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President's Corner

Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com)

This is my favorite time of the year. Not too hot, not too cold, not too humid, not too buggy, just right for fishing. Though the heavy May rains have blown out some of the streams, fishing in the lakes and ponds have been great. So find the time, find a B.U.F.F. buddy and go fishing! I'm sorry I missed the May meeting, but my annual tarpon trip was scheduled that week. It proved to be one of my better trips – great weather, great weather, and great fishing. Time permitting I'll write an article for the website and Buffer in the next few months.

Some Important New Capabilities:

Membership Listing - At the May monthly meeting, the Membership Listing proposal passed 64 - 17. The online membership listing will provide a key communication tool for you and everyone in the club. The listing will go online in July, allowing amble time for anyone wishing to remove his or her name from the listing. Also, some folks have requested their email address be included. If you want your email address to be included along with your phone number, or in lieu of your phone number, please let us know.

Online Reservations - Starting this month, we are adding an online reservation option for monthly meeting dinner reservations. Now you can make your reservations at any time of day and from anywhere. You can still make your reservations by phone, but note that the call-in number has changed to 779-4489. Please note that the deadline for making your reservations has not changed. Now that you have two options, there is no excuse for not "calling" in. With this change, the Goldberrys have turned over dinner reservation responsibilities to Debbie Hampton. Many, many thanks to Bob & Louise Goldsberry for the many years of managing the dinner reservations. This is just one of the countless ways they have unselfishly given back to our club.

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June Meeting Program

One of our very own members, **Bill Schroeder** who is **President of the Warren County Parks Board**, will do a presentation on the new **Lower Twin Creek project** at the June meeting. Twin Creek is a very good smallmouth fishery with very high water quality. Bill will discuss stream conservation, public access, and their preservation efforts on Twin Creek and several other smallmouth streams in our area. If you like to fish for smallmouth, don't miss this program!

Adventures From the Reel World

Kiser Lake Trip Report

Joe Panfalone

Friday night I had the van packed and ready to go in the morning. The weather report was for partly cloudy (which is good) and easterly winds (which is not good). When I woke up in the morning though, it was raining cats and dogs! Man was I bummed out.

I called Nick Rizzo on his cell phone to tell him that I wouldn't be coming. He said, "I'm in my boat and it isn't raining here." He also pointed out that he had caught several bluegills already.

No sooner than I was off the phone I was in the Van on my way. I met up with Nick and we fished for a couple of hours. By that time a front had moved in, the rain started, and the fish got lockjaw. So we assumed. Nick left for home and I went over to the campgrounds to set up camp and wait for a buddy of mine from work to arrive. During that time, I observed some guys wading the shoreline and catching fish left and right. As circumstance would have it, these guys were camped next to me. They came back with 30 or so big crappie each!

As suppertime rolled around, I came to realize that I had forgotten my cooler and provisions! Stress and hunger can play tricks on your mind. Thoughts of starvation began to consume me. Getting a grip, I drove into town and picked up some fast food. While eating, I thought I would call my buddy to see if he was on his way. To my next surprise, my cell phone's batteries were dead and the 12V converter cord was something else that I had left at home! This was turning out to be quite the trip from hell.

Returning to camp, I sat in my tent waiting for my friend to arrive. The rain was coming down pretty hard by now. Depressed with the weather, the fact that I had gotten skunked while others were catching fish, I had to find something positive about this whole experience. And that was... my new tent does not leak. OK this might seem as a stretch to you, but that's how desperate I was.

My friend arrived around 8 o'clock, the rain subsided to a mist, we got a warm fire going, and we sipped Rum and Scotch late into the evening. His friendship, his Scotch, and his promise that he had plenty of food to fix me a big breakfast in the morning ended the evening on a positive note.

The next morning we headed to the area where the other fishermen were hauling in all the fish. They were already there and catching them just as they were the day before. The wind was pretty strong making fly-fishing really tough. After several hours my friend had caught three fish on worms and I was still at zero. Then I succumbed to temptation! I picked up one of his rods and began to baitfish. The fly-fishing gods looked upon this with great disdain and inflicted their wrath upon me. What happened next was absolutely unreal! In making a cast I snagged the tip of my fly rod and hurled it into the drink! Luckily it landed on a weed bed, which slowed its sink rate. Rowing like mad I made it just in time as the tip went under water.

