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The President's Notes

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Our July 11 General Meeting is going to be a joint meeting with Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers and Miami Valley Fly Fishers joining with us. The events will start at 4:00 PM when we all have the opportunity to fish in the lake for the minimum price of two dollars. Bring your rods and tackle and meet up with a member of one of the other clubs fish, and exchange tips and fisherman or fisherwomen lies. There is also going to be a swap meet. So go through your equipment that you haven't used for a while and exchange or sell it--to get new stuff that you can't live without. At Your Service is having starters on the patio before the meeting and a BBQ with sides for our meal. Walter and Pete have a program scheduled with Christopher Walden. There is more information coming by email and on the Web site. Let's be good hosts and share our new facility.

I was recently at the last casting class. There were a few things brought up by the new members starting to learn our shared art. One of which is something that we have done in the past, but Steve Bailey has not been able to get restarted in the last few years. We used to have local day trips planned that would give the new members an idea of where they could fish and help them get over the hump of the first few fish. We need members to offer location ideas and mentors to help these fledgling fly fishers. Tom Scheer and I worked with two high school students from Indian Hill High School. I enjoyed, with Tom, taking them to the Whitewater above the lake, and fishing the white bass run. One of the reasons for the Blog was for members to post when they were going fishing and seeing if anyone wanted to join them. Let's see if we can find a way to get this part of our program going again.

Jon has always threatened that he was going to put a sign in place of the message if I ever missed giving him a President's Message. This is so short I think he will have to fill it out with:

Gone Fishing!

(To Sunnybrook Trout Club with the "Retirees")

Jeff

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Little Miami River Total Sweep 2012

Donn Rubingh

Various groups are coordinating together to do a cleanup of the Little Miami River again this year. The River Watchers group coordinated an effort for the middle section of the river around Bellbrook-Sugarcreek area on June 23. Cleanup of the southern section is being led by Little Miami Inc. You may recall that we were part of the total sweep effort last year. Sixteen BUFFers turned out to do the stretch from Morrow to Roger's Ball Park in South Lebanon. I am hoping we can get a similar group this year. The stretch we will take is from Kelley Nature Preserve near Miamiville to Jim Terrell Park by Milford - about 4.7 river miles. We will meet August 4 at 8 a.m. at Kelley Nature Preserve where canoes will be available. Kayakers are welcome as well, and we will arrange transportation for them. Water will be provided and some light refreshments at the end of the trip. I expect we will finish about noon.

I did a trial run this past Thursday (June 21) to see what the trip might be like and to do a little fishing. I started about 5:30 in the evening. A sign at Kelley Nature Preserve where I parked my car said the park closes at dusk which gave some urgency to getting back on time. Here are a few things I learned. Most of the rapids were passable in my kayak, but I scraped bottom a few times. Once I got stuck and had to get out of the kayak to get through. If water levels are similar in August a couple of rapids likely will need to be waded in canoes. There were lots of carp in the fast water just above and below the rapids. I also saw a large gar. I stopped a couple of times below rapids to fly fish, but didn't catch anything. My total fishing time was short - maybe ½ hour. I arrived at Milford landing just after 8 pm so it took about 2 hours to paddle this stretch.

These are some of the "facts" of the trip. They don't convey how pretty this stretch of the river is, or how exciting some of the rapids are-particularly the one by the Milford municipal park. I hope you can join us on August 4. Please send me an email (drrubingh@gmail.com) if you would like to help in this year's Total Sweep effort.

BUFF July 2012 Program

Christopher Walden, originally from Auckland New Zealand, came to the States in 1979 for what was supposed to be a 30 day tour. Twenty -five years later he is still here and in the meantime has become a nationally known wildlife artist. Chris' involvement with groups such as Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasants Forever, The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the Three Valley Trust Organization has given him the opportunity to share his artwork and his views on preservation with a wide group of people across the Country. Through donations of artwork in the past 20 years Chris has helped raise over 28 million dollars for conservation. (information excerpted from C. Walden's website: www.natureartists.com/artists/artist_biography.asp?ArtistID=87)

The program will be about fly fishing in New Zealand his conservation trips and guide service. Also included will be displays of some of his art and Chris will give an insight to his style and perhaps finish a print during the evening. Mary Ware Walden, wife and manager will accompany Chris and tell of their new studio in Mason.

