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The President's Notes

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Well, it is May – our busiest month for trips and probably the best month to get out and fish around here also. We all need to get out and enjoy this weather (oh, and do some fishing). If you need a fishing partner, call someone in the Club and arrange an outing – either for a day or longer. There is always someone that wants to go fishing – and/or put a notice on our Blog (on our webpage) and you can probably find someone to go.

We were talking at the last Board Meeting about doing some local day trips. One of the problems with Spring/Early Summer trips is rain which floods the local streams. We have tried this for a couple of years, but it seems most get rained out. We would like to try some more, so we are looking for some of our members to step forward to organize and lead some of these. Interested? – let me know!! A suggestion would be plan on going to a local lake, at least as a backup in case the streams are unfishable.

Remember that this year we are having a combined Swap Meet and Family Picnic – see the article in this month's BUFFER for details. The other change we are planning is to have a local fishing outing, instead of having a BUFF dinner meeting in August. Plans are being put together, and we are still looking for a local lake to use – so if you know of *Continued on page 2*

BUFF May 2010 Program

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one, let me know. This outing will be the evening of the 2nd Wednesday of August. We will not be serving supper, so you will have to bring your own food and drink that evening. There may be some prizes awarded that night for largest and smallest fish. "Mark your calendars!"

As most of you know, our Conservation Directors (Donn Rubingh, Steve Lilly, and Mike Bryant) have really stepped forward and are planning some good events for us this year. Additionally, under their efforts BUFF has become the first Club in the area to accept the official responsibility for helping to clean up the Little Miami River. We are responsible for about 4 miles of the river. There will be 3 river cleanups - planned for May 15, July 14, and Sept 15. You can sign up for them at a monthly meeting or call Donn Rubingh at 513-385-3943. We will be getting canoes from the Izaak Walton League in Loveland, and we will be transported upstream and float/fish our way back down to the League site – while cleaning up the stream. While we previously said there would be a \$10 charge, the Board voted to forego the charge - so it will be FREE. Space is limited to 16 canoeists, but I understand kayakers and private canoeists are welcome, also. Be sure to sign up and help us keep the river clean.

Also, if you need a place to fish where you can usually catch a lot, try Parky's Farm on the following Fridays -5/7, 5/14 and 5/21 from 10am till 2pm. Help a child catch their first fish and compete for the annual Roger Corrado Billy Bass Award. This coveted award will be awarded at the November 2010 meeting to the person who catches the BIGGEST BASS at Parky's this year. I expect to win the prize. However, as you know, I didn't win last year, but will try again this year. Remember, the bass has to be caught with a fly rod using a fly. (No hotdogs, even those with cheese!) Oh, come and fish before and after helping the kids fish!

Good fishing, Roger



WHITE BASS AND HYBRID STRIPERS

Steve Waak from Delamere & Hopkins will be joining us for a look at the white bass and hybrid striper fishing available in southwest Ohio. Previously a trout bum and guide living in his van in Breckenridge CO. Steve moved home to be closer to family. With limited trout fishing available Steve has been fishing the southwest region and guiding on these waters for the past 15 years. Spending time on the water and fishing for just about everything Steve has discovered the adrenaline packed hybrid striped bass and white bass runs to be among some of his favorite. Steve will cover the seasonal movements, habits, forage and equipment needed to chase these fish. The white bass are found in our rivers year round but the spring "run" provides some of the best action, numbers and size of fish. Along with white bass comes the hybrid striped bass, a cross between the white bass and true striped bass. These fish provide furious attitude with an average size between 4 to 6 pounds to create an experience like no other in the area. Steve's enthusiasm and excitement becomes the true mark of how the experience can change how you look at fishing in your own back yard. I guarantee you will not be disappointed.

As Steve say's "We'll get you hooked"

BUFF Picnic/Swap Meet July 17 at Central Turners Lake

This year the board has decided to combine the Club picnic and the Swap meet. The picnic will be held on July 17, at The Cincinnati Central Turners Club. There is 3.5 acre lake with club house and picnic area. This facility is also the home of the Cincinnati Casting Club with casting targets to test your skills and the lake is stocked with bluegill and bass (catch and release). The picnic starts at 1:00 PM and will run till dark. A picnic meal will be served between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. Cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. More details to follow next month.

The park is located on 2200 Pinney Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231.

Direction: I-275 (Cincinnati North side of loop) Exit Mt. Healthy – Fairfield. South on Hamilton Avenue, approx. 2 miles, right on Pinney Lane. Pinney Lane runes dead into our park.

