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The President's Notes

Roger Corrado

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While winter hasn't officially arrived, it sure feels like it. Hope your summer and fall were great. The Club had some great trips and outings this year and I want to thank all the members who volunteered their time and effort to make these events happen. These events not only helped and educated our members but went a long way to educate and help the general population of Cincinnati and the surrounding communities. Thanks!!

As you know a club like ours runs entirely on its volunteers. Whether you are a leader or a helper your efforts are what makes us such a great club. Shortly, we will be taking nominations for new next year's officers and directors. I would like anyone who wants to run for a position or nominate someone else (make sure they are willing first) to please do so. I will be handing out nomination forms at the next meeting, so be ready! Nominations will be accepted at the November and December meetings. If you want to nominate someone and can't make these meetings, email the nomination to me at (corradohome@yahoo.com) or let one of the Board members know. If you have questions about any of the positions ask anyone currently on the Board. Elections will be held early next year and newly elected Board members will assume their duties at the March BUFF meeting.

One of the most important (if not the most important) positions in the Club is available – that is the Treasurer's position. George Fraley has done an outstanding job as Treasurer the last 3 years but has decided to step down and give someone else the chance to serve in this position. George has computerized all of our accounting records which now give us a very accurate idea of where we are financially. He is using a standard accounting package called "Quick Books" which is easy to work with and automatically produces the reports we use. George would like anyone interested in this position to step forward and he will be happy to assist and train you in the system. Just let he or I know if you are interested.

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BUFF November 2009 Program

The Origins of the Split Bamboo Fly Rod

This program will be presented by Dr. Todd Larson who is a history professor at Xavier University and writes on the history of fishing in America. See more info on page 2!

I guess I am not going to get the surprise award for catching the largest bass at Parky's. While I did catch a 22" catfish, my largest bass this year was only about 12" long. Who caught the largest – come to the meeting and find out. To be considered for the award bring pictures and/or witnesses. A special thanks to those volunteers who helped at Parky's!!!!

Well, tomorrow I am leaving for China and Vietnam. I have hired a guide in Vietnam who claims he can show me a new way to catch fish. Something about standing on the end of one of the sampans and throwing something called a "cast net" out into a likely looking spot. With my luck I will fall off the end of the boat and my guide will have to fish me out of the Mekong River.

Also, check out one of the latest Blog messages on our web site about fishing in Brookville. I am not sure if this is legit or not – but it is better to be careful.

Don't stop fishing just because it is getting cold.

Roger

BUFF MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2010

It is time to start thinking about "renewing" your BUFF Membership for 2010.

Membership dues run from January 1st of each year to December 31st and need to be paid by January 1st.

Single memberships are still \$25.00/year.

Family memberships are still \$30.00/year.

Make your checks payable to BUFF and mail them to:

P.O. Box 42242, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Or pay at the monthly dinner meeting.

Checks or cash will be accepted at the dinner meetings.

The Origins of the Split Bamboo Fly Rod

Our November program by Dr. Todd Larson

This presentation will delve into the history of the split bamboo fly rod, a uniquely American development, tracing its development from the 1850s all the way to the present. From the great names like Leonard and Payne to the present day crop of makers including Per Brandin and Jeff Hatton, this presentation will help show why the split bamboo fly rod helped make fly fishing in America, and may very well encourage you to pick up a cane rod yourself!

Adopt-a-Stream

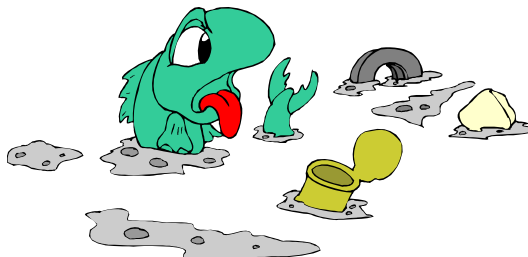
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George Sutthoff, Steve Lilly, and I were standing at 1614 Chase Avenue in Northside at the headquarters of Rivers Unlimited (RU) to talk to them about their Adopt-a-Stream program. It was drizzling lightly. BUFF representatives were there, but where were Aaron Rourke and Nathan Holscher from RU? Could someone have gotten the time wrong--maybe Steve? Thanks to a kind gentleman from the drug treatment center next door we were able to borrow a cell phone and verify with Aaron that it was the right day if not the right time. They soon came and answered many of the questions we had about whether BUFF should be involved in such a program.

Rivers Unlimited (RU) has pioneered the Adopt-a-Stream program in Cincinnati and has focused its efforts on the Great Miami River. Some members who have talked at BUFF meetings include Dr. Miller from UC and Brian Bohl, president of Friends of the Great Miami. Its founder is the remarkable canoeist Mike Fremont who was recently written up in the Enquirer. To learn more about RU visit their website www.riversunlimited.org.

