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President's Corner

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With the fall season in full swing, I hope you have had the opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors and find a little time to go fly fishing! The fishing continues to be great this time of year. The bass have been on a feeding frenzy in preparation for winter. The trout continue to bite, though casting between fallen leaves can be a challenge.

Having Fun - I, along with eleven other fellow Buffer's, made the trip down to the western part of North Carolina for a weekend of fly fishing for trout. We had a great time! Everyone caught fish. We fished the Pigeon River (East and West forks) and the Davidson River. Roger Lowe (Lowe's Fly Shop) and his guides did a tremendous job again in helping everyone learn new holes, new flies and new techniques. If you have never fished this part of the country, I highly recommend going there, either on one of our two annual club trips or with a small group. Roger and his family are great folks. The accommodations and food were great. Everyone got along great and new friendships were made. This is what B.U.F.F. is all about – discovering new waters, new techniques and new fish, but most importantly making new friendships. Many thanks to Don Prince for organizing the trip, he did a great job. Sign me up for next year!

The NC trip is only one of four club trips we organized this fall. Though I did not attend the Fall Salmon trip to Michigan, every report I heard was very positive. The Rockwell trout trip will be over by the time this newsletter arrives.

Closer to home, reports of good fishing on the Mad River continue to surface and you can fish the Brookville tailwaters through December.

For all you fly tiers, make sure to mark your calendar for the Fly Tying Exposition sponsored by Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers on Saturday, December 2, 2004. The Expo will be held at the Ingham County Fair Grounds in Mason, Michigan (not far from Lansing). It's a great way to see some of the best fly tiers in the region. More information can be found on www.fffglc.org. If you can't make the Expo in Mason, consider heading up to Cleveland for the 3rd Annual Northern Ohio Fly Tying Expo on Saturday, January 15, 2004. More information can be found on www.ncff.net. And make sure to plan to attend B.U.F.F.'s Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on February 12, 2005. More information will be available in the coming months.

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November Meeting Program

In our continuing series about alternative fishing craft, Jeff Little, Instructor/Guide for Blue Ridge Kayak Fishing will discuss fishing from a kayak! Also, Jeff Kelble, of Playing Hookie Guide Service, will provide a presentation on smallmouth fishing on Mid Atlantic rivers. Read more about these exciting presentations on page 4.

Our November dinner meeting will include Jeff Little, a guide for Blue Ridge Kayak Fishing who will talk about fishing from kayaks, and Jeff Kelble of Playing Hookie Guide Service who will discuss smallmouth fishing in Mid Atlantic rivers. Make sure you visit our education table before dinner for information on rigging up a two fly system. And do not forget to make your reservations online or by phone.

Also at the November meeting we will be distributing new B.U.F.F. business cards to our members. The front of the card provides information on B.U.F.F. and room for your name. On the back, we have included the FFF Angler Code of Ethics. We hope you will take some cards to hand out to friends and new acquaintances on the street or on the stream. It's an opportunity to display your pride in our club while helping others build a healthy respect for the environment and each other.

Giving Back – We are working to complete the election roster for the 2005 B.U.F.F. Officers and Board of Directors. The election will be at the December dinner meeting. I have decided to run for a third term as President again in 2005. I'm excited about the progress we have made and the potential that lies ahead of us.

As we approach Thanksgiving, please take time to reflect and give thanks for all our blessings. And remember our troops in your thoughts and prayers. Go fishing and be safe! ← ←

Intermediate Casting

Jim LeBlond

If you want to know the four parts of the cast or the five principles of fly casting, we've now gotten some more folks that can help you. Paul Barber, Dirk Commandeur, Gary Cummins, Mark Johnson, Steve Lilly, Carl Schmidt, Bill Schobel, and Tom Sheer all participated in the Intermediate Casting Classes held in September and October. Hopefully, many of these individuals will soon take their tests to become future instructors.

We had a phenomenal show of support from our current casting instructors. Gary Begley, Patti Howell, Lou Haynes, Tony Kalbli, Dave Uckotter and Steve Walker all graciously gave their time and really made this event a success. We had virtually one on one attention, and everyone benefited. This was my first attempt at running this course and both the participants and instructors made it a terrific event. I want to personally thank everyone that participated. I also want to invite all of our members to participate in one of our future casting courses. You truly get out of this organization what you put in. These courses will help you take better advantage of the fishing opportunities presented to you. With improved skill and grace you will discover a new level of enjoyment in the sport we all love. Tight lines!

