



# The **BUFFER**

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## **The President's Notes**

**Jeff McElravy**

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The Board of Directors has voted to move the meeting location to Voice of America Park starting in November. Randy has more information in another article in this Buffer. We have had a good and long relationship with Raffel's, and I am sorry that we needed to move our site for the good of the club. If you see any of Raffel's people, thank them for their time over the last ten years or so.

I missed both the last General meeting and the BOD meeting due to a very bad case of fly fishing. I am starting to get a little better, and think I should be able to make the next meeting. The fishing was great in the Smoky Mountains. I fished some of the higher and smaller creeks, the Little River above Elkmont, and Hazel Creek. The color of the trees and beauty of the waters make us appreciate the wonders that have been entrusted to our care. I also noticed that I need to spend some more time working on my conditioning for hiking on those trails and moving up those creeks. The spawning colors of the brookies and browns are spectacular, no matter what size they are.

Bill Schroeder and Dale Mowry put together an outstanding trip to Hazel Creek. We have only one other camping trip, and this is a great addition. The history and beauty of Hazel Creek make it a place I would like to spend a lot of time, some of it not even fishing. The rain in the area finished just before we got there, but that brought in a cold front. The campfires, good meals, and sleeping bags felt good after a day on the creek. The water temperature stayed in the low 50s for much of the time, so the fishing wasn't as productive as it could have been. But, we all had opportunities on the dry flies, and some were successful. Ask Pete about the big one that got away. I am looking forward to spring to try another season on Hazel Creek.

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### **BUFF November 2011 Program**

**Dr. Hedeem, an emeritus professor of biology, and former dean of Arts and Sciences at Xavier University, is the author of three books: Natural History of the Cincinnati Region: Big Bone Lick: The Cradle of American Paleontology; and The Mill Creek: An Unnatural History of an Urban Stream. His talk will be about the Mill Creek: Past, Present, and Future.**

I am pleased that the membership has stepped forward to help with the banquet. There are a lot of contacts and plans that need to be made for the outstanding banquet we want. Thank you for stepping forward. There are also other areas that could use some help. Keep your eyes open for opportunities as you have time and interest. We are very active in education and outreach to the communities. It is rewarding to see the results.

We are starting to look at the calendar for next year. Steve Bailey has sent to the BOD a list of what trips he is aware of now. These trips are the best way to learn the waters and increase our knowledge of fly fishing that I know of. You may not always agree with the how and why, but there a lot of ways to skin a cat. It has the added benefit of a lot of fun and fellowship. I am always amazed by the breadth of membership that we have. I have increased my circle of friends by a lot through these trips. I suggest that you go to all of the trips that you can. I had to retire so I could make all the ones I wanted to go on. Steve is always looking for other places to go and fish the waters. If you know of places that would make a good club trip, let him know. The more options that we have, the better off we are.

See you at the meeting, if not on the water.

Jeff

## **BUFF MEMBERS DUES FOR 2012**

**It is time to start thinking about renewing your BUFF membership for 2012.**

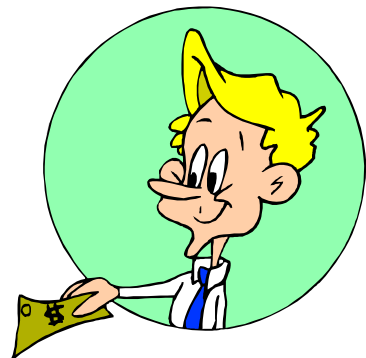
**Member's dues cover January 1st of each year to December 31st and should be paid by January 1st.**

**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 42614, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242**

**Or pay at the monthly dinner meeting**

**Checks, cash or credit card will be accepted at the dinner meetings.**



# **BUFF's New Meeting Location**

The Board of Directors has unanimously voted to move our general meeting location and to use “At Your Service” as our caterer. Meals, including dessert will be \$15.

