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The President's Notes

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It's that time of year for the BOD to solicit nominations for next year's officer and director positions. Nomination forms will be available at the November and December general meetings. Nominations will also be accepted by e-mail (bdhaynes@one.net) or phone (513-777-4854). If you know someone who would like to be considered for any of the positions or if you have an interest yourself please make that interest known to the BOD. If any member has questions about any of the BOD positions please contact any one of the board members. Election of the 2007/2008 slate of officers and directors will be held at the January 2007 general meeting. These newly elected BOD members will assume their club responsibilities at the Cabin Fever Banquet in early March.

Just a reminder that there will be a vote by the membership at the November meeting regarding a change of the BUFF fiscal year from May 1st/April 30th to Jan. 1st/Dec. 31st. The rationale for this change is discussed in an article by our treasurer, George Fraley, published in the October BUFFER. The BOD requests your support in making this change to our by-laws.

Jim Boude has kindly volunteered to co-chair the 2007 banquet committee with Bob Miller. The banquet is our main fund raising event and generates a significant amount of the money needed to support our club activities. Organizing and running the banquet requires a lot of volunteer help so when the committee asks for volunteers please pitch-in and help if you can.

Joe Panfalone regrettably resigned from his BOD and webmaster positions due to family concerns. Mark Johnson has agreed to take over the website responsibilities and was officially installed into the vacated BOD position at the October BOD meeting. On behalf of the membership I want to thank Joe for the many contributions he has made to the club, particularly his visionary role in establishing and maintaining our website that is second to none. Thanks Joe!

November Meeting Program

Mike McFarland of McFarland Rod Company will be our November speaker. Mike is a custom rod maker and will be talking about various aspects of modern fly rod design and how they affect performance. He will cover design/performance terms such as hoop strength, modulus, scrim, flex, and taper that are used in describing graphite and fiberglass fly rods.

Several BUFF members have used Mike's rods. Mike resides in Tyrone PA near several excellent trout streams. His web site is: mcfarlandrods.com

Random Thoughts From The Tying Bench

By C.W. “Don” Coleman – taken from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club newsletter

A THOUGHT — “... let me introduce an idea—just something to kick around: Maybe your stature as a fly fisherman isn’t determined by how big a fish you catch, but by how small a fish you can catch without being disappointed, and, of course, without losing the faith that there’s a bigger one out there.” — John Gierach

OLD FLIES — It seems like every new fly tyer is inventing “new” fly patterns that you must have to catch fish. Actually, there is very little new in fly tying. Just new materials and color changes. Too many tyers are reinventing old patterns and renaming them without giving credit to the original developer of the pattern. Most of the old patterns are as good as they were years ago, and most are easier to tie and use less expensive materials than their modern adaptations. Look at the old Hackle Fly—now the Sea Ducer—and Brooks’ Blondes. I know one Steelhead fishing guide who fishes his steelhead flies on the Florida flats with great results. The first fly I was taught to tie was a smallmouth streamer on a #6-3x long hook with black thread. It had a body of silver tinsel and a wing of brown bucktail over white bucktail. This simple fly caught countless smallmouth and freshwater trout for me for years. It is still as good as it ever was—even in saltwater, but do substitute Mylar for Tinsel. Don’t give up on the simple flies of yesteryear just because they are not in fashion. Fly fishing can be a simple, inexpensive sport. In the old days, tyers did not even need a vise or bobbin. You can learn to tie simple flies in your hands too.

FLY TYING 101 — Sometimes even the simplest techniques, which most of us take for granted, causes problems beginning fly tyers. Perhaps an overview of the beginnings is in order. **FIRST**, choose the proper hook and inspect it. Even the most expensive hooks sometimes have flaws. **SECOND**, bend down the barb. You don’t need it to hold a fish on the hook and it is much easier than going to the hospital to have a hook removed from your hide. Besides, the hook will penetrate much easier without a barb. **THIRD**, sharpen the hook. Manufacturer’s of expensive hooks claim there is no need to sharpen their hooks. Maybe, but you should learn how because you will soon have to sharpen them when they get dull. **FOURTH**, make sure to adjust your vise for the size hook you are using, and then tighten the hook in the vise making sure the shank of the hook is level. **FIFTH**, start your thread with a Jam Knot and lay down a base wrap along the shank of the hook. Understand that the “shank” of the hook is the straight portion behind the hook eye to the start of the bend around to the point. When you tie in material “at the bend,” you make the tie at the end of the shank before the hook starts to bend. The “length” of the hook is measured from the front of the eye to the back of the bent portion of the hook. **SIXTH**, hold the bobbin by the shank with the thumb and forefinger with the thread spool cupped in the palm of your hand to apply whatever tension is needed. **SEVENTH**, always wrap the thread over the top of the hook and away from you—with only a few exceptions. Keep a distance between the bobbin and the hook shank short. **EIGHTH**, learn to hold the scissors in your tying hand, with your fourth finger through the hole in the scissors. You can handle most fly tying operations with the scissors in your hand and you will never have to hunt for them. **NINETH**, make sure to close any gap left at the hook eye to prevent your leader tippet for getting cut or tangled. **TENTH**, learn to apply materials using the Pinch Method, which is sometimes called the loose loop method. It keeps the materials on top of the hook shank without rolling around the shank. **ELEVENTH**, learn to whip finish by hand, at least at first, before you try other methods. **TWELVETH**, practice, practice, practice, and practice.

