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The President's Notes

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Wow! What a Show! They did it, the biggest and best Fly Show ever! The Fly Show Committee deserves the highest accolades. Bob Gustafson and Bob Miller, and their Executive Committee, Ken Dixon, Ken Foltz, and Bob Mackey provided the planning and leadership. The Committee executed the plans to fine detail. Skip and Carol Ann Morris are some of the most talented and gracious people I have met. I started my fly tying with his "Clear and Simple" and that is still out there teaching someone how to tie flies. It is one of the best of the beginning books. There was only one issue. I apparently missed the memo that I was in charge of the weather. I have been fired. I apologize for the oversight. Bob Gustafson and Bob Miller agreed at the close out meeting to Co-chair the 2014 Fly Show. How great is that!

Our Banquet is about to happen as this is being published. George Fraley and Bob Gustafson have put together an outstanding Committee for this Event. The reservations are in and we are getting ready to roll. This is our fund raiser for the year. If you didn't make reservations, you can donate funds to help with the purchase of the raffle prizes. The average value of the prizes is around \$75. The Prize Patrol has done an outstanding job. The main purpose of the Banquet this year is to recognize the efforts of our membership. BUFF has done a lot of very good things in the last year. They have only happened because a lot of work has gone into the planning and execution of those plans. There have been a lot of members involved. Thank you!

The members who have not paid their 2013 dues will be dropped from membership. Please contact Tom Agin, our Membership Chair, and take care this. If you miss the date, you can rejoin but you will need to pay the initiation fee again. As of now, we have a record number of members, and I hope we don't lose too many.

The BUFF Calendar is starting to fill up. There are a lot of trips and activities planned and more to come. Look ahead and make your plans. If you have questions, contact

the leaders for more details. This is what BUFF is all about. There have been quite a few requests for a Fly Fishing 101 Class this year. We will have one because of this. Much of the information is on the Web site under Education, but face to face classes are better. Questions can be answered (I hope) as they come up. We are looking at dates to fill this in around the other scheduled activities. I hope to have the dates by the March meeting. Where there is a need, we will try to find a way.

Now is the time to study the new catalogs. Develop the wish lists and get out the equipment. Clean the lines and reels, polish the rods, sort the flies, tie some more, check the waders and vests. It's time to start practicing our casting. Try a half hour a day, every day. It will do wonders. I can't wait to get out and fish!

Jeff

The following organizations have supported the BUFF banquet by purchasing sponsorship tables at the levels indicated. We thank them, and BUFF members are encouraged to support these organizations.

Gold Level (\$100 or higher)

CDS Associates
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Union Savings Bank
Wood & Lamping, LLP

Silver Level (\$75)

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BUFF March 2013 Program

The speaker at the March meeting is Fred Shaw "NEEAKE" who lives in Oxford, Ohio. He is a multifaceted professional and a member of the Shawnee Tribe. He will impart a cultural and conservational view of the environment and fishing history. Come and be transported back in time to learn of a vibrant culture still among us. Your next fishing trip will most likely be viewed in a different perspective.

“Beaver were once so common in the Mill Creek that a 1755 map of the Mill Creek Valley only showed beaver ponds -- the creek was not mapped.”

Stanley Hedeem, author of the book “The Mill Creek: An Unnatural History of an Urban Stream”

In 1748 a trading post was established near Piqua to trade with the Indians for beaver pelts. By 1830 there were no beavers left in Ohio. Then in May 1936, in Ashtabula County, a number of Aspen trees on the Ohio side of Pymatuning Reservoir were found with the bark peeled away from their base. Later in 1946 a beaver dam caused a flood in Columbiana County and a study revealed approximately 100 beaver in eleven Ohio counties. By the early 1970s, the population had increased to over 5,000 beaver in thirty-seven counties. Just a few years later, an estimated 7,500 beaver could be found in forty Ohio counties, mostly in eastern and southeastern areas of the state. A survey in 1997-98 reported the Ohio population to be about 25,000. The beaver are back and are once again busy building their dams everywhere they can along the Mill Creek like they did 260 years ago.

Special thanks go to Dr. Stanley Hedeem.

Steve Lilly



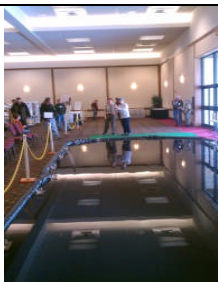
Mill Creek beaver dam - Evendale, January 17, 2013

2013 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Recap...

Despite snowy conditions, turnout for the 2013 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show met our high expectations. Nearly 600 persons braved the weather to see 70 exhibitors (many of them new show vendors), day long presentations by fly fishing experts, purchase raffle tickets, and to shop for bargains. The show exceeded recent show attendance results, despite the weather, and the show made a financial profit for BUFF.

The BUFF membership desk also did well during the show, signing up 22 new members.

Visitors enjoyed the Kid's activities (Kid's Area and Kid's Fly Tying) and the new Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge workroom. Presentations by Skip & Carol Ann Morris, Dane Law, Kevin Howell, Steve Kuieck, Dave Leonhard, Kevin Morlock, Glenn Weisner, and Mike Schmidt were well received by show visitors.



A new show feature that literally made a splash was the indoor casting pond. The casting pond allowed show visitors to try their hand at fly casting and to test cast rods for sale at the show. During the day, there were special casting demonstrations by Dave Leonhard and Kevin Howell, as well as by the very competent BUFF casting instructors.

