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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

The "Fly Fisher of the Year" and the "Board of Directors" Awards are traditionally presented at the Cabin Fever Banquet in March. However, because of the cancellation of the February general meeting due to weather concerns, the presentation of these awards will be delayed this year. Voting and presentation of the FFY award will take place at the March general meeting. Voting for the BOD Award will take place at the March BOD meeting and the winner announced at the April general meeting.

The BOD took a very conservative monetary position during 2006 as the financial records were transferred from the traditional ledger accounting method to the computer using Quicken software. Donations to outside organizations and our internal budgeting accounts were minimized until the accounting system was in place. This conservative position has resulted in some excess funds at the end of the fiscal year (Dec. 31). The BOD has voted to use some of these funds to purchase equipment upgrades and some for donations to outside organizations. The following three donations were recently approved by the BOD and sent to these organizations:

- 1) \$500 to Indiana Trout Unlimited designated for the brown trout stocking program in the Brookville Lake Tailwaters.
- 2) \$400 to the new Ohio Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers of which BUFF is a member. This money is designated for conservation and education.
- 3) \$300 to the Cincinnati Chapter of Fishing Has No Boundaries to support the handicapped fishing event scheduled for June 3 & 4 at Cowan Lake State Park.

Some additional donations to other organizations have been approved but have not been sent out yet. I'll mention these as they are finalized. Recent equipment purchases include a second laptop computer, a digital projector, a 15" TV for use with our fly tying video system and some additional fly tying vices and tools. Our club equipment situation is now in excellent shape for the next few years barring unforeseen breakdowns.

The spring steelhead trip to the Cleveland area is scheduled for the end of this month. Our group will be staying at the beautiful Pine Lake Trout Club in Bainbridge. Chris Long, the fishing pro from the Pine Lake Club, will be our feature speaker this month. Chris will provide information about their club as well as steelhead fishing around the area.

Finally, the Fly Fishing 101 Course is set for the four Tuesday evenings this month at the Springdale Community Center. Class 1 will cover rods, reels, lines and backing; Class 2 will cover leaders, tippets, recommended fly patterns to get you started, and how to select a system to meet your fishing needs; Class 3 will focus on leader design, knots and other fishing equipment needs; Class 4 will be devoted to casting basics. All members are welcome to come to any or all of these classes.

March Meeting Program

Christopher Long – Fishing Pro, Pine Lake Trout Club

Chris has been the head Fishing Pro at Pine Lake Trout Club near Bainbridge, Ohio for the last 8 years. He also manages the fly shop and the stocking program as well as special events at Pine Lake. In addition to teaching tying and casting, Chris is a Steelhead guide on Lake Erie and its tributaries. This will be a particularly valuable presentation for those planning to attend the “BUFF Steelhead Trip” March 31- April 1 since Pine Lake Trout Club will be our base of operations. Check out their web site at: <http://www.pinelaketrouclub.com>

Letter received from the Veterans Treatment & Activity Center (VTAC)

We here in VTAC would again like to thank you and all the guys that volunteered your services to our veterans on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Thank you for educating our vets on how to do “Fly Tying”.

It was very generous of all of you to bring your supplies and to teach a fly-tying class. Our women as well as the men much enjoyed learning the process!

We very much appreciate your visit with us. We hope that we will see you again when fishing season begins!

Gratefully Yours,

Signed

Patricia Nagel
Activities Coordinator
Veterans Treatment & Activity Center (VTAC)

FLY TYING WITH VETERANS

Dave Jones

The next tying session with the veterans at the VA Hospital will be on Friday March 23rd starting at 1100 hrs to 1300 hrs.

We learned some lessons from our last meeting. It would be best to have one teacher/helper for each veteran using the teachers own tying equipment. Packets of all the needed materials will be available.

Pat Nagel plans to serve pizza again for lunch at noon. The plan is to have 6 veterans at 1100 for about 45 minutes of tying and then another 6 at about 1215.

At the March meeting there will be a sheet for you to sign if you can help.

Pat Nagel asked if we could help with a fishing day at Lake Isabella some time in the spring perhaps in May. It would be on a Friday. If you are interested in helping, there will be a sheet for you to sign at the March meeting. More information will be coming when Pat sets the date.

Fishing the Colorado River in Winter

Tom Fisher

Last week my son and I fished the Colorado River up stream of the Grand Canyon and while a little chilly we had a good time. We drove from Phoenix to Lee's Ferry on a Thursday night, stayed at the Marble Canyon Lodge and fished on Friday. While the lodge was certainly not an up scale place, it was more than adequate. We met Dave Foster who is an Orvis listed guide with the Marble Canyon Outfitters. <http://www.leesferryflyfishing.com/> My son had not fly fished before, so Dave spent most of his time with him. The weather temperature was below freezing when we started out and warmed up into the low 40's by the end of day.

Fishing the "reds" and some of the ripples we hooked up several nice rainbows, landing a few. We used mostly nymphs, emergers and a few egg patterns. While we did not keep any of the fish we caught, there is a 2 fish under 12 inch limit on that stretch of the river. The river runs from Lee's ferry at the top of the Grand Canyon up stream about 10-11 miles to the Glenn Canyon dam.

At this time of year, there were only a few other boats out. Dave indicated that March through the first two weeks of April was when the "hatch" would be on and a good fishing time. He also said the first two weeks of Sept was a good fishing time, because the water flow tended to be lower and the fish easier to find.

I would highly recommend Dave Foster for anyone wanting to fish this area. He has a cover boat and provided a full service including a shore lunch of Elk burgers. He also indicated he was willing to travel and talk to fly fishing groups such as BUFF if we need a speaker sometime from Arizona.

2007 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Mike Bryant

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped with the 2007 Gr. Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. By most accounts, this was one of our better shows, if not the best ever. We had a record crowd this year, with more women and kids than before. The presentations and fly tying demo's were excellent, there were many new exhibitors, and the fly tying room was packed. Overall, I believe everyone had a great time.

Again, thanks to everyone who volunteered their time! Now that Spring is almost here, it's time to start fishing!

MARCH

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| Mar 1 | Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor | Mar 20 | Fly Fishing 101 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center |
| Mar 3 | Net Building Paul Feldman | Mar 21 | BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH |
| Mar 3 | Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Receptions | Mar 22 | Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling, Buffalo Mt. Coffee Shop, Dillonvale |
| Mar 6 | Fly Fishing 101 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center | Mar 23 | Fly Tying with Veterans |
| Mar 13 | Fly Fishing 101 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center | Mar 27 | Fly Fishing 101 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center |
| Mar 14 | BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd Social Hour 6 pm | Mar 28-31 | Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip |
| | | Mar 28 | Spring Casting Tune-Up Springdale Community Center - 7 - 9 pm |
| | | Mar TBD | Rod Building John Doscher |



Tim Findley

It's Official!

The **Ohio Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers (OHC)** is now up and running! We are no longer under the Great Lakes Council. As of January 1, 2007 the Buckeye United Fly Fishers are now an Affiliate Member of the FFF OHIO COUNCIL! There has been a lot of work put into this effort by some very passionate FFF Fly Fishers across the State of Ohio, including some of our very own BUFF members. I would like to personally say "Thank You" to them for all their perseverance, dedication & hard work!

The first meeting of the FFF OHC was held on Sunday, February 18, 2007 in Mansfield, Ohio. Tim Findley and Lou Haynes traveled to Mansfield to attend the meeting, Lou stood in for Mike Bryant who was unavailable. Although there was quite a bit of snow falling in Northern Ohio, it didn't stop these avid fly fishers from traveling from all over the state to attend!

The meeting was very enlightening, By-Laws for the OHC were revised, the Annual Budget was set up and various duties and positions were assigned. A check from BUFF was presented to the OHC Board for the sum of \$400.00 to be used for Conservation 50% & Education 50%!

I am pleased to announce that the Buckeye United Fly Fishers will have 2 Members serving as Board Members for the OHC;

Mike Bryant (BUFF DIRECTOR - Conservation) will assume the duties of FFF Ohio Council Vice-President Conservation.

Tim Findley (BUFF DIRECTOR – Membership) will assume the duties of FFF Ohio Council Vice-President Membership.

This is an outstanding showing for BUFF, it ensures that the Southwest Ohio Area will provide an input directly to the state level and keep members in this area informed and up to date on various issues and activities, a luxury that seemed to be absent in the Great Lakes Council.

I was very impressed with the fact that the OHC had already begun preliminary work on an Educational Outing for a Weekend in September (more details to come), but it makes a strong statement on how serious the OHC is when it comes to Education.

