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The President's Notes

Roger Corrado

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As I am packing for a trip to Belize (25th wedding anniversary) - I am actually somewhat sad that I will be missing one of the best events that our Club has. Namely, the Banquet!!! As I mentioned at the last meeting this is the first one I will miss in 5 or 6 years. This is our only fund raiser and an opportunity to get together, learn a lot (Jim Teeny is our speaker this year!!!) and have chances to win at raffles or in the auction some wonderful prizes. I recently talked to Bob Miller who said the donations have been good and the attendance is down a little so the people coming have better odds at winning!!! If you haven't signed up, you still have time – check the web site and/or call Bob Miller – number and info on the Club's website.

I am also amiss that I will miss the next meeting where all of our trip leaders will talk about the trips coming up. One of my favorite trips, North Carolina, has recently been changed to the 6th to the 9th of May. For those who came to the last meeting, the speaker – Alex Bell, presentation was about the North Carolina Fly Fishing Trail. This includes 15 prime spots in Jackson County NC. Gary Cummins has volunteered to lead this trip and is currently arranging for accommodations and scoping out some places to fish. As most of you know the Tuckasegee River is one of the prime rivers we fish and it is located in Jackson County. Alex handed out a lot of maps of the Fly Fishing Trail showing new locations to fish.

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BUFF March 2010 Program

TRIPS, TRIPS, BUFF TRIPS!

Steve Bailey, our trips co-coordinator will be the “Master of Ceremonies” for an evening to preview our 2010 Trips. Come hear about and see photos of the incredible line up of fly fishing destinations available to you. Each of our Trip Leaders will provide the information that you need. Where do you want to go? Steelhead in Northern Ohio, Smallmouth in Kentucky or maybe Trout in West Virginia, Pennsylvania or Michigan? No experience necessary because help is available. So, be prepared to sign-up, and make this the year that you become a seasoned Fly Fisher.

Note: see www.FlyFishingTrail.com or call 800.962.1911 for more info. Rumor has it we will still have a campfire and the county is sooo happy to have us they will help set up a NC barbeque meal!! If you have questions – call Gary Cummins at 513-732-1999. If you want to contact Alex Bell try abfish.org or 800 226-3833 – he made an excellent presentation and I would bet is a excellent guide.

Also, if you find that some of the trips are full, don't be reluctant to get on the waiting list as more often than not some people have to drop off for one reason or another.

I am going to brag a bit – but not about me!!! I attended the Advanced Fly Tying Thursday night event last week and walked away just amazed at the quality of our instructors and the efforts that they put out doing this. Unfortunately, I only made it to one class this year, but that class was GREAT. Ken Dixon was the lead instructor, assisted (in this case) by Jeff McElravy. Ken prepared and presented a great class where we tied 6 very small flies. Of course, I am always hesitant to tie something on a size 24 hook but he made it very easy for us. He had detailed instructions and kits made up for us. It turned out to be a lot easier than I believed when we had two great instructors!!! Also Thanks to Jeff for being the overall leader for this series!! This is kind of a reminder that we have some great talent in our Club who willing share their time and talents with the rest of us! What a great Club – sign up for some of the other classes and trips and see for yourself!! (PS. Although he didn't agree to this, as I didn't ask him, you might contact Ken Dixon and he might share his detailed instructions with you.

Well, I have to go pack as I waited to the last minute to pack!! See you in April!!
Get out and go fishing!



BUFF MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2010

It is time to “renew” your BUFF Membership for 2010.

*Membership dues run from January 1st of each year to December 31st and must be paid by March 10.
(the March meeting date)
or your membership will be terminated!!!.*

*Single memberships are still \$25.00/year.
Family memberships are still \$30.00/year.*

*Make your checks payable to BUFF and mail them to:
P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242
Or pay at the monthly dinner meeting.
Checks or cash will be accepted at the dinner meeting!*

What Are Trout Really Thinking?

**FFF Clubwire Article by
Daryl Crowley – West Michigan Hacklers Club**

Did you ever wonder what goes on in the mind of a trout? What in the heck are they thinking? Thinking? Of course the logical assumption is that they are cold-blooded creatures, incapable of any conscious thought, merely reacting to their environment or external stimuli. Cautious? Yes, of course, this seems obvious but surely they are not "self-aware," or cognizant of their own mortality, let alone conscious of humans or their methods. They don't "know" what eagles or anglers are; just that dangers exist that can reach into their watery realm, so they have learned to be shy of shadows or intrusions into their world. Trout cannot "think" as would you or I. Or can they?

