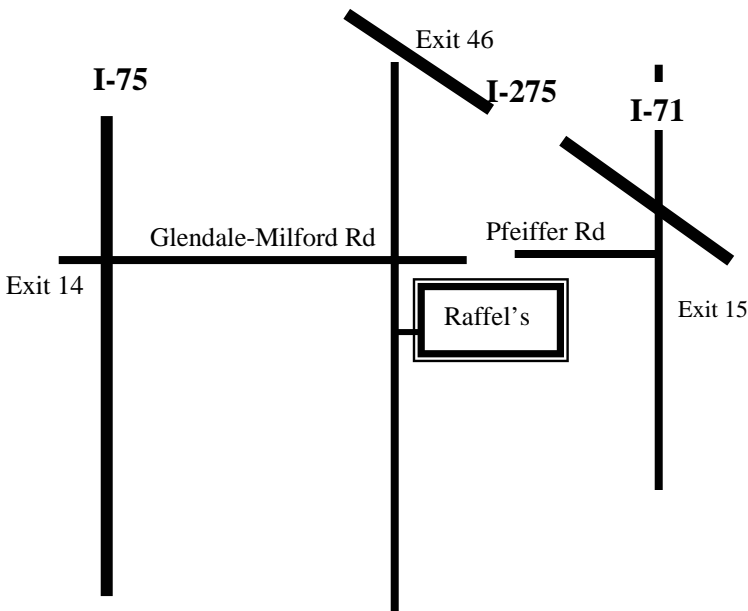
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**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 – Wednesday – January 9

**CALL 779-4489 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 NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 6:45 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 2)**



### 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.**



