



The BUFFER

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Notes from the President

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Winter just would not let go this year and had to give us one more snow in April and a hard freeze. Our magnolia tree bloomed beautifully this year for all of one day before the freeze. Since then the weather has improved and may at last be giving over to spring like conditions.

A number of our members have been hitting the waters either locally or traveling to favorite fishing venues. Pete Moore and I spent a couple of days fishing Cold Creek at Sunnybrook Trout Club. The water was up and running hard due to recent rains and was a little off color. This made the fishing tough although I thought we were going to have a great trip when I caught a nice 20" (+) rainbow on my 5th cast only to be followed by a second shortly thereafter (broke my tippet but close enough to eye him). However, my luck swam away with the second trout. Pete did catch a few fish. Even so, it felt great to be fishing again!



On leaving the Club we headed to Toledo where we joined Gary Begley, Mike Voshefski and Mike Bryant for a Tying Workshop with Tom Baltz, fly tier and guide from Pennsylvania.



If you ever get the opportunity to spend time with Tom, whether fishing or in a tying workshop, jump at the chance. I really enjoyed the time spent with him and feel I learned and perfected a number of tying techniques.

In May we will see a number of our most popular Club Trips including the May Sunnybrook Trip, the Carolina Trout Quest Trip, and The Elk River Trip. For those going on these trips, good fishing and enjoy the trips. For new members, check out our Club sponsored trips. It is an excellent way to try out new waters and spend time with other members that are more than willing to share their expertise. We will also see, in May, a resurgence of our Conservation Activity with our participation in the East Fork River Sweep on May

Another activity that normally starts in May is the "Fishing with Kids" at Parky's Farm. Due to the slow recovery of the pond following last year's fish kill, the program has been suspended for this spring. We are looking forward to resuming our work with this popular program when the pond is stabilized.

At our May meeting, we will vote on the proposed amendment to Article III of our By-Laws. Details of the proposed change can be found on our website by clicking on the link "[Proposed change to BUFF By-Laws](#)" on the Homepage. If you are not on a fishing trip, please attend this meeting to assure we have sufficient members present to allow us to take the vote. We are also going to have a great presentation by a good friend of BUFF, Glenn Weisner.

If you were present at last month's meeting, you are acquainted with a couple of changes we implemented in an attempt to minimize the time required for the "Business" portion of the meeting. First, we displayed announcements on the screen during the social time and dinner (referred to as "Screen Shots"). Then, for our raffles, we pre-drew the winning tickets. Based on comments received and their personal observations, the Board of Directors feel these changes are a step in the right direction and will continue implementation of these programs but with some changes. Most notably among the changes we will no longer read the announcements during the Business portion of the meeting as was done in April. Details have been issued to the Board and members having Key Responsibilities in the Club on how these Screen Shots are to be prepared and submitted (deadline is the last day of the month prior to the meeting). If you need a copy of these details, please contact Duane Bentley. Personal presentations will become the "exception" and should be made only when necessary to speak to items not covered on the "Screen Shots" or when special circumstances make it necessary. All personal making these special announcements will be called up as a group and then make their comments in the order as announced by the President. You should notify the President of your need to make such announcements prior to the meeting if at all possible. I want to personally thank Pete Moore and Duane Bentley who have spent many hours to date in developing the Screen Shots program and have volunteered to administer it as we move forward. Let them know you appreciate their efforts.

For those of you interested in Bamboo Rods, the Mohican Fly Fishers is hosting its 2014 Bamboo Bash on May 3. See the link on our website for more details. Also, mark June 14 on your calendars for the Warm Water Conclave in Bellville, Ohio, hosted by the Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. Again check out the link on our homepage for more information.

On June 7, the Cincinnati Museum Center is hosting its 2014 BugFest from 10:00 AM to 3:00PM. BUFF has been invited to participate and we will have fly tying demonstrations, an entomology display about the bugs fish eat and will be doing casting demonstration. For more information on this event, check out the link on our Homepage. We are planning on having a quantity of fly patterns tied on safety pins to pass out to kids (and probably some adults) during the event. If you are a fly tier and would like to contribute to the event, please tie some of your favorite patterns on a safety pin and bring them to the May general meeting. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

As you hit the waters this spring and summer, remember to be safe. Remember your sun screen and insect repellent, wear a brimmed hat, observe safe procedures when wading and use a wading staff. Finally, check out our on-line calendar for the many upcoming trips and events sponsored by the Club. I encourage you take part in any and all that you can and are interested in doing so. You will find fun, fellowship and learning for your time and effort.

May Meeting Program

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Featured Speaker/Presenter - Glenn Weisner

Glenn, a world-class fly tier and owner of Glenn River Fly Co., has been tying flies since seventh grade. Glenn is a tireless fisherman and often can be found fishing for trout on the streams of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan. He enjoys tying most all trout flies, especially terrestrials. Glenn is a great instructor and enjoys working with all skill levels and age groups.

Program

TERRESTRIALS

Power Point computer presentation which includes a nice mixture of "bug" information, fly-fishing commentary and fly patterns all focused on land born insects known as- Terrestrials- the important bug when there is no "hatch". We cover Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Grasshoppers, Lady Bugs and Damsel & Dragon flies with fun facts and practical fishing applications for warm and cold water fish. We continue to add photos, fly patterns and fishing situations to this presentation on an annual basis. The goal is to raise your awareness of both the importance of these insects in a Trout's diet and their productivity when used as fly patterns when you have no hatch.

Monthly Meeting 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

Dessert

Fresh Berries and Pound Cake with

Scuds

Steve Lilly (sjlilly@fuse.net)

Scuds... they swim, they breed, they swim, they eat, they swim and they get eaten by a fish. . . .
James – Author of Fumbling with a Fly rod

Ian Colin



Scuds are tiny fresh water crustaceans no larger than about 5/8ths of an inch and are close relatives to crayfish and shrimp. They are prevalent in slow moving water with weedy shallows where they are often the most abundant aquatic insect. Scuds are light sensitive therefore they tend to be most active in the morning and evening or under a heavy overcast. At times several of them take part in a phenomenon known as behavioral drift when they disperse downstream in one large swarm. Besides feeding on plants, algae, and plankton, scuds can be predatory and have been observed attacking small nymphs in piranha like fashion shredding the hapless nymph in seconds. Unlike most aquatic insects they are active all year and during the winter when there are few if any hatches taking place the scud may be the only food source for some fish. Interestingly there is a parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of a scud, but its real host is a trout. The parasite doesn't physically harm the scud other than causing it to take on a bright orange color thus making it easy for a hungry predator such as a trout to spot. The clever parasite uses the scud as a Trojan horse to get inside its targeted host.

Batavia Low Head Dam Removal

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The Village of Batavia is partnering with the Valley View Foundation and the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District to remove a low-head dam on the East Fork Little Miami River (EFLMR) in Clermont County, just south of the Miami Street Bridge in Batavia. Removal of the dam will help restore river habitat, eliminate a public hazard and improve future recreational opportunities in Batavia and Clermont County.

The dam was constructed in the 1940's in collaboration with the Bureau of Conservation of the Department of Agriculture to provide a reservoir for the Village of Batavia. The dam and pump house are no longer in use, as the village currently receives water from Clermont County.

The dam impounds approximately 1150 feet of the EFLMR. This impoundment degrades river habitat by causing excess sediment to build up behind the structure. The dam also impedes the movement of fish, mussels and other river species, causing a decline in the river's overall biological diversity. After the dam is removed the river banks will be graded and planed with native vegetation.

Removal of the Batavia low head dam would open up 20+ miles of the EFLMR, restoring the river to a more natural, free flowing condition. The project partners are seeking an endorsement from the Buckeye United Fly Fishers to help build additional support in the local communities.

Public Meeting / Open House
Batavia Low Head Dam Project
Monday, May 5, 2014
389 East Main St.
5:30 – 6:30

A late note has been received indicating that the Low Head dam removal meeting scheduled for May 5 has been postponed. No replacement date has been determined yet. We will publish the new date as soon as it is known so that anyone interested in showing Buff support can plan to attend.

East Fork / Little Miami clean-up

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This activity is planned for May 3, 2014. Please see Brian Tudor for details. Volunteers are needed.