I made restitution with the fly-fishing gods promising that I would never - never stoop to bait fishing again. I went back to the fly-fishing, fighting the wind, and catching nada!



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Monthly Meeting Updates - The June meeting will be held at Raffel's instead of an outdoor location. Bill Schroeder will be talking about Twin Creek and the strong preservation efforts, so make sure to come to learn more about this little known local fishery. Bill has secured access to the new Twin Creek Park (not yet open to the public) on June 14 for B.U.F.F. members to check out the park and stream. For the August family picnic, we have secured a new location (thanks Bill Schroeder) - the private picnic grounds on a 17 acre island owned by Little Miami Canoe Livery in downtown Morrow. More details will be made available in the next couple of months, but this will be a fun family event in a great outdoor setting.

The Important Basics:

Having Fun – The B.U.F.F. fishing trips are in full force. The Nantahala and Pa./ Humphrey's trips were big successes. The Elkhorn trip is in June, and the Cumberland trip is scheduled for July. The day trip / float trip buddy system is providing plenty of opportunities to fish local waters. And before you know it, the fall Salmon trip will be around the corner.

Education – Plenty of opportunities are still available for you to improve your skills. Bob Mackey has the B.U.F.F. Library in full swing. The Ladies Only Introduction to Fly Fishing class (Dave Uckotter) is set for June 7; and the Reading the River class is scheduled for July 23. The Beginner's Fly Casting Course (Dave Uckotter) is scheduled for three Sunday afternoons in August. The intent of the Beginner's Casting Course is to teach the basic principles of fly casting. Being a more proficient caster will improve your fishing. Since we have a limited number of instructors, the course size will be limited as well. So, please sign up only if you can make all three classes in August and are willing to practice. Signups will be available at the June meeting.

Giving Back – Being able to fly fish is truly a gift and blessing. There are multiple opportunities for us to show our appreciation by helping others share in the joy of fishing. To help grow our potential, coordinate our efforts and relations with other non-profit organizations, the Board has approved a new chair position – The Outreach Director(s). Debbie Hampton and Patti Howell will co-chair this important new position. Debbie and Patti will work in conjunction with our Education Chairs (Tom Baker and Ken West).

Finally, the Board has agreed to commission a subcommittee to lead the design and approval of a new B.U.F.F. logo. If you have a knack and / or interest in developing a new logo, please let us know. We will be inviting members to participate at the June meeting.

A lot is going on as we continue to move forward as a club. But don't forget about the most important thing of all – fishing. Now's a great time to grab your rod, grab a B.U.F.F. buddy and go fishing!! As always, if you have a question or comment, please feel free to call or write (mjbryant@email.com).

NOTICE!!!

A new number for dinner reservations call-in!

779-4489

or

Sign up on the Web Site!

BUFF Library Update



Bob Mackey

As I mentioned in my BUFF March article, we are collecting videos and books for our "BUFF Lending Library". As of mid May we have approximately thirty (30) books and fifteen (15) original videos, two to three copies of some of those books and videos. Many of our contributions came at the May meeting. We continue to need your help. Please take a moment and think of our purpose here. The BUFF library will benefit the entire membership in one way or another, especially the new members who will be encouraged by the educational and instructional resources provided. Your donation is welcomed and to stimulate and inspire your participation we will hold a raffle at one of our upcoming monthly meetings for all of those who donate a book or video to BUFF's new library.

