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The President's Notes

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Well, Summer has officially started and I am already tired of the 80s and 90s. The other way I know it is summer is when you return from a vacation and the air conditioning doesn't work, one of our trees fell in the neighbors yard causing some damage, and a recent repair to our foundation needed some additional work that I had to do. Also, this article was due today, and a contract needed to be signed immediately and sent in so we can get meals catered for the picnic and swap meet.

Fishing has been pretty good so far. I just returned from the Canadian fishing trip at Kwagama Lake Lodge in Ontario, Canada that Donn Rubingh and I purchased at the Banquet where we caught some beautiful brook trout both in lake and stream – what a beautiful part of the country. Donn and I will write a report for the next Buffer and also to put on the web site later this month.

One of the things I was reminded of by John Robie, who was their representative for this area, when fishing in Canada, you can't catch fish if you don't have a line in the water. He provided a lot of helpful hints, and even some new spoon flies that I will post pictures of on the web when we write a report. Fishing should still be pretty good around here in some of the farm ponds and "secret streams" so I would encourage you to get out and fish.

Two meetings are coming up that are usually some of the best meetings we have. Not just because they are outdoors, but because they will be right next to the Little Miami River at the Isaak Walton League Campground in Loveland - and we can fish there too. The first will be a swap meet on July 8th so bring your extra equipment and flies and put them up for sale. Years ago, when I first joined

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BUFF July 2009 Meeting Program

BUFF SWAP MEET

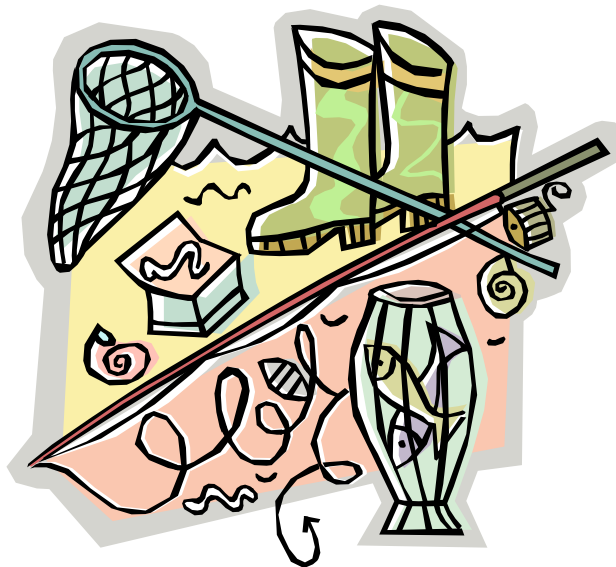
July's program, to be held at the **Miami Township Izaak Walton site near Loveland** will be our annual **SWAP MEET**. It's time to clean out those closets and garages and share some of those extra rods, reels, tying materials, etc. with your fellow Buffers. Come prepared to buy, sell or trade fly-fishing items.

BUFF, this meeting was great because a lot of people brought stuff to sell or trade, and I purchased quite a bit of stuff that I am still using. The last couple of years, however, we have not had a lot of people bringing in their stuff – so I challenge you to bring your equipment in and see what you can get for it. What better way to get some money to go out and buy some more fishing gear in the future. The second meeting is our Summer picnic, which will be held on August 15th. This is an especially good meeting because the picnic committee usually has some interesting games and contests, in addition to being able to fish there. Both will be catered by Raffels (cost \$12), so you know the food will be good. Ice water will be provided, as will one soft drink per person. If you want something else to drink, bring it. (Note: Isaak Walton has a beer machine in their lodge where the beer will be available for a very reasonable price.)

Well, I have to go pack because I am leaving again to try my luck on the Au Sable River in Michigan. (Does your wife also get upset when all you want to do is leave and go fishing? Maybe I will bring her back a present!) I hope it will be cooler there!!!

Roger

Directions to the Izaak Walton Site: From the Loveland-Madeira exit off I-275, go north on Loveland-Madeira (toward Loveland) a short distance to Branch Hill-Guinea Rd. Turn right, cross the river then turn left onto Branch Hill-Loveland Rd just as Branch Hill-Guinea Rd starts up the hillside. Follow Branch Hill-Loveland Rd. to the Izaak Walton sign that is located on the left side of the road along the bicycle trail.