Fishing Equipment Auction

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Long time Buff member Bill Fisher passed away recently. His family would like to have our club arrange to auction all of his fishing and fly tying equipment at the June meeting. Jeff McElravy and Bob Jones went to his home and with his wife inventoried all of Bill's equipment. We will post the notice of the auction and the list of equipment available for auction in the May issue and in the June issue of the Buffer. We will target the auction for the June club meeting. Bill's equipment listing is as follows:

Rods

Number	Maker	Model	Weight	Material	Length	Pieces	Tube	Comments
1	Thomas & Thomas		5	Graphite	8'6"	2	Alum	Rod built by Dorothy Bergmann-Schramm Bill's Favorite
2	St Croix	Legend	3/4	Graphite	9'0"	2	Alum	
3	Fenwick	Snow Feather	4	Graphite	7'0"	2	Alum	Red Lose, broken tip
4	Scientific Anglers	AC-906	6	Graphite	9'0"	2	Cordura	New, Cabela's
5	White River	Classic	4	Graphite	6'9"	3	Cordura	New
6	Orvis	Silver Lable	4	Graphite	8'6"	4	Cordura	7.0 Midflex
7	Cabela's	Stowaway	5	Graphite	8'6"	5	Cordura	New
8	Cabela's	Fish Eagle II	8/9	Graphite	9'0"	2	Reel Cor	
9	Cortland	FR-2000	7/8	Fiberglass	8'6"	2	None	
10	Shakespeare	CFY-6-67	6/7	Graphite	8'6"	2	Alum	
11	Cabela's	Float Tuber	6	Graphite	11"	3	Cordura	
12	Wright & McGill	Granger Premier		Bamboo	8'6"	3	Alum	Two tips, one shorter
13	South Bend	Black Beauty	6/7	Graphite	8'6"	2		
14	Lot of 3 Old Rods						Cardboard	

Pontoon Boat

Manufacturer	Model	Size	Comments
Outcast	Fishcat	7ft Pontoons	Steel Frame
			Vinyl Bladders
			6' Oars
			Tubes were stored in home inflated

Flies

12 Flies tied by Ed Sherk in box with signed business card

Reels

	Manufacturer	Model	Size	Line	New	Comments
1	Cabela's	Drake	1	4 DT	Yes	in box
2	Cabela's	Drake	2	None	Yes	in box
3	Martin	Disk drag				in box
4	Fair Play				Yes	
5	Martin 10	Disk drag				in box
6	Martin 10	Spare spool				in box
6	Scientific Anglers	Concept			Yes	
7	Automatic reel					in box
8	Cabela's				Yes	Disk drag, in box
9	Falcon					Nice Casting reel
10	Scientific Anglers	System 1				

Miscellaneous.

1	Wading staff	New
2	Diagonal cutting pliers	
3	10 Empty med fly boxes	
4	Orvis Chest pack	New Retail \$60
5	Fly Box with 10 Poppers	
6	Fly Box with wet and dry flies full	
7	Two fly boxes mixed flies	
8	Tying box with vise and materials	
9	Landing net	

Please support our Annual sponsors for 2014

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[The following have made donations of \\$250.00 or more to support our 2014 programs](#)

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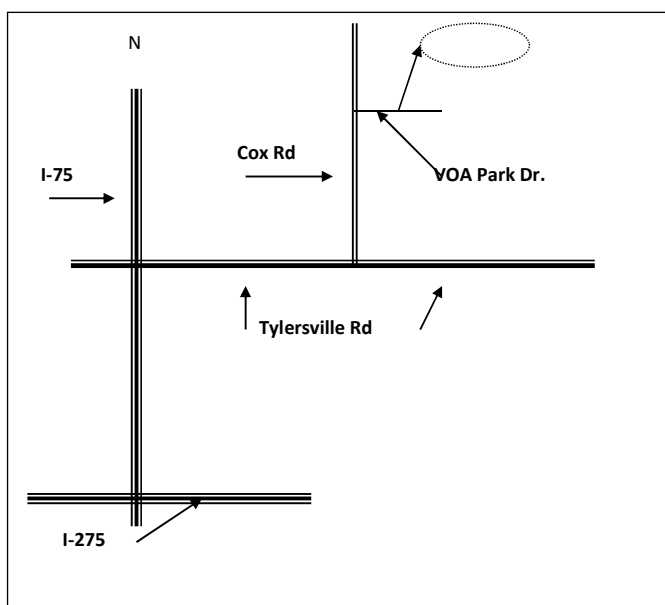
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – May 14, 2014

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20th of the month through the Sunday evening before the monthly meeting!



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.