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## Notes from the President

Ken Dixon ([krgjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krgjdix@outlook.com))

In a couple of months we will be holding our annual election of officers and directors. If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors, please let me know.

Committee activities are cranking up on our two largest events which will be held next year. The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show will be held on Feb. 7, 2015 at the Oasis Conference Center. Booth sales are moving along well, presenters are being identified and the Committee is getting ready to shift into high gear in its preparations. The 2015 B.U.F.F. Banquet will be on April 11, 2015, and the Committee is busy planning details of the event. Both of these events require significant volunteers to be successful. Please step forward and help. To volunteer for the Fly Show, contact Bob Gustafson or Bob Miller. To volunteer for the Banquet, contact Bryan Tudor.

For those into fly tying, I want to make you aware of a new program by the Tying Group of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. It is their Fly Tying Skills Award Program. Briefly, the goal of the program is to encourage IFFF members to develop and improve their tying skills at their own pace and to recognize the proficiency of the tier. The program has three levels of awards; Bronze, Silver and Gold. At this time, only the Bronze Award Level is fully developed. The program recognizes there are many ways to tie a fly, so they will be judging the flies submitted on the following; was the fly recipe followed, is the fly strong and durable, were proper proportions followed, and were acceptable materials used in construction of the fly. If interested, check out this program on the IFFF website under Tying. To participate in this program you must be a member of the IFFF Fly Tying Group. As I get more information on this program, I will pass it along.

The November meeting program looks to be very interesting. Check out details later in this issue of the BUFFER or on the BUFF website. I hope to see you there. When you sign up for the November meeting, you will see a new meal option. Just above the enrollment section on the registration page, you will see a new item to indicate your meal choice:

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**NEW MEAL OPTIONS** - Register individually if you request a special meal

Regular    Low Fat    Gluten Free    Vegetarian

While most of us enjoy the regular meal options, there are those who need or prefer a healthier meal alternative. In addition to our regular meal menu, At Your Service, our caterer, will now offer options for a low fat meal, a gluten free meal and a vegetarian meal. When you get ready to register and if you want

something other than the regular meal, select the alternatives desired and then continue to register as normal. When your table is called to the serving table, let the staff know you have a special meal option and give them your name. Your pre-plated meal will be brought out from the kitchen. Please note these special meal options are only available through pre-registration. No extra meals will be available at the meeting. Also, our caterer has asked that if anyone has any comments about the meals or service, good or bad, please pass them along to their staff at the meeting. This type of feedback is valued and desired so they can continue to provide BUFF with the service we want.

At the November meeting, we will have a final auction of items from Bill Fisher's Estate. The items are:

- 1 – Cabela's Drake 2 Fly Reel (5 – 6 wt.)
- 1 – Cabela's Drake 1 Fly Reel (3 – 4 wt.)
- 1 – Wright & McGill Granger Bamboo Fly Rod, 3 pc with an extra (repaired) tip
- 1 – St. Croix 2 Piece Legend Series 9', 3 / 4 wt., 2 piece graphite fly rod in a tube

All these items will be offered by silent auction. Payments may be made by credit card or cash.

Although the weather is cooling down, there are still plenty of fishing opportunities out there. Enjoy and be safe.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

## Volunteering for Buff activities

Sue Jones ([jonesm@miamioh.edu](mailto:jonesm@miamioh.edu))

The BUFF Board of Directors has established an ad hoc committee to discuss ways of increasing the number of BUFF members who volunteer to help with various BUFF activities. Although we have many trips to help our members find different places to go and use fly fishing strategies for a variety of fish, we are also, as an organization, charged with promoting education and conservation activities in our sport. In order to do this, members are frequently asked to volunteer to help.

Opportunities to volunteer this past year have included Parky's Farm, Great Outdoor Weekend, Casting for Recovery, Voice of America Regatta, Project Healing Waters, school outdoor education classes, scouts, fly tying lessons, casting lessons, trips to fishing waters to catch fish and practice skills, conservation activities and others. The leaders of these activities frequently find themselves on the phone or email trying to get enough volunteers.

