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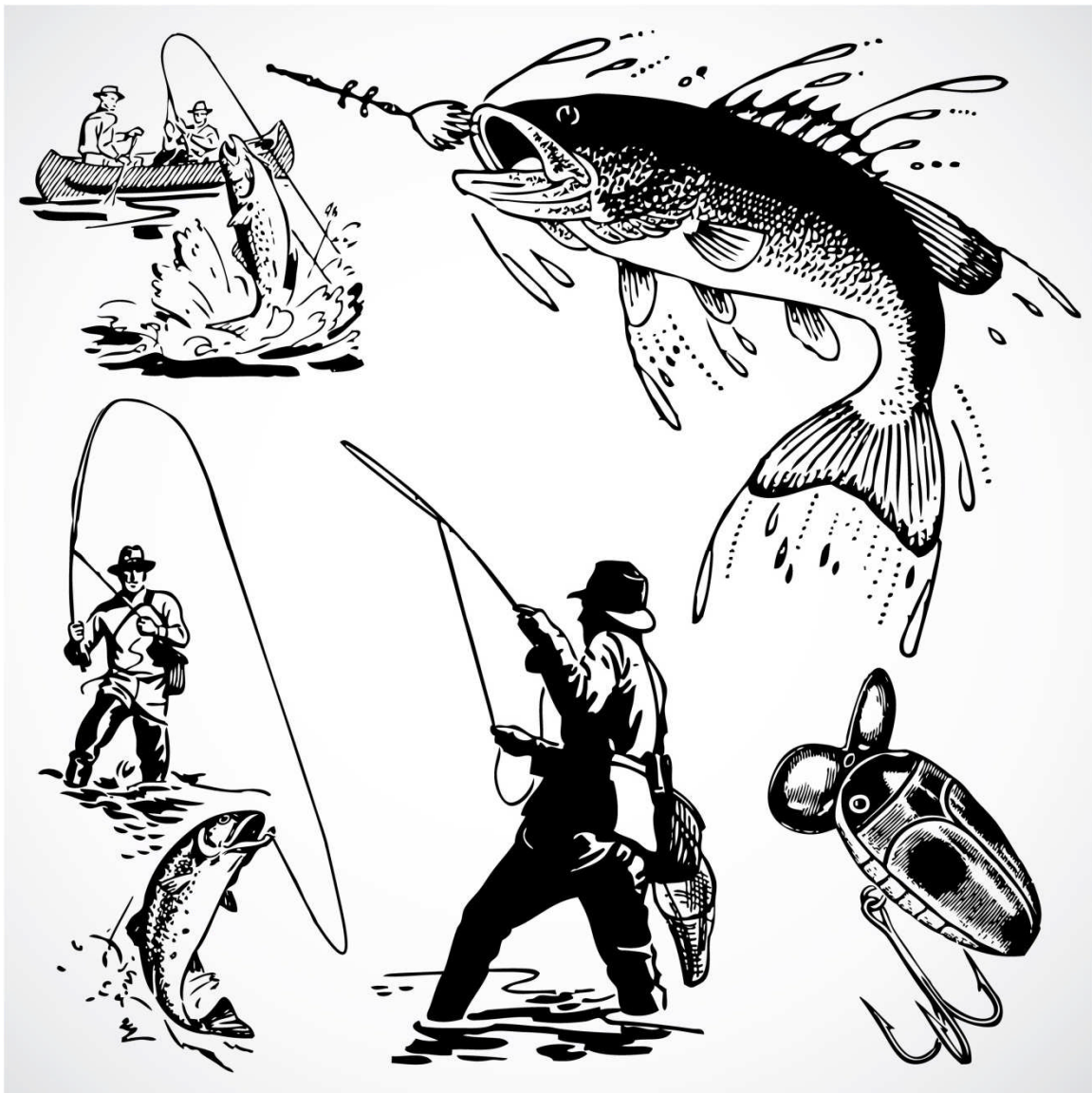
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Happy New Year - 2014



Fly Tying Update

Ken Dixon (krgjdix@outlook.com)

On October 26, BUFF sponsored a day long **Fly Tying Workshop with Mike Schmidt** of Angler's Choice Flies at Bass Pro.



BUFF members attending the Workshop included Jeff McElravy, Donna Schroeder, Tim Williamson, Ken Dixon, Larry Becker and Pete Moore.