Many positive comments were received from show visitors and exhibitors about the new show venue, The Oasis. The facility allowed for many additional features and many additional exhibitor booths. Beyond the expansion in useable space, the hall enhanced overall show aesthetics: openness, bright lighting, windows, big rooms for presentations, plenty of room to move about, and designated spaces to rest and eat.

The Fly Show Committee thanks our show visitors, exhibitors, and the many BUFF volunteers who made the show a success! We are already at work planning for next year!



Please note that this calendar is only current as of the latest Buffer, and is accurate based on inputs from BUFF oprs. Efforts are made to ensure accuracy, but be sure to verify dates and times of those events that interest you. Ed.



BUFF 2013 Calendar

March 2013

- Mar 2 **BUFF Annual Banquet and Recognition Dinner**, Oscar Event Center @ Jungle Jim's, Fairfield 6pm-945pm
- Mar 5 **Advanced Fly Tying Class** Ken Dixon at Springdale Community Ctr., 6:15 pm – 8:15 pm
- Mar 6 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Mar 12 **Advanced Fly Tying Class** Ken Dixon at Springdale Community Ctr., 6:15 pm – 8:15 pm
- Mar 8-10 **Steelhead School**, Pere Marquette River Lodge in Baldwin Michigan.
- Mar 13 **Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Mar 13 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Mar 20 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher
- Mar 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Mar 21 **VA Tying** 7pm D. Jones
- Mar 27 **Fly Rod Building Class**, J. Doscher ,if needed

April 2013

- Apr 1 **Casting Warm Up** Springdale Rec. Ctr, 6 – 8 pm
- Apr 4 **Tie & Lie** Bass Pro 7-9pm D. Jones
- Apr 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Apr 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center

May 2013

- May 2 **Tie & Lie** Bass Pro 7-9pm D. Jones
- May 3 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- May 3-5 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon
- May 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- May 10 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- May 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- May 15-19 **Carolina Trout Quest Trip**, Gary Cummins/Pete Moore
- May 16-19 **Elk River Trip** Rodney Louke/Steve Alexander
- May 21 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr. 7pm D. Jones
- May 24 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- May 31 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing

June 2013

- Jun 2-6 **Hazel Creek Back-Packing Trip**, Bill Schroeder
- Jun 3-7 **Spring Creek Trip**, Phil Pursley
- Jun 6 **Tie & Lie** Bass Pro 7-9pm D. Jones
- Jun 6-9 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip**, Bill Schroeder
- Jun 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jun 14-16 **Elkhorn Creek Trip**, Marty Foltz/Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jun 25-27 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Jun 26 **Fly Fishing Youth Class with Green Acres**

July 2013

- Jul 4 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Jul 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jul 13 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
- Jul 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jul 18 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr.7pm D. Jones

August 2013

- Aug 1 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Aug 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Aug 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center

September 2013

- Sep 5 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Sep 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Sep 11 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh (**NOT Confirmed**)
- Sep 16 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr.7pm D. Jones
- Sep 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 6 – 9 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Sep 27-29 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon)
- Sep 28 **Great Outdoor Weekend**, IWLA Lodge, Loveland, time tbd

October 2013

- Oct 3 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Oct 4 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Oct 11 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 9-13 **Smoky Mountain trip** Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 18 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 17-20 **Hazel Creek Brown Trout Trip**, Bill Schroeder, (**NOT Confirmed**)
- Oct 22 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 25 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing

November 2013

- Nov 7 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Nov 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Nov 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 25 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr.7pm D. Jones

December 2013

- Dec 5 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Dec 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Dec 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center

Not scheduled/Not confirmed trips:

- Fall Steelhead – Trip Leader needed**
- Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip**

March Menu

Sliced Corned Beef Brisket

Smoked Sausage and Kraut

Braised Cabbage

Boiled Parsley and Butter Potatoes

Sliced Carrots in Butter

Assorted Rye Breads and butter

Desserts

**Gourmet Carrot Cake with Cream
Cheese Icing**

2013 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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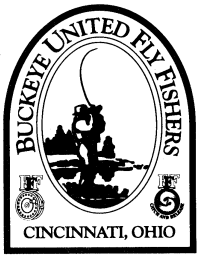
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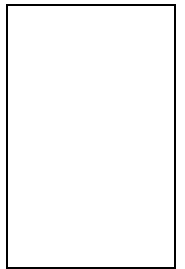


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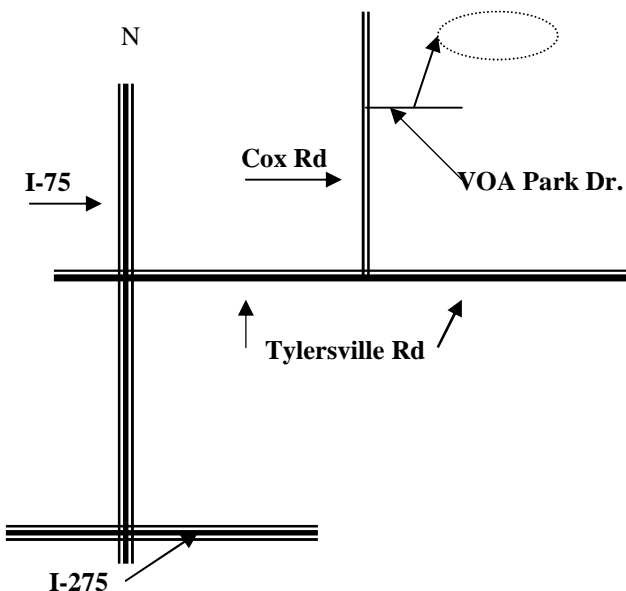
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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 – March 13

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 \$15/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!



Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow 1-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

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