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Many, Many Thanks!!

Mike Bryant

Many, many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to the Fly Fishing Show. Overall, the Show was a success and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Lou Haynes and Dave Askum for the hard work on the advertising, Joe Panfalone for the work on the website, Jon Kennard for all his hard work in setting up the B.U.F.F. table at the Show, Don Prince for making the exhibitor badges and running the membership enrollment (23 new members at the Show-WOW!!), Dave Uckotter for setting up the Hyatt Fly Tying seminars and everyone else who worked so hard to make the Show a success. **A special thanks to Louise Goldsberry, Jane Uckotter, Betty Haynes and Sue Jones for staffing the registration table all day long.** And a big thanks to my wife, Jan, for all her help and patience. The Fly Fishing Show continues to grow in attendance and the number of exhibitors. I'm pleased with most of the changes and additions we made this year and work has already started on next year's Show with even more new exciting ideas in mind. ●

Women and Fly Fishing

Joe Panfalone

There are more people Fly Fishing today than ever before. Some of this growth can be attributed to the increasing popularity among women who are estimated to comprise 15-20% of the fly fishing community. Factors for their increasing interest range from the meditative quality of fly fishing to the "fashionable" clothes fly fisherman wear. All of which demonstrates fly-fishing's ability to satiate a variety and broad range of interests.

The single most venerable quality of fly fishing that appeals to the feminine gender is its unequivocal level of sophistication and decorum. Providing an inviting atmosphere, women are free to express themselves as equals in the sport. Equals may be a bit of a misnomer though, as many of them command a leadership role. Dame Juliana Berners, a legendary 15th century angler (and nun), set the tone for women in the outdoors (as well as the tone of future literature about the outdoors) with her classic 1496 treatise on fly

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March Meeting Program

For our March B.U.F.F. monthly program, our speaker will be Doug Howard, a guide on the Whitewater River in southeastern Indiana. Doug will present a slide show and talk about the wonderful smallmouth fishery that has developed on the White Water River, only about an hours drive from Cincinnati. This river is becoming known as one of the most productivesmallmouth streams in our area. Doug will discuss access points, wading and floating opportunities on this river as well as how to fish it! Don't miss this program if you want to learn about a new smallmouth hot spot!

Adventures From the Reel World

Fishing The Green River

Bill Riehle

The drive down Route 191 was uneventful and the terrain powerful but stark. So far, my wife was not impressed with the Nebraska, southern Wyoming and now this parched countryside in northern Utah. When the lake finally came into view the blue water was a welcome sight. This was to be the first noteworthy stop in our four week trip through the western states. We planned to fish the "A" waters of the Green River through the Flaming Gorge area.

The next day we met our guide and proceeded to the drop point about a quarter mile below the dam, and we were in business. The river and surrounding cliffs were beautiful. Add to that the joy of landing a dozen trout and it was perfect. The Green is gin clear and the description "aquarium", as Jeff Edwards described it back in Cincinnati was right on. The fish were everywhere. Deep or shallow, they were in every glance you took from the boat. We had a great time and not only were the fish plentiful, but gorgeous and strong. I will confess that although I did catch more fish than Eileen, she caught the biggest. All were in the 14-17" range. The fish were Browns, Rainbows and Cutbows. We used mostly # 18 - 22 nymphs and midges. If you have any questions you can call me. Jeff can give you the skinny on the nymphs, as the ones he gave me prior to the

trip covered most all of the ones the guide provided. One thing that was really brought home was that the drift was critical on this section of the river. The fish see so much action that it is difficult to seduce them. We also seemed to do a lot better than the other boats that were using dries on that day.

There is a path along the "A" section for the entire length and the next day I walked up from the pickup point back over two miles. I saw plenty of fish but was skunked. The only guy I talked to who had any luck that morning from the bank or wading was using a spinning rod with a casting bubble that could reach the channel. He was also using nymphs.

There are few places to stay in Dutch John, Utah. We stayed at the Flaming Gorge Lodge. The cabins were not air conditioned, but they have a variety of cabin and suite sizes to take care of any group. Also of note, the food was absolutely great. They have a schooled chef that will get your attention in the first bite. We contracted for the guide there too. But we actually had a guide (Shane White) from Green River Guide Service. If you decide to fish there I'd recommend you call Dennis Breer at 1-800-835-4551 or e-mail dbreer@union-tel.com. You can visit his web site at www.fishgreenriver.com. Dennis also runs Trout Creek Flies fly shop and has written the Abalone edition about the Green. To look

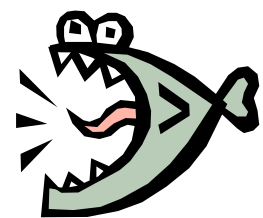
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Letter From An Admirer

Last Fall I was fishing the South Holston River in East Tennessee and met a gentleman who made me feel as welcome as any good neighbor. He showed me where to fish and what fly to use. He also mentioned the Buckeyflyfishers.com website and said he "recently" fished the same waters with an acquaintance from the Buckeye United Fly Fishers Club. I just got his first name, Dan. At any rate, I just wanted to pass along the fact that Dan was truly a great fly fisherman, a friendly person, and one that was ready and willing to help another fisherman.

One thing in particular that really impressed me was his willingness to give me a fly to try (which I lost), then gave me another as I left the waters, since I lost the first one. Also, the orderliness of his flybox looked as if it was an ad from one of the fly fishing magazines. I was totally impressed. If anyone knows who this bearded man is, tell him thanks again, and I hope to see him again as soon as I visit my daughter in Johnson City.

Mark Scherz



Net Building Class 2002!

Roger Corrado

My son, Chris, and I had been looking forward to this net building class for sometime and did not walk away disappointed. Quite the contrary, Paul Feldman, graciously opened his home workshop to us, prepared the materials for us, and expertly led us through the various steps in building our own nets.

He quickly peaked our interest, and hopes, as he showed us some of the nets he has built in the past. We started by picking out the basic shape of the net we wanted to build from the forms he had

available. We quickly learned the basics of bending strips of ash and walnut, using steaming hot water to soften the wood, and attaching them to a form to obtain the required shape.

Everyone also learned to cut and shape a piece of walnut that would be used as the handle. At home, we discovered the “fun” of gluing the strips of ash and walnut to the handle without getting epoxy on everything else. Once glued together we all brought our frames back to Paul’s to begin the second phase.

The second phase included rough sanding the frame. Once rough

sanded, Paul showed us how to rout a groove around the bow of the net and drill holes to attach the net. Next, Paul discussed finishing the frame and attaching the net. That accomplished, Paul sent us all home to finish the project on our own with the sage advice to complete the net as soon as possible, and not be one of those who never finished his net. I am happy to say Chris and I have finished ours and look forward to using them on many trips with the club – if we decide to risk getting them wet.

Thanks Paul!!!! - From Chris and I and the Class of 2002!



(2002 Class: Chris Corrado, Roger Corrado, Mark Rocklin and son, Jim Beecher, Jeff McElravy, Bob Mackey, Wally Mace, and instructor Paul Feldman -- (not all present or in order).

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Modern times have their share of pioneering women, too. Mary Orvis Maybury (of the famous Orvis family), chronicled American fly patterns in a best-selling 1892 book. Joan Salvato Wulff is a living casting legend and has written books on Fly Casting Techniques and Fly Fishing. Maggie Merriman, Cathy Beck, and Wendy Hanvold-Gunn are a few among many who teach and write about the sport.

Buckeye United Fly Fishers wishes to support women in fly fishing. We would like to invite you gals join our rod building classes to custom build a rod that fits a feminine grip and action. We would invite you to express your artistic talents by joining us at a fly tying session. We would like for you to travel with us on the many trips we have planned throughout the season. If nothing else, we would like you

to join us for dinner at our monthly meetings.

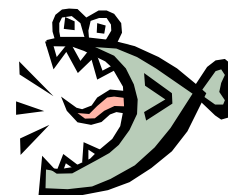
There are a few ladies that participate in B.U.F.F. activities. I'm sure that as the numbers increase the more timid would be less reticent to join in. To perpetuate this synergy, B.U.F.F. will be conducting fly fishing lessons just for women on Saturday, May 18. For more information, please call Dave Uckotter at 831-4815.

Gentlemen, we would encourage you to pass this on to your significant other and encourage them to participate. We would also like feedback from the ladies as to what they would like the club to offer so as to capture their attention. ●

MAD RIVER HABITAT IMPROVEMENT DAY!

Steve Groome

On Sunday, March 10, the Mad Men chapter of Trout Unlimited will holding a Habitat Improvement Day on the Mad River. We will meet at the County Line Road Bridge at 9:30 AM and work until Noon or 1:00, then eat lunch and fish in the afternoon. Please come up and help out! It's a lot of fun and you can learn a lot about the Mad and how to fish it as well! Just take St. Rt. 68 North towards Urbana, and at the County Line exit, turn left (West) and go approximately one mile to the County Line Bridge at the River. There is plenty of parking and you will see other cars there. Steve Groome (683-5601).



Thanks Wally!!

Many thanks to Wally Dudek who donated large quantities of fly tying materials to B.U.F.F. for use in our ongoing fly tying educational programs. Thank you Wally for your generosity.

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MARCH

1,8,15,22,29 Fri / 7-9pm – **Beginners Fly Tying Class**. Madeira Municipal Bldg.
7 Thurs/7pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

9,10 Sat-Sun - **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip** (Karl Krefing 513-683-9524)

13 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**.

20 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged to attend.

21 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling

TBA - **East Fork Stream Monitoring**

APRIL

4 Thurs/7pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

6 Sat / 8am-4pm - **East Fork River clean up**. Sycamore Park, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

10 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**.

17 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged.

18 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling

20, 21 Sat-Sun - **Rockwell Trout Club**. Chris Helmes to do an all day tying. Session, lunch included. Fish at the Rockwell Trout Club in Castelia on the April 21. Lunch included (Joe Guenther)

20 Sat / 9am-4pm - **Introduction to Fly Fishing**. Sycamore Park, Batavia (Dave Uckotter)

27 Sat - **Earth Day** at Eastgate Mall (Bob Goldsberry)

TBA - **GLC Steelhead Trip**

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at many major trout streams connect with this site to review tips, timing and fly selection. www.flyanglersonline.com/features/greatrivers . ●

2002 Calendar of Events

*The **BUFFER** 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 **BUFFER** editor.**

MAY

2 Thurs/7pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

3-5 Fri-Sun - **Nantahala Trout Trip** (Randy Clark & Jeff McElravy)

8 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**.

Organizational meeting for fly casters instructors school (Tony Kalbli).

19, 26 / Sun - **Fly Casters Instructors School**. Deerfield Park time TBD (Tony Kalbli)

15 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged.

16 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

17-19 Fri-Sat - **Central Pa. Trout Trip**. Joe Humphries will be available to tie flies and to show some local waters (Joe Guenther).

18 Sat - **Ladies Only Introduction To Fly Fishing**. Sycamore Park, Batavia (Dave Uckotter)

JUNE

1,2 Sat-Sun - **National Free Fishing Day**. No license required to fish on these days.

2,9 / Sun - **Fly Casters Instructors School**. Deerfield Park time TBD (Tony Kalbli)

5-7 Wed-Fri - **New River Smallmouth Trip** (Bob Goldsberry)

6 Thurs/7pm - **Tie and Lie West**. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

8 Sat / 9am-3pm - **Clermont County Fly Fishing Seminar**. Sycamore Park, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

12 Wed / 7pm-9pm - **BUFF Outdoors Monthly Meeting**. Sycamore Park, Rt. 132, Batavia

19 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71)**. Members encouraged.

20 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

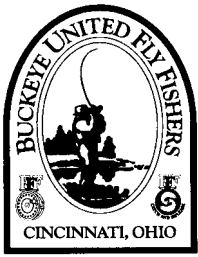
27-30 Thurs-Sun - **Elkhorn Creek Smallmouth Trip**. Frankfort, Ky. (Don Hogue)

TBA - **East Fork Stream Monitoring**

TBA - **GLC Ross Commons Trip**

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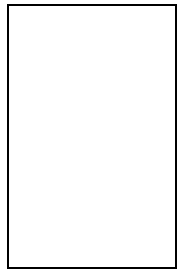


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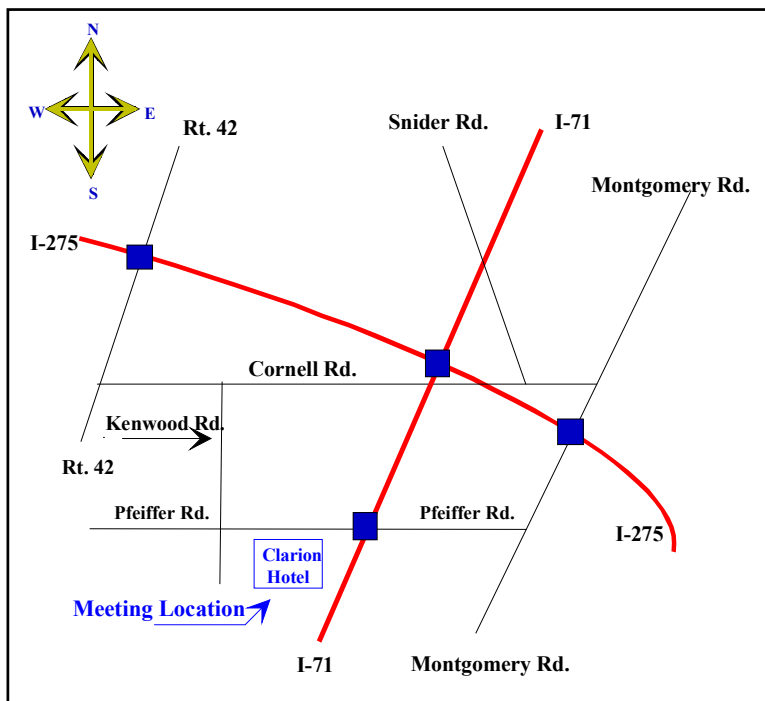
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Next Monthly Meeting – WEDNESDAY March 13

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$8.00 / PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!



Program: Doug Howard, a guide on the Whitewater River in southeastern Indiana, will present a slide show and talk about the wonderful smallmouth fishery that has developed on the White Water River

Directions: The March B.U.F.F. Meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel located on Pfeiffer Road. From I-71, take Exit 15. The Clarion Hotel is located just west of the interstate highway.