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The President's Notes

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We have been having much discussion about our General Meetings at the Board of Directors Meeting. We want to have fun and fellowship, conduct our necessary business, and enjoy the program for the evening.

I plan, like Roger, to start the meal as soon as Raffle's can make it available to us. There are times when we have been able to start 10 to 15 minutes early. The General Meeting should start no later than 7:30, and run no later than 9:00. If we are any later, it disrupts Raffle's cleanup and our contract. If you think you may not be able to stay to the finish of the presentation, please move from the tables and have a seat in the back where you can leave quietly.

We have a lot of information to pass on about trips and activities. This is best done by the BUFFER and the Website. Jon and Ken are very good about getting information posted as it becomes available. If you are the opr, please try to keep the information current. If you can't get to Jon or Ken, use the Blog of the Web site. This is one of the best places to get last minute information. I try to check it once a day. The monthly meeting business portion should be for sign-ups (to indicate where in the room the sign-up list is located), short reminders, short promotions, and who to see for answers

BUFF May 2011 Program

The Tom Herr Show

Come one come all – Enjoy an evening of entertainment as only Tom can do it. He will talk about and show pictures of his Western Fly Fishing Expedition to the Henry's Fork, Fire Hole and the Madison River. Also, Tom will highlight some Steelhead experiences and discuss our incredible opportunities at Pine Lake Trout Club.

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to questions and to get further details. Also, what I think should be the most important, recognition for those who have put on the trip, activity, program, etc.. Remember, the BUFFER and Web site are the best conduits for information.

As you come into the meeting, please purchase any raffle tickets you may be interested in. We need to have raffle sales completed before the dinner starts. This is a good source of income for the club.. I am thinking of trying some things to speed up the drawings. Randy (VP) or I may draw the tickets to help. Please have your tickets out so when the number is called, we can quickly determine who has won. Also, look over the prizes when you come in, so, if there is a choice, you know what you would like to select.

I will work to keep the break, after the business meeting and before the program, to five minutes. When we try to reassemble, please do it quickly and quietly. If you cannot get back to your seat in that time frame, please sit in the open area back by the library.

I hope that this will help to make our meetings more efficient and enjoyable too.

Another thing that the Board of Directors is looking at is the structure and committees of the Club. I want to see that every major program has two persons in the lead. This is to provide a division of responsibilities, and will help provide backup and continuity as members' interests change. One or both of the Co-chairs (or whatever title is appropriate) will report to the Board as needed, or required. After we have a structure, we will need to look to the membership to accept part of the responsibilities. I have found in my volunteer activities, for me to get the most out of the organization, I need to spend time with it. Early on, this was going on trips and activates, and later, helping to organize those trips and activities or new ones.

Right now, we are looking for someone to step forward and take Dave Jones's position with New Members. Dave, with help, puts together the Beginner's Handbook and Fly Box. If you are interested in helping the Club out in this position, or another, please give me a call or email. Also, if you would like to provide input to the Board, please either come to the meeting, or email me. All members are welcome to come to the Board of Directors meetings. We also publish the approved Minutes of the BOD meetings on the Web site.

Hope you have been able to fish between all the rains. Be Safe!

Jeff

Fly Fishing Lessons – Tuesdays July 19th or August 2nd

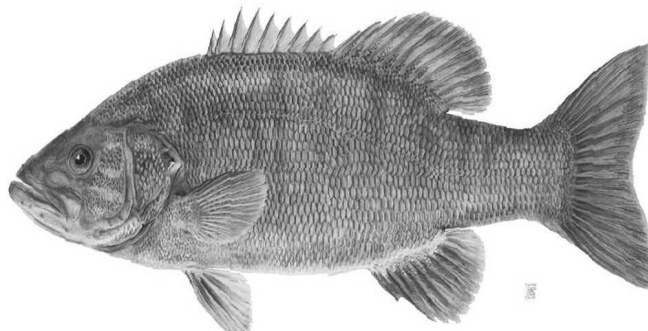
Fly Fishing Lessons will be held on two Tuesdays - July 19th and August 2nd from 9 am – 4 pm at Greenacres River Lab, 209 Railroad Avenue, Loveland, OH. Youth ages 10-12 are invited to participate in these hands-on sessions taught by members of the Buckeye United Fly Fishers Club. Participants will learn about fish including what they eat and how ‘fly’ fishing lures are made to mimic a fish’s preferred foods. They will also learn the ‘rules of the road’ – how to enjoy fly fishing while respecting the environment and other fishers. Each participant will learn how to: tie common knots used in fly fishing, tie a ‘fly’ fishing lure, and cast using a fly rod. Participants will then get a chance to practice their skills in the Little Miami River and/or O’Bannon Creek. Participants need to bring a lunch, a hat, sun screen, close-toed sturdy shoes to wade in the river, and a change of clothes. Fly rods and other materials will be furnished for participants use during the class. The class costs \$10.00 per person. Reservations are required. Choose one of the two dates above. Limit 10 participants per camp. For more information or to register contact Anne Lyon at (513) 891-4227 or alyon@green-acres.org.

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Sometimes the best we can do to for nature is to do nothing.

During May as the water temperature rises above 60 degrees, the smallmouth bass prepare for the spawn. The male will go to the same nesting site year after year, generation after generation and will build several "practice nests" until he gets it the way he likes it, usually 2 to 4 feet across and circular. He may then spawn with several females who immediately leave, and he is left with 2,500 to 15,000 eggs to watch over. In 2 to 10 days the eggs start to hatch and now he is busy guarding the fry. He continues to provide protection while the fry travel in schools until eventually they leave on their own. Often as a parting gesture, the guardian male will gobble down a few. The male smallmouth is extremely aggressive during this time and will attack anything including artificial lures that appear as a threat. Should one be hooked and pulled of the nest, the rock bass and blue gill will quickly raid it and forage on the young, then when the male returns he may give up and abandon his nest. This hurts the overall spawning success with fewer smallmouth to grow into adults.

After landing a few nice smallmouth in one place around this time of year, a good angler will realize that he has come upon a spawning site and will leave it alone.



Adopt-a-Stream 2011

Donn Rubingh

Some of you are probably wondering if the adopt-a-stream program is still going on. The short answer is yes it is-with a few changes. The biggest change is that John Cartwright who is an experienced white water kayaker and kayak fisherman has agreed to organize and lead the first two trips this year. Our first trip is scheduled for Saturday May 21 and will run from Fosters to Ikes as before. We can use help on this trip (and probably our subsequent ones) so let John know if you are interested. John's email is sales@eastcoastcanoes.com.

The second trip is planned for July 10 and involves a joint effort spearheaded by Rivers Unlimited and comprising a variety of canoe liveries and conservation groups all along the Little Miami to clean the whole stream from Yellow Springs to the Ohio River. Our part will be the stretch from Morrow to Roger's Ball Park in South Lebanon (about 5 miles). Finally we have a trip planned for September-the tentative date is September 14-which involves a different stretch of the Little Miami River. The new stretch will be from Lake Isabella to Milford. We chose this stretch since it has no one currently taking care of it-in contrast to the Foster to Ikes stretch-and reportedly the fishing is better here. We plan to make a permanent change to this stretch and have informed our Rivers Unlimited partners of this.

I am hoping you can help in one or more of these events. Please feel free to contact me (drrubingh@gmail.com) or John if you need more information.



BUFF 2011 Calendar

May 2011

- May 6 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- May 10 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- May 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- May 9-12 **State College, Pa., Trip**, Phil Pursley,
- May 13 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- May 16 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- May 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- May 20 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- May 21 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, John Cartwright
- May 19-21 **Elk River Trip**. Rodney Louke, Lee Chambers

June 2011

- June 4 **Ohio Council of FFF Warm Water Conclave**, Belleville, OH 9am – 4 pm Amer. Legion Pavilion at Clear Creek R.
- Jun 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Jun 9-12 **Elkhorn River Trip**, Marty Foltz, Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 14 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Jun 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jun 29-Jul 2 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey

July 2011

- Jul 7 **BUFF-NKFF Picnic/Swap Meet - Replaces Monthly Meeting**
- Jul 10 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, John Cartwright
- Jul 12 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Jul 19 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Jul 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 21 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

August 2011

- Aug 2 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Aug 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
TBD
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 31 – Sep 3 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey, Dolph Greenberg

September 2011

- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 14 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, Steve Lilly
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 18-23 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip**, Joe Guenther
- Sep 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Sep 23 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 27 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Sep 30 – Oct 2 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm

October 2011

- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 5 – 9 **Smoky Mt. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 11 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Nov 4 – 6 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
- Nov 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

December 2011

- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

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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 – NKFF Combined July Meeting and Swap Meet

Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers have invited BUFF members to join them at their July 7th Meeting and Swap Meet at Duck Creek Country Club in Kentucky. Duck Creek CC is not fancy, but has a small fishing lake, an outside covered patio, and an inside Tap room where the beer is always cold. Duck Creek CC is located near the NKU campus, and NKFF have had their Summer meetings there for several years (and they really like the place!). They will take care of grilling brats, hamburgers, corn, etc., as well as having salads and deserts for about \$10.00. The BUFF board of directors approved this invitation, and this event will take the place of the monthly BUFF indoor meeting. It will be a great opportunity to meet with others in our local fly fishing community. Reservations will be made as usual on the BUFF call in line. More details will be provided at the June BUFF meeting and in the July edition of the Buffer.

BUFF LOGO Jackets and Shirts

Carol Barton is taking orders now. Come to the May meeting ready to order your BUFF merchandise or contact Carol at 513 677-1255

Price list is as follows:

Winter jackets...male and female \$45..S-XL;2XL +\$2;3XL + \$5; 4XL+\$7; 5XL+\$14; 6XL+\$17..Colors: Khaki, Maroon, Royal,Navy Ivy Green, Hunter Green, Grey, Black.

100% Polyester fishing shirt \$36 S-XL larger sizes add \$2,\$3 or\$4. Colors: Tan or Blue.

Poplin Jacket....\$37 S-XL extra for larger sizes up to 6XL.Colors: Navy,Khaki, Black Stone, Hunter Red.

Wind shirt...\$35...100% polyester pullover....Sizes: XS-4XL. Colors: Kahki or Green

T-Shirt: \$12...S-XL.....100% cotton Hanes Beefy-T.....Need a minimum of 24, or they will be more expensive. So far only 4 have been ordered.

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**

2011 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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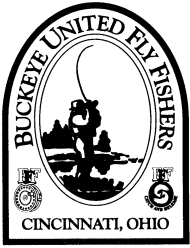
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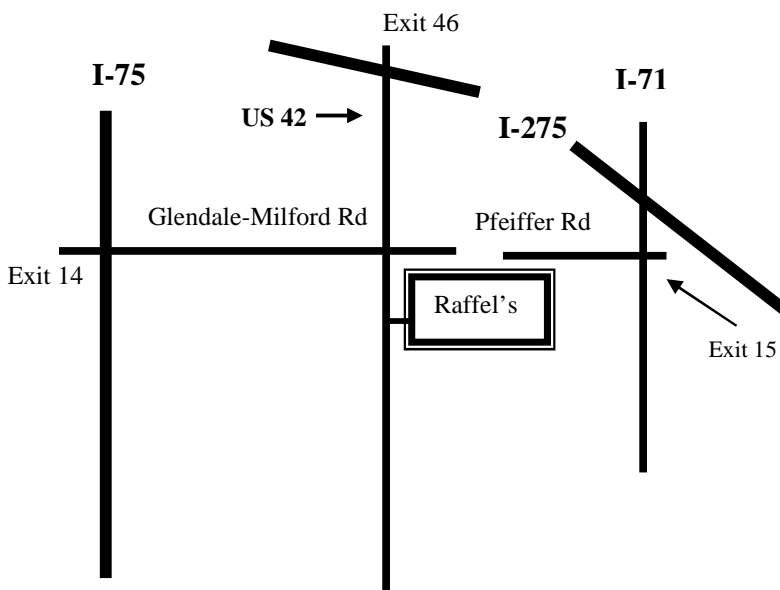
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday May 11

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 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.