



The *BUFFER*

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Notes from the President

Ken Dixon (krjdix@outlook.com)

It seems that June has flown by but it has been a good month. If you did not make the June meeting, you missed another excellent presentation. Our own Mike Rubush spoke to us about the Tenkara rod and flies. Thanks for the excellent job, Mike. The only problem is I now have an itch to try out this system. We have had some great presentations this year so take a moment and thank Pete Moore & Phil Pursley for all the work they do to set these up.

June was a month of volunteer activities for the Club. Earlier in the month, we had members working the 2014 BugFest at the Cincinnati Museum Center.



Jerry Yates at the Entomology Table

On June 14, the Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers held its Warm Water Conclave in Bellville, Ohio. It was a small event but has the potential to grow. A number of our folks came up to support the event. Below are a few pictures of the 9 members of BUFF who helped make this year's event a success.



Randy Clark on the vise



Sue Jones working the Entrance

On June 20, we had a great turn out of volunteers working with our brother Club, NKFF, at the Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo (Kid Fest) held at Old Coney Island where our members helped kids catch a few sunfish, bass, and cats. It couldn't have happened without your help!

Volunteers also worked Parky's Farm and spent time with the vets with Project Healing Waters. Thanks to all our members who help the Club serve the community!

The June BUFF Trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club was held on the 24th through the 26th. The trout were plentiful, hungry and full of fight. Everyone caught trout and enjoyed the great facilities and food provided by the Club. Check out the happy faces below.



The Sunnybrook Trip was the only BUFF sponsored trip for June. We have had to cancel the trip to the Elkhorn Creek near Frankfort, Kentucky as no one stepped up to serve as leader. The Fall Salmon Trip on the Pere Marquette is also in jeopardy for the same reason. If someone is interested in being a trip leader, please contact Steve Bailey.

In **July** we will be having our annual joint meeting with NKFF, hosts for this year's event. It will be held on **Thursday, July 10**, at Pioneer Park located at 3951 Madison Pike, Covington, KY 41017, which is easily accessible from I-275. We will be using the main shelter house (turn right after entering the park). The official meeting will start with a social hour at 5:00 PM followed by dinner at 6:30 (fried chicken, two sides and coleslaw plus drinks). The program for the

evening will be a presentation by NKFF members on warm water fishing techniques plus casting clinics. This will be a swap meet so bring anything fly fishing related you would like to pass along to someone else. Cost will be \$10 and you must register (using the BUFF on-line registration) prior to July 5 (attendance is limited). If you wish, come early and fish Banklick Creek which is adjacent to the Park. The Creek is small and wading is prohibited so be prepared to do roll casts from the bank (a Kentucky Fishing License is required).

In August, we will resume our normal meeting schedule on the second Wednesday of the month at VOA Park.

We will once again celebrate our great nation's birthday on July 4. Whether traveling, fishing or setting off fireworks, have a safe and happy holiday!

Tight Lines,

Dragon Fly

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In the old days it was said that dragonflies would seek out bad kids and sew their lips together while they slept.

www.dragonfly-site.com



Common Green Darner

Perhaps the dragonfly got its bad reputation because instead of buzzing around like flies and mosquitoes who flap their wings a noisy 300 to 900 times a minute the dragonfly sneaks around by flapping its wings a stealthy 30 times a minute yet can move at an amazing 45 miles an hour and can hover, or fly up down, or side to side. Instead of being evil dragonflies are good to have around because a major part of their diet consists of mosquitoes and black flies that are consumed in prodigious amounts while underwater as nymphs and later as adults when they capture their prey in midair; a maneuver that earned them the moniker "Mosquito Hawk". They are plentiful, and Ohio has more than 164 individual species with the Common Green Darner among the most prevalent. This specie is one of very few dragonflies to migrate with the seasons and produce two distinct hatches in different parts of the western hemisphere. In the fall many of them will gather in huge swarms and fly south to Mexico or the Caribbean. The offspring from the southern migration will head north as the weather warms to start a second brood of dragonflies that will make the

return trek south as winter approaches. One such swarm numbered well over 100,000 and took over twenty minutes to pass from view.