As a first time volunteer at Parky's and Voice of America Regatta this year, I was a little intimidated. I am not a great fly caster or fisher-person but thought I needed to help. What I learned was I did not need to be an expert to help children catch fish. They have such a good time, and it is fun just watching their expressions as they catch even the littlest fish. I was really nervous volunteering to help teach casting at the Regatta. Quickly I learned that the four basic parts of the cast were all I needed to know. No one cared if I hit the target with my cast; what was important was that participants felt they had been successful when their lines didn't get tangled up and the yarn "fly" came somewhat close. I guess what I am saying is, if you have fished at all, you can be a successful volunteer in those type of activities.

If you can tie a wooly bugger or a foam bug, you can volunteer to help with public education fly tying events.

Reluctance to volunteer if a person doesn't feel "expert enough" is natural. To help alleviate that, we plan to offer brief seminars in the coming year for potential volunteers to demonstrate what we do for our primary public education events – fly casting and fly tying. These seminars will in no way compete with - or substitute for - BUFF membership classes such as fly casting, fly tying, or fly fishing 101. They will, however, demonstrate how we introduce those activities to the public. We think this should encourage BUFF members to volunteer with confidence after a session with a BUFF mentor.

In order for us to meet our goals promoting education and conservation by teaching new people of the joys of fishing with a fly rod, we need a little bit of time from all BUFF members. Information on specific volunteer opportunities will be provided at upcoming BUFF meetings and in club publications from the event leadership teams. Current efforts where help is needed include the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show and the annual banquet. These are one-time events each year that require large numbers of volunteers in lots of different capacities. Registration, set up, take down, and locating prizes and vendors are all done by volunteers. Why not offer your help for one of them now? For information about what kind of help is needed and what you can do, contact Bob Miller ([bob.miller@alta-gila.com](mailto:bob.miller@alta-gila.com), 378-6904) or Bob Gustafson ([j.r.gustafson@att.net](mailto:j.r.gustafson@att.net), 683-0286) for the fly show; and Bryan Tudor ([bryan.tudor@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan.tudor@yahoo.com), 827-5437) or Tom Smith ([tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com), 518-2123) for the banquet.

## Saugeye

Steve Lilly ([sjlilly@fuse.net](mailto:sjlilly@fuse.net))

The saugeye fingerlings not only survive better in a reservoir than walleye but they grow faster and are more easily caught.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources



Sauger are usually found in rivers while the walleye prefer a lake, by artificially mating a male sauger with a female walleye the hybrid saugeye is produced. The Ohio DNR began stocking them in reservoirs throughout the state after having failed to successfully stock the reservoirs with walleye. They soon became popular among Ohio's anglers, one saugeye taken from the Alum Creek Reservoir near Columbus weighed 12.8 lbs. They don't interfere with any of the resident fish population except for their favorite prey the native and annoyingly abundant gizzard shad. Surprisingly not all saugeye come from hatcheries, they can occur

naturally when both walleye and sauger occupy the same body of water. For example, the Illinois River has never been stocked however a few saugeye are found there along with their cousins the walleye and sauger. Being a hybrid they should be sterile but some saugeye are able to breed back with a walleye or a sauger, and some can even successfully breed with another saugeye. Because all this cross-breeding has the potential to create some kind of mutant monster that may take over a reservoir the state won't stock saugeye where there is a population of walleye.

## Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Preview

Bob Gustafson ([j.r.gustafson@att.net](mailto:j.r.gustafson@att.net))

Buckeye United Fly Fishers will host the annual Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, February 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, OH. Check the BUFF website for directions and the latest show information. Admission is still just \$10 (kids 12 & under & scouts in uniform free) for what has become the premier fly fishing show in the area.

Headlining the show will be **Tom Rosenbauer**, host of the Orvis Fly Fishing Podcasts, fishing school instructor, and editor of *The Orvis News* for 10 years. He is currently Marketing Director for Orvis Rod and Tackle. Tom has been a fly fisher for over 35 years, and was a commercial fly tier by age 14. He has fished extensively across North America and has also fished on Christmas Island, the Bahamas, in Kamchatka, and on the fabled English chalk streams. He is credited with bringing Bead-Head flies to North America, and is the inventor of the Big Eye hook, Magnetic Net Retriever, and tungsten beads for fly tying.



2014 Fly Fishing Show Casting Pond

Additional top-flight speakers scheduled for the show

- Dane Law – Southeastern Anglers
- Glenn Weisner – Glenn River Fly Co.
- Kevin Morlock – Indigo Guide Service
- Mike Schmidt – Anglers Choice Flies
- