

# The BUFFER

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## The President's Notes

**Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)**

It's that time of year for the BOD to solicit nominations for next year's officer and director positions. Nominations for the 2008 BOD will be accepted up to December 31. Nomination forms will be available at the November and December general meetings and will also be sent to the membership by e-mail. You may turn in your nominations at the general meetings or send them to me by e-mail ([bdhaynes@one.net](mailto:bdhaynes@one.net)). If you know someone who would like to be considered for any position on our BOD, or if you have an interest yourself, please make that interest known to the BOD. Contact me or any of the current BOD members if you have questions regarding any of the BOD positions. A proposed slate of 2008 BOD candidates will be presented at the December general meeting and the election will be held at the January 2008 general meeting. Members "must" be present at the January meeting to vote! The newly elected BOD members will assume their club responsibilities at the Cabin Fever Banquet March 8th.

Nominations are now also open until December 31 for the 2007 "Fly Fisher of the Year" award. FFY nomination forms will also be available at the November and December general meetings and sent out by e-mail. Please return the nomination forms to me. Voting will be held at the January general meeting. This award is the highest honor bestowed to one of our members each year in recognition of her/his extraordinary effort in giving time and talent to the club.

The BOD voted to accept a new contract with Raffel's for hosting our club general meetings through December 2008. The new contract calls for an increase in meal price to \$12/person (food cost inflation!) plus a room fee of \$150/meeting that will be covered as a general budget expense item. Although the BOD is not pleased to announce this meal price increase, the directors viewed this new contract as still a very good deal (Raffel's normal banquet fee is about \$23/person). Also, the dinner is now being served at 6:45 pm!

Carol Barton, who has organized the BUFF logo sweaters and jackets sale, still needs about 20 more orders to meet the minimum order requirement. If you are considering one of these items for yourself or as a holiday gift, please see Carol at the next meeting or contact her at home ( 513-677-1255; [rogerbarton2@msn.com](mailto:rogerbarton2@msn.com)). See a selection of available items on page 5.

The directors approved a \$200 cash donation to support the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers banquet at the October BOD meeting.

Please Note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Board Meeting has been rescheduled to November 28.

## November Meeting Program

Kevin Kayle, Fisheries Biologist Supervisor from the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Fairport Fisheries Research Unit, will be our speaker. Kevin will give a presentation on Ohio's Steelhead program, it's history, present, and future. This will be an outstanding talk from the individual who has been with Ohio's Steelhead Program since its inception over twenty years ago. You will probably learn more in one night about steelhead and Ohio's stocking program than anything you have ever known about steelhead.

# 2008 BUFF Banquet News

## Banquet Saturday March 8, 2008

### 2008 BUFF Banquet Blind Auctions

Blind auctions will work like this. You write down your top bid, and place it in the container provided at the meeting. At the next meeting the highest bid received so far will be announced, and you will have the opportunity to bid a higher amount. The highest bid received will win as indicated below.

For the following items the Blind Auction Starts at November, 2007, General Meeting, and leading bids will be reported in December, 2007, and final winners determined at January, 2008, General Meeting.

### Three Guided Fly Fishing Trips

R & R Fly Fishing  
Ian & Charity Rutter  
Smokey Mountains Guide Service  
[www.randrflyfishing.com](http://www.randrflyfishing.com)

R&R has donated a guided full day wading fly fishing trip for two. They fish the Smoky Mountain National Park, along with many of the rivers and streams of Tennessee and North Carolina, and even some trout lakes. Their presentation at our BUFF Fly Show in 2006 was one of the best presentations we have had. This is a \$250.00 value.

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On The Fly Guide Service  
Scott Cunningham  
[www.wnctrout.com](http://www.wnctrout.com)

This is a full day wading trip for two people, just east of Ashville, North Carolina. He will provide the travel to the stream, lunch, and the use of his equipment. If you would rather have a float trip, Scott will upgrade the trip at a reduced rate to you. This is a \$305.00 value. Trip must be taken within one year of purchase.

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CCS Fly-Fishing Outfitters  
Tim MacCourtney  
[www.ccsflyfishing.com](http://www.ccsflyfishing.com)

This is a full day trip for two people, wading or floating. Tim provides everything but the lodging, though he can help set you up with lodging if necessary. This is a value of \$300.00.