BUFF 2010 Calendar



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 North Carolina Trout Quest Trip, 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, R. Louke & . Chambers
- May 14 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
- May 15 Little Miami Clean-Up Float Trip, Izaak Walton, D. Rubingh
 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, P. Pursley

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 10-13 Elkhorn River Trip, Frankfort, KY,M. Foltz & C. Montgomery
- 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
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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, L. Haynes
- Jul 16 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Jul 17 **BUFF Picnic and Swap Meet,** 2200 Pinney Lane, Mt. Healthy 45231
- 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

August 2010

- Aug 5 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Aug 10 VA Fly Tying Dave Jones 930 am
- Aug 11 Fishing Outing No Monthly Meeting or dinner

Aug 18 BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran

- Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 19-22 **Cumberland River Trip, Jamestown**, KY, B. Mackey & D. Jones
- Aug 20 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Aug TBD Fishing Outing in lieu of Monthly Meeting TBD

September 2010

- Sep 1-4 Au Sable River Trip, Grayling, MI, S. Bailey
- Sep 2 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Sep 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 9 pm
 - Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 10 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Sep 12-17 Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip J. Guenther
- Sep 15 Little Miami Clean-Up Float Trip, Izaak Walton, S. Lilly
- Sep 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Sep 17 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Sep 17 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Sep 23 VA Fly Tying Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 24 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm

October 2010

- Oct 1 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Oct 7-10 Ladies Trout Trip, Sharon Bailey
- Oct 7 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Oct 8 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Oct 8-12 Smoky Mts. Trout Trip, Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Road
- Oct 15 Parky's Farm, 10-2 pm
- Oct 15 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Oct 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Oct 22 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 29 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm

November 2010

- Nov 4 Tie & Lie, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 9 pm
- Raffel's on Reading Road Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
- Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm Nov 18-21 **Fall Steelhead Trip,** Chagrin Falls, OH Tom Herr
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May Menu

Price \$12

Scheduled to be! Country Fried Chicken BBQ Ribs Whipped Potatoes ¹/₂ Ear Corn on the Cob Creamy Cole Slaw Buttermilk Biscuits Chef's Choice of Dessert Editor's Note: With all the trips scheduled for this Summer, this article is a reminder to pay attention to conditions, especially when wading unfamiliar waters.

I Go Swimming By John Berry -- From FFF Clubwire

I got up early, as usual, and went about my usual morning ritual. I made a fresh pot of coffee and sat down in front of my computer to check on the water conditions on the White and Norfork. I was pleasantly surprised to note the there was to be no generation on the Norfork River from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, a seven hour window. I quickly made my plans. Lori was busy and could not go. Luckily for me, my yellow Lab, Ellie had an opening in her schedule. I had to do several errands before I could go but I was able to gather my gear and my dog and arrive at the Ackerman Access around noon. It was a glorious day. It was sunny with a high around sixty degrees. The wind was forecast to be ten to twenty miles per hour so I had brought my five weight rod, in lieu of my beloved four weight Light Line. I figured the heavier rod would handle the wind better.

The water had pretty much dropped out and we waded up stream into the Catch and Release section. There were a few people there but they were all fishing in one area and one of my favorite runs was open. The problem with the spot is that there is no place for Ellie to sit near me when I am fishing because the water is too deep on the near side. To stay close by she is required to constantly tread water. Ellie is getting a little old and that would tire her out too much. The other side of the run is shallower and I knew she would be more comfortable there. The problem was that to get there I would have to cross some tricky water and I would be vulnerable, if the water came up. I thought to myself, they are not scheduled to generate any water until 6:00 PM. I have plenty of time. This was my big mistake.

I pulled my collapsible wading staff from its holster and I carefully made it to the other side of the run. Ellie easily followed. I started fishing the run and picked up several fish along the way. I had been there a few minutes when I looked over to the other bank and noticed that there were no wet rocks. It dawned on me that the water was coming up. They had turned on the generators at 1:00 PM. I looked up stream and saw that the water was coming up faster than I had ever seen it. I hastily secured my hook and wound in my fly line. I started moving toward the crossing point as fast as I could. As I went, I closed all of the zippers on my fishing vest and mentally prepared for a tough wade.

I pulled my wading staff out and began across. The water was coming fast and half way across it swept me off my feet. I found myself floating down stream with my feet up in front of me, in case I hit any obstructions. I was floating well and was fairly relaxed considering what was happening. I looked down stream and saw Ellie swim to the far bank and walk onto the island. I was glad she was OK. I realized that I was being swept into ever deepening water. I would have to swim for the bank to escape the current. I let go of the wading staff (it was attached to my wader belt by a stout cord). I had my most expensive fly rod and reel with me. I gripped it tightly and began to swim the side stroke. I was once a life guard and also competed in triathlons (a long time ago). I made it to shallow water but I was unable to get my feet under me due to the strong current.

Ellie sensed my predicament and jumped in the water to stay with me. I saw a blow down (a tree that was half in and half out of the water and grabbed it as I drifted past. I pulled myself into shallow water and hanging onto the tree I was able to get my feet firmly planted and wade onto the island. I quickly checked out my situation. Ellie and I were safe on the island. We could make our way to the access from there. I had not broken my rod or lost any gear. I had only taken on a couple of quarts of water into my waders thanks to my snug wader belt. I was of course soaked to the skin. I had been lucky. There was no time to empty my waders, if we were to make it out before the water got any higher. The fly fishers on the other side of the island had been surprised by the fast rise and they waded out with us.