The Education Corner

Lou Haynes

We will display several ways to set-up 2-pattern rigs at the education table this month. There are times when two-pattern rigs can be very helpful. For example, last year when fishing trout in W. Virginia I was using a small, size #16 Adams in some fast riffles and kept loosing site of where the fly was. To solve my problem I rigged two dry flies together – a highly visible elk hair caddis in front of the Adams tied about 18" behind. I was able to see where my flies were in the fast water and caught several nice trout, about half on each pattern. Interestingly, twice I caught doubles, a trout and a creek chub that grabbed the Adams when I was fighting the trout hooked on the elk hair caddis.

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet 2005

Leaves are still falling from the trees and it's a great time to be outside. However, come March we will all be ready to "get out of the house". Well, some relief from the cabin fever has already been planned for us! The 2005 BUFF Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd at Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield. The annual banquet is our organization's largest fund raising event of the year. We will once again have Professional Auctioneer, Russel Arey to help us with our live auction and provide some of the best entertainment around. This man is good, he can actually get people to bid on nothing. Last year we had some wonderful items up for auction. I'm sure the banquet committee will once again provide us with a wide variety of items. We will again have the Grand Prize Tables, Early Bird Raffle, Blue & Red Card Raffles, Children's Raffle and of course the General Raffle Tables. The cost of the banquet remains unchanged from last year at \$25/person (Early Bird registration) or \$30/person after 1/28/04. Children 16 and under are only \$15. You will be able to purchase banquet tickets at upcoming monthly meeting or by mail. We will once again this year offer "stocking stuffer tickets" at the meetings.

PRIZE RECRUITMENT: As you know, we urgently need the help and support of all BFF members to produce an enjoyable and successful banquet. Profits from the banquet help to fund our organizations activities throughout the upcoming year. We are asking all BUFF members to donate a raffle/action item or make a cash donation for the banquet this year. You may bring your donation to the general meetings. More details about the banquet will be in the BUFFER newsletters and on our website. March will be here before you know it!!!

If you are interested in helping with the banquet this year please contact Debbie Hampton or Roger Corrodo, as they are the Banquet Co-Chairs for this years event. If you have an idea for a unique raffle/action item feel free to share that with the committee.

VISA/MASTER CHARGE AVAILABLE

Don Hogue will have the Credit Card machine at the November, December, and January meetings. Members may use Master Charge or Visa to charge Early Bird reservations for the banquet, make donations for banquet prizes, or pay membership dues to the club.

Library News **Bob Mackey**

The BUFF library will re-open at the November meeting!!

Members -- please bring any books, videos or DVDs still in your possession to the November meeting!



“Tie and Lie” East - a Success!

Todd Adrien

The first "Tie and Lie" -East at Adrien Outfitters was held Oct. 7. We all had a great time. Free coffee and cookies were available as nine of us worked on Goldsberry's squirrely screamer pattern, as well as several egg pattern variations, and even a foam ant. Materials for the flies were donated by the shop. All take home tying material were discounted to the participants as well. At the October 13th meeting several of you inquired about the session, so we hope to continue to have a good turnout this winter.

The next Tie and Lie-East is Nov. 4 from 6-8ish. We will be tying Snider's Bulley Bug and the infamous Coffee Bean Fly. We hope to see you there! -Todd Adrien (513-794-1100) Adrien Fly-Fishing Outfitters - Celebrating our 8th year serving Cincinnati. ← →

Meet the November Speakers!

Jeff Little, Instructor/Guide for Blue Ridge Kayak Fishing, and President of the Potomac River Smallmouth Club, is a pioneer in the emerging sport of kayak fishing. His unique method of smallmouth fishing has been featured in several publications including the Lancaster New Era, Woods & Waters, and the September/October 2002 issue of Bassmaster. He has written several articles on kayak fishing for a website called riversmallies.com that is dedicated to the pursuit and conservation of river smallmouth bass. Jeff will bring two fishing kayaks to the meeting, and will provide an overview of his kayak fishing lesson.