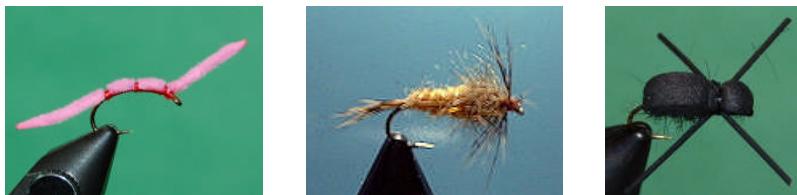


Flies tied included Mike's Meal Ticket, the Double Deceiver, and Mike's Red Rocket.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes have been completed for 2013.



The classes were held at the Springdale Community Center on Tuesday evenings from October 22 through November 26. Members attending the various classes included Hugh O'Donnell, Ray Kubik, Gary Robinson, Don Kail, Rick Novak, Fred Krause, Shane & Jenny Douglass, Bill Gauden, Eric Weinberg, Jack Gormly, Don Brown and Mike Infantino.



In addition to learning the basics of fly tying, we tied a number of flies including the; Woolly Worm, San Juan Worm, Foam Spider, Blue Wing Olive, Gray Wulff, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Red Fox Squirrel Nymph, Woolly Bugger, Foam Back Beetle, and Clouser Minnow.



One of the big reasons these classes are so successful are the efforts of the Class Helpers, BUFF members who are willing to donate their time to provide one-on-one help to the students. Class helpers this year were Larry Becker, Jeff McElravy, Tom Agin, Gary Begley, Jim Neckers, Bill Schobel, and Dave Jones.



This year’s instructors included Jim Neckers, Gary Begley and Jeff McElravy. Many thanks to the helpers and instructors.

Advanced Fly tying Classes will start the first Tuesday in February. The class schedule is:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Type of Flies to be tied</u>
2/4/14	B	Tim Williamson	Articulated Streamers
2/11/14	B	Jeff McElravy	Tech. Discussion: Feathers
2/18/14	A	Ken Dixon	Small Flies
2/25/14	A	Tom Agin	Parasol Flies
3/4/14	B	Jim Neckers	Scuds & Nymphs
3/11/14	A	Gary Begley	Terrestrials

Although called “Advanced”, the classes could more aptly be named “Intermediate”. If you have mastered the basic skills of tying, you should be qualified for this course. Bring your vise and tools, all tying materials will be provided. We will also have power available if you want to bring your light & magnifier

(recommended for the smaller flies). You can sign-up for these Classes at the January BUFF General Meeting or by contacting Ken Dixon by email at: krjdix@outlook.com

We are still in need of volunteers to man the **B.U.F.F. Fly Tying Booth** at the Fly Fishing Show. There are three sessions, 9:00 AM to 11:20, 11:20 to 1:40 and 1:40 to close. We need 3 people per session (it is OK to sign up for more than one session if you want). You will need to bring your vise, tools and materials and may tie whatever fly or flies you wish. This is really an enjoyable time and you will spend as much time chatting with the visitors as you will tying. Contact Ken Dixon at krjdix@outlook.com to reserve your spot.

Speaking of the Fly Fishing Show, I encourage everyone interested in fly tying to audit the **AK Best Fly Tying Clinics** on January 31, at the Oasis Conference Center.



The first Clinic is from 10:00 to Noon with the second from 2:00 to 4:00, both being held in the Fly tying Presentation Room near the main entrance. The number of people actually tying is limited to a maximum of 10 per session, and these positions were taken early. However, we can have up to 40 people auditing each session. We will have two large screen HDTV's detailing every step AK does, with the Room PA system in operation so you can hear his comments. This is a rare opportunity to sit in with one of the top fly tiers in the country. Cost to audit a single session is \$15 or both sessions for \$25. You can sign-up at the January B.U.F.F. general meeting or go to the BUFF website and click on the link to the "Info and Registration Form" for the Workshops.

In addition to the above formal classes and clinics, remember the "**Tie and Lie**" sessions held at Bass Pro the first Thursday and the third Friday of each month. Dave Jones and Gary Begley are leaders for these sessions. These sessions are a great way to continue to improve your tying skills in an informal atmosphere. Bring your vise, tools and thread. Hooks and materials are provided. Stories are free flowing and guaranteed to be (well maybe to be) true. For details, check out the link under "Fly Tying" on the BUFF Website or contact Dave or Gary.