Little Miami Walk About – A Great Success!

Steve Lilly

“Forget about all the fishing books and magazine articles you have ever read, and all the fishing videos you may have watched, and do just the opposite.”

That is the advice Steve Waak of A&N Outfitters gave to those on the Little Miami Walk-About. Steve explained that we should carefully observe the waters we fish, he explained that we assume the fish are always on the other side of the bank we are fishing from but what if our approach is from that bank it is assumed the fish will be on the far bank. Observation is crucial to continued success. Try different flies, change location, use several types of retrieves, and do just about anything until we get some hits. This is called patterning the fish, an expression taken from professional bass fisherman. Finally remember what worked, and that way we can develop our own expertise. Again “observe before you approach, this can be the difference between spooking fish and going home skunked or picking up that first fish early in your trip”.

That has worked for Steve and he was good enough to pass along to us his encyclopedic knowledge of the Little Miami. As we walked along some of his favorite places on the river, Steve talked about the all types of water in the stream and how to cast in them. Dissect the water into sections including fast water in the channels, still water and eddies, seams, high discolored or clear water, weed beds, etc. Study the different currents and how they will affect your drift before, rather than after you start fishing.

He talked about techniques to catch Smallmouth, Sauger and Saugeye, White Bass, Stripers, Drum, Buffalo Sucker, Gar, Carp, Drum, and others including Muskellunge.

The flies discussed ranged from rope flies for Gar, Yak fur steamers, and two-foot long flies for Muskies.

The people taking part in this unique opportunity were Dirk Commandeur and his young sons Jack and Luke, Steve Lilly and his mentee Kevin Harmon, Donn Rubingh, Bill and Donna Schroeder, and Jim Terlinden.

Thanks to Steve Waak, all of us gained valuable and extensive knowledge on stream fishing and other related topics. He has our utmost gratitude for taking a day away from his busy shop for our enlightenment.

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Tie & Lie News

The First Thursdays Tie & Lie West at Bass Pro (7:00-8:30) for July has been called off for July as that is the 4th of July week end. A future session will be how to blend dubbing. We will start with the raw materials and use a coffee grinder to create the dubbing. Look for the date to be announced.

Some Local Fishing Spots

You say: “Where can I find a place to fish around here?” Lou Haynes has provided this list of possible fishing waters in the local area. Hope it stimulates you to try some new places this Summer.

- Cowan Lake near Wilmington.
- Below Cowan Lake Spillway (take trail down the hill on north side of spillway: pool is full of fish but pool is not very large)
- Caesar Creek Lake
- Caesar Creek Lake Tail Waters Below Dam (known as Caesar Creek Gorge)
- Caesar Creek Lake Headwaters (nice wadeable creek at upper end of lake)
- East Fork Lake (also know as Harsha Lake)
- Below East Fork Lake Dam (parking area at outlet at bottom of dam)
- East Fork Headwaters (about 5 miles of creek in the park area; can fish stream from park at bridge in downtown Williamsburg to lake)
- Winton Lake (rent a boat and fish dry flies for panfish along banks during summer months; can be great fishing but fish are small.)
- Sharon Woods Lake (same as above; fish are bigger in the lake)
- Miami White Water Lake (same as above)
- Madd River (north of Urbana for trout)
- Little Miami River (42 mile bike path along river for access)
- Spring Valley Wildlife Area Lake (this lake is full of lily pads; absolutely beautiful in mid-spring.)
- O’Banion Creek in Loveland (park at Nisbet Park and walk up the creek)
- Twin Creek near Franklin
- Todd’s Fork near Morrow
- Great Miami River (access limited, but try Devou Park along River Road or below dam in downtown Hamilton).
- Mouth of White Water River (park along westside of bridge between train track and road on Rt 50 and follow trails to river; under bridge is a great hole to fish).
- Ohio River below Mendahl Dam on Kentucky side.(Ohio license works as long as you are fishing in the main river)
- Power Plant outlet stream just upstream of Aberdeen on the Ohio River. (mainly a winter fishing area due to the warm water discharge.)
- Brookville Lake tail waters in Indiana (stocked trout fishing steam)
- Private Farm Ponds are great to fish. Have any friends who own one?