July General Meeting Update

The July 11 BUFF General Meeting will be a joint club outing with Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers and Miami Valley Fly Fishers joining us at our regular meeting place at Voice of America Park. Here are the details of what is planned:

Event: BUFF/NKFF/MVFF Joint Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Location: Ronald Reagan Lodge, Voice of America Park

Activities:

- Fishing in 35 acre lake (\$2 after 4 pm)
- Swap Meet (bring rods, reels, line, flies, etc, to swap)
- Cookout Meal by At Your Service Catering
- Presentation by Wild Life Artist & New Zealand Fly Fishing Guide - Christopher Walden

Tentative Agenda:

4:00 Lake Fishing

6:00 Swap Meet on Patio/Meet & Greet

6:45 Dinner - Lodge Dining Room and/or Patio

7:30 Program

Dinner Cost: \$15

RSVP's: please make your reservations in the usual manner online or call the Reservations Line: 513-683-0286.

SUPPORT NEEDED TO PROTECT FOUR MILE CREEK AND OPEN A MILE REACH OF THE CREEK TO PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS

As many of you know, Three Valley Conservation Trust (TVCT) is nearing the culmination of a year-long project to purchase and permanently protect a 170 acre property, located on the north edge of Oxford. Most of this land is prime farmland. TVCT will place a conservation easement on the farmland and has arranged to resell it to a local farmer. The remaining 45 acres includes approximately one mile of Four Mile Creek, mature riparian woods, and a nineteenth century mill race. TVCT will maintain this land in its present form to protect the stream and associated wooded area from development. In addition, TVCT intends to partner with an appropriate agency to create a park out of the 45 acre parcel that will include public access for hiking, bird watching and FISHING!!!

TVCT is now in the home stretch to complete the purchase phase of this \$1.12 million project. Appraisals and surveys are complete, a purchase price established and a contract to purchase on August 1 is in place. Over 85% of project funding is in place and TVCT is seeking contributions from its own membership, local area residents and businesses, foundations, and civic organizations. The TVCT Board and staff are 100% committed. Bridge loans have been secured to insure closure on Aug 1 while allowing fundraising to continue until the final goal is met. We need the help of the BUFF membership to make this happen. Some of you picked up pledge forms during the June meeting. If you have these, please make a pledge. If you don't have the forms, give Dolph Greenberg a call at (513) 523-6576 and I'll take your pledge over the phone.

Metroparks News Update

BUFF and Butler Metroparks have reached an agreement for special discounted fishing fee rate at VOA Park for BUFF members and guests. The agreement is in effect for a continuing period of time as long as BUFF holds its regular meetings at Ronald Reagan Lodge in VOA Park.

The agreement allows BUFF members to fish at the Twilight fishing rate of \$2.00, starting at 4pm on the second Wednesday of each month or any day of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting date.

In consideration of this agreement, BUFF has agreed to provide three free public educational programs or activities for Metroparks each year, as coordinated with the Metroparks Special Events and Programs management.

The first BUFF event for Metroparks will be on July 14, in conjunction with the Crazy Cardboard Regatta 2012. BUFF will be presenting fly tying lessons and casting demonstrations for park visitors that day. Please see Sign-up information below to volunteer!

- Bob Gustafson

Lots of Help Needed Saturday, July 14.

Eastern Hills Sporting Women and VOA Regatta

We have enthusiastically committed to providing volunteers for two activities on July 14 and need help with fly casting, fly tying, and fly fishing. Butler County MetroParks will be having their annual Crazy Cardboard Boat Regatta with thousands of people participating in numerous family activities during the day at the location of our monthly meeting. As indicated in Bob's message above, BUFF has agreed to provide fly casting demonstrations with opportunities for individuals to try casting for the first time or receive assistance in improving their cast. Also (inside - with the AC on!), BUFF fly tyers will demonstrate tying techniques and help participants learn to tie a simple fly. On the same day, Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club is sponsoring their annual Sporting Women Day, and BUFF will be conducting a fly fishing seminar as one of the workshops. The times for the VOA event will be about 9:30 AM to noon and 1:00 – 4:00 PM (sign up for either or both). The time for the Sporting Women program at Eastern Hills R&GC is 9:00-11:00 AM.

We don't usually provide volunteers for two big events on the same day, but an organization as large and active as BUFF should have no difficulty pulling it off. If you have never helped in a BUFF volunteer role before, this would be a good opportunity to join in the fun and "pay back" a little for what the organization means to us all. If you participated in our education activities in the past but haven't lately, this would be a good time to get back into it. We are, of course, depending on several "regulars" to step up again, but a number of them will be casting flies to finicky trout on distant mountain streams that day. So feel free to jump right in and lend a hand. We will provide significant services and, as a bonus, have a great time. Anyone who would like to help at the VOA regatta please contact Bob Gustafson (j.r.gustafson@att.net, 513-683-0286). To volunteer for the Sporting Women program, Gary Begley is your contact (loopdude1@hotmail.com, 513-932-4205).