I took few minutes at the May meeting to brief the membership on the current status and operating procedures for withdrawing and returning books and videos. I encourage everyone to think about donating, going in with another member or finding someone who might contribute to our newest venture. Clean out those closets, attics and basements, and see what you can find. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

In the future, look on our website, www.buckeyeflyfishers.com, as we will be posting articles, and updating the Library inventories for your viewing. If you have any questions, please contact me at 831-4180 or rmackev@cinci.rr.com

THE MYSTERY OF THE "X" IN YOUR TIPPET

Jim Smoragiewicz of the Black Hills Fly Fishers in South Dakota

It was a passing thought that I had many times over the years but never took the time to look into it. What does the "X" on packages of tippet and leaders stand for? This was one of the things that I thought every fly fisher but me knew. As I came to discover, however, most other anglers didn't know the answer to this either, and prompted some research on my part.

A little history on some of our first mass produced tippet material. For some time early in the century, leaders were tied out of a silk strand that came from a caterpillar in Spain. The caterpillars were killed and then processed in chemicals to toughen their silk sacks. The silk sacks or "gut" were then removed from the caterpillar (usually two caterpillar). This packet of silk was then stretched out, usually reaching a length of 12"-15". Lengths of silk longer than this were scarce, and brought a premium price.

The silk strands were uneven in diameter and needed to be uniform in diameter for use in building a leader. The way this evening process was accomplished was by using diamonds to cut away the excess material. The diamond that had a round hole drilled in it and was polished on one side to form a cutting edge on the hole. The silk strand was then soaked in a solution to soften it, and then drawn through the hole in the diamond with all excess silk being cut away.

This uniform piece of "silk cat gut" (gut from a caterpillar, and not a house cat) was considered to be 1x in size because it had been drawn through a diamond one time or 1x. Next it was drawn through a diamond with a smaller hole to reduce the diameter even further. This piece of silk was now a 2x in diameter, or drawn through diamonds 2 times. This was continued until a 5x tippet size was reached, the smallest most fly fishers felt was usable at the time.

Why I Catch More Fish Than You – KNOT!

Jeffery Sadler of the Long Beach Casting Club courtesy of the FFF ClubWire

For those of you who are still laughing at the thought of me catching more fish than you, STOP reading here. This article isn't for you, it is for the many people I have observed that need a few hints on how to become better. I have come off the stream with a casual: "I caught ____ fish (fill in the number)" and people will say: "Hogwash". The problem is that they may need more of a chance to catch fish.

If your fly ain't in the water,

You ain't gonna catch a lot of fish. Period.

Clearly this article is aimed at the beginning fly fisher, the old pros are still laughing to think I'm better than they are, and they should laugh.

I have actually seen a beginner on a major destination trip in the water attempting to tie a knot and has a book open to learn how in one hand and a squiggly tippet in the other. While I absolutely applaud the effort, it's the timing that is rather weird. Learn to tie knots in the comfort of your living room, practice at home, at the clubhouse, on the plane to the Green River, but not (knot) on the stream.

So, you ask, how long should it take to tie on a new fly? 30 seconds, one half of a minute is more than enough time to reach in your vest, pull out a box, open it, select a fly, and tie it on. I didn't do this for a speed record and used a moderate sized fly (18) and standard 6x tippet. There are a lot of factors that can increase the time but basically, no fly should take over a minute no matter what. I can replace a tippet section in the same time, about 30 seconds.

What I'm going to tell you is my method. Lots of folks don't like it, some hate it; a lot use it. The reason is simple, it takes less time away from fishing than anything else.

The ONLY knot I tie streamside is an improved clinch knot to attach flies to the end of my tippet. My leader has a perfection loop (tied at home) at the end. My tippets are pre-tied with a perfection loop (tied at home) and coiled in small envelopes and I can easily carry 2 dozen in a small business card folder.

Even the most complex two fly bottom weighted nymph rig is pre-tied and all I need to do is remove the pre-tied rig attach the loop to loop to my leader, tie on the two flies, attach a split shot and indicator and there you are, fishing. Clearly this takes more than a minute but not too many minutes. If you have to rig this on the stream from scratch, how many knots are required? (1) Perfection loop, (2) double surgeon's for the first fly, (3) double surgeon's for the second fly, (4) double surgeon's to keep the split shot on, (5) clinch knot for one fly, (6) clinch knot for the second fly, and (7) whatever method you use to attach the indicator. Phwew, that's a lot of knots.