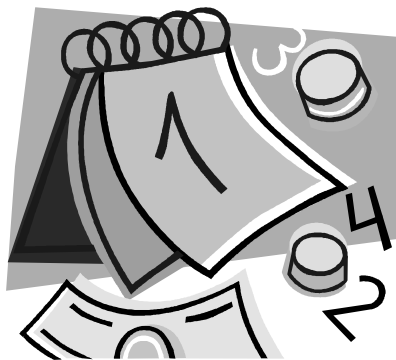
Those of us that have been chasing these elusive creatures for more than a few decades have questioned on numerous occasions the "scientific logic" that would have us believe that trout are merely reactive automatons, little more than animated vegetables, acting on instinct and fear. The experienced angler is not so quick to demote the trout to the status of low-grade imbecile. A well-known FFF fly-tier was giving an excellent fly tying demonstration to our club and was trying to make a valid point about a trout's perception of a fly. She remarked; "A trout's brain is the size of a pea; how freakin' smart can they be?" To which I responded; "Evidently....., pretty freakin' smart." There was a round of laughter....nervous laughter. It was a humorous response, not meant as challenge to her statement, but it seemed to ring an ominous bell in the minds of our well-seasoned club members. I could hear our collective minds reeling with the horrible realization that these not-so-freakin'-smart-fish have been making fools of us for a long time. What does that say for the angler? Maybe we're not-so-freakin'-smart!

One of the hallmarks of an intelligent species is the ability to communicate and while I have never actually heard a trout conversing with his fish friends, it seems obvious that they must. This is evidenced by the fact that within moments of my arrival at the river, every fish in the stream knows I am there. The skeptics would say that I'm just clumsy and that I have signaled the fish of my arrival by being "un-stealthy." While this may account for the sudden cessation of rises in my immediate vicinity, it does not account for how fish a quarter mile downstream also immediately cease their activity, unless trout are "passing the word" of my presence. I submit then that this is proof of communication and therefore sentience on the part of the trout. And the evidence doesn't stop there.

Much ado is made about the importance of floating a dry fly without a trace of drag. The assumption being that trout will detect something unnatural in a fly that drags in the current. Nonsense! I believe trout are intimately familiar with what a line and leader are. They probably can even tell the brand of knotless leader just by looking at it. How can that be? I have no idea, but consider the places that trout station themselves for feeding. Do they take up a feeding position in a spot clear of over-hanging brush with no cross-currents? Never. They only seek places that deny the ability to present a fly. They look for current seams that will tie your leader in a knot. They hang out six inches below a little leader-grabbing-stick, which offers no current break or shelter, the only reasonable advantage of feeding there is that it's an impossible spot to lay down a fly that's attached to a leader. There can be little doubt of their intelligent use of resources. The devious bastards!

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BUFF 2010 Calendar



March 2010

- Mar 4 **CO-ED Fly Fishing 101** Springdale Rec. Ctr. 7 -- 9 pm
Mar 4 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Mar 6 **Cabin Fever Relief Banquet**, Receptions, Fairfield, OH
Mar 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Mar 11 **CO-ED Fly Fishing 101** Springdale Rec. Ctr. 7 -- 9 pm
Mar 13 **Net Building Class** Paul Feldman
Mar 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Mar 18 **CO-ED Fly Fishing 101** Springdale Rec. Ctr. 7 -- 9 pm
Mar 19 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Mar 20 **Net Building Class** Paul Feldman
Mar 25 **CO-ED Fly Fishing 101** Springdale Rec. Ctr. 7 -- 9 pm
Mar 25-28 **Spring Steelhead Trip**, Chagrin Falls, OH
Mar 31 **Spring Warm-Up** Springdale Rec. Ctr. 6:30-8:30 pm

April 2010

- Apr 1 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Apr 9 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Apr 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Apr 16 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Apr 16 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Apr 18 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
Apr 20 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 9:30 am
Apr 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Apr 23 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
Apr 25 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
Apr 30 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm

May 2010

- May 2 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
May 6 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
May 6-9 **Nantahala River Trip** Bryson City, NC Gary Cummins
May 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
May 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
May 13-15 **Elk River Trip**, Elkins, WV
May 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
May 15 **Little Miami Clean-Up Float Trip**, Izaak Walton League
May 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
May 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
May 21 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
May 22-23 **Fishing Has No Boundaries** Lou Haynes
May 23-27 **Spring Creek Trip**, State College, PA
May 28-30 **Cumberland River Trip**, Jamestown, KY