Fly Tying At the VA Hospital

Dave Jones

BUFF will be conducting fly tying lessons for about 10-14 Vets at the VA Hospital on Thursday November 9, 2006 from 12 to 2 PM. The VA Hospital is located at 3200 Vine St in Cincinnati.

If you are interested in helping, contact Dave Jones at 513-825-7174 or jones.a.d.r@att.net using e-mail. We should need about one helper for 2 vets. Once we get the list of helpers, we can arrange car-pools if needed. Other sessions could be scheduled and a spring outing using their flies.

Casting Can Be Dangerous – Wear Protective Clothing

by Stoney McFly – taken from the McKenzie Flyfishers Club newsletter

Think of a sharp barb flying uncontrolled through the air at a speed faster than a humming bird. Accidents occur when trying to reach extended limits. Be conscious of safety and look behind before starting your cast. Anyone in the casting radius is in a hazardous area. Don't get a reputation of hooking your buddies more than fish. It's inexcusable. Fly-fishing just might become a contact sport for you. Especially when you call your hooked buddy a "big sissy".

Around the campfire, funny stories were told of people getting hooked. The time Sammy the Spoon hooked himself under both nostrils spey casting or Big Benny finding a Woolly Bugger attached right between the eyes. Describing past accidents, the reactions of people and what was said can be hilarious, but only because there was not permanent injury. It is very hard to justify any excuses when an eye was taken out. Luckily, or unluckily, our club president got it square between the shoulder blades at Hosmer Lake. He said the strike of the bead head hurt more than the hook. I think he was being nice to a rookie.

Point being, always wear protective clothing when fishing. Ears have a way of getting hooked. A wide-brimmed hat covers your head to protect from the sun, but also from sailing barbs. Polarized glasses protects your eyes from the damaging reflection of the sun's glare off the water. They not only help you see fish, they help you see... period. Experienced members don't bet their retinas on chance.

Tick Removal Information

By Lee Weil – Taken from the Housatonic Fly Fishermens Associations newsletter

Ya never know might come in handy. I don't know if this works but if I had a tick, I would try it first before trying to plucking it out with tweezers. A School Nurse has written the info below good enough to share And it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me.

Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!" You might want to put it in the freezer after removal. Just in case of illness, it can be tested for disease.

More Random Thoughts From The Tying Bench

by C.W. “Don” Coleman – taken from the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club newsletter

TREES AND STREAMERS — I can sit in my favorite chair and contemplate the red maple I transplanted from the woods nearly fifty years ago. Most of the trees in this rural area of upstate New York are deciduous trees and a very large percent of them are red maples. Their red buds color the mountain sides in late winter-during maple syrup time when snow still blankets the countryside. They are an early harbinger of the spring, a warning to start tying flies for trout season. Immediately to the north there is a white birch, and in my neighbor’s yard a well pruned, dense conifer. Sometimes I look at those three trees and wonder why my maple, and especially my birch, always appear “alive,” while my neighbor’s dense conifer looks like a plywood cutout without the essence of life. Why do some of our baitfish imitations appear alive in the water, even when at rest, while others look like taxidermic reproductions without the essence of life—movement within the fly itself, translucency, and parts that act in harmony with the medium in which they exist?

My trees are not solid. The leaves and branches have space between them for air—the medium in which they exist—to flow among them, keeping them in constant movement even in a light breeze. My neighbor’s conifer does not appear to have any movement except during violent winds. For a streamer fly to exhibit that essential spark of life, space must be available between fibers and hair for water to move, helping to shape the fly and to move each individual part in harmony with the movement of the water—the medium in which they exist.

