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The President's Notes

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Well, Spring is here and I hope you have been out fishing, or plan to soon. We have some great trips coming up, and I wanted to say a few things about safety on the stream.

Quite a few years ago when I joined the Club I wasn't that worried about safety on the stream or what could happen out there. Ask a few members who have been around for a while and they will tell you I took some chances that I am not proud about. So, here are a few of the things I have learned and most of you know:

- stay out of a flooded river fish from shore if you have to fish (if you won't – wear a life jacket)
- use a walking stick if you have any doubt about your footing (I always do)
- test the depth of the water before getting in clear water depth can be deceptive
- fish with a buddy or at least let someone know where you are and when you expect to be back (cell phones also offer a means to get help if needed)
- wear appropriate foot gear for the stream you plan to fish- its easy to fall
- wear a hat and glasses sun and weather protection, and from hooks
- be very careful about getting your foot trapped watch where you walk
- if you do fall in, float on your back and keep your feet pointed downstream and stroke to the side or where you can safely stand don't panic!

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BUFF May 2009 Meeting Program

Fly Fishing for Smallmouth with focus on Elkhorn Creek, Kentucky

Our friends at "Delamere & Hopkins" will present this program. Mark Walters, Owner and Neal Potter, Guide, will show and tell the secrets of catching smallsouth Bass in streams and in this incredible fishery. If you are going on the BUFF Elkhorn trip you will not want to miss this. You will also find out the other great things "D & H" is doing and planning. Check out their web site at "www.bestgear.com".

- learn how to safely remove a hook embedded in your body
- safety first fishing second.

Also, make sure your fishing gear is as ready as you are. At minimum, clean your lines and lube your reels.

Want to improve your fishing or fly tying? We have some excellent opportunities. Casting classes start at the end of May and we have 3 Tie and Lie opportunities each month. We have 4 trips coming up before the next Buffer where you have the opportunity to catch trout, small and largemouth bass, bluegill, and many other species. These trips will take you to North Carolina, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Take advantage and go on one or more of them.

Want an excellent close place to fish? – Try Parky's Farm in Winton Woods each Friday from 10 to 2 – Oh, and you can also help some kids catch their first fish with Lou and the other volunteers.

Was going to write more – but decided to go fishing instead! See you on the stream, or at a meeting!!

Roger

VA Tying & Talking

Several members participate in a program at the VA Medical Center in Cincinnati called Tying and Talking. We meet with Vets at the Center once a month. We teach them to tie flies or just sit and talk with them.

Most dates have been set for 2009. We work with two separate groups of Vets at the Center. We meet either at 10:00 to 12:00 or 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The dates for the 10-12 AM group are 4/28, 6/xx, 8/xx and 10/xx. (Exact dates to be determined) And the dates for the 6-8 PM are 5/19, 7/27, 9/21 and 11/24. Parking for the 10-12 sessions is a problem and car pooling is recommended. I am working on getting tokens for the volunteer parking lot. Parking is not a problem for the 6:00-8:00 sessions.

If you haven't taken part in this outreach program and would like to participate, contact Dave Jones (513-825-7174 or email <u>jones.adov@zoomtown.com</u>). The thanks, smiles and hand shakes will make your day!

What are Friends for? Spring Steelhead Trip to Pine Lake Trout Club March 26-29, 2009

Dick Naber

My fishing buddy, Ted Grossman and I arrived at Pine Lake around 11am on Thursday, and, after checking in, we headed for the Chagrin River. We stopped and fished at the Church on Route 174 and then proceeded down river to Rogers Road, then to Todd's Field, and did not see a single steelhead, although Ted was having fun landing small suckers. It was getting late and decided to make one more stop at the Chagrin River Park where we did see an occasional Steelhead, but none were biting. Decided to head back to Pine Lake (about 20 miles). Had dinner with several of the BUFF members in the dining room lounge at Pine Lake and then off to bed.

Next morning, Friday, the BUFF members met for a great breakfast at the Chester Dinner on Route 306. After breakfast, most of the BUFF members decided to go to the Grand River, but Ted and I decided to go back to the Chagrin River Park. When we arrived at 10am there was one other fisherman in sight landing a steelhead, and the steelhead were coming up the river in large numbers. The water was low, clear and very fast.

I had days earlier, talked to my son John in Pennsylvania who had just fished the Elk Creek, and all the fish he caught were in fast moving water in the rapids. He was using the woolly bugger and sucker spawn combination, and all were caught on the sucker spawn.

Ted proceeded down river about 100 yards from me and within minutes landed a steelhead in the fast moving rapids. Ted was having success in the rapids, and I found a slot of rapids and fast water next to the bank where steelhead were moving, and very quickly landed my first of many steelhead.

Every single steelhead I caught, lost or broke off (all patterns I learned to tie) was on the trailer or point pattern (fluorescent orange sucker spawn, # 10 hook). I was using a (blue woolly bugger #10 hook) on the top or dropper pattern located about 18 inches from the trailer with a small shot above the dropper and a indicator float (white) about 4 feet above the patterns. Note: I ran out of fluorescent orange and went to fluorescent red, and had the same success.

There was an elderly gentleman fishing near me and I asked him to take my picture of me holding a steelhead I had just caught, which he graciously did. After which, we talked and I showed him the rig I was using, and I gave him some of the patterns I was using. About an hour later this same gentleman came up to me and said he had caught his first ever steelhead on the patterns I had given him.

It was around noon that I called Tom Herr on his cell phone and told him of our success and very shortly several of the BUFF group ascended on the River Park.

I did not move from my "honey hole" from 10am until 4pm except for a short intermission. I spotted Steve Walker in the water just upstream, and I called to Steve to come and fish my spot. I told Steve what patterns I was using, and he soon settled in and started to fish.

I headed toward the bank to have something to eat and was joined by Steve's buddy, Pete Moore. Within minutes Steve hooked onto a beautiful steelhead and began yelling for Pete to bring his net. Pete said, he was too tired, so I grabbed the net and headed across the river toward Steve. Got upriver of the steelhead, and netted Steve's steelhead. I took the steelhead out of the net and had Steve hold so I could get a picture. I got two very nice pictures of Steve and his steelhead.

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Pete arrived at the scene, but the action was over, and Steve was the proud owner of a great steelhead.

I guess to sum up my day other than catching a lot of steelhead: I loaned Steve my "honey hole", told him the patterns and rig I was using, netted his steelhead for him and took the pictures of proof of his catch. What else are friends for?

Many thanks go out to Tom Herr for another great steelhead trip to Pine Lake Trout Club.... and this trip I didn't manage to break my ankle!!

A reminder from Game Warden Jeff Tipton

Fellow Anglers,

While working The Mad River today I was flagged down by a landowner who wanted to complain about an angler trespassing on his property. He pointed to the field along the river and said "if that guy walks another 100 yards, I want him arrested". I looked over and watched as a man carrying a flyrod and wearing breathable waders walked through the field to reach a fishing spot. I walked out and made contact with the guy and told him that I had a complaint from the landowner. He showed me his fishing license and told me that he was from Columbus and that he has belonged to a particular flyfishing club for about 4 years. I attempted to explain the issue and told him that his actions could cause the landowner to shut down the entire stretch of the river. I took his information and went to discuss the situation with the landowner. Thankfully, the landowner had calmed down a little and said that he only wanted the guy warned. The man pleaded ignorance about walking in the farm field, so hopefully I was able to educate him. Being that he's somewhat new to fishing The Mad, he likely did not know about the concerns of many landowners. Hopefully he will head the warning. I left him, went south, and saw another flyangler walking through a field. He had a sticker on his truck from another fly club. Thankfully the landowner hadn't seem him.

I am certain that I am preaching to the choir on this issue, but I am asking for your help. Help me educate folks about the "rules of the river". It's especially important to educate folks that are new to the sport. All it takes is one unhappy landowner to shut down an entire section of river. If you all could spread the word to all the flyfishing clubs, I would appreciate it. Ask that they post this and other rules on their websites.

Thanks again,

TroutTrooper
Jeff Tipton
Champaign County
Wildlife Officer

Fly Fishers Rescue Northern Kentucky Smallmouth Stream Tim Guilfoile

It has been five years since Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers entered the battle to rescue Gunpowder Creek from the ravages of deicing fluid discharged by the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. I am happy to report that Gunpowder Creek, once completely void of aquatic life, is now back to being one of our favorite smallmouth streams.

Deicing fluid is basically anti-freeze. A combination of propylene and ethylene glycol, it is essential to ensure the safe take-off of aircraft in the winter months. But this solution is also highly toxic to both humans and aquatic life and rather than disposing it in a safe manner, the Airport was simply dumping the spent deicing fluid into Gunpowder Creek. The creek, whose headwaters originate on Airport property, first flows through heavily populated areas of northern Boone County and then makes its way through the agricultural areas of southern Boone County where it then enters the Ohio River.