I plan on writing articles for the BUFFER dealing with the FFF OHC and its activities to keep the BUFF Membership updated. I urge every member to consider joining the Federation of Fly Fishers and getting involved with the OHC (I will have FFF applications at the Membership Table during General Meetings). We, as members of the Ohio Council, now have a vested interest in the State of Ohio, such as the Leasing of Lands on Public Waters for Private - Out of State Fishing Clubs, Designating Local Waters as Catch & Release, Casting for Recovery, Project Healing Waters, Conservation & Education Activities to name a few!

I hope to hear your comments and inputs! (fin9695a@yahoo.com)

Tight Lines & Stay Out of the Mud!

SALT???

WHERE AND WHEN

BOB GOLDSBERRY

February 9, 2007, a tough time to be living in the greater Cincy area. Snow, ice, freezing temps, school cancellations, hazardous driving and more days of the same still to come.

I was thinking of you “snow birds” as the flats boat was skimming to the ten thousand islands area, out of the Marco Island Marina. I could taste the salty spray on my lips and feel the sun just beginning to work its way up to an 80 degree high for the day. Dave Uckotter, our guide George LeClair, and I made our way past the marker posts, many with Osprey nests perched on them with young birds waiting and watching for their parents return with their next meal. We were heading south to one of George’s favorite “honey holes”. It seemed like we would never get there. The thought struck me that maybe we were going to pick up a few cigars in Cuba. You never know with George. Dave was fishing with his arm in a sling, having just had shoulder surgery a few days before. Thank God it wasn’t his casting arm.

Finally we arrived at this “hump” amidst an awful lot of salt water, rising to about four feet from the surface. It was a great fish attractor. Fishing with jigs tipped with cut shrimp as an enticer we first tangled with Bluefish. BLUEFISH?? This was news to me, I thought they were a more northern species. The ones we were into were just a little over a foot in length but they hit like a ton of bricks and pulled like a bulldog. We caught dozens of them. They are also known as “Choppers” so you certainly do not want to lip them. You would only do it once.

Ladyfish were next on the menu and they averaged a good two feet or better. Last year was the first time I had caught a Ladyfish and they were only half the size of the ones we were hooking today. Notice I said hooking, not landing. The book on Ladyfish describes it as “one of the wildest acrobats, always getting off spectacular and frequent jumps. Larger ones are strong pullers and can uncork surprisingly long runs”. We must have been into the larger ones on this day as I had one take me completely around the 20’ long boat before I could get her under control. WOW, I could fish for this species all day long. We also caught Jack Crevalle, Spotted Sea Trout, Silver Sea Trout, Spanish Mackerel, Hardhead Catfish and Gafftopsail Catfish,

Before we left the “hump” and moved into the Everglades National Park we were treated to the sight of a Dolphin who was also fishing, or should I say hunting the area. He didn’t seem to scare the fish unless he got in very close to the boat. As the water was very clear we were able to observe our very own FLIPPER circling the boat for about an hour and a half. He was the complete master of the sea, from 0 to 60 in a nano second, the graceful showing of his fin when he came up for air. I thought he was watching us as much as we were watching him. I can understand why people pay to go on Whale and Dolphin watching tours. God certainly made a beautiful animal when he made this one.

In over a half century of fishing this day goes down as one of the most enjoyable and successful ones I have spent on the water. On Valentine’s Day we spent another day with George and his wife Beverly, Dick and Gloria Fahrlander, and our wives Jayne and Lou, on one of their deck boat tours. This day was spent fishing with the ladies catching some nice size fish, shelling, dolphin watching and enjoying a great lunch with toasts of champagne to Dick and Gloria on their 48th anniversary. We highly recommend George Leclair’s guide service “Mudwalker Charters” for a great time on the water. His web site is <gleclair6@comcast.net>

If given the choice of how I prefer my salt I will take it in the waters of southern Florida, not on the streets and sidewalks of southern Ohio in the middle of winter.

Nantahala River Trip

Trout Magic – April 27-29, 2007

Randy Clark



If this trip is anything like those in the past – no one will be disappointed. North Carolina plans to stock in the “delayed harvest” area: 2640 Browns, 5280 Rainbows and 5280 Brook Trout. The water and the trout are calling. Last Year over 35 people attended and there is no limit to the number of participants. Here is some information that should be helpful for this fabulous trip:



Mar. 14 – BUFF Meeting – Visit with and talk to other “Nantahalers” about the trip and share previous experiences. You can still sign-up. When you sign-up you will receive a Trip Packet that will include all the information you need. Also, this information is posted on our web site.