We are excited to announce that our new location is:

**Ronald Reagan Lodge at Voice of America Park  
7850 VOA Park Drive  
West Chester, OH 45069**

**Directions:**

From I-75 (4 exits North of I-275) Take the Liberty Way exit and go East then turn right on Cox Road. Then left on VOA Drive. Left on first drive and follow road to Lodge

**OR**

From I-75 (3 exits north of I 275) Take the Tylersville exit and go East then turn Left on to Cox Road. Then right on VOA Drive. Left on first drive and follow road to Lodge

The new location room is beautiful; it will accommodate 200 people. It is equipped with built in Audio and Visual conferencing equipment. There is a private patio that overlooks the lake. We will have a cash bar with beer, wine and mixed drinks.

The lake at the park is a stocked 35-acre pay lake. Fishing costs are reasonable. For example, seniors (60+) - Butler County resident for all day is \$5 (\$7 for non-residents). \$2 for residents AND non-residents (regardless of age) after 6:00PM.

**Note: You will NOT need a park pass for the meeting – Tell the attendant at the Gate that you are with BUFF.**

**Next Meeting is Wed. November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Social time begins at 6:00  
Dinner is at 6:45**

**Come early because traffic may be an issue.  
Come early to enjoy the surroundings.**

**Reservations are more important than ever. Please make your reservation NOW for dinner and plan on joining us at our first meeting at this absolutely incredible location.**

# **A TRIP TO SUNNYBROOK**

**George Fraley**

At the invitation of Ken Dixon, thirteen brave souls journeyed to the Sunnybrook Trout Club near Sandusky, Ohio on the weekend of September 30 – October 2. (Ken himself made number 14 in our group.) Ken had arranged a wonderful Friday of rain and high wind to greet our arrival. After a brief orientation, it was time to suit up into rain gear, rig a fly rod and cast to the waters. Several of the lightweight participants were also seen chaining their ankles to trees to avoid being carried away by the wind. Conditions improved a bit on Saturday, with less rain and the fishing still productive.

In spite of the conditions and somewhat muddy waters, fish were being caught and fun was being had. Reports of brookies, rainbow and browns were shared at meal times. Charlie Montgomery had perhaps the largest hookup...a brown estimated at 24 inches or better; but just as the net was being brought out, the fish broke off. It is hard to recall just who had the most fish to hand, but Randy Clark, Jeff McElravy and George Hupp all seemed to have pretty good results. Fritz Backscheider, Gary and Gloria Begley and Bill and Donna Schroeder also reported good results. Tom Scheer worked much of Friday with dry flies since even in the murky waters, the fish were rising. He noted that size 24 hooks seemed to get the best results. Lee Chambers and Bill Schobel also displayed their catching abilities.

On Friday evening, Glenn Weisner from the Glenn River Fly Company led an informal tying session and then, with Wayne Samson, a formal session on Saturday. We learned a number of new flies and had a chance to test them out on Sunday. After the Saturday tying session, Randy Clark and I ventured out to do some “mousing” (is mousing a word?). We couldn’t persuade the large browns to take the mouse flies and it led me to wonder whether we could have used some kind of wind-up mouse to troll the waters while we slept. In any event, we finally turned in around midnight having caught some fish, tied some flies, and eaten well.

As is the norm at Sunnybrook, the facility is very nice, the hospitality is outstanding and the food much to our liking. This is a trip well worth taking should you have the opportunity. The weather didn’t really slow us down and fish were being caught.

## **Knot Tying Class January 24, 2012**

A knot tying class is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2012. The class will be held at the Springdale Community Center from 6:30 until 8:30 PM. Lou Haynes will be in charge of the instructions. All essential knots (approximately 13) needed to rig your system from the reel arbor to a dropper fly on the other end will be taught. The class will be limited to about 25 participants due to room space. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting and each meeting thereafter until the class is held. Alternatively, you can call me, Bob Weckman, at (513) 825-5954.

*There is so much to observe in a stream that is difficult to stay focused while fishing.*

A bird you will seldom find anywhere except along a stream is the Belted Kingfisher. They cruise just above the surface looking for prey. When it spots a minnow, crayfish or frog, it will dive, grab it in its large bill, and return to its perch. There it will pound it against something until there is no longer any movement, then swallow it. These birds are about 13 inches in height, with a large head and bill. It looks like a Blue Jay, only sturdier. The head and back are blue, and a blue band runs across the breast, hence the name "belted". Unique among other birds, the female is more brightly colored than the male. While most Kingfishers in our area migrate south in the winter, there are a few males who will remain throughout the year. The nest of the Kingfisher is dug into the side of a steep bank, usually close to the river. The male and female take turns digging, which can take up to a week. When completed, the tunnel is about six inches in diameter, six feet long, and ends in a nearly spherical chamber. The female lays five to eight eggs that both adults will incubate, and feed them when they hatch in about 30 days. After a few weeks the young begin to care for themselves and soon the parents will teach them to fish by dropping dead prey into the water. When they are proficient enough to catch their own meal, the parents fly off, and although monogamous, they live separate lives until the next mating season.