For years residents complained of a ghastly odor and discolored water, but the Kentucky Division of Water, who has the responsibility to regulate such discharges, was unresponsive. Independent water testing by volunteers including many members of Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers documented the presence of the highly toxic chemicals in the water and attempted sampling for macroinvertebrates demonstrated that Gunpowder Creek was void of all aquatic life.

Finally, in the summer of 2004, the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) issued a draft permit for public review. The limits and monitoring requirements in the draft permit were so weak they may as well have been non-existent. By most accounts it was as bad as having no permit at all.

Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers drafted a letter to the KDOW making recommendations for improvement of the draft permit. At its September 2004 monthly dinner meeting, 85 club members signed the letter to the KDOW. On September 9, 2004, the NKFF letter and signatures were presented to the KDOW at a public hearing held in Burlington. Thirty other local individuals and organizations also presented testimony at the hearing.

Almost 5 months to the day following the public hearing, the final permit was issued (February 7, 2005) and it represented a significant and precedent setting improvement over the draft. The permit required the airport to continuously monitor dissolved oxygen, pH and flow. The requirement for continuous monitoring means that the Airport had to install electronic probes in Gunpowder Creeks and monitor every minute of every day. This continuous monitoring requirement is a first of its kind in any permit issued by the KDOW and is one of the recommendations that were made by NKFF.

According to the Commissioner of the Division of Water, the strict permit was issued because of the level of public involvement and the volunteer work done by Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers was mentioned specifically.

The Airport now captures and recycles deicing fluid and the continuous monitoring ensures that the system works. Volunteers from Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers continue to monitor Gunpowder Creek and data from these volunteers has now been used to apply for an EPA 319 Grant that will provide over one million dollars to fully restore the stream. But even now, Gunpowder Creek has returned to life. Monitoring indicates that the water quality is good and smallmouth bass have returned to the stream and we are catching some 15 inchers these days.

Fly fishers know our waters better than most and can be a powerful force in protecting and restoring this precious resource. The story of Gunpowder Creek clearly demonstrates the power of the fly fishing community and what our on the ground work can do to protect our fisheries for future generations.

BUFF 2009 Calendar

May 2009

May 1	Parky's Far	m , 10-2 pm
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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 Outfitters3-6 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 Outfitters3-6 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, Izaak Walton Campgrounds,

Loveland, Oh

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 Outfitters3-6 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, Izaak Walton Campgrounds, Loveland, Oh

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 Outfitters3-6 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

September 2009

Sep 2-5 Au Sable & Manistee River North Woods Trout Trip), Steve	Bail
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Sep 3 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors

Sep 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd

Sep 11 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm

Sep 13-18 Pere Marquette Fall Salmon Trip, Walhalla, MI, Joe Guenther

Sep 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm

Sep 18 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm

Sep 18 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm

Sep 18-20 Casting For Recovery

Sep 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH

Sep 24 Tying at the VA, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones

Sep 25 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm

Sep 26 Great Outdoor Weekend Izak Walton site, 10 am – 3 pm

Sep 30 -Oct 3 Cumberland River Trip

October 2009

Oct 1 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors

Oct 2 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm

Oct 9 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm

Oct 9-13 Fall Trout Trip, Waynesville, NC, Don Prince

Oct 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd

Oct 16 Parkey's Farm, 10-2 pm

Oct 16 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro 7-9 pm

Oct 21 **BUFF Board Meeting,** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm

Oct 22 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:30-8 pm, Dave Jones

Oct 28 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm 227 Main St., Milford, OH

Oct 30 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

November 2009

Nov 5 Tie & Lie, West, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors

Nov 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd

Nov 18 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm

Nov 19-22**Steelhead Trip, Pine Lake Trout Club**, Chagrin Falls, OH, Tom Herr

Nov 20 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm

May Menu PRICE THIS MONTH \$12

Country Fried Chicken
BBQ Ribs
Whipped Potatoes
1/2 Ear Corn on the Cob
Creamy Cole Slaw
Buttermilk Biscuits
Chef's Choice of Dessert

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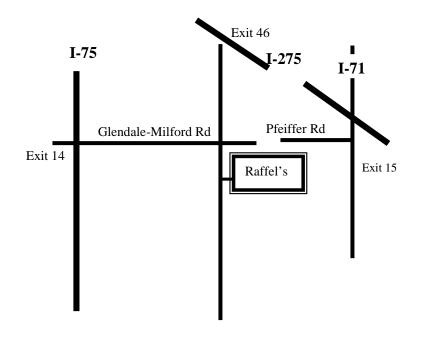
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – May 13

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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.

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