Eyewear Evolution

By Clay Gill - Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Club Newsletter/FFF Clubwire

Modern fishing eyewear has made leaps and bounds recently in the arenas of protection, fashion and functionality. Everyone knows polarized lenses allow you to see fish under water. Glare and reflected light obstructing the ability to peer through surface is erased. Sight casting to target fish is fun. Everyone wants to see the "hit". It becomes the excitement of spotting a fish as you hunt for them and placing a perfect cast to that quarry. Consequently, high tech sunglasses are popular.

Companies like Kaenon, Costa Del Mar, Maui Jim, Wileyx, Old Harbor Outfitters, 7eye, Oakley, and Ocean Wave vie for consumer cash out there. Customers want that magic x-ray vision to spot fish for a casting opportunity.

Each company has their own philosophy for accomplishing the goals. Some use sandwiched lenses, some block yellow light--some blue. Others add films and reflective coatings and mirror finishes. The green mirror is touted as best for shallow water, and the blue great for offshore applications. It has gotten complicated. They say gray is best for driving and amber best for low light sight fishing. Who knows?

What it has come to on materials is mind boggling. Glass, high tech plastics and sandwiched materials bonded together have created a myriad of amazing new innovations that all really work well. With copper, amber, grays and the shades of blue and green, who knows what is best! You probably really need several pairs!

The truth is anything is better than nothing. I drive with Maui Jim's. I fish with Costa's. I like green mirror-even offshore. What matters is that you have good eyewear and the harmful rays of the sun do not reach your eyes. UVA/UVB light is the culprit. It needs to be limited to your eyes over the water. Reflection from the water surface is double trouble for your poor old eyes. Decades of abuse will make you pay later if you "tough-it", and prove you are a man. People with light colored eyes are even more light sensitive. It is even more important for younger fishermen.

To get up to speed you first must find a pair of glasses that fits you well. Fishing considerations are related to the coverage on your face. Glare can sneak in past open sides and be just as harmful. The new wrap-around models are sleek and stylish, they really make a difference! Being light, comfortable and extremely effective does not come cheaply! Cost is 200.00+ dollars for good fishing glasses.

Then you must decide what lens type, color and boasted capability by a pack of manufacturers trying to sell you their product. True it might require one lens like the amber for lower light or shallow water, and a green mirror for deeper blue black offshore water on bright days. You cannot take them back if they don't work very often, but many are now trying out glasses and re-selling the rejects on EBay and finding other new ones there at discounts. No one seems to pay retail prices now.

Once you find a brand that works for you, price may not be as big an object when capability surpasses the sticker shock. You really get your money's worth with the amazing high tech optics available now. Some even have cheaters to help tie the knots built in! Another innovation is holes to clip a lanyard so you don't drop them.

During the winter-we were looking down from the transom offshore at fish that had come up from deep water to clean up some chum. Without glasses a Shark looked like a Cobia or just something big. Grab your Costa's and peer again, and not only could we see the type of Shark it was twenty feet down in the chum, you could see the fish eating. It was time to grab wire for a busy day. Nothing wrong with getting Sharked for hours. They tug well on a slow Tuna day. The Mahi are fun too.

Triple polarization, oil and dust coatings, and bullet proof lenses can confuse you. Cr-39, and Polycarbonate Rhino lenses will dazzle you also. NXT chopper windshield polymer is also cool. All these amazing propositions for a better product are very confusing. This carnival of choices is grows every day! Just keep it simple!

What matters most is to limit UVA/UVB rays, and cut the glare on the surface. Make sure they are comfortable and hang them on a lanyard so you don't scratch them up. Put them on and wear them even on cloudy days. Harmful sunlight punches right through overcast clouds. Sun damage is an accumulative effect!

If you need several pairs rejoice. It is a marvelous age. High tech protection, x-ray vision, looking cool and catching fish-all at once! You just can't beat that!