Jeff Kelble of Playing Hookie Guide Service will also be speaking at the November meeting. He guides on a number of Mid Atlantic rivers including the Shenandoah, New, Susquehanna, and Rappahannock Rivers. On one day this past summer, Mr. Kelble guided a fly fishing client to two Rappahannock smallmouth measuring over 20 inches, and several in the upper teens. Jeff and his wife Erika are in the process of opening a bed and breakfast in Boyce, Virginia, near the Shenandoah river. Mr. Kelble will bring an assortment of his hand tied smallmouth flies, and will outline the techniques needed to catch a citation smallie on the long rod.

New Fly Shop In Town

Bobby Gray and Spencer Kron are proud to announce the opening of Fly and Shot Outfitters in Northern Kentucky. The shop is located at 3516 Dixie Highway in Erlanger, Kentucky, less than a mile off interstate 275. They are due to open in mid November.

The shop will have a full line of flying fishing gear, fly tying tools and materials as well as guide services. They will be able to outfit the fly fisher (men, women and children) in every aspect of fly fishing.

Bring this article to the shop before January 1st 2005 and receive a 20% discount in celebration of their opening. Call the shop for directions or visit the web at www.flyandshot.com. Phone: (859) 342-7700

Press Release

October 15, 2004

**Re: The Walkers Cay Chronicles filmed in Ohio
Airing Saturday, November 13th at 8:00 a.m. on ESPN2**

Now in its eleventh award-winning season, The Chronicles is historically the highest rated outdoors show on ESPN, averaging around one million viewers per week. It is regarded by ESPN's programming department as the finest fly fishing show ever made. The Walker's Cay Chronicles achieves its specialty status because it is beautifully photographed on film; hosted and produced by well-known outdoorsman Flip Pallot; produced by multi-Emmy award-winner Angelo Bernarducci; and magnificently written by Parker Bauer.

On Saturday, November 13th at 8:00 a.m. on ESPN2, the topic will be Ohio bass. Flip Pallot filmed this episode with Mad River Outfitters owner Brian Flechsig at the Wilds near Zanesville, Ohio. The show features several trophy bass as well as a good look at this unique preserve in central Ohio. This is the 1st episode of the Chronicles to be filmed in the midwest and gets some good press for Ohio angling in general.

Flip and Brian have since filmed yet another episode in Ohio on fly fishing for Carp and are scheduled to film an episode in Patagonia, Chile in January 2005 as well as an episode on Ohio steelhead in March of 2005.

For more information, please contact:

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or see:
www.walkerscay.com

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Communications

I believe everyone recognizes that one of FFF's biggest outages is in communications and awareness, or the lack of. This issue was discussed repeatedly at the meetings. This topic will also be addressed in the near future. Several options are being worked, including expansion of "The New Fly Fisher" TV series sponsored by FFF, executing regional mini-conclaves, and an improved website.

All in all, I came away from the meetings with renewed energy, drive and belief that FFF now has the possibility to live up to its potential and promise of "Conserving, Restoring and Educating Through Fly Fishing". Now it's up to us to determine how we want to support this change and move forward in the future.

Mike Bryant

FFF National Director
GLC Director / Ohio Sub-Council VP
President – Buckeye United Fly Fishers
Cincinnati, Ohio

To: FFF Ohio Sub-Council President
Subject: **The Federation of Fly Fishers - At The Crossroads**

September 9, 2004

Don,

Having just returned from the FFF National Board of Directors meeting in W. Yellowstone, I want to communicate important changes that are coming to the organization and how this will impact its membership, clubs and councils.

It was very timely that this was my first FFF BOD meeting. Over the last several years the FFF leadership recognized what a lot of us knew – FFF was not growing and losing its relevancy in the sport of fly fishing and conservation. The leadership structure over the past few years had become ineffective and appeared to be a detriment to the future growth and vitality of the organization. Membership has not grown, fundraising was non-existent and communications were not working.