My trees have surprisingly large openings for light to pass through. The light shining through the trees create contrasts which result in a three dimensional appearance. During the summer the shade of the individual leaves range from very dark to very light green, and they constantly change with the movement of the sun and the wind. When the sun is setting beyond the tree, the outboard leaves appear translucent. When a baitfish is held out of water its scales reflect only white light from the sky. Underwater they reflect not only the light shining on them but the color of their surroundings, making them appear translucent. They are constantly changing color as they move and the light changes. For a streamer fly to appear alive in the water, even when at rest, it must be sparse enough so that light can pass through the fly to create shading and contrast and dimensionality and the appearance of translucency.

Only when these essentials which contribute to the illusion of life have been incorporated in a streamer fly should non-essential details, e.g. eyes, gills, and color even be considered. When any detail is added to a fly that already appears alive, a predator fish must make a decision whether to accept or reject that detail. Why force them to make a decision? When properly presented, a fish will simply accept your illusion as food, whether it’s being drifted in the current or slowly retrieved, as opposed to reacting to a “realistic” imitation being pulled in front of them like a spinning lure.

A Note From Your Editor

I hope you enjoyed reading these articles taken from the FFF Clubwire. **HOWEVER**, this is **YOUR** newsletter and **BUFF** members want to hear about what **YOU** are doing – what trips **you** took – what fish **you** caught (or lost!) – what flies **you** tied – what experiences **you** had. If these things are important to you, **YOU** need to sit down and write about it!!! As an editor, I can help with punctuation, spelling, etc., but I can’t get inside your head and write the article for you! The deadline for article submissions is the Tuesday after the date of the Board of Directors meeting each month. Let’s make the newsletter more interesting and directly relevant to our members! Jon Kennard

Fishing Alone

Submitted by Daryl Crowley – West Michigan Hacklers

I like fishing alone but it seems I work hard at trying to avoid it. I call all my fishing buddies and make considerable effort at trying to locate a fishing partner for the day's outing. Having a fishing companion certainly has advantages, like conversation in the car to and from the river or sharing coffee on the bank, while relaying the hard won information on "what the fish are biting on today" are certainly hallmarks of trout fishing pleasures. There is safety in numbers too and as we get older that begins to take on a real importance. And who can deny that it's always cool to hold up a nice trout for someone to see. But occasionally you find that everyone else is either busy or lacking in the political capital department with their spouse, and despite all your phone calls and pleading, it's apparent that today you fish alone, or not all. No problem, fishing alone has its advantages too.

We seem more prone to engage in research and development when we are alone. Maybe we're more comfortable then because no one can see us fail. You can try that latest outrageous fly pattern before you put your reputation on the line in front of a witness. Sometimes you are willing to try new places and you are assured that if they turn out to be major flops, you can cover up the fact that you were stupid enough to go there, and if they turn out to be really good spots, you can cover up the fact that you were ever there at all, at least for awhile.

When you fish alone you can arrive at the river or leave whenever you want. You can take a break when you want. You can go upstream or down or start one way and change your mind; nobody cares. You can fish slower and more methodically when you are alone. After all you're not engaged in any real or perceived competition. You can spend more time studying a run without the danger of your partner saying; "to heck with this" and making a gravy cast into the middle of the run and pulling out a 20-inch trout right from under your over-scrutinizing nose. No, when you are alone you can savor the anticipation of each and every cast.

You can fish however you want; meticulously or sloppily, no one will comment. You can take the time to tie on a new tippet every few minutes, or fish with the same ratty one all day. If you loose a fish by being careless, you can just say you caught it and let it go, who's going to know? Stretching the truth to enhance the fishing alone experience may be acceptable, but outright lies never are, and you will be discovered eventually. Fishing alone is not a license to compromise basic fly fishing principals. But you can also be selective in what you tell; you may freely convey every nuance of the large trout you caught, but you can completely forget to mention that you fell in the river or broke your rod. That's not lying, that's editing.

Once many years ago while fishing alone I caught an exceptional brown trout. Not a record fish, but real dandy, one of my best at that time. As I let the fish slid back into the water I resolved at that moment to never tell anyone about that fish. This would be my personal and secret trophy, one that would be made even greater by not telling anyone about it; or so I thought. And for a while it was special. I took more than a little pleasure and self-importance in being able to keep such a nice fish a secret. But I wanted to share it with someone it the worst way. For all the esoteric magic of my secret trophy it paled by comparison to the pleasure I would have had from telling all my friends about it. And now I find, many years later, that I can't remember much about catching that fish except that he was a dandy; the memory lost for lack of use. Now it wouldn't matter who I told as it is no longer important and it happened so far in the past that no one would give it a second thought or would just assume it was the deranged ranting of old man about "the good old days". In retrospect: I'm not sure that it's wise to keep the catching of good fish to yourself. You should share the memories of those big fish you catch. It makes them immortal, at least in your own mind.

