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The President's Notes

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Thanks to all of you who helped Mike Bryant and Mark Ringstetter put on another wonderful BUFF "Fly Fishing Show" this year. Mark will be the show manager for next year as Mike is retiring from this function. Mike, the club is greatly indebted to you for all the hard work you've done the past several years running the show – "Great Job!"

Time is running short to sign-up for our "Cabin Relief Banquet" scheduled for Saturday, March 7th. The Banquet Committee has a great event planned with Zach Mathews as our featured speaker. Zach is an avid writer for several fishing magazines. As always there will be lots of raffles and prizes to win. Several more guided trips will be available to bid on. If you are planning to take a guided trip 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. The event is open to the public so bring a non-BUFF friend if you like and enjoy "The Good Times". Remember, pre-registration is required! Contact either Jin Boude (513-985-7595) or Lane Stocker (513-542-7597) for last minute information.

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

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BUFF March 2009 Meeting Program

Really BIG Fish

Our friends at Indigo Guide Service of Walhalla, Michigan will present the program. Jed Litwiller will discuss Steelhead strategies, and Steve Martinez will talk about mousing the big Browns.

Come early because at 6:00 Jed and Steve will demonstrate the tying of the flies that catch the "Really BIG Fish".

Steve Bailey, our trip coordinator, has put together a wonderful package of club trips this year, including several new destinations. I hope each of you can take advantage of one or more. Some are filling up fast, so don't wait! Check the club website for details or give Steve a call (513-829-1823) for details. Steve is also looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to set-up some one-day, local trips. These could be wading, floating or shore fishing, to lakes, ponds or streams. They could be limited to small groups or open to a crowd. Give him a call if you are willing to help!

Finally, this is my last "President's Message" as Roger Corrado will assume the presidency at the March general meeting. Thanks to all of you who have supported me during the past three years as your club president.

Imagine If...

Jim Leblond

Imagine if you were one of the first to see the Northwest Territory. A vast land filled with an abundance of fish, game, and waterways for potential commerce. Our forefathers had the foresight to seek to protect our rights to use these waterways. The Ordinance of 1787 was one of the primary laws governing the Northwest Territory. In part it stated that "The navigable waters leading into the Mississippi and Saint Lawrence, and carrying places between, shall be common highways, and forever free,... without any tax, impost, or duty therefore." This still serves as much of the landmark for our ability to use and enjoy our waterways today. But, now image if these rights were somehow taken away.

Times have changed since 1787. As an Ohio fisherman & women, our right to access and enjoy our water is becoming increasingly limited. In Ohio the riparian land owner is deemed to hold title to the land underneath the stream, generally to the middle of that stream. Therefore, literally if you or your fishing line touches bottom you may well have put yourself in a precarious position if you have not been given prior written authorization to use that stream. While Ohio holds both the water and fish in public trust for all Ohioans, our access to the estimated 61,532 total miles of streams is subordinated to the rights of these landowners. So, please treat them well!

If you think this issue has little relevance to both you and future generation of Ohioans, please take note of the closing of some of the very best Steelhead water on Conneaut Creek. An out of state organization leased the fishing rights to significant portions of this stream, and the landowners have posted their property. Now for a hefty membership fee, you may join this elite club and fish this water. Despite the fact that your licensing fees might have been used to fund the stocking of these Steelhead, you may not be granted access to fish these waters without paying their fee.

A quick internet scan of some of the convoluted judicial precedents on this topic from around this country and you can quickly see that our rights for recreation use and enjoyment of our waterways may be limited and at times may even be at risk. A Federal Judge actually declared it to be criminal trespassing to fish on the Mississippi River from a boat unless you are within the main channel of the river (see Civil No. 3:01-CV2624).

I'm merely raising this issue so that you are aware and can begin to gather information on this topic and reach your own conclusions. But for now, I would like to urge you and our club to financially support some of the many fine entities that are purchasing land and fishing access rights today in order to preserve these rights for all Ohioans and our future generations. (Please note that the opinions expressed here in are my own and may or may not be representative of the club, its officers, its board of directors, sponsors, spouses, other anglers, etc. etc. etc.) Thank you for listening.

Tight lines, Jim

Conservation-Are You Interested?

Donn Rubingh

Some of my fondest fishing memories are coming home from work on a summer day, donning some shorts and old tennis shoes, and heading out to the Whitewater River. In most spots I was alone in what could be a wilderness just a few hundred yards from a highway. The dying day and the cool water flowing around my legs, together with the expectation of catching a smallmouth on the next cast were easily enough to forget the frustrations of the day. The river rarely disappointed, and the thrill of successfully subduing a couple of jumping smallmouth left me refreshed and ready for work again.

