



# The BUFFER

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## The President's Notes

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The weather still hasn't cooperated very much. It has been too cold and rainy to get the warm water fish to move much. But, at least it can't last much longer, can it? The white bass should be running soon, and the ponds will come productive. This is a good time to get a kid hooked on fishing.

This is the time of year I review my safety precautions. I don't want to waste a fine season of fishing because I didn't prepare for unexpected issues. Wading is one of the activities I enjoy the most, but can also get me in the most trouble. Fly fish with a partner. At least you have someone to laugh with or commiserate with when you get out, but it could save your life too. Watch the flow rate of the water. Is it increasing as in a tailwater or flood? Keep track of the depth of the water. Is it getting deeper while you are fishing? Can you see the bottom? Do you need to use your wading staff? You should always have one with you. You can never tell when there is a drop off, and, when there is faster current, it will give you support to lean on. Be careful when you are moving forward. Often I trip over a sunken log or rock and have to fight not doing a face plant. In high water flow, keep your legs and body sideways to it. Be very careful when you turn around to go back to an area. This usually presents your full body to the flow and adds pressure. Most fishermen don't wade deeper than their thighs in any kind of current.

Watch out for misplaced flying hooks. A gust of wind or a miscast can put it in your partner, your guide, or even yourself. Wear a broad brimmed hat (with a dark underside) and polarized glasses. The broad brim will help keep the hook away and the glasses will protect your eyes and help let you see the bottom of the water and the fish. Learn how to remove an errant hook from a partner and yourself when fishing alone. It seems I have to do this almost every trip somewhere along the line, and, all too often, the hook is in me. It usually happens when I have the hook on the rod and I am moving to another location. Something catches the rod, my hand slips and I have jewelry. If you don't know how to remove a hook using strong tippet, ask someone or look for the CD in the library. It really is fairly painless. One question you don't want to ask is, "Did I debarb the hook?"

That broad brimmed hat will also help with sunburn. Most of us haven't gotten a chance to get much sun, and an early season burn can be painful. Fishing shirts with long sleeves that can be rolled up are best. I often use something to protect my neck and face. I use a product from a company with a familiar name. Later in the year, I will dig out my sun gloves, too. Wear sun screen with the highest rating you can find. If you want a tan, do it under some controlled circumstances. While I am talking about what to put on your skin, consider bug protection. There are products that will do both. Be very careful around your fly lines and equipment because they can eat the coatings and vastly shorten their life.

**There are a lot of other safety considerations, but the biggest is use you head, and as a former Boy Scout, "Be Prepared!"**

**If you won a prize at the banquet, please contact the persons responsible and make your arrangements and be sure to thank them for their support both before and after. If it is a guided trip, remember you represent us to them as well as they represent their product to us. Tip as well as you can.**

**I just got back from a trip to North Carolina. It was a private trip of a group of friends and BUFF members. We stayed in a cabin for part of the trip and camped for a few days at the end. Often this trip would match up with the BUFF trip on one end or the other. We all caught fish at each location, but not as many as in the past due to a rain storm that came through early in the trip. We had a great time, ate and drank very well, and saw some beautiful country. I plan on one of these days writing an article for the BUFFER about one of these trips. It shows different ways to do trips and locations that some are not aware of. I am always interested in what trips others have done to see if I can do the same or something similar. Jon, I am sure, would welcome articles from all the BUFF trips and the private ones, too. If I remember right, there is a prize drawing for articles written (outside of what I manage to get on paper).**

**Look at the calendar and trip schedules. Help out on what activities you can, and take all the trips you can. This is where the fun, fellowship, and learning happen.**

**Let's get a line wet!**

**Jeff**

## **BUFF May 2013 Program**

### **BUFF's Outreach Programs**

BUFF expends a significant amount of time and energy to serve our community with programs that grow and develop the sport of fly fishing and, most of all, help many folks that otherwise would probably not have the opportunity to experience the joy of fly fishing and the friendship they can have with fellow fishers. This type of program is to help BUFF members understand, appreciate, and support these programs. This is particularly important the the new members that have joined BUFF in the past few years.

In addition to the rewards to the targeted participants by these programs, you will hear about the rewards received to by those of us that manage and administer these programs.

Program Presenters: .

