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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Thanks to all of you who helped Mike Bryant put on another wonderful "Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show". Fortunately, the weather cooperated so we had another full house for the show. At last count, there were 586 paid attendees with an estimated 700 or so when counting kids, fly tiers and exhibitors. Great job, Mike!

Time is running short if you haven't made your reservations for the annual BUFF "Cabin Relief Banquet" coming up on Saturday, March 8th. The Banquet Committee has a great event planned with Thane Maynard from the Cincinnati Zoo as the featured speaker. As always, there will be lots of raffles and prizes to win. There will be "14" more guided trips available at the banquet to bid on. If you are planning on taking a fishing trip with a guide this year, this is a great opportunity to buy one with the money going to our club. Please come and support the club with your attendance as this event is our major money raiser for the year. I guarantee you will have a great time! The event is open to the public so bring a non-BUFF friend and enjoy "The Good Times". Remember, pre-registration is required! Contact Jim Boude for last minute information: jboude@cinci.rr.com; 513-985-7595.

Just a reminder that Dick Naber is now the membership chairman replacing Tim Findley, so direct your membership questions to Dick. Dick's contact info is: 513-539-7413; rnaber001@cinci.rr.com. In addition, Ken Foltz is now handling the BUFF website replacing Mark Johnson. If you have something to post on the web, send it to Ken at kfoltz@cinci.rr.com.

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March Meeting Program

The March 12, 2008 BUFF Program will be perfect for those people going on the Laurel or Nantahala trips. This Program will also be good for anyone wishing to fly fish the friendly waters on Western North Carolina

Jeff Curtis of Curtis Wright Outfitters

Fly Fishing Western North Carolina

The When, Where, How and What of fly fishing Western North Carolina. Whether you want to fish some of the easily accessible Delayed Harvest streams, or the more remote hike-in Wild Trout waters, Jeff will show you where they are, what flies and equipment to use, how to fish them, and when to go.

Ken Foltz, our new web-guy, is redesigning the club website. The home page will look significantly different. The new design, which uses different background software, will allow more flexibility for our use. He expects the new design to be ready sometime in March. I'll notify the membership by e-mail when the new design is up and running.

Just a reminder - Ohio fishing licenses expired at the end of February, so don't forget to buy a new one before you venture out in pursuit of the "Lunker-of-the-Deep"!

The Fly Fishing 101 Course is set for the four Tuesday evenings in March at the Springdale Community Center. This course is designed for beginner and intermediate skilled fly fishers. 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. 28 members have signed-up to date. For more information contact me: 513-777-4854; bdhaynes@one.net.



“In Search of em’ Bronze Backs 2008” May 15-18, 2008

Don Hogue reports that the 2008 Smallmouth Bass Camping trip to the Elkhorn near Frankfort Kentucky will occur May 15 – 18, 2008. You can go down for one, two or all four days. If you don't camp, there is a motel in the area. Adjacent to the Campground is a pool of water conducive to canoes, belly or pontoon boats. Above the campground is wading depth water. Below the campground & below the dam is wading depth water in the main stream. Maps will be provided giving public access points in the area. There is a canoe livery in the area.

A breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning for \$2.00, and a dinner Saturday night for \$8.00. By reservation only.

Sign up for the trip at the March meeting. If you don't make the meeting, email Don Hogue, write him or call him on the phone and Don will get you a registration form. In addition, you must register with the campground by April 30 to be assured a spot in the campground. Don Hogue, 5301 Aspenknoll Court, Cincinnati OH 45230.; 513-231-4852; LITTLEDONNIE@fuse.net.

Elhorn Creek is the premier Smallmouth Bass Stream of Kentucky running through beautiful horse farms. It consists of the North Fork, South Fork, and main stream.

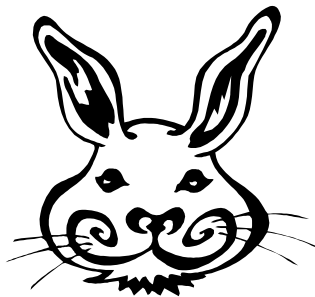
Now is the time to start tying Brown Wooley buggers, Red Fox Squirrel nymphs, Black, rust or bumblebee poppers, and crawdads. Don likes to use a bumblebee popper with a 14" very small dropper fly. He suggests landing it as close to the bank as possible and letting it sit! Or fish near weeds, rocks, logs or limestone crevasses. Some say the big ones are below a run; around large rocks. If Don gives you a fly to try, it will probably be a Red fox squirrel nymph with legs.

Is Don a good cook? Does he make good fried corn bread? Heck no.....there is a good restaurant across the street and down a block from the campground.

DON'T MISS OUT ON BUFF EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If you have not provided your e-mail address to the Membership Committee, you will miss valuable BUFF information that is sent on a regular basis to the membership regarding fly fishing trips, special classes on training, changes in schedules, important notices, etc. The once a month BUFFER cannot provide these week to week changes.

If you have not provided BUFF your e-mail address and would like to do so, please contact the Membership Chairman, Richard Naber. Rnaber001@cinci.rr.com or mail directly to: Buckeye United Fly Fishermen, PO Box 42614, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.