Currently, the board is comprised of regional council presidents and FFF members elected by the regional councils (I was elected by the GLC). There are very few Directors-At-Large. Other than attend the annual BOD meeting, there appeared to be few expectations or little accountability of the Board members. Thus, very little could be accomplished and FFF had little voice / influence on a national scale. Essentially, the FFF agenda is dominated by regional, not national interests. The current Board structure limits the ability of FFF to raise funds, thus limiting the ability to influence direction and policy in this country. There are no expectations of the Board members to donate their time and money to FFF as a sign of their commitment and leadership. There are no expectations of the Board members to raise funds for FFF. A benchmarking study of other similar non-profit organizations revealed these differences and prompted a call for change. At the 2004 meetings, the Board spent considerable time and energy discussing the organizational design issue and proposed changes.

New Board Structure

On August 17, 2004, the Board voted unanimously to a proposed change in the FFF By-laws. The changes are intended to position FFF as a leader and major voice in the sport of fly fishing. With these important changes, FFF President Gary Grant commented that FFF can now move from a “big club” to a true non-profit organization capable of fundraising, setting direction and supporting its membership. At the core of this new organizational design are three major components:

1. The Board of Directors – Responsible for enacting policy, defining strategic direction and fundraising.
2. Operations Support – Day to day operations led by R. Peter Van Gytenbeek (CEO), accountable to the Board and responsible for multi-council programs.
3. Council of Presidents – Responsible for defining policy and acting as the nominating committee for BOD membership.

Inherent in the new design, regional councils will no longer automatically send representatives to the Board. This a small, but crucial change. Fourteen National board members will be nominated by the Council of Presidents (includes the regional council presidents) and voted into office by the overall membership prior to the 2005 Board meeting. Ten At-Large Directors will also be elected. The overall number of directors will be reduced to approximately twenty four in total. The expectation of the Directors will be to set policy and support fundraising. The At-Large Directors will most likely be involved with other organizations, such as foundations and conservation groups/coalitions. The new structure will enable FFF to build a strong foundation and network with other foundations. To help support stability in the organization, Board members will be serve for three year terms. Increased funding will enable FFF the opportunity to increase its activities in education, restoration and conservation. In the future, all board members will be expected to actively support FFF through their giving of time, talents and dollars. All in all, this will strengthen the leadership and output of FFF, something that everyone can support.

Conservation

One of the biggest discoveries for me is FFF has a healthy and active conservation program at the regional and national levels. Several of the VP's of Conservation provide talks and information on:

- Adapt-A-Stream programs
- Bass catch program
- Cut catch program
- Wild steelhead and trout protection
- Native fish protection

I believe the development of a strong conservation program in Ohio can be a major focus area for our FFF Ohio Sub-Council. It provides a common link, ability to network and partner with other conservation-minded organizations, leverage our size and resources, influence policies and regulations in our state for the future of our children and grandchildren. FFF has resources that are eager to help, we just need to ask.

To strengthen FFF's capability and capacity on the conservation front, the organization is working to staff a full-time conservation role in the near future. This person could be a tremendous help to FFF's conservation efforts (at all levels) via improved coordination, communications, education, networking and building coalitions.

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2004 Calendar of Events

Potomac River Male Bass Producing Eggs! *washingtonpost.com*

MOOREFIELD, W.Va. -- The South Branch of the Potomac River is as clear as bottled water here, where it rolls over a bed of smooth stones about 230 miles upstream from Washington. But there is a mystery beneath this glassy surface. Many of the river's male bass are producing eggs. A study of 66 male smallmouths from the South Branch found that about 79 percent of them showed such symptoms, of "intersex" bass -- as the affected males are called.

Scientists believe this inversion of nature is being caused by pollution in the water. But they say the exact culprit is still unknown: It might be chicken estrogen left over in poultry manure, or perhaps human hormones dumped in the river with processed sewage. Chances are, it is not something that federal and state inspectors regularly test for in local waters.

The discovery has made the South Branch the latest example of an emerging national problem: Hormones, drugs and other man-made pollutants appear to be interfering with the chemical signals that make fish grow and reproduce. Scientists believe that fish might be the first to absorb any dangerous chemicals that might later affect humans.

The culprit is probably in a class called "emerging contaminants," which includes everything from caffeine and prescription drugs to hormones excreted by livestock or humans. Some of these pollutants have been linked to developmental problems in wildlife. Scientists believe that fish, especially, absorb hormones from other animals, as well as other chemicals that their bodies mistake for hormones.