- Tom Scheer will speak to **Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing**
- Debbie Hampton will speak to **Casting For Recovery**
- Ed Jones will speak to many of the **Education Outreach Programs**



***What on earth is this thing? It's huge! It has massive antlers coming off its face!***  
*RealMonstrosities.com*

In spite of their fearsome appearance and huge size, often four inches or longer, the adult male Dobson Fly is harmless. They hide during the day and only come out at night and with the females can be seen fluttering around a light. As adults the Dobson's don't eat and the huge jaws of the male are used only to position the female for the mating act. The females lay their eggs in a round cluster on the undersides of boulders, bridges, or log jams, usually the same site every year. After 1 to 2 weeks the eggs hatch and the larvae, known as hellgrammites, fall into the stream where these little predators go about aggressively using their powerful pinchers to capture and eat whatever is available. Over the next year or longer and after shedding their skin 10-12 times they are finished with the larvae stage and crawl out of the water to begin the pupal stage. They seem to have coordinated this maneuver among themselves because they leave the stream enmasse and the locals call it "A Hellgrammite Crawling". The approach of a strong thunderstorm may trigger this unusual exodus. For an aquatic insect, the hellgrammite will travel far from the water sometimes 10 yards or more. One wayward hellgrammite was found atop the stone chimney of a riverside cabin, but usually they find a spot underneath a rock or log where they dig out a cell. They don't have any silk glands to make a cocoon but their body undergoes a morphological change that takes on the shape of a pupa from which the adult emerges. In our area the Dobson is not as numerous as the Mayfly or Caddis, but can be found upstream in the Little Miami beginning at Fort Ancient.

Steve Lilly



# First Annual Spring Shakeout

On April 13, four BUFF men converged on the Kennard family farm in order to test equipment and pack requirements in preparation for the upcoming Hazel Creek backpacking trip in North Carolina. Steve Lilly, Ken Speicher, Bill Schroeder, and J.R. Jackson were greeted by Jon Kennard, who gave a brief description of the farm's history and the general lay of the land. After we picked a destination along the East Fork of the Little Miami river, Jon walked us to the start of the trail and pointed us in the right direction before sending us off on our own. After a short hike over a river and through the woods, we found ourselves not at grandmother's house, but at the beautiful terrace along the East Fork of the Little Miami River which would serve as our campsite. We set down our packs and discussed the possibility of setting up camp, but decided our time would be more well served investigating the aquatic life in the river. Bill and J.R. each grabbed a fly rod and took to the stream with Ken and Steve walking along the shore for moral support. As J.R. was fishing below a particularly enticing riffle, a large hybrid striped bass appeared from the depths and chased his fly right up out of the water at the end of a retrieve, nearly forcing J.R. to share his waders with this great beast of the East Fork. Of course, all assumed this to be a fine example of the proverbial fish story until Bill hooked another large striper in the same section of river about an hour later. After ten minutes of reeling, tail walking, and running, Bill brought the fish to hand for the only catch of the day, but what a catch it was!

As the sun began its descent toward the horizon, we set up camp and discussed dinner plans. After convincingly little debate, we agreed that we should save our freeze-dried meals for another day, and that we should instead embrace the hunter-gatherer culture of our less civilized forefathers, and began to scavenge through the woods in search of edible nuts, fruits, and berries. After a short hike and a slightly-longer wagon ride, we found ourselves at a relatively bare, yet enticing clearing in the woods known among the locals as City Barbecue, where the game was plentiful and the waters flowed clear, pure, and in some cases, fermented.

With full stomachs, we journeyed back to our campsite and split our time between fishing and gathering firewood as the sun began to dip below the horizon. The fire was built next to a particularly useful piece of fallen timber which served as a sort of communal camp chair, dining room table, and a gymnastics bar (after Ken Speicher demonstrated an amazing backward somersault dismount). Gathered around the warm fire and interrupted only by the barking of a nearby dog, we discussed our upcoming trip to Hazel Creek, life, careers, and all other things which men discuss around a fire.

Climbing in our tents, we all managed to keep warm through the night despite a low temperature of 36 degrees, but woke for a chilly breakfast of coffee and granola around the necessarily-revived fire. As the sun re-appeared and began to warm the camp and the river, we again split our time between fishing the river and slowly breaking camp. After ensuring we would leave our campsite in the same condition in which we'd found it, we donned our packs for the hike back to the Kennard house, where we were again greeted by Jon and couldn't do enough to express our thanks to him for offering his beautiful property and hospitality for our first-ever Spring Shakeout. A good time was had by all, and we were able to learn several lessons which will surely make the Hazel Creek experience that much more enjoyable as well.