It was a bit dicey but we all made it to the access in a few minutes. I stripped off my waders and put on some dry socks and shoes. I sat in the sun for a few minutes to dry and then loaded Ellie in the Volvo for the trip back to Cotter.

I wrote this story because it is important for you to know that even an experienced guide that has been fishing the Norfork River for almost thirty years can make a mistake. I had trusted the information I had received and did not pay close enough attention to the water level. In the future, I will be more careful. I hope that you take this to heart and exercise care whenever wading on our streams. Things happen fast out there.

Exaggeration – It's No Lie!

By Clay Gill - Taken from the Alamo Fly Fishers Club Newsletter (FFF Clubwire)

The Bill of Rights had an extra page that was lost. There was an amendment intending the virtual and basic right for all fishermen to exaggerate. Not lie,-- just exaggerate. It is all fishermen's basic fundamental right to expand fishing stories. For centuries loyal fishing fans have honed the fine art of embellishment recounting their day outdoors. It takes time, skill, and practice to develop this prowess. All it takes is a little imagination and you too can conjure up some adventure.

I remember the great masters of olden days. By a campfire they could spin marvelous tales. You could almost smell the salt air and feel the fish slime on your hands. The truly great story tellers could conjure up a depiction so real and exciting that it was like a dream, and you were part of that dream. A large fish became behemoth and slight risk became grave danger. Calm weather evolved to life threatening proportions and each saga was a tale of Moby Dick. Electric excitement was thick in the air! You hear the drag scream-the line stretch! --You were on the edge of the seat!

I have been fortunate enough to have known some of these tale spinners and they all have one thing in common. It is the ability to stretch truth and common story telling to immense and outlandish dimensions. The ability to make the listener believe this concoction is a badge of validation for those who practice the art. It is even more fun under the stars by campfires.

You are truly good when young and old fall spell to the fiction, -take the bait and run. The one thing you must never do is admit the stretch. Captivated the recipient must look into your eyes and know it really happened. No wavering on facts. It happened, --you should have been there!

Now you know the best victim for a culprit of this inclination is the fledging fisherman interested in catching large fish but not sure what a monumental fishing battle might be like. They are gullible enough to have been fishing, but not yet pulled out of the boat by tight drag and monster fish. The refined skill to remove all doubt and make the audience believe the story teller is a polished product. You graduate with honors as they believe you hands down. It really happened!

A four pound Bass becomes seven, and surely the fish jumped dozens of times. Probably just a product of wishful thinking, a story is the by-product of an expanded imagination and propensity to stretch the limits of truth. All in fun, it is not a lie! It becomes the exciting adventure that brings so many back for more. As common as sunshine, fish tales are the grass roots of a post-fishing assembly to recount the adventures of the day. It is a chance to do it all again-vicariously.

People love a story. Accurate or not, a good story is worth a million bucks. You gotta love it! We all love to lean into a good tale spellbound and immersed in a saga so monumental and captivating you hope it never ends! That is really fun!

Who wants to sit by a camp fire silently watching it burn out. How can you waste it without a great story or tale. Kids need to learn to imagine. That is why it is ok to exaggerate. It really is good to teach then to dream and expound. Some day they will be in your shoes. A young sportsman will be enchanted by the amazing and embellished saga of the day. He may develop his own ability to enthrall others. That is how it starts and expands. They know the truth.

Truth and justice is the American way. But colorful outlandish fishing stories are an inalienable right. Everyone deserves the chance to tumble into an outrageous story of Academy Award proportions. A fishing story so outlandish it might spawn dreams or nightmares. Who needs mediocrity. People want to hear tall tales. Just ask them. You know it when they ask Pappy for more, --when it is way past bedtime! Nobody is sleepy and they say just one more story-please!

So-once upon a time, next time you have a young captive audience of fisher persons and a nice fire under the full moon, seize the moment. Remember the first rule of story telling. Never--ever--admit the stretch. Deny it to your death! That is the true mark of a professional. Fishing stories--must be so much larger than life! You know the magic is working. You see it in their eyes! The kids will take these tall tales to the sleeping bags to re-run them over in their dreams. And this, --is where it all comes true! Just watch and see. They always come back for more. It keeps the expeditions very much alive and jumping! These little guys and gals deserve this! Life is too short not to!

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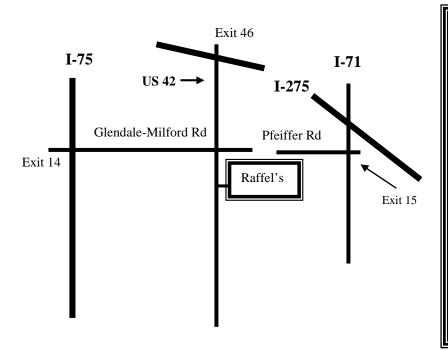
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