Rabbit Fur Skins

If you are in the group of tyers who cut their own zonker strips, are you having difficulty finding them? It appears that Hobby Lobby is phasing out its rabbit fur skins.

Well, search no longer, I have found a place that has a good selection of pelts. The price for white, brown and gray are very reasonable. The black and patterned pelts are much higher. Tandy Leather Factory is in Springdale, Ohio. It is located off Northland Blvd east of Rt. 4. Turn in at Angelo's Pizza (the old Spinning Fork).



New Member Flies

The new members and I want to thank the membership for the donated flies. I will still collect flies at the March meeting, and, then, suspend the collection until further notice.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Dave Jones

March

- Mar 4** Fly Fishing 101, 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center
Mar 5 Rod Building John Doscher 459-7689
Mar 6 Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
Mar 8 Cabin Fever Relief Banquet, Receptions, Fairfield, OH
Mar 11 Fly Fishing 101, 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center
Mar 12 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Mar 12 Rod Building John Doscher 459-7689
Mar 18 Fly Fishing 101, 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center
Mar 18 Tie and Lie Batavia 6:30-8:30 pm Riverside Coffee Mill
S. Riverside, Batavia
Mar 19 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
Mar 19 Rod Building John Doscher 459-7689
Mar 21 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
Mar 25 Fly Fishing 101, 7-9 pm Springdale Community Center
Mar 26 Fly Casting Tune-Up, 6:30-8:30 pm. Springdale Community Center
Mar 26 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Mar 26 Rod Building John Doscher
Mar 27-30 Laurel River Trout Trip, (Ladies trip) Hot Springs, NC

April

- Apr 3** Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
Apr 3-6 Steelhead Trip, Pine Lake Trout Club
Chagrin Falls, OH
Apr 6 Buff Casting Class, 1-4 pm, Cottell Park
Apr 9 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Apr 11 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
Apr 13 Buff Casting Class, 1-4 pm, Cottell Park
Apr 15 Tie and Lie Batavia 6:30-8:30 pm Riverside Coffee Mill,
S. Riverside, Batavia
Apr 16 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
Apr 18 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
Apr 18 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
Apr 19-20 Quail Ridge Sportsman's Club Trip, Sunman, In.
Apr 20 Buff Casting Class, 1-4 pm, Cottell Park
Apr 23 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Apr 25 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
TBD Indian Hill High School, Fly tying & Casting Classes

May

- May 1** Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
May 2-4 Nantahala River Spring Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC
May 2 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
May 9 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
May 14 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
May 15-18 Elkhorn River, Smallmouth Bass Trip, Frankfort, KY
May 16 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
May 16 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
May 20 Tie and Lie Batavia 6:30-8:30 pm Riverside Coffee Mill,
S. Riverside, Batavia
May 21 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
May 28 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
May 30 Parky's Farm, 10 am – 2 pm
May 31-Jun 1 Fishing Has No Boundaries, Cowen Lake State Park

Important Note: The baseline BUFF 2008 Calendar is printed in this month's Buffer, however, subsequent Buffers will contain updated "by month" calendars, and should be considered the most current.

June

- Jun 5** Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
Jun 7 Ladies Only Fly Fishing, 10 am-2 pm, Island Rec. Ctr.
Landen, OH
Jun 11 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Jun 17 Tie and Lie Batavia 6:30-8:30 pm Riverside Coffee Mill,
S. Riverside, Batavia
Jun 18 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
Jun 20 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
Jun 25 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH

July

- Jul 3** Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
Jul 6 Knot Tying Class, Location TBD
Jul 9 Buff Monthly Meeting 6:45 – 9 pm
Swap Meet, Morrow, OH
Jul 13 Buff Casting Class, 1-4 Cottell Park
Jul 15 Tie and Lie Batavia 7-9 pm Riverside Coffee Mill,
S. Riverside, Batavia
Jul 16 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
Jul 18 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
Jul 20 Buff Casting Class, Cottell Park
Jul 23 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Jul 27 Buff Casting Class, Cottell Park
TBD Women in the Outdoors

August

- Aug 3** Buff Instructor Class, Cottell Park
Aug 7 Tie and Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoors
Aug 10 Buff Instructor Class, Cottell Park
Aug 15 Tie & Lie, Fly & Shot, 7-9 pm 11130 Kenwood Rd
Aug 19 Tie and Lie Batavia 7-9 pm Riverside Coffee Mill,
S. Riverside, Batavia
Aug 20 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH
Aug 23 BUFF Picnic, Morrow, OH
Aug 27 Tie & Lie, East, A&N Outfitters, 3-6, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
TBD Women In the Outdoors

BUFF CASTING INSTRUCTION

The BUFF casting instruction program has helped many of us become better casters. The format has been divided into beginners and intermediate classes. The intermediate casting sessions (five three hour classes) require a time commitment that is difficult for many. Some members also said that perhaps intermediate should be labeled advanced. A decision has been made to change the format to allow a smaller time commitment and to better serve members at any skill level to benefit from the program.

The FFF casting program that we utilize emphasizes the formation of a good casting loop. Instruction is directed to that end. Bad loops don't go where you want them to, don't penetrate the wind, fall to the water indelicately, tie the leader in amazingly complex knots, and yield an outing that becomes more like work than the fun that you seek. Once a caster can consistently form a good loop at a distance of 25-30 feet he can fish in a relaxed fashion all day, placing his fly where he wants it.

We do not teach people to cast. In three sessions we will provide the principles and techniques necessary for people to teach themselves to cast.

We first supply the caster with skills to evaluate the cast, and then the methods to correct faults in a classroom/discussion approach. Then we go to a grass casting area and provide one-on-one analysis of the members cast, with an instructor to identify and help correct faults.

We have yet to have a member say that he finished a course without becoming a better caster.

REVISED CASTING COURSE FORMAT

BUFF CASTING COURSE

Two three session courses per year, spring and summer

2008 April 6, 13, and 20 Cotell park 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

July 13, 20, and 27 Cotell Park 1:00PM to 4:00 PM

The BUFF Casting Course is a prerequisite for the BUFF Casting Instructor course

BUFF CASTING INSTRUCTOR COURSE

One two session course emphasizing teaching for those who would like to teach and be certified as a BUFF instructor-offered after both the above casting courses are completed. The combination of the casting course and the instructors course will provide more information than the discontinued intermediate casting course.

2008 August 3 and 10 Cotell Park 1:00PM to 4:00PM

As a caster practices and improves, and wants more instruction he may repeat either the whole casting course, or selected portions of it as he sees fit. Hearing the principles a second time can fill in what may not have been totally grasped the first time. In addition time on the grass with an instructor is often very valuable in going forward. It is impossible (unless you have a friend film you) to see your own faults. A trained instructor can often spot the loop wrecking action, and guide the caster in fixing it.

March Menu

PRICE THIS MONTH \$12.00

Trout Stuffed with Crab Meat

Roast Pork Loin with Dressing

Vegetable Medley

Caesar Salad with Homemade Croutons

Garlic Bread

Mini Fruit & Cheese Filled Tarts

2008 B.U.F.F. NANTAHALA TRIP

BRYSON CITY, NC

MAY 2nd 3rd & 4th

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 will be in the Trip Packet

Where will I Stay?

There are several motels and campgrounds in the area. However, "Deep Creek Campground" will be our base of operations. All 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. Their web-site (www.deepcreekcamping.com) has the campground's 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?

*Final cost will be forthcoming, I hope to keep it below \$25.00; that covers the group **Friday Morning Streamside Breakfast (NEW FOR 2008)** (Finalizing the details at this Time), 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 and a Trout Stamp.*

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 E-mail **Tim Findley** at **troutmagic@yahoo.com**. Also there are many BUFF members who have attended this trip in the past and would be more than happy to share their experiences.*

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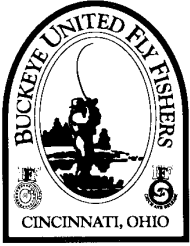
TROUTMAGIC@YAHOO.COM or [SIGN UP AT](#)
THE GENERAL MEETING!!!

E-MAIL Your NAME(S) & PHONE NUMBER

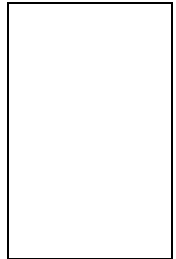
Let me know if you are New to Fly Fishing

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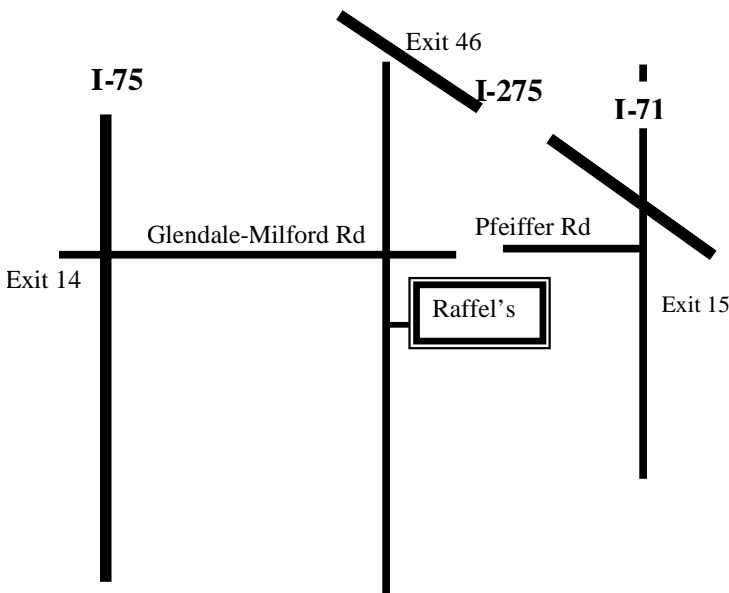
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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 – Wednesday – March 12

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 6:45 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 5)



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.
From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