Sauger

Steve Lilly (sjlilly@fuse.net)

“The rule of thumb is - if there's ice on your line its good sauger weather.”

Posted by “*Blackxpress*” on the ohiogamefishing blog



Historically, great numbers of sauger were present in the streams to the west of the Appalachians where they could satisfy their migratory tendencies. They are a cool water fish and beginning in November when water temperatures drop to 55 degrees or below the sauger will move from the main rivers and hang out at the mouth of small streams to feed and prepare their migration upstream as part of the annual spawning ritual that extends until March or April. They prefer streams with high turbidity, low gradient, and some deep water with a sandy-silty substrate. The spawn begins when water temperature drops to the upper 40s. The females will lay between 10,000 to 50,000 eggs that are adhesive and will stick to vegetation, stones, and debris, and then in about 10 days the eggs hatch and the young fry are on their own as no parental care is given. The many dams that made the Ohio River navigable caused the sauger to adjust their migration pattern, particularly when they were getting ready to spawn. Many will just halt when they come upon a dam while others will search around for a handy tributary. For us it means the sauger are headed up the Great and Little Miami Rivers, and the Mill Creek. It isn't unusual to find a few diehard fishermen all winter long at the Hamilton dam trying to catch some sauger. The winter weather doesn't seem to bother them in fact they seem quite happy. Sauger fishing beats staying inside and nursing a bad case of cabin fever.

Project Healing Waters Year in Review

D. Brent Miller (DBrent@dbrent.com)

Year end is a good time to look back at 2013 and the activities of a very successful Project Healing Waters program. Under the watchful eye of our fearless leader, Tom Scheer, the program expanded significantly.

After being approached by the Ft. Thomas VA facility to offer the PHW program to Veterans in the Domiciliary Care Facility, we approached the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers about joining forces in a single PHW program serving the Greater Cincinnati/N. Kentucky area, and the NKFF board of directors approved. This has created a very unique program, for the Project Healing Waters Cincinnati / N. Kentucky program is the only PHW program in the country sponsored by two fly fishing clubs. Volunteers from NKFF have been attending fishing outings and 2014 should show increased growth. We have seen a few Kentucky Veterans participate, but this still needs work and promotion.

After a successful joint PHW program event in 2012 at Presnell Plantation in Indiana, the Cincy PHW program joined forces again with the Indianapolis PHW program for a day of fishing on the Brookville Tailwaters in July. Lunch was provided by the Indianapolis chapter of Trout Unlimited. It was a great day of camaraderie, even though the fishing was tough. Only two fishers had bragging rights—a woman from Indianapolis, and our Veteran, Lenny Wilson.



We also had successful outings to the north. The Ohio Central Basin Steelheaders hosted our trip and stay at the Pine Lake Trout Club for a day of fishing. And one that we just can't refuse, a day of fishing at the Castalia hatchery where the Veterans were invited to fish and take up to five trout from this incredible fishery. This event has proven to be one of the best annual outings for our program.

Locally, we had a small set back in fishing locations. When Parky's Farm experienced a fish kill we needed to find a new location. Thankfully, Parky's Farm allowed us to fish the small pond in front one that is not normally fished. This gave us access to a very un-fished pond on a temporary basis while the bigger pond is being repaired and restocked.

January 8, 2013 BUFF program "How to fish steel head alley"

Pete Moore (petecontact1@gmail.com)

Speaker: Don Mathews

Don Mathews was born and raised in NE Ohio. He currently resides in Garrettsville, Ohio. He grew up in a fishing family, and spent his youth working on charter boats on the Great Lakes and accompanying my father on his endless list of fishing destinations. He spent a few years guiding bear hunters and fishermen in the Quebec wilderness. In his pursuit of Steelhead he has fished all over the Great Lakes and Pacific West Coast. Let me tell you there is no place like home here on "Steelhead Alley". I feel very fortunate to have a Steelhead paradise in my back yard. In 1997 I made the decision to leap into guiding Steelhead fishermen full time and I have been having a blast ever since..!!