June 2014 Sunnybrook Trout Club trip

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The June Sunnybrook trout club trip took place June 24 through June 26 and was led by Buff president Ken Dixon. Sunnybrook is a private club of which Ken is a member and he sponsored the 14 participants as his guests. Sunnybrook is comprised of 130 acres of farmland, meadows, woodlands and manicured lawns. The two miles of meandering stream affords members an ample expanse of fishing opportunities. It is a gorgeous facility and the streams are fully stocked. Fishing is catch and return and only fly fishing is allowed. One half mile of Sunnybrook's legendary Cold Creek has been designated as "blue ribbon" fishing. Fishing pressure is limited to two per day, assuring that this section of stream remains as wild and natural as possible.



These pictures are typical of the serene surroundings with meandering streams, beautifully manicured lawns and landscaping details. It is a beautiful place to fish.

The fishing was a little challenging but everyone caught fish, even me. Over the 3 day period I caught a total of 8 fish which I think was on the low side. Once I found a fly that was attractive to the fish, catching was fairly easy. I caught most of the fish on an orange and pink egg pattern. I also caught a few on a parachute caddis and a pheasant tail nymph. It was easy to tell when the fish were no longer interested in a particular fly. Jeff McElravy and Randy Clark were both a big help with my fishing. They kept me from becoming discouraged and I have very little patience. The picture below is an example of May Fly in Ken Dixon's hand.



I was truly impressed with the camaraderie displayed by all who attended. Meals were excellent and conversation was pleasant and lively. I was particularly impressed that before every meal one of the participants took the time to lead the group in grace. I enjoyed the trip thoroughly and am anxious to repeat the experience next year. Thanks to Ken Dixon for leading a wonderful trip.

July Meeting Program – Joint Meeting with NKFF

Please see president's notes article for details on this month's joint meeting with NKFF.

Request for article submittal for the Buffer

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I need help with article submittals for the Buffer. If you'd like to read about what your club is doing, then I could use some help with article submittals. It doesn't take a whole lot of effort to jot down some notes about a recent fishing trip in which you've participated or an environmental event at which you've worked. Snap a picture or two and send your material to me at tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com. You don't have to provide a finished article unless you want to; I can edit the submittal and turn it into a story that can be published. (I'll share the Pulitzer Prize money with you.) Please take a minute to think about your normal fishing related activities and send me a note with your thoughts. Include your email address or phone number so I can contact you if I have questions. Then look for your article in the next edition.

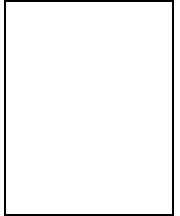


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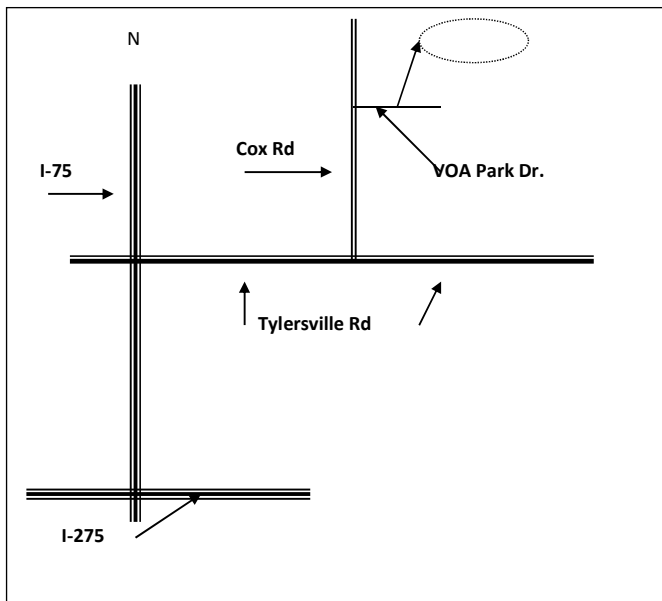
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – July 10, 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:

See President's notes article for directions to the July 2014 meeting

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.