June 2010

- Jun 3 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Jun 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Jun 11-13 **Elkhorn River Trip**, Frankfort, KY
Jun 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Jun 18 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm

July 2010

- Jul 1 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Jul 11 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
Jul 12 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Jul 14 **Little Miami Clean-Up Float Trip**, Izaak Walton League
Jul 16 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
Jul 17 **BUFF Picnic and Swap Meet**, TBD
Jul 18 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley
Jul 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
Jul 25 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park, 1-4 pm Gary Begley

Blind Auction Results

Blind Auction winners at our general meeting:

Bill Schobel for Trip #1 CCS Fly Fishing
Outfitters

David French for Trip #2 Baldwin Creek
Lodge

Thank you for your support and
congratulations

March Menu

Price \$12

Scheduled to be!

**Rosemary Quartered
Chicken**

Roast Beef with Gravy

Green Bean Casserole

Tossed Salad with Dressings

Rolls and Butter

Chef's Choice of Dessert

What are trout really thinking?.....continued from page 3

We have all watched these so called "dumb creatures" scrutinize a #22 fly as if it were some kind of binding legal contract with fine print. I can barely distinguish a #18 Hares Ear from a #20 Blue Winged Olive when I'm holding them side-by-side in good light, yet a trout can pick out either tiny ruse as it shoots through a choppy riffle at dusk, probably noting it was tied with a new shade of brown poly-dub mixed with platypus fur. I have no doubt it's immediately recorded on some sort of Fish-Internet-YouTube as every trout will then come up and look at my fly, not with any intention of eating it of course, but just to have a first hand look at a fly that actually includes platypus fur. Without a doubt Fish-Talk-Radio is instantly abuzz: "Flash - New This Year - Platypus Fur - in other news; Orvis introduces a new line of hooks..." News travels fast in trout circles and they remember. Trout are insidious. We think ourselves adept at deception, but this is a delusion. When we enter the river, we are immediately out-of-our-league. Trout seem fully aware of our feeble attempts to deceive them. Selective trout? The only thing they are "selecting" is the manner in which to frustrate us. Maybe today they will only rise in water too deep to wade, or on the far side of a log parallel with the bank. Perhaps they will refuse our fly, not once, not twice, but maybe dozens of times. Why would a trout, that can differentiate subtle differences in a #24 midge, continue to rise to the same #12 Royal Coachman over and over and over? Ok, maybe twice, or maybe even three times, but after the 15th time, even a moronic trout would know that this is the same fly he had just refused for the past dozen casts. But of course he knows it's the same fly and could probably tell you if it was tied by a right or left handed fly tier. He just continues to rise because he knows it's driving you crazy. He is calculating how long it will take before you break your rod in half and chuck it in the river.

Trout also have a sense of humor, warped humor for sure, but humor none-the-less, a characteristic found only in higher order species, like humans or chimpanzees, or trout. Trout find endless delight in only sipping flies that appear to be within an inch of our offerings. They know we are carefully following the progress of our fly, attuned and ready to strike at the slightest indication of a take, and then they come up and pretend to eat a fly right next to our fly. We haul back hard to set the hook, the fly touches nothing and we are promptly hung in the bushes behind us. That takes planning my friend - skilled, tactical planning. How many times have you observed fish "rising" steadily but you can't seem to see what they are taking? They're not taking anything; they just know we are gullible! All those times a fish followed your streamer right up to you only to slowly drift back down into the depths without striking - you were snookered. They just do that to freak you out and there is no end to their pleasure in doing this. Do we amuse them? Are we clowns? Do they find us amusing?

You might be tempted to accuse me of being anthropomorphic in my assessment of trout intelligence, but I assure you I do not come to these conclusions hastily. Nor am I delusional. It's not paranoia when they really are out to get you. After more than 50 years of careful observation it seems undeniable that trout not only think, they communicate, they plan, they execute, and they are probably adept at theoretical calculus, and if they had opposable thumbs they would be extremely dangerous. Beware! They're out there; they're plotting and planning even as you read this. If you think I exaggerate, then the next time you do full pratfall in the river (and of course you will), before you rocket yourself upright gasping for breath, take just a moment while underwater to notice all the faint bubbly laughter.

Fly Fishing 101 Course

Lou Haynes

The BUFF Fly Fishing 101 Course will be held in March at the Springdale Community Center located at 11999 Lawnview Avenue in Springdale (behind the Outback Restaurant near Rt. 4 and I-275). The classes will be held on the four Thursday evenings in March (4, 11, 18 & 25) and will run from 7 PM to 9 PM. This program is open to BUFF members “only”; there is no fee to attend. You may register by contacting me directly louhaynes37@gmail.com; 513-777-4854. If you have an interest in the course I encourage you to register even if you can't attend all 4 classes. You can catch-up by reviewing the notes from the classes you miss.