Since that first meeting we have sought and received BUFF Board of Directors approval to go ahead with the idea. We have also talked with BUFF members Bill Schroeder and Lou Haynes about what stream we might adopt, and which part. On September 23, we met again with the full board of RU on how to get started and how to coordinate our activities. Carl Rahe Park at Foster's to the Isaac Walton shelter below Loveland--about five miles of stream was chosen. It is worth noting we are the first (and only--for now) Adopt-a-Stream group on the Little Miami. Here is the plan we worked out together. Beginning next year BUFF will have three fishing/cleanup canoe trips on the Little Miami in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Lou Haynes took a group of 14 on such a trip this past summer from Fosters to Ike's and it worked out well. This coming year I will be the spring trip leader. Lou has agreed to do the summer trip again, and Steve Lilly will organize the fall trip. We can get canoes from Ike's or RU and their help with transporting them.

What we do need, though, are people to come. I would like to collect names of people who might be interested in participating. This could simplify the trip leader's task in organizing the day. Let me know (drubingh@fuse.net) if you would like to be contacted when a trip is being planned. Trips will be on Saturday, and probably take a good part of the day. One of the benefits of joining with RU is that they will post a sign saying "This portion of the Little Miami cleaned up by BUFF". It would be embarrassing if it were posted right next to a discarded tire!!



Ozark Rod Makers School

by Bob Gustafson

In mid September, I had the opportunity to attend the Ozark Rod Makers School in Mountain Home, Arkansas, to learn to build a bamboo fly rod from scratch.

I got my start building graphite rods several years ago though the coaching of BUFF's John Doscher (a highly recommended class). After building 4 rods, I got the itch to try my hand at bamboo and searched for bamboo classes reasonably close to Cincinnati. Through the internet, I found about a dozen and ultimately chose ORMS because it is unique in that it is run by two master rodmakers and is based near the White River in Arkansas and offers guided fishing outings during the week of the class on this premier trout stream.

The ORMS is run by Harry Boyd and Bob Nunley and is an exceptional educational and skill building experience, delivered with insightful tips and patient good humor. Bob and Harry are great guys and have tremendous expertise and a real passion for the history and elegance of well crafted bamboo rods.

The classes run from Monday to mid-day Saturday and take the students from flaming and splitting raw cane to a finished two piece rod. Over the course of the 5 1/2 days, students experience every step in building tapered blanks and then turning their blanks into finished rods. In addition, Harry and Bob make available to their students tools and equipment similar to those used in the class to allow students to continue building rods at home.

The class offers the option of building two rod designs. I chose to build a 7 1/2 foot 5 wt Payne 101 taper for my rod. After several outings, I can say my rod casts wonderfully and delivers the sensitivity that bamboo is noted for. I am proud of my first bamboo rod.

I heartily recommend the Ozark Rod Makers School to anyone who wants to learn the art of bamboo rod making. The website is: <http://www.bamboorodschool.com/>

p.s. The trout fishing on the White River is fantastic. During one class outing, the four students each brought to hand 15-20 fat rainbows in about 2 hours time!!



High Bid takes the Trip of a Lifetime

Don Hogue

At our February BUFF meeting I bid \$225.00 on a Blind auction for a \$275.00 fishing trip in N.C.. I was out bid by 1 dollar. I learned to make my bid anything other than ending in 0 or 5!!!

So, at our annual banquet I bid on another blind auction \$275.00 fishing trip. This time I bid \$232.00 and won a trip with Scott Cunningham of Marion N.C. I set a date of Monday April 27, 2009, to go to the Tuckasegee for browns and rainbows, and up-graded to a float trip because I can only wade about 2 hours.

A bridge playing friend, Bob Moore had told me that he wanted to go fishing with me, so now we are set.

On Friday April 25, Scott called and said the lake would not be generating for 2 weeks and there was no way we could get a boat over all that gravel. So, we changed to a trip in eastern Tennessee near the South Holsten near Elizabethton, Tenn., close to Johnson City. We were going to fish the Watauga.

I cancelled one hotel and booked a room at the Americourt in Elizabethton, N.C.

Scott sent a super guide. Chad Stevens looked 24 but was 37 and had been guiding for 13 years. He was knowledgeable, witty, a teacher and knew the river; teaching us what pockets to fish. I kept wanting to cast against the huge rocks and limestone walls. Chad said to come back in 3 weeks and we would fish for small mouth. I always thought rainbows liked the center of the run, but Chad had us fish the edge of the fast water and where two runs come together. The man worked his butt off putting us in position and the poor sole had to have told me 1000 times...."Mend Your line – High Stick- Take in your slack".