Fishing alone can be a lot fun and the prospect of fishing alone is certainly not something that should not put you off from enjoying a day on the river. And while I enjoy fishing alone, I must confess that I would rather fish with one of my friends. I enjoy their companionship, which is why we are friends in the first place. I like not having to make all the decisions and when something goes wrong, you have someone to share the blame with. But mostly, fly-fishing is a sport that begs to be shared, and it's more fun to hold up a nice fish for someone else to admire or to admire someone else's fish, than it is to release it to total obscurity. There is a magic in the sharing that goes beyond what can be delivered by a single pair of eyes. And besides, it keeps us honest.

2006 BUFF Calendar

November

- Nov 2 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
Nov 2 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling.
Nov 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
Nov 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church,
305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Members welcome
Nov 15 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling.
Nov 17-19 **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**

December

- Dec 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling.
Dec 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
Dec 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church,
305 Cameron Rd,
Springdale, OH Members welcome



Lie & Tie East Location Change

The new location is the Buffalo Mountain Coffee shop, 4074 E Galbrith Rd., Dillonvale, OH 45236 (It is located in the Dillonvale IGA strip mall)

This and That!

Steve Lilly

While I was at the Burlington Flea Market, I picked up a book written by James A. Henshall, M.D. that was first published in 1903. He is acknowledged as the earliest advocate on fishing for Smallmouth bass, and his oft quoted remark "*I consider him.....the gamest fish that swims*" is found in about any writing on smallmouth fishing. I believe our own Joe Cornwall has used that quote in his writings. In this book he talks about his choice of a fly rod as follows; "*For an all-round rod for all_round work my ideal is ten and a quarter feet long and weighing seven ounces in split bamboo, or eight ounces in ash and lancewood, or eight ounces in ash and bethabara*". For a choice of line he says; "*The enameled, braided silk line is the only one suitable for casting the fly*". We have certainly come a long way since his time and I bet those old-timers would give just about anything to try one of our latest in technology fly casting outfits...or would they? Dr. Henshall goes on to talk about the performance an expert caster could expect; "*At a contest of the San Francisco Fly-casting Club held on October 11, 1902 at Stow Lake, Golden Gate Park, Mr. H. C. Golcher made the remarkable and wonderful cast of one hundred and forty feet*". Does anyone know where I could trade my latest and greatest graphite rod in for one made of ash and bethabara?

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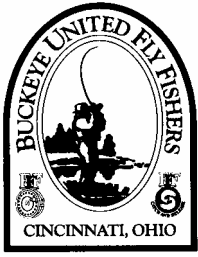
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November Menu *NEW PRICE \$11.00*

Hickory Smoked Top Round of Beef
Roast Pork Loin with Fruit Sauce
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Vegetable Casserole
Fresh Fruit Salad
Rolls and Butter
Apple Cinnamon Crisps



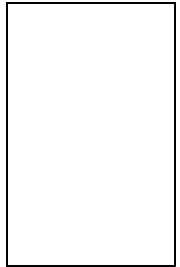


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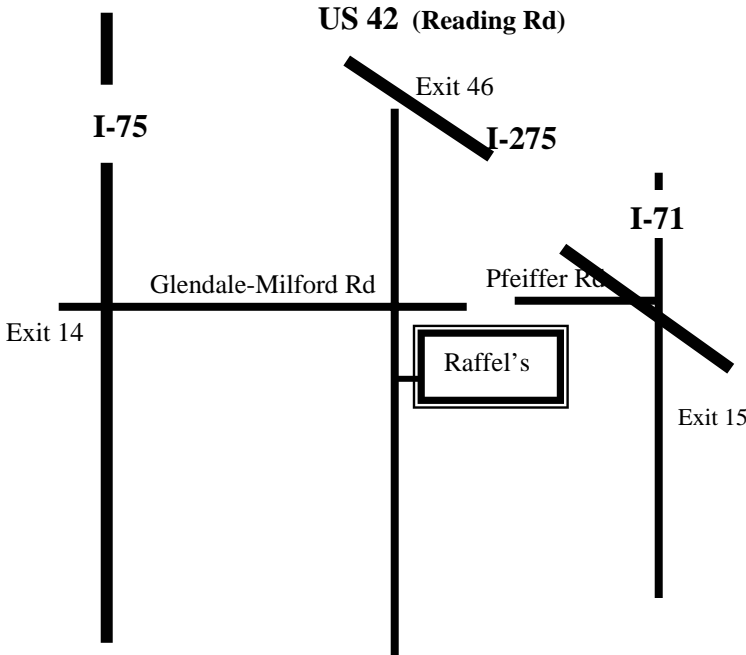
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday –November 8

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 \$11.00/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 7)



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