Here are many of his qualifications and accomplishments: Hyde Boat Pro Staff member, Founder of Steelheadschoo.com and Owner of Dfishinfol's Guide Service since 1997, Steelhead School Instructor, Instructional speaker, NY Guide License # 4348, 2013 Pennsylvania Guide License # 198, Guide Permit holder Lorain County Metro parks, Guide Permit holder Lake County Metro parks, Ohio certified youth fishing instructor, Insured, CPR Certified, First Aid Certified, Water Safety Certified, Fly and Tackle development and field tester for several industry leaders, B.S.A. Fly Fishing Merit Badge Counselor, Fished Ohio steelhead since 1976 , Over 25 years of experience guiding hunters and fishermen, 17 years of Guiding experience on "Steelhead Alley"

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



Jan-14			
2-Jan	Tie & Lie	CANCELLED	
8-Jan	BUFF Monthly Meeting	VOA	6:00pm - 9:00pm
15-Jan	BUFF Board Meeting	Springdale Rec Ctr.	6:30pm - 8:00pm
17-Jan	Tie & Lie	Bass Pro	7:00pm - 9:00pm
23-Jan	VA Tie & Talk	VAMC Auditorium	6:45pm - 8:00pm
Feb-14			
1-Feb	Fly Fishing Show	Oasis Conference Center	9:00am - 4:00pm
4-Feb	Advanced Fly Tying	Springdale Com Ctr - B	6:00pm - 8:00pm
6-Feb	Tie & Lie	Bass Pro	7:00pm - 9:00pm
8-Feb	Net Building Class	Feldman Residence	8:00am - 12:00pm
11-Feb	Advanced Fly Tying	Springdale Com Ctr - B	6:00pm - 8:00pm
12-Feb	BUFF Monthly Meeting	VOA	6:00pm - 9:00pm
15-Feb	Net Building Class	Feldman Residence	8:00am - 12:00pm
18-Feb	Advanced Fly Tying	Springdale Com Ctr - A	6:00pm - 8:00pm
19-Feb	BUFF Board Meeting	Springdale Rec Ctr	6:30pm - 8:00pm
21-Feb	Tie & Lie	Bass Pro	7:00pm - 9:00pm
24-Feb	Advanced Fly Tying	Springdale Com Ctr - A	6:00pm - 8:00pm

Please Note

This is the last month that the upcoming event calendar will be included in the Buffer. The website now includes a 12 month rolling event calendar. Since there are members who receive the Buffer by mail we try to limit the Buffer content to 8 pages to comply with standard first class mail rates. In future months please refer for the Buff website for upcoming event schedules. (I know, I violated my own limits with this issue

Buckeye United Fly Fishers
 Monthly Meeting
 Wednesday, January 8, 2013
 Voice of America
 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm
Dinner Menu

BBQ Baby Back Ribs

Marinated and Grilled Chicken Breast

Scalloped Potatoes

Calico Beans

Country Style Green Beans
 With caramelized onions and
 bacon

Corn Bread Muffins with butter

Dessert

Chocolate or Raspberry Mousse
 Cake

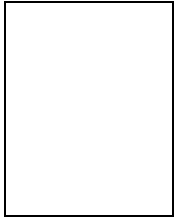


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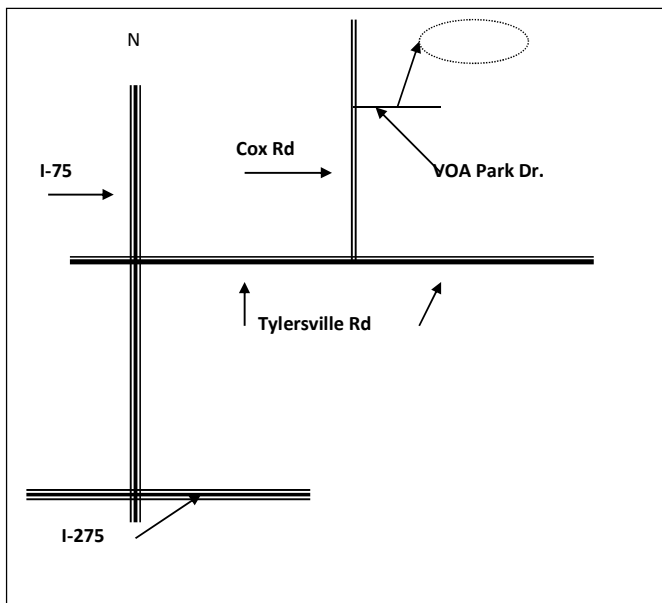
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – January 8, 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.