We fished in a blue raft with 3 seats. I asked Chad which was the better to catch the most fish? Front or Back. Chad thought the back was better, so I asked that Bob sit in the rear. After lunch I offered to trade , but Bob liked the rear. SURE!!! He didn't have the guide sitting 2 feet behind him telling him to keep his line up-stream of the strike indicator. I will have to say that he never lost his patience.

We had seen a couple of fisherman at the hotel who said they didn't get anything the day before. Chad got Bob rigged up first. It was Bob's first trout trip. Bob caught three before I got a fish. We each got 10 trout. More rainbows than browns with the largest about 16" long. We were using a tangerine egg followed by a split back-flash back #18 pheasant tail nymph w/ micro legs. It's fun to catch fish on flies that you tie. I changes from a #18 green caddis dropper on a flora carbon tippet.

If you are looking for a guide in North Carolina, I can highly recommend ON THE FLY Guide Service in Marion N.C. Chad drove 100 miles to meet up with us.

This was my favorite fishing trip. The Watauga is what you think a trout stream should look like. & Chad was super!

Editor's Note: This is an example of the fun you have when you bid on trips at the BUFF Banquet! This year's banquet is scheduled for March 6, 2010. Watch out for further information in Buffers to come!!



**2010 Calendar
Coming Soon!!**

BUFF 2009 Calendar

November 2009

- Nov 5 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Nov 6 **Beginning Fly Tying**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Nov 7 **Spey Fly Tying** Atonement Lutheran Church, Guest Tyer, Joel Stansbury, POC Gary Begley
Nov 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Nov 13 **Beginning Fly Tying**, Springdale Rec. Ctr., 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Nov 18 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Nov 19-22 **Steelhead Trip, Pine Lake Trout Club**, Chagrin Falls, OH, Tom Herr
Nov 20 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Nov 24 **Tying at the VA**, VA Medical Ctr. 6:15-8 pm, Dave Jones

December 2009

- Dec 3 **Tie & Lie, West**, 7-9 pm, Bass Pro Outdoors
Dec 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Dec 16 **BUFF Board Meeting**, Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH 7 pm
Dec 18 **Tie & Lie, Bass Pro** 7-9 pm
Dec 23 **Tie & Lie East**, A&N Outfitters 3-6 pm, and 6:30-8:30 pm
227 Main St., Milford, OH

November Menu

Price \$12

**Beef Sirloin Tips
Stuffed Pork Chops
Buttered Noodles
Sautéed Vegetables
Fresh Fruit Salad
Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice of Dessert**

2009 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

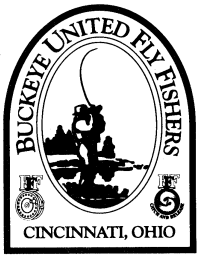
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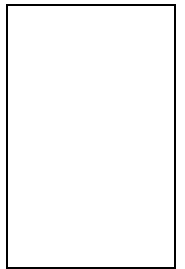


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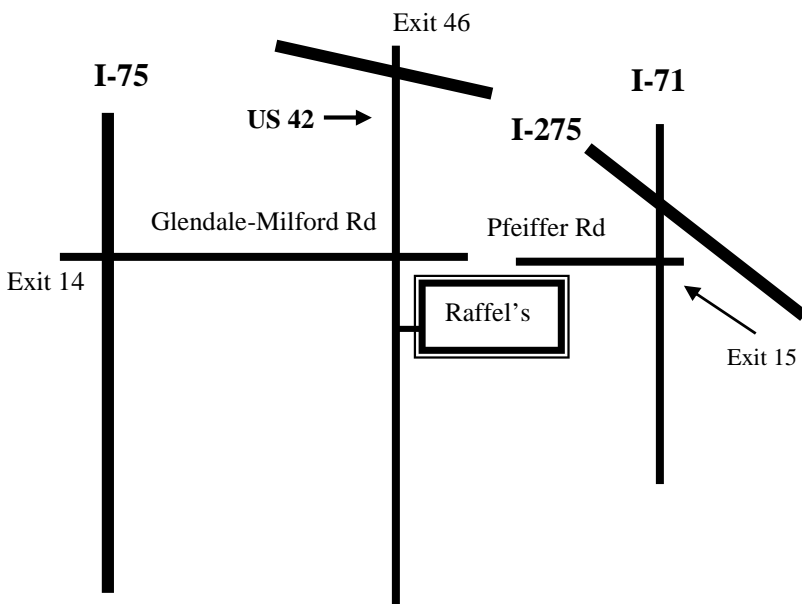
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday November 11

CALL 513-829-1465 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$12.00/PERSON FOR A MEAL. 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.

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