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The President's Notes

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Some of you besides the Board may have noticed, I have been out of town fishing. This trip is a personal one with some other BUFF members and spouses for a part to North Carolina. I have been doing this trip for the last few years and it is always an adventure. I won't be naming any of the streams, creeks, or rivers involved here due to this being published on the website, but will happily tell you, if asked.

Randy Clark and I packed the truck just before our April General Meeting. I realized that the truck was full and I didn't have my fishing stuff in yet. Bummer. I came back home and had to take out some things and repack. It was a tight fit. You wouldn't think that it would take a stuffed full pickup truck to hold gear for a ten day fishing and camping trip. Randy met me at 7:00AM, and we were off to North Carolina. We stopped at Georgetown, KY's, Crackle Barrel, with Charlie Montgomery and his wife Jennette, George Fraley, and Phil Pursley. After a good breakfast, we headed south.

We arrived later that day and met up with Steve Bailey, his wife Sharon, Mike Schubert, and his wife Marietta. Sharon, Steve, and Mike were on the river, and we left to find them. As it always happens, we passed them going the other way on our way to the river. We spread out and found our spots. The fishing was the best it has been for years. I think NC has started stocking more this year than the last couple. It should look good for the upcoming BUFF trip. We all did well. I caught three on a tan EHC, and 13 on the dropper Tellico nymph. This combination became the "go to" rigging for this part of the trip. The next day, Mike, Steve, Randy, and I decided to try another river that was home of one of our recent meeting speakers. It took us a while to find the fish, but when we did, often two of us had fish on at the same time. Three of us had 20 plus fish days. They sure liked the steamers. We took Brooks, Rainbows and Browns. Phil, George, and Charlie stayed closer to home base and did well. We all went back to the home base river for the last day. It treated us as well as before. It was fun gathering for lunch and swapping stories (maybe with just a little exaggeration).

Steve and Mike headed north, and Charlie headed south the next day. Randy, George, Phil, and I left for our camping trip. We found our favorite campsite and the one next was open. It was the maiden trip for my fly and tent. We finally got everything setup and headed to the river which was just over the bank. This river has great fishing in the camping area and better fishing if you are willing to do some hiking. The next two days we caught a lot of fish. You need to ask George, Randy, and Phil about the big ones they landed.

I caught quite a few, but the largest was only about 16" or 17". A storm came in that night and dropped three inches of rain and the winds were strong, too. All the tents and fly held up, with just a little water getting in. Randy and I changed rivers for a trip which I recently won at an auction at one of our meetings. The water was up, so we canceled the guided trip to reschedule later this fall. The shop suggested trying large dark streamers and trying it anyway. Randy caught a good fish, and I got skunked. I even managed to break a guide on my rod. I think a streamer must have hit it on a forward cast. I'm going to have to send it to Mike McFarland to fix. We went back to home base, I managed to recover. We decided to stay instead of moving on as we had planned. We thought this river would clear faster than our other possible stops and would be better fishing. The river did clear and the fishing was good. We stayed two more days and wore the fish out (or is it, they wore us out). There are some good stories here, but ask us in person.

The last day we broke down camp and headed for home. We did have a little side trip to the Lodge Outlet and Coleman Outlet in Sevierville, TN. I have a hard time going by there without stopping. I didn't leave too much cash there!

This trip grew out of BUFF trips that we have taken over the years. Our trips are the best way to learn how to fish and a great place to develop new friendships. They are the reasons most of us join BUFF in the first place. Make room in your schedules and join us as often as you can. It will be well worth it.

Now, I have to get ready for Hazel Creek.

Jeff

BUFF May 2012 Program

Lynette Dean

Supervisor of Programs and Special Events

MetroParks of Butler County

Lynette Dean comes to MetroParks of Butler County with a strong background in natural history and recreational programming as well as special event planning. Her most recent employment was with Hamilton County Park District as an Outdoor Program Instructor for the University of the Great Outdoors. Prior to that, she was the Director of Exhibit Programs at the Cincinnati Museum Center's Museum of Natural History & Science. She has been a teacher, naturalist, and environmental enforcement officer. Kentucky born, she lived in Alaska for nearly 10 years, where both of her children were born. She currently lives in Finneytown, Ohio. Her degree is in Biological Science from Northern Kentucky University. Her passion is to get people comfortable in the outdoors so that they enjoy the beauty of the natural world.

NOTICE: There will be no library at the May BUFF meeting. (Due to ANOTHER fishing trip!) There will be a box available for returns.