*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**



### **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 14 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheergeorgewf@fuse.net
- 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 17 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- May 17 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pn Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- May 19 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park 1 – 4 pm Gary Begley loopdude1@hotmail.com (**Prior sign-up required**)
- May 21 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- 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
- Maay 31 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing

### **June 2013**

- June 2 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park 1 – 4 pm Gary Begley loopdude1@hotmail.com (**Prior sign-up required**)
- 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 6-9 **Elkhorn Creek Trip**, Marty Foltz/Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 9 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park 1 – 4 pm Gary Begley loopdude1@hotmail.com (**Prior sign-up required**)
- Jun 11 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Jun 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jun 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jun 20 **NKFF Kids Fest at Old Coney** 9 am – noon; 1 – 4 pm
- Jun 21 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pn Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Jun 24 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- Jun 25-27 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Jun 26 **Fly Fishing Youth Class with Green Acres**
- Jun 28 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 10 am – 3 pm CRC demonstration Tom Scheer

### **July 2013**

- Jul 4 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Jul 9 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Jul 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jul 13 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
- Jul 13 **Sporting Women Program** 9:15 – 10:45 Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club, Gary Begley
- Jul 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jul 18 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr.7pm D. Jones
- Jul 19 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pn Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Jul 20 **VOA Regatta** Fly Tying, Fly Casting/Fishing (no contact person yet)
- Jul 22 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

## August 2013

- Aug 1 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Aug 2 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 10 am – 3 pm CRC demonstration Tom Scheer
- Aug 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Aug 16 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pm Gary Begley
- 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 7 **Project Healing Waters** ODNR Fish Hatchery, Castalia, OH 9 am – 3 pm
- Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- 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 20 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pm Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 6 – 9 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Sep 23 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- 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 8 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- 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
- Oct 28 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

## November 2013

- Nov 5 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- 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
- Nov 25 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

## December 2013

- Dec 5 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Dec 9 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- 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
- Dec 23 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

## May Menu

**AYS Pulled Pork BBQ  
Accompanied by buns**

**Herb Roasted Bone in Chicken  
Breasts**

**Creamy Cole Slaw**

**Homemade Macaroni and  
Cheese**

**Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter**

**Desserts**

**Pineapple Upside down Cake**

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

## OFFICERS:

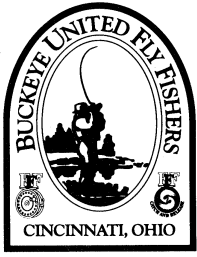
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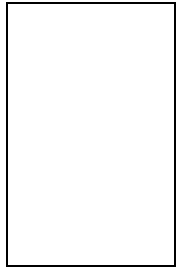


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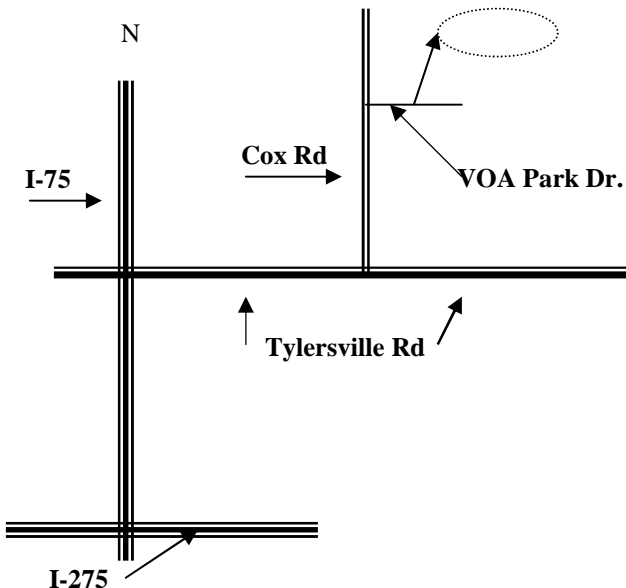
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**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1.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

Mailing Address

### Next Monthly Meeting – May 8

**CALL 513 683 0286 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://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.