Typical questions include:



Where is the Nantahala River and how do I get there?

The Nantahala River is near Bryson City, North Carolina. Bryson City is 15 miles Southwest of Cherokee, North Carolina. Cherokee is on the southern border of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. Plan on a 6-hour drive. Directions and maps are in the Trip Packet.

Where will I Stay?

There are several motels and campgrounds in the area. A list is in the Packet. However, “Deep Creek Campground” will be our base of operations. All 8 of their cabins are being held for BUFF; they also have camper as well as tent sites. The cabins are extra nice and the price is very reasonable. The Packet contains the campground’s flyer describing all the accommodations so that each party can make their own reservations. Deep Creek Campgrounds has agreed to hold all the cabins for BUFF until April 1.

What is the cost?

We are asking each person to pay \$15.00; that covers the group dinner on Friday night as well as your name badge and prizes to be awarded at the campfire. You are on your own for your food, lodging, personal items, etc. You will, however, need a North Carolina Fishing License (3 day = \$15 & 1 year = \$30) and a Trout Stamp (\$10 – good for a year)

What Equipment will I need?

Plenty of warm clothing

Personal Items

Rain Parka

Waders & Wading Stick

Fishing vest with leaders, tippet, nippers, etc.

Hat & polarized sunglasses are recommended

4/5 Rod would be perfect, but what you have will do

Matching Reel

Flies – a list is provided in the packet

Net

Maybe a camera- you can’t take the fish but you can take pictures

What if I have other Questions?

Your Trip Coordinators will be available before and after BUFF meetings or feel free to call **Randy Clark at 513-741-8273** or **Jeff McElravy at 513-652-1894**. Also there are many BUFF members who have attended this trip in the past and would be more than happy to share their experiences.

2006 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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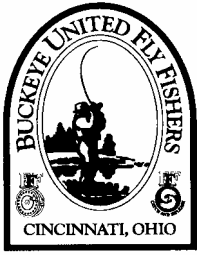
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March Menu *NEW PRICE \$11.00*

Trout Stuffed with Crab Meat
Roast Pork Loin with Dressing
Vegetable Medley
Caesar Salad with Homemade
Croutons
Garlic Bread
Mini Fruit & Cheese Filled Tarts



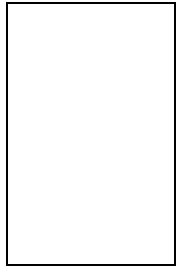


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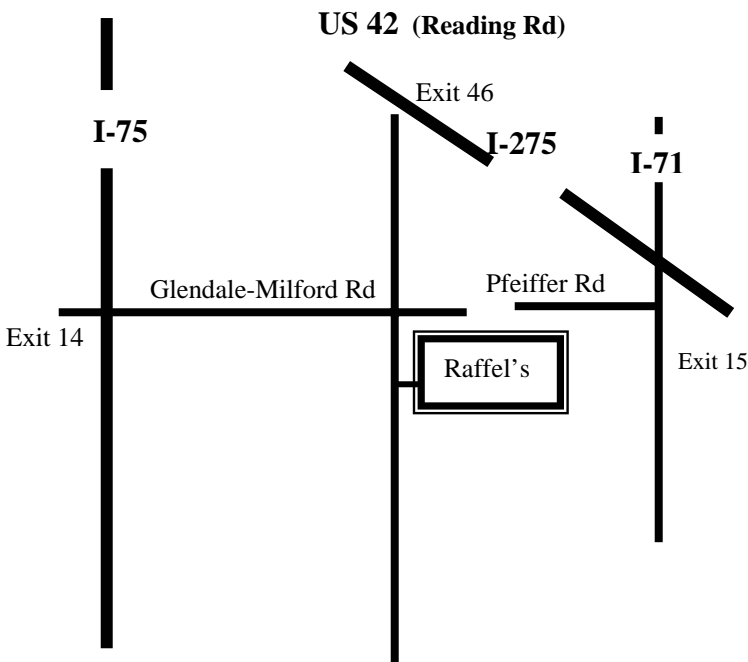
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Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – March 14

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$11.00/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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