One recent study near sewage plants in Colorado found male fish whose bodies were trying to produce eggs and some females whose reproductive systems were out of sync. Other studies have found similar effects from the hormones in cow manure and from chemicals from a wood-pulp plant.

NOVEMBER

- Nov 4 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Nov 4 **Lie & Tie East** 6:30-8:30 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Nov 4-7 **Arkansas Red River Trip**
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social hour 6 pm
- Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Dec 2 **Lie & Tie East** 6:30-8:30 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Dec 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Outdoor World Members welcome



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Year 2004 Key Positions

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Open Fly Tying

Bill Fischer Club Mail

Jim Boude Hart Show

Jim Hampton Monthly Raffles

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Advertising
FFF-OSC Director

Open Club Historian

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Health/Recognition

Patti Howell Outreach Co- coord.

Don Hogue Membership Health

Steve Lilly Program Support

Open Fly Fishing Show
Chair – Fly Tying

Open Fly Fishing Show
Chair – Exhibitors

Debbie Hampton Banquet Co-Chair
Roger Corrado Banquet Co-Chair

Please note that there are open positions!! If you would like to get more involved, volunteer for a job!!!

NOVEMBER MENU

Hickory smoked top
round of beef
Roasted pork loin and
with fruit sauce
Parsley buttered potatoes
Vegetable casserole
Fresh fruit salad
Rolls and butter
Apple cinnamon crisps

11/2004 B.U.F.F. Financial Report
(rounded to dollar amount)

Beginning Total	\$11304
Deposits	
Membership	\$305
Dinner	\$705
Raffles	\$360
Interest	\$3
Match the Hatch	\$16
Total Deposits	\$1389
Disbursements	
Membership	\$91
Bank Charge	\$15
NKFF Banquet Donation	\$450
Banquet Deposit	\$900
Buffer	\$317
Meal Door Prize	\$17
Monthly Raffle	\$189
Raffels – Dinner	\$710
Gift – George Frances	\$100
Education	\$23
Total Disbursements	\$3010
Ending Total	\$9682
North Carolina Trip- Balance Due	\$1400
Petty Cash	\$100
CD	\$5100
Trips Downpayment Acct	\$500

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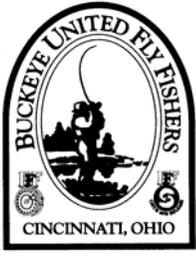
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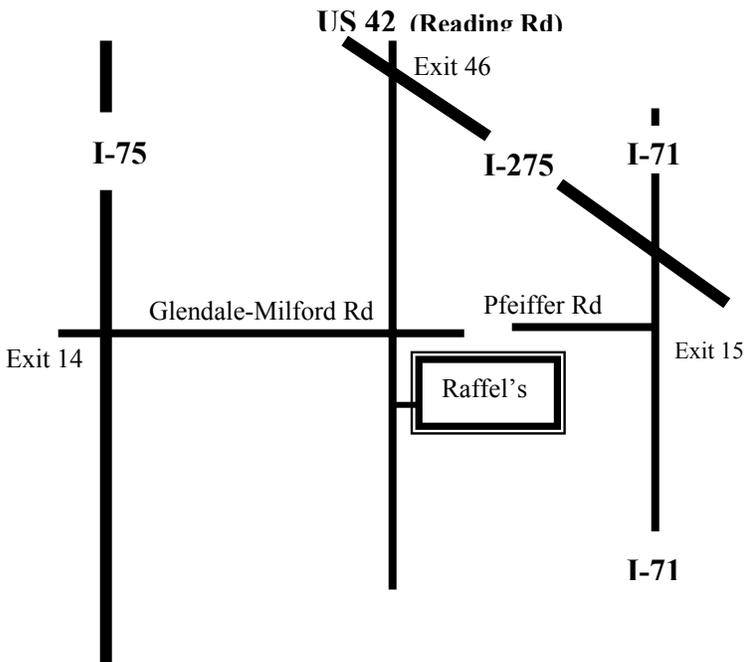
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- November 10

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED A 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 8)



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.