So, in a days fishing if we tie on 30 flies (not an unusually large number) and I take 30 seconds and you take two minutes, and we change 5 tippets and I take 30 seconds and you take two minutes, and if we change once from dries to nymphs and I take three minutes and you take ten, what happened?

The answer is my flies were drifting over fish for an hour more than yours were on that day and that is why I catch more fish than you do.

"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning; no matter how long we have been at it, we are constantly making some fresh discovery, picking up some new wrinkle. If we become conceited through great success, some day the trout will take us down a peg."

-Theodore Gordon 1907

Visit Twin Creek and See . . .

Stream Conservation, Public Access, and Preservation Are Warren County Park Priorities

Bill Schroeder

Little Miami River, Caesar Creek and Twin Creek. These are three well known, high quality streams which meander through Warren County. These are household names for most knowledgeable fly fishermen in our area. Our Warren County Park Board also regards them as prime assets which are worthy of the highest priority and effort for conservation and public access. That is why when the Green Ohio legislation was passed in a state-wide vote two years ago, we targeted these three streams for grant efforts. Our goal was to acquire property to create more and better public access, and to improve and preserve stream bank and water quality. We have been successful and today, our efforts are paying off.

First hand proof of this is offered to Buffers at the June 14th day trip outing, which will be held at the new "Carmody Park" which is our main park for public access and active use on Lower Twin Creek. As yet undeveloped, that park is one of three for which an ODNR Watercraft grant for improved public access and watercraft grant was applied for April 1st and will be approved (or denied) by August 1 of this year. The others are at Fultz Memorial Park and River Access at Corwin (across from Waynesville), and Morrow Veterans Park at Morrow, Ohio, both Little Miami River projects. All of these access projects will be built some day, grant or no grant! We will find a way to complete the dream which is now assured, since the greatest hurdle (property acquisition) is accomplished. However, an under-funded park board such as ours must scratch, scramble, beg for local support, and apply (for grants) at every opportunity in order to make capital improvements for which there is never a source of budgeted source of available funds. Two major grants (Green Ohio totaling nearly \$2,000,000) and lots of local support enabled us to acquire the land for these new parks. The access facilities are designed and ready to be built. All that remains is funding and contracting and they will become a reality.

Buff's first-hand sneak preview of our planned Lower Twin Creek access has been arranged by special arrangement and approval by the Park Board, for this special event in which the Carmody Park will be opened for the Buff event only . There are no signs, the entrance is gated and locked, and it is not yet open to the public. The launch and parking areas, which have not yet been constructed, will be mowed and a porta-let placed especially for this event. The water quality in this reach of Twin Creek has been rated by ODNR as second best in the State of Ohio. This particular spot is also within easy walk (wade) of some great small mouth holes. For more information on this, attend the Buff meeting and stay in touch with the web site.

WHAT IS A FLYFISHER? (FFF ClubWire) Adapted from the newsletter of the Kamloops Fly Fishers

A fly fisher is someone who goes around with determination in their eyes and a fly in their hat. They are usually good for your sense of humor and bad for your sense of smell. They come in all sizes, but their stories are always tall. A fly fisher will carry 60 pounds of gear, including a vest with 15 pounds of gadgets so they can use a 4 ounce stick and a one-tenth of an ounce fly to catch a one pound fish. A fly fisher will spend all day trying to catch a fish he saw once and all night talking about how a fish he never saw got away. A fly fisher has dedication, patience and a full case of liquefied malt, barley and hops to go along with an imagination that would qualify for the Guinness Book of Records. At the end of a fishing day, seasick and weary, clutching a fish that averaged out at \$100 a pound, fly fishers settle back in their muddy boots, open another barley sandwich and await the words that stir their souls... the hatch will be better tomorrow!

June 5 Tie and Lie West 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling At Bass Pro Outdoor World

June 7 Women's Only Fly Fishing Class Sycamore Park in Batavia – Drinks Provided – bring lunch – Dave Uckotter

June 8 Casting Class For BUFF Instructors Cottell Park 1pm-4pm Tony

June 8 Fly Tying Demo ad Cinti Museum Center 1pm – 5pm Lou Haynes

June 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 pm –9 pm Raffel's on Reading Road.

June 14 Local Day Trip Twin Creek

June 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm Outdoor World Members Welcome

June 19-21 Forks Of The Elkhorn Trip

June 25 **Lie and Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch. General fly tying and story telling 7pm-9pm

June 28 Clermont County Parks Fly Fishing Seminar Sycamore Park 9am-4pm Bob Goldsberry

TBD East Fork Stream Monitoring

JULY

July 6 Todd Fork Day Trip

July 9 BUFF Outdoors Meeting and Swap Meet East Fork Tail Waters 7pm-9pm

July 11-13 **Cumberland Tail Waters Trip** July 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm

Outdoor World Members welcome

July 23 Lie and Tie East at Presbyterian Ch. in Batavia 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling Bob Goldsberry

July 26. Read The River- East Fork tail waters In the park at Low Bridge 9am-4pm Drinks furnished. Bring your lunch

AUGUST

Aug 3 **Beginners Fly Casting Class**, 1 – 4 pm, Cottell Park, Dave Uckotter

Aug. 4-9 FFF Annual Conclave, Idaho Falls, ID

Aug.7. Lie and Tie West 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling Bass Pro

Aug.9 BUFF Picnic Little Miami Canoe Rental Meat and drinks are furnished the rest is potluck - Details later

Aug 10 Fly tying demo. at Cinti Museum Center 1pm-5pm Lou Haynes

Aug 10 Beginners Fly Casting Class 1 –4 pm, Cottell Park, Dave Uckotter

Aug 17 **Beginners Fly Casting Class** 1 – 4 pm, Cottell Park, Dave Uckotter

Aug.20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm Out Door World Members welcome

Aug.21 **Lie and Tie** at Presbyterian Ch in Batavia General fly tying and story telling 7pm - 9 pm Bob Goldsberry

SEPTEMBER

Sept.4 Lie and Tie West 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling Springdale Community Center

Sept.5 Sport Show and Banquet Meeting Location and time TBD

2003 Calendar of Events

The BUTTER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUTTER editor.

Sept. Calendar Cont.....

Sept.10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm Raffel's on Reading Road

Social hour 6pm-7pm

Sept.17 BUFF Board meeting
Out Door World 7pm-9pm Members
welcome

Sept.18 **Lie and Tie** at Batavia Presbyterian Church 7 pm – 9 pm General fly tying and story telling Bob Goldsberry

Sept.23-26 Fall Salmon Trip on the Pere Marquette. Baldwin, MI Stay at Brothy Lodge.

05/2003 B.U.F.F. Financial Report (rounded to dollar amount) **Beginning Balance** \$13012 Receipts Membership \$527 Raffle \$290 Feathers/Fly Tying \$60 Interest \$8 Monthly Dinner \$ 890 **Deposit Total** \$1175 **Expenses** Newsletter – Postage \$333 Newsletter – Printing \$206 Adrien's – Raffle Prize \$203 Post Office Lock Box \$68 Bank Charge \$5 **Expenses Total** \$815 **Ending Balance** \$13971 **Encumbered – Pres Trip** \$500 CD \$5043

June

Marinated Chargrilled Chicken Breast

Stuffed Pasta Shells

Broccoli w/Cheese

Baked Potatoes

Tossed Salad

Peach & Cherry Cobblers

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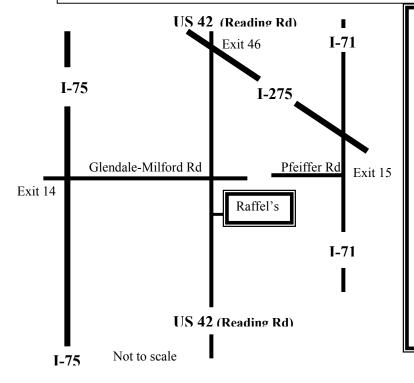
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- June 11

CALL NEW NUMBER 779-4489 FOR <u>DINNER RESERVATIONS</u> NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00 / PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)



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.

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