I know many of you share my experience. The stream may be called the Little Miami, Caesar's Creek, or fill-in-the-blank, but it was yours and it was fun! We are fortunate to have a number of area streams that support a good population of warm water game fish. I think they are a local treasure and worth taking care of, for ourselves as well as those who come after us. I hope some of you feel that way as well. An on going effort by Steve Lilly, Mike Bryant, and myself, we plan to present to the BUFF membership, information and opportunities about conservation activities both locally and long distance.

Each river and stream in our area has a story of its own. We plan to bring those stories to you by highlighting efforts of the local conservation groups such as Friends of the Great Miami or Little Miami Incorporated, but for now let's look at the bigger picture. It is not all doom and gloom. In fact good progress has been made in stopping many point (industrial) sources of pollution. An interesting read which illustrates this progress is Stanley Hedeem's "The Mill Creek: An Unnatural History of an Urban Stream". In it he describes the Mill Creek as "one of the most severely polluted and physically degraded streams in the United States." Today there are a number of pleasant places on the Mill Creek with populations of smallmouth, rock bass, bluegill, sauger, and the ubiquitous carp.

The problem today for many of our streams is non-point pollution. This includes things like bank erosion, urbanization, excess run-off of fertilizer from fields and lawns, golf courses and lack of riparian corridors due to over_development plans, to name a few. With each rain we get a vivid reminder of this as our streams become swollen and muddy. Is this the inevitable and irresistible result of "progress"? I don't think it has to be. I recall being in a large city in Switzerland where I observed trout feeding in a pristine stream.

Our streams are different, but as I said earlier they are the treasure we have been given. Steve, Mike, and I would love to talk to you about potential conservation efforts. As is probably clear I'm most concerned with our local streams, but there are other places such as the steelhead streams of Northern Ohio, Michigan trout stream, etc., which others of you are concerned about. Let's see if we can figure out how to work together to make a difference.



2009 Elkhorn Small Mouth / Camping trip

June 4, 5, & 6

In Search of em' Bronzedbacks

At age 73, Don Hogue promises that this is the last year that he will lead the Elkhorn trip.

Both the north fork and south fork join to make the Main Stream of Elkhorn Creek which is one of Kentucky's favorite small mouth streams. The Elkhorn camp ground lies in the confluence of the two Forks of the stream. Although access points are limited, there is a group of veterans who return every year and act as mentors to first time campers.

The stream flows through some beautiful horse country on the south fork and differing waters on the north with the main stream producing some larger fish. Right beside the camp ground is a large hole of water conducive to belly boats, canoes and one man pontoon boats. Most of the stream is wadeable.

The Elkhorn Campground is on route 460 east of Georgetown. Go about 9 miles and the camp ground is on the left just before you cross the Elkhorn. If you come to stop lights at the edge of Frankfort, turn around and go back east a mile and a half. Reservation to the camp ground must be made by May 20, 2009. Call 502-695-9154. Be sure to tell them you are with BUFF. There are four camper sites and five tent sites reserved. (Two tents to a site)

The Blue Grass Inn Motel is about 4 miles from the camp ground. Proceed on 460 to the edge of Frankfort. Turn left (South) on Versailles pike and go about 4 blocks. The motel is on the right. 502-695-1800.

There will be a breakfast Saturday Morning; 7:00 and a supper Saturday night at 6:30 at the camp ground. Reservations required. Limit is 20.

There is a good restaurant outside the camp ground and west about ¼ mile on 460.

There will be Registration forms and trip packets at the March, April and May Buff meetings, or you can contact Don Hogue at 513-231-4852 or LITTLEDONNIE@fuse.net or 5301 Aspenknoll Court, Cincinnati OH 45230.



Naber's Notes (That's Dick Naber, our Membership Chairman!!)

Attn. YAHOO.COM USERS:

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REMINDER.....

THERE ARE STILL 89 MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES.

REMEMBER:----- COME MARCH 12TH, IF YOU ARE NOT PAID, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE ACTIVE BUFF MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN BUFF ACTIVITIES, PER THE BUFF GUIDELINES AND POLICIES (MEMBERSHIP DUES)

Felt Faces Demise

Leah C. Elwell

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For many years the FFF has been recommending cleaning methods for wading gear, and suggesting rubber-soled boots or alternating between sets of gear to prevent the spread of invasive species to our favorite fishing spots. Several studies have shown clearly that felt is a perfect trap for all kinds of unwanted creatures like didymo, whirling disease and mud snails. So perhaps it was only a matter of time before felt began to feel the "heat". It began with the country of New Zealand, and their troubles with didymo. In the summer of 2008, New Zealand announced it would ban the use of felt-soled wading boots with their 2008 fishing season to stop the spread of didymo. A few weeks later, two important announcements were made in the United States about the future of felt-soled waders.

First, Simms Fishing Products announced it would be "felt-free" by 2010, and was transitioning products to a sticky Vibram™ sole. The products will also have less exposed stitching and fewer ridges that could potentially hide small invasive species.