### Tickets to the musical "Wicked"

Two tickets & Parking Pass to Musical "Wicked" – Blind Auction Starts at November, 2007 General Meeting and will be awarded in January.

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Another Blind Auction for an additional three Guided Fly Fishing Trips starts at the December, 2007, General Meeting with leading bids reported in January, 2008, and final winners determined at February, 2008, General Meeting!

## **Alternative Energy Applications in Ohio**

**A Program by John Fanselow, Southwest Project Coordinator for Green Energy Ohio**

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency technologies are rapidly developing in Ohio and can provide good jobs and clean, dependable energy for Ohioans. Come to this free Clermont County Renew Ohio meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Office of Environmental Quality. Learn out about the feasibility and latest developments in alternative energy solutions for residents and business in Ohio. John Fanselow, Southwest Project Coordinator for Green Energy Ohio will discuss emerging alternative energy technology and its impact on Ohio communities.

**The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Township Civic Center located on Aicholtz Road. Contact Cyn Macke 553-7349 for additional information.**

### **ABOUT GREEN ENERGY OHIO**

Green Energy Ohio is a statewide nonprofit dedicated to promoting economically and environmentally sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. As part of a larger effort to educate citizens and policy makers on renewable energy applications and their benefits to communities across Ohio, Green Energy Ohio (GEO) conducts the *Renew Ohio!* speakers' bureau program. The program is operated through the use of volunteer speakers, including GEO staff and Board members, who engage communities in dialogues on clean energy practices. The goal of the program is to reach individuals in all 88 Ohio counties. To date, GEO has reached more than 80 Ohio counties.

Editor's Note: The BOD reviewed this article and agreed that it was appropriate to post since one of the sponsors, Clermont Soil and Water, announces our "Fly Fishing Show" in their newsletter and, in addition, the subject, although not fly fishing, might be of interest to some of our members.

## **Eighth Annual Fly Tying Expo**

Mason, Michigan

December 1, 2007

9 am to 4 pm

Over 60 tyers will be on hand this year to demonstrate their tying skills, including Jeff "Bear" Andrews, Chris Helm, Dennis Potter, Ray Schmidt, Dick Walle, Julie Nielson, Jim Reed, Gerald Worden, Chris Soule, Oscar Feliu and many others.

Vender Booths, Door Prizes, Silent Auctions, Bucket Raffles

Live Auction during Lunch Hour

Main Arena, Ingham County Fairgrounds

Admission \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 13 – 18

Free for children 12 and under

Visit the GLC Website at [www.ffgglc.org](http://www.ffgglc.org) for more information

# The One That Got Away

Daryl Crowley – Member of the West Michigan Hacklers – from FFF ClubWire

"Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught." - Anonymous

Gone! That instant of truth, that terrible revelation, that cruel heart stopping moment when you and the fish of your dreams suddenly and forever part; will haunt you the remainder of your days. I speak not of the willing and giving act of releasing a hard won trophy. The intentional release of a great fish, over which you hold the power of life and death, is a satisfying act. Such an act is an obvious display of your great generosity. Your sensitive and unselfish nature allows you in your undisputed victory, to simply tip your net and allow your opponent to live and fight another day. You are gregarious and civilized, thoughtful and restrained. But like a jilted lover the same goodbye is not seen through such rose colored sunglasses when it is you who has been released

Why is it that the fish I remember most are the ones that got away? Is it possible that all the very best fish I have ever hooked have gotten away? I seem to remember some really nice fish, in fact some dandies that came to hand. I have pictures to prove it and witnesses. But somehow they don't seem as large or awe-inspiring as those merely felt, or glimpsed, or slipped just short of grasp. I suspect that those fish were the *crème de la crème* of fishes. True leviathans: record trout of legendary proportions. Opportunity lost. And with the passage of time my memory seems to become clearer and I can more certainly state that these were indeed monster fish and at the time of their loss I sorely underestimated their size. With each passing year and telling of the tale, my mind farther removed from the shock of loosing such trophies, I can now objectively see that these fish were far larger than I had previously thought. Now, from my vantage point in future I can, with detachment from the traumatic event, un-mistakenly see that what I thought was a 5 pound trout 10 years past, was unquestionably at least 12 pounds. I can remember it so clearly now.