BUFF 2009 Calendar

July 2009

- Jul 8 **BUFF Outdoor Swap Meet**, Izaak Walton Campgrounds, Loveland, Oh
- Jul 12 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Jul 15 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 16 **Little Miami River Day Float Trip** – Lou Haynes
- Jul 17 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Jul 19 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Jul 22 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Jul 26 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Jul 27 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:00-8 pm, Dave Jones

August 2009

- Aug 6 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Aug 15 **BUFF Picnic**, Izaak Walton Campgrounds, Loveland, Oh
- Aug 16 **BUFF Instructor Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Aug 19 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 21 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 9:30 am – 12:00pm, Dave Jones
- Aug 21 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Aug 23 **BUFF Instructor Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
- Aug 26 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH

September 2009

- Sep 2-5 **Au Sable & Manistee River North Woods Trout Trip**, Steve Bailey
- Sep 3 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Sep 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Sep 11 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Sep 13-18 **Pere Marquette Fall Salmon Trip**, Walhalla, MI, Joe Guenther
- Sep 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Sep 18 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Sep 18 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Sep 18-20 **Casting For Recovery**
- Sep 21 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:00-8 pm, Dave Jones
- Sep 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Sep 25 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Sep 26 **Great Outdoor Weekend** Izak Walton site, 10 am – 3 pm
- Sep 30 – Oct 3 **Cumberland River Trip**



October 2009

- Oct 1 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Oct 2 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 9 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 9-13 **Fall Trout Trip**, Waynesville, NC, Don Prince
- Oct 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Oct 16 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 16 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Oct 21 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Oct 28 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
- Oct 30 **Parkey's Farm**, 10-2 pm

November 2009

- Nov 5 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Nov 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Nov 18 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Nov 19-22 **Steelhead Trip, Pine Lake Trout Club**, Chagrin Falls, OH, Tom Herr
- Nov 20 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Nov 24 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:00-8 pm, Dave Jones

December 2009

- Dec 3 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
- Dec 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
- Dec 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Dec 18 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
- Dec 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH

July Menu
PRICE THIS MONTH \$12

**HAMBURGERS/CHEESEBURGERS
HOT DOGS/ BRATS/METTS
ASSORTED TOPINGS/CONDIMENTS
BAKED BEANS
POTATO SALAD/FRUIT SALAD
COLE SLAW
BROWNIES/COOKIES
ONE SODA PER PERSON**

2009 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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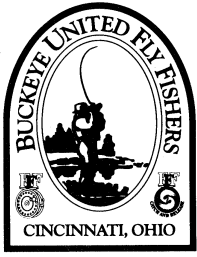
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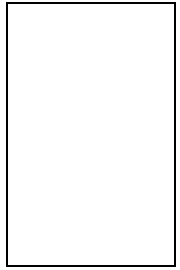


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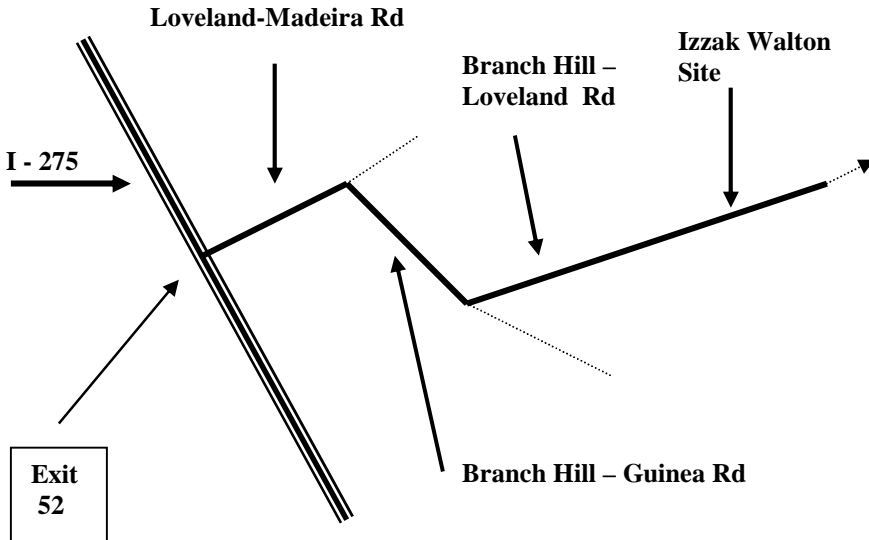
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – July 8

CALL 513-542-7597 (for July), OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$ 12.00/PERSON FOR A PICNIC MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 6) PLEASE NOTE: FOR THIS OUTDOOR MEETING, IF YOU RESERVE A MEAL AND DON'T CANCEL PRIOR TO MIDNIGHT JULY 5 , YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO COVER THE COST, EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND.



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