Second, Trout Unlimited called on all fishing manufacturers to stop producing felt-soled waders and shoes by 2011. It is the beginning to sound like the days for felt-soled waders and shoes are numbered in the United States. Other manufacturers will likely follow suit with Simms, and we may see regulations in the United States similar to New Zealand's in the future.

The FFF continues to fight against invasive species and provides information to help you be a responsible angler. Please do your part and always inspect, clean and dry your gear after every outing to prevent the spread of invasive species. Learn more to www.cleanangling.org.

BUFF 2009 Calendar

May 2009

March 2009

- Mar 2 **Fly Fishing 101**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm
Mar 4 **Fly Rod Building**, John Doscher
Mar 5 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Mar 7 **Cabin Fever Relief Banquet**, Receptions, Fairfield, OH
Mar 9 **Fly Fishing 101**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm
Mar 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Mar 16 **Fly Fishing 101**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm
Mar 18 **Fly Rod Building**, John Doscher
Mar 18 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Mar 20 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Mar 23 **Fly Fishing 101**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 7-9 pm
Mar 25 **Fly Rod Building**, John Doscher
Mar 25 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Mar 26 **Fly Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
Mar 26-29 **Laurel River (Ladies ONLY) Trout Trip**, Hot Springs, NC
Mar 26-29 **Pine Lake Trout Club Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr

April 2009

- Apr 2 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Apr 3 **Fly Casting Tune-Up**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 6:30-9 pm
Apr 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Apr 15 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Apr 17 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Apr 17 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Apr 22 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Apr 23 **Fly Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
Apr 24 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm

March Menu

PRICE THIS MONTH \$12

Rosemary Quartered Chicken
Roast Beef with Gravy
Green Bean Casserole
Tossed Salad with Dressings
Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice of Dessert

- May 1 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
May 1-3 **Carolina Trout Quest Trip**, Bryson City, NC, Tim Findley
May 7 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
May 8 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
May 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
May 15 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
May 15 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
May 20 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
May 20-23 **Elk River West Virginia Fly Fishing Trip**
May 27-31 **Cumberland River Trip**
May 27 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
May 28 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
May 31 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm

June 2009

- Jun 4 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Jun 4-6 **Elkhorn River Smallmouth Bass Trip**, Frankfort, KY, Don Hogue
Jun 7 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
Jun 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Jun 14 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
Jun 17 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Jun 19 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Jun 24 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Jun 25 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
Jun 25-28 **Spring Creek & Penn's Creek Trip**

July 2009

- Jul 2 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Jul 8 **BUFF Outdoor Swap Meet**, TBD
Jul 12 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
Jul 15 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Jul 17 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Jul 19 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
Jul 22 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Jul 23 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones
Jul 26 **BUFF Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm

August 2009

- Aug 6 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Aug 15 **BUFF Picnic**, TBD
Aug 16 **BUFF Instructor Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
Aug 19 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Aug 21 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Aug 23 **BUFF Instructor Casting Class**, Cottell Park, 1-4 pm
Aug 26 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH
Aug 27 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones

2009 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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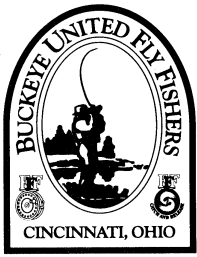
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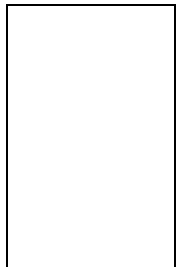


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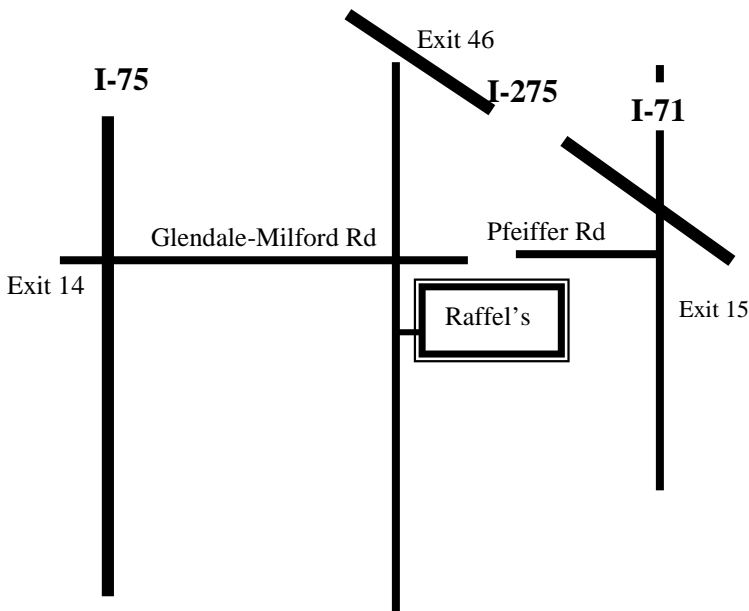
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – March 11

CALL 513-829-1465 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$ 12.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 6:45. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 6)



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.