And you wonder; why? Why did this happen? What could I have done differently? Did I offend the gods? Sometimes the answer is cruelly obvious. A crinkled tippet, or a half a blood knot, is like a sinister finger pointing directly at you. You - the inept knot tier, the lackadaisical, too lazy to check your line for weakness, or too slow to take up the slack, you must wear your guilt for all time, chastised and burdened with the fault of losing a world record trout. Someday far in the future you will come to realize just how great a loss this was.

You might try to convince yourself that you're not to blame, that fate intervened. While this may be the case, in all probability you will eventually come to realize that you should have put a little more pressure on here, or a little less drag there and things would have worked out in your favor. You should have sharpened your hook! In all likelihood, it will eventually become apparent that had you exercised proper judgment and execution of your sport, you would have broken the state brook trout record by at least 4 pounds. You may be able to delude yourself convincingly that all was beyond your control and that fate was just giving you a taste of glory, perhaps conditioning you for something better far in the future. Consider yourself lucky if you can live with that thought when you eventually realize that no fish will ever again be as big as the one that you screwed up on.

They say it is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all. Maybe. But to feel that unbelievable power, to hear the reel screaming at an impossible pitch, to see that incredible girth, or unimaginable length, is to entertain the thought that this fish is your destiny. Like being in love your heart races, your senses are filled, and you start to imagine holding this prize for a photograph that will document forever your legend. Then in an instant; faster than light travels from here to the moon, the line goes slack. For another instant your mind rejects what your heart knows to be true. But the truth is still there. He's gone. He will not be back: ever. Your part in this fish is no more. Even if another angler lands him, no one will associate you with this fish. Like a lover lost, it is too late for you. No second chance: too late to turn back the clock. Forever more, each time you revisit that pool or riffle you will remember the great fish; you will suffer again the pangs of guilt and tragic loss. You can never fish that place again and not feel the regret and yes, remorse. In time you will come to realize just how great your loss was; how tragic your folly or carelessness. When you pass on from this world and your deeds are judged, you will be hard pressed to defend such a transgression. "But I was so close!" You will probably babble this mantra for all eternity in one of the outermost circles of Hell reserved for folks who are not evil or bad of heart, but yet not quite worthy of fishing in paradise.

Many years ago I asked my dad: "Why are the big ones the ones that always get away." In the same way that time makes you realize how big were the fish you lost, you also realize that your father was far wiser than you ever knew. "Because" he said, "they're the ones with the power to do so."

# **BUFF Logo Clothing Items for Sale!**

**As Lou stated in his column, we still need about 20 more orders before we can meet the minimum order requirement. We need a minimum of 48 to order, and we have about 28 so far. (We don't need 48 of one item, just 48 items total.) . We are selling these "at cost". The club is not making a profit. If you are interested in ordering items, please contact Carol as soon as possible!**

**Here is a brief rundown of what there is to offer:**

## **Vest \$29**

Fleece w/zippered pockets

Colors: Blk, Dark Green, Grey Heather, Blk Heather, Navy, Red, Royal

## **Vest \$20**

Fleece w/slash pockets

Colors: Blk, Blk Heather, Navy

**We have jackets for sale with the Buff logo on the left chest.** They come in sizes from S to 6XL. There is a small additional charge for the XL's.

## **Jacket JP54 \$37**

Nylon Shell, lightweight fleece lining, elastic waistband & cuffs w/ Velcro adjustable straps, nylon lined sleeves, interior zipped pocket

Colors: Green, Navy, Red, Royal

## **Jacket J754 \$47**

Telelon nylon shell, poly filled body w/heavyweight fleece lining.

Colors: Blk, Green, Navy, Khaki

## **Jacket J760 \$47**

Fleece w/nylon capped shoulders, bottom hem w/draw cord and toggle locks, interior zipped pocket, lightweight

Colors: Blk, Grey

## **Jacket JP77 \$34**

Fleece w/ elastic cuffs and waistband. Velcro close slash pockets, Lightweight

Colors: Blk, Grey Heather, Blk Heather, Navy

## **Hats \$12**

Color: Khaki with Hunter Green one size fits all. These are in stock.

**You can call and order them from Carol Barton (677-1255) and send her a check for the amount made out to BUFF. Or, you can e-mail her ([nutmegblush@yahoo.com](mailto:nutmegblush@yahoo.com)) to order and send her a check. Her mailing address is: P.O. Box 265, Loveland, Ohio 45140 All orders must be pre-paid.**

# 2007 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

## OFFICERS:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>	
President	Lou Haynes	513-777-4854	bdhaynes@one.net
Vice President	Patti Howell	513-683-7138	phowell@fuse.net
Secretary	Sue Bloemer	513-737-3608	<u>bloemer@fuse.net</u>
Treasurer	George Fraley	513-829-1465	georgewf@fuse.net

## BOD/Chairs:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>	
Communications Chair (Buffer)	Jon Kennard	513-732-1799	jonkennard@fuse.net
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Trips Chair	Steve Bailey	513-829-1823	chiefrsb@fuse.net
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Banquet Co-Chair	Bill Huber	513-891-5694	bkhuber25@aol.com
Membership Chair	Tim Findley	513-673-8673	fin9695A@yahoo.com
Education Co-Chair (Club Activities)	Tom Baker	513-697-7342	flytyer@fuse.net
Education Co-Chair (Public Activ)	Don Rubingh	513-385-3943	drubingh@fuse.net
Education Co-Chair (Fly Tying)	Jeff McElravy	513-652-1894	jmcelravysr@cinci.rr.com
Education Co-Chair (Public Activ)	Roger Corrado	513-741-8411	corradohome@hotmail.com
Education Co-Chair (Fly Tying)	Ken West	513-726-6253	ken.flyguy@gmail.com
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Programs Co-Chair	Randy Clark	513-741-8273	rclark3056@msn.com
Conservation Chair	Mike Bryant	513-697-9576	mjbryant@email.com
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Director At Large (VA Hospital)	Dave Jones	513-825-7174	jones.adov@zoomtown.com
Director At Large (Library)	Bob Mackey	513-831-4180	rmackey@cinci.rr.com
Director At Large (Raffles)	Jim Hampton	513-779-4349	flyfisher@zoomtown.com
Director At Large (Historian)	Don Prince	513-398-0921	prince.dr.3@pg.co
Director At Large	Bruce James	513-683-0429	none
Director At Large	Bob Miller	513-271-2129	flyfission@earthlink.net

## KEY CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Future Leaders Owner	Lou Haynes	513-777-4854	bdhaynes@one.net
Great Miami Conservation/Trips	Joe Cornwall	513-891-1003	joe@flyfishohio.com
Mad River Conservation	Nick Rizzo	937-866-2966	macriz@msn.com
East Fork Conservation	Jon Kennard	513-732-1799	jonkennard@fuse.net
Brookville Tailwater Coordinator	David French	513-829-1226	info@davidfrenchphotography.com
Dinner Reservations/Administration	Debbie Hampton	513-779-4349	flyfisher@zoomtown.com
Fly Fishing Show	Mike Bryant	513-697-9576	mjbryant@email.com
Club Mail	Tim Findley	513-673-8673	fin9695A@yahoo.com
Club Asset Owner	Lou Haynes	513-777-4854	behaynes@one.net
Membership Health Owner	Katie Huber	513-891-5694	bkhuber25@aol.com
Fly of the Month	Joe Cornwall	513-891-0782	commuse@fuse.net

## November Menu

**NEW PRICE THIS MONTH \$12.00**

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

## November

Nov 1	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm Bass Pro Outdoor
Nov 2	Beginning Fly Tying Class 7 – 9 pm
Nov 10-17	Arkansas Little Red Trip
Nov 14	BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd Social Hour 6 pm <u>Dinner at 6:45 pm</u>
Nov 20	Tie & Lie Batavia Riverside Coffee Mill 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Nov 28	Tie & Lie East A&N Outfitters 6:30 – 8 pm
Nov 28	BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH

## DECEMBER

Dec 6	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Dec 12	BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd Social Hour 6 pm Dinner at 6:45 pm
Dec 19	BUFF Board Meeting Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd., Springdale, OH



# Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Raffles and Auction! Saturday, March 8, 2008



**Receptions Conference Center**

**5975 Boymel Drive, Fairfield OH** (Off of Route 4 in Fairfield, North of I-275 )

- 6:00** Social Gathering, Silent Auction, Cocktails and Dinner Music
- 7:00** Dinner Buffet with Slide Show and Dinner Music
- 8:00** BUFF Awards, Recognition Ceremonies and Board/Officer Installations
- 8:30** Speaker: Thane Maynard, Executive Director of Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- 9:30** Blind & Silent Auction winners announced
- 9:45** General and Grand Raffles

**Banquet Reservations:**

Early Bird Reservation	by Jan. 9, 2008	<b>\$35 ea.</b>	x _____	= _____
Regular Reservation	(after Jan. 9, 2008)	<b>\$40 ea.</b>	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(1 for \$10)	\$10 ea.	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(3 for \$25)	\$25 ea.	x _____	= _____
Banquet Donation (Banquet attendance not required for donation)				= _____
Total Enclosed:				_____

All Attendee's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Name required for each reservation)**  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

How Paid (Circle One): Check    Credit Card    CC #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CC Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc." and mail to:  
 c/o Jim Boude, Banquet Chairman, 11980 Weeping Willow Ct., Loveland, OH 45140

***This form must accompany the reservation!!***

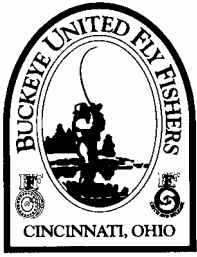
Thank you!

**Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Receipt: Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Reservations:

Early Bird Reservation (through Jan. 9, 2008)		<b>\$35 ea.</b>	x _____	= _____
Regular Reservation (after Jan. 9, 2008)		<b>\$40 ea.</b>	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips (1 for \$10)		\$10 ea.	x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips (3 for \$25)		\$25 ea.	x _____	= _____
Banquet Donation (Banquet attendance not required for donation)				= _____
Total Enclosed:				_____

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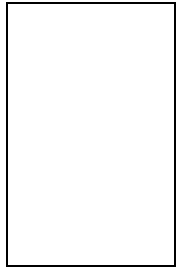


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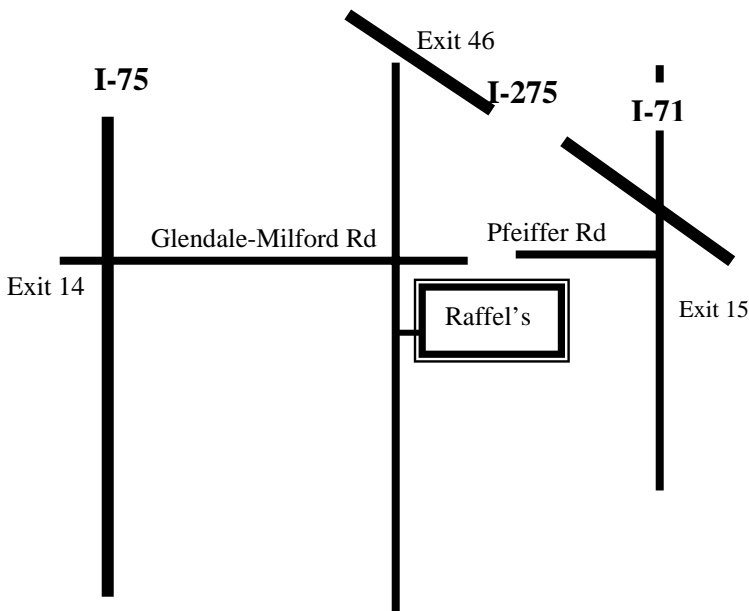
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**NOTICE:** Please check dues expiration date on lower right corner of mailing label. If dues have expired, contact the BUFF treasurer at the next meeting to determine prorated membership amount for 2007 or refer to BUFF website for further information. B. U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

### Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – November 14

**CALL 779-4489 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 NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 6:45 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 6)**



#### 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.**