The course material will cover rods, reels, backing, lines, leaders, tippets, recommended flies to get you started, knots, how to select a fly rod system to meet your fishing needs, other equipment needs and casting basics. This program is designed for beginners and intermediate-skilled fishers.

Course Outline:

- ✓ Class 1. Lines, rods, reels and backing.
- ✓ Class 2. Leaders, tippets, how to select a fly fishing system to meet your needs, how to correctly put your system together and take it apart, fly line cleaning and fly fishing terms.
- ✓ Class 3. Leader designs, knots, hooks and additional equipment needs
- ✓ Class 4. Casting basics & demonstrations, casting problems video.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF)

Mike Bryant

At the January B.U.F.F. dinner meeting, therapists from the Cincinnati Veterans Hospital Medical Center discussed the types and severity of injuries that our returning soldiers are incurring. Tom Scheer also discussed B.U.F.F.'s efforts with Project Healing Waters as a way to introduce our injured veterans to the sport of fly fishing.. PHWFF provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, and fly tying instruction for wounded personnel, ranging from beginners to those with prior fly fishing experience, who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, INC. (PHWFF) was founded in 2005 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), with the help of local Trout Unlimited (TU) and Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) volunteers. Their mission is to assist in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active duty military personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. Through Tom's leadership, B.U.F.F. is working with PHWFF to bring fly fishing opportunities to our local veterans. What a great way to give back to those who have served so unselfishly.

To support B.U.F.F.'s ongoing efforts with PHW, we are requesting donations of fly rods and reels. This will give our vet's an opportunity to continue learning and enjoying the sport of fly fishing.. Many of us have equipment in our closets that we haven't used in some time. I donated an old St. Croix 6 wt. fly rod and Cabela's fly reel that I haven't used in years. We're looking to collect at least ten outfits that our vet's can use after the initial PHW classes.

Don't have either a fly rod or reel to donate? We're also collecting fly tying equipment as well. Everything you donate will be put to good use!

If you are able and willing to donate either a rod and/or reel, please contact Tom Scheer (www.rtscheerdds@aol.com.) or Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com) as a backup. Again, your small contribution will go a long way to help someone who has made so many sacrifices for us.

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

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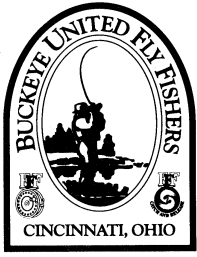
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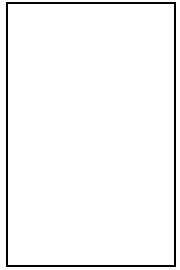


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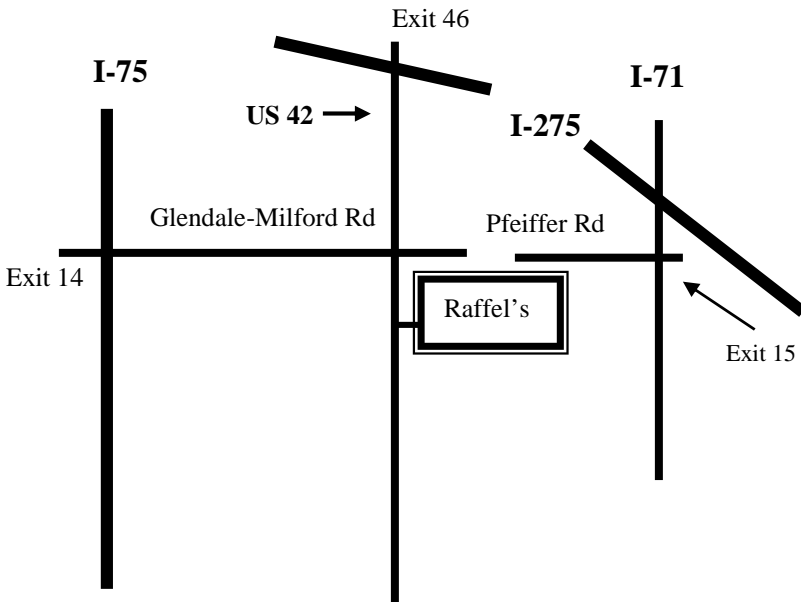
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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 10

CALL 513-683-0286 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 MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 4)



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.