Ed Jones

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.

July 2012

- Jul 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Jul 6 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Jul 11 **Joint Meeting BUFF/NKFF/MVFF** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jul 13 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 14 **Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club Sporting Women** fly fishing workshop,
- Jul 14 **Butler MetroParks Crazy Cardboard Regatta (VOA)** casting and fly tying, 9 AM - 4 PM
- Jul 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jul 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Jul 20 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jul 27 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- 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 4 **BUFF River Clean Up** Donn Rubingh
- Aug 8 **BUFF Monthly 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** 6:30 pm-8 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

September 2012

- Sep 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Sep 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 8 **Project Healing Waters**, Trip to Castalia Hatchery, Tom Scheer
- Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Sep 12 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
- Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 16-20 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** Joe Guenther
- Sep 17 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Sep 21-23 **Casting For Recovery Retreat**, Indian Bear Lodge, Debbie Hampton
- Sep 23-29 **Catskills Trip, 5 Rivers in 5 Days, Claryville, NY** Steve Bailey
- Sep 25 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Sep 28 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 28-30 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon

October 2012

- Oct 4 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Oct 5 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Oct 11-14 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC** Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 12 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 16 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 18-21 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
- Oct 19 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Oct 29 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

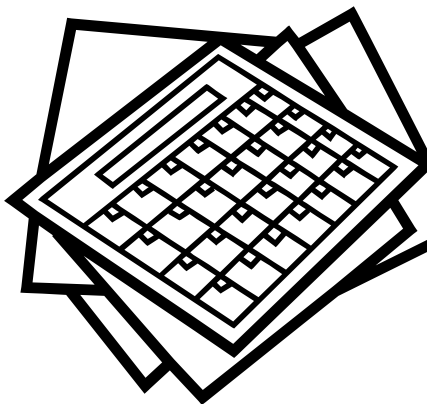


November 2012

- Nov 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Nov 2-4 **Fall Steelhead Trip** Tom Herr
Nov 6 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Nov 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Nov 19 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Nov 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Nov 26 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2012

- Dec 3 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Dec 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Dec 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley



July Menu

Starters on the Patio

Dip Station

- Salsa and Guacamole with Chips
- Artichoke Parmesan Dip
- Chorizo Cheese Dip

BBQ on the Patio

- AYS Famous slow cooked Pulled Pork
With Chefs Special Sauces

Variety of Metts, Brats, and 1/4 Pound Hot Dogs

With make your own bar – peppers and onions,
Cheese, ketchup, and mustard

1/4 Pound All Beef Hamburgers
With all the fixings and buns

Homemade Macaroni and Cheese

AYS Special Sour Cream Potato Salad

Creamy Cole Slaw

Dessert

Assortment of Summer Cakes

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

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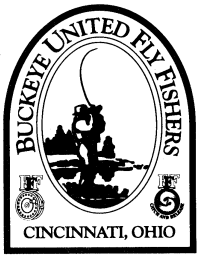
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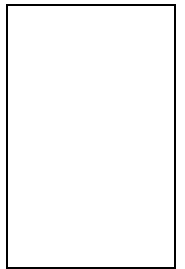


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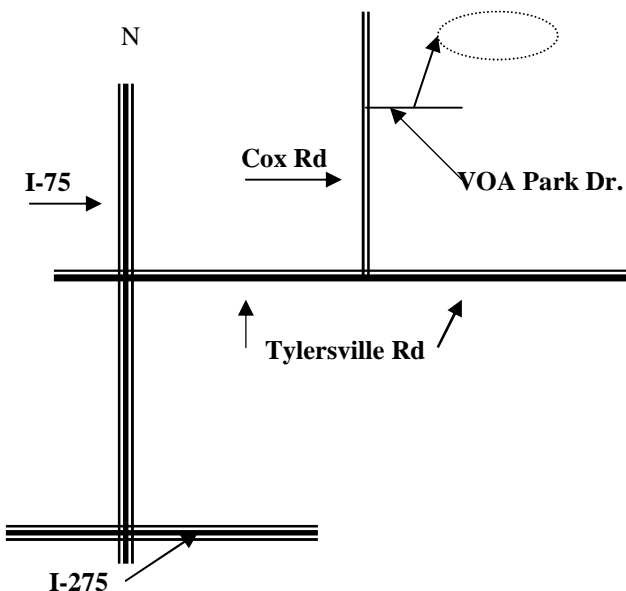
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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 – July 11

CALL 513 683 0286 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT 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.