"I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree." Trees

Joyce Kilmer 1886-1918

To honor the poet, a small part of the Appalachian old growth forest was set aside where the Hemlock Trees were centuries old, over a hundred feet tall, and several feet around. Now they are all dying. Within the next few decades, there will no longer be any Hemlock Trees anywhere in the Appalachians as they go the way of the Chestnut Tree. The culprit is an infestation of a tiny insect from Asia, the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. The Adelgid was first noticed in the Eastern US in the 1950's and has spread at a rapid rate particularly in the southern Appalachian region where the climate is milder. It feeds on the sap of tender hemlock shoots and injects a toxin causing the tree to lose its needles then death occurs in four to ten years. The Hemlock typically grows in moist areas, particularly the stream riparian. As they die off the streams will become less shaded, the water will be warmer with less oxygen, a faster runoff with carry more sediment, and a surge of tannic acid will leach into the watershed. The Carolina Hemlocks have a deep tap root that allows shrubs and other shade loving plants with shallow roots, particularly the Rhododendron, to thrive under their canopy. Their replacement will likely be Maple and Birch trees with shallow roots, but, like Kilmer's poetry, the Appalachian forest will live on.

Steve Lilly



Thanks go to Jimmy Groton a Naturalist from Oak Ridge TN for pointing out the Adelgid, and to JR for suggesting this article. If anyone has an idea for a future article, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at sjlilly@fuse.net or Jon Kennard at jonkennard@fuse.net.

Clean Sweep 2012 of the Great Miami River

The Clean Sweep for the lower Great Miami River – from Middletown to the Ohio River- is set for the morning of May 5th (except for Oxbow, which will be on May 19th), 8am- 12 pm. **MetroParks of Butler County** will be coordinating the clean-up site at Woodsdale Regional Park **Won't you join us?**

There is no need to pre-register for a location, though it is recommended for groups to make sure we have enough t-shirts and scout patches. (You can call the MetroParks of Butler Co. Office (513)867-5835 or email me at ctammell@YourMetroParks.net, and we will send you a form). Please note that all 18 year olds and under must have a parent or guardian sign a release. Adults can complete their release at the event. Thanks for your continued support of the quality of our water!

New! Summer Fishing Program at Parky's Farm

Parky's Farm is having a children's fishing program from 9-10 a.m. on the following Fridays: June 8, 15, and 29; July 6, 13, 20 and 27. They have asked us to help them if at all possible. Parky's will supply all the fishing equipment. As usual we can fish before and after helping out. You do not have to contact any BUFF member if you are going to help out. All you have to do is show up at Parky's Farm before 9 a.m.

Directions

Follow I-275 to Exit 39, the Winton Rd. exit. Take Winton Rd. south approximately 3.5 miles. After crossing the lake, turn right at the light onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

Or

Traveling east on Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway take the Winton Road exit (traveling west, take the Galbraith Rd. exit and turn right onto Winton Rd.). Follow Winton Rd. north for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Southshore Drive, which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

BUFF Fly Casting Class for 2012

Sign-up at the May meeting

The casting class is split into 3 sessions.
We start with the basics and expand each week.

Dates: Sundays, June 3rd, 10th and 24th
Times: 1:00 till 4:00 PM each Sunday
Location: Cottell Park in Deerfield Township, near Mason

Further details including an information sheet provided at sign-up.
Questions or concerns contact Gary Begley, loopdude1@hotmail.com

BUFF 2012 Calendar

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.

May 2012

May 3 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
May 5 **Casting For Recovery Fish-A-Thon**, 8am – 12 pm VOA Park
May 3-6 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
May 4-6 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon
May 4 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
May 8 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
May 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
May 9-13 **Carolina Trout Quest**Pete Moore and Gary Cummins
May 11 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
May 14 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
May 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
May 17-20 **Elk River Trip** Rodney Louke and Lee Chambers
May 18 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
May 18 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
May 22 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
May 21-25 **Spring Creek Trip** Phil Pursley
May TBD **Fly Fishing 101 Outdoor Fly Fishing Lab for Beginners** TBD