Steve Lilly



Jon Kennard suggested this piece. He remarked that quite a few kingfishers were seen during the recent Little Miami River clean-up float trip.

If anyone has an idea for a future article, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at [sjlilly@fuse.net](mailto:sjlilly@fuse.net) or Jon Kennard at [jonkennard@fuse.net](mailto:jonkennard@fuse.net)

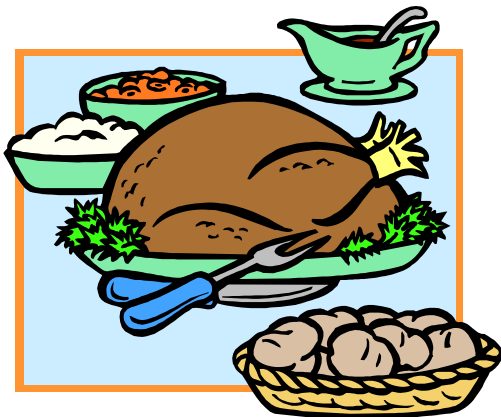
## **Elk Springs, WV Spring Trip**

Space is available for the Elk Springs, WV BUFF trip May 17 to 20, 2012. If you are interested in going or need further information contact Lee Chambers at 513-522-6174 or by email at [leeandsue@aol.com](mailto:leeandsue@aol.com).

# BUFF 2011 Calendar



*Please note that this calendar is only current as of the latest Buffer, and is accurate based on inputs from BUFF oprs. Efforts are made to ensure accuracy, but be sure to verify dates and times of those events that interest you. Ed.*



## November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Nov 1 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 4 – 6 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Nov 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm VA
- Nov 15 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 22 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 29 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

## December 2011

- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 6 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 13 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

## November Menu

### Dinner Menu

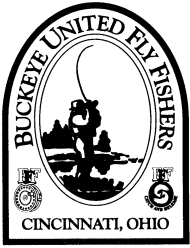
Oven Roasted Turkey Breast  
Cornbread Stuffing  
Maple Glazed Ham  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Seasoned Green Beans  
Fresh Baked Rolls And Butter

### Dessert

Fresh Pumpkin Pie and Apple Pie  
Accompanied by whipped cream

## 2011 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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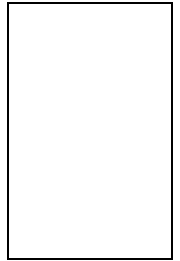


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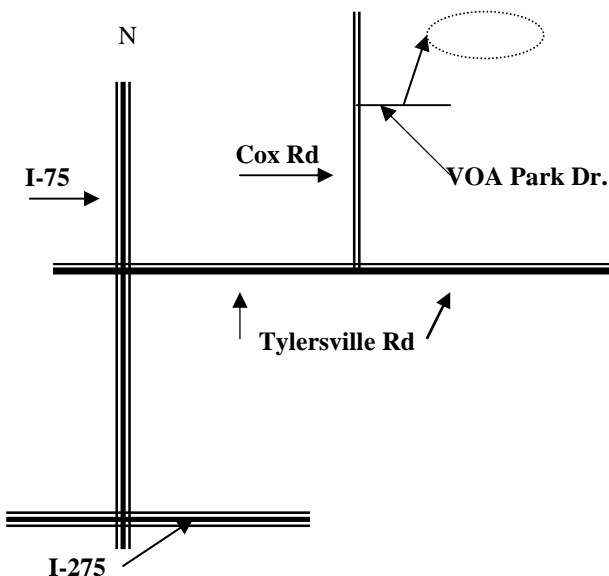
**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**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 9

CALL 513 683 0286 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 MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$15/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!



#### 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.