June 2012

Jun 3 **BUFF Fly Casting Class** Cottell Park, Gary Begley, **Prior Sign-Up Required**
Jun 8 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jun 7-10 **Elkhorn River Trip** Marty Foltz and Charlie Montgomery
Jun 10 **BUFF Fly Casting Class** Cottell Park, Gary Begley, **Prior Sign-Up Required**
Jun 12 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Jun 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Jun 15 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jun 15 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Jun 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Jun 23 **Paddlefest** , Float on Ohio River, Coney Island to downtown Cincinnati
Jun 24 **BUFF Fly Casting Class** Cottell Park, Gary Begley, **Prior Sign-Up Required**
Jun 25 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Jun 26-28 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
Jun 29 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jun 27-30 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey

July 2012

Jul 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Jul 6 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jul 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Jul 11 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
Jul 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Jul 13 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jul 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Jul 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Jul 20 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jul 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Jul 27 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
Jul 30 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer



August 2012

- Aug 2 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Aug 8 **BUFF NKFF Combined Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park?
Aug 14 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Aug 17 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Aug 25-Sep 1 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey
Aug 27 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

September 2012

- Sep 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Sep 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 8 **Project Healing Waters**, Trip to Castalia Hatchery, Tom Scheer
Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Sep 12 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 16 -20 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** Joe Guenther
Sep 17 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Sep 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Sep 21-23 **Castling For Recovery Retreat**, Indian Bear Lodge, Debbie Hampton
Sep 23-29 **Catskills Trip, 5 Rivers in 5 Days, Claryville, NY** Steve Bailey
Sep 25 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Sep 28 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 28-30 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon

October 2012

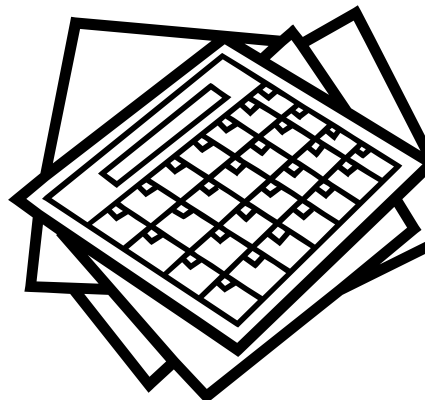
- Oct 4 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Oct 5 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Oct 11-14 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC** Jerry Schatzman
Oct 12 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 16 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Oct 18-21 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
Oct 19 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Oct 29 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

November 2012

- Nov 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Nov 2-4 **Fall Steelhead Trip** Tom Herr
Nov 6 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Nov 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Nov 19 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Nov 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Nov 26 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2012

- Dec 3 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Dec 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-8:30 pm Springdale Community Center
Dec 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley



May Menu

1st of the Summer Grill Out

Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast

Angus Beef Gourmet Burgers

AYS Signature Sour Cream Potato Salad

BBQ Baked Beans

Fresh Tossed Cole Slaw

Creamy Macaroni Salad

Dessert

Angel Food Cake with fresh berries
Accompanied by whipped cream

2012 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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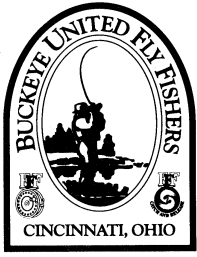
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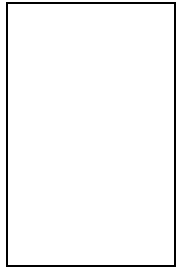


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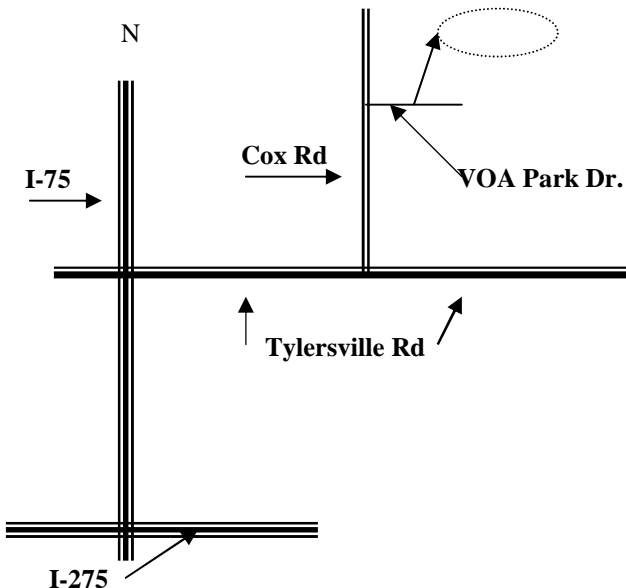
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

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Next Monthly Meeting – May 9

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 I-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

From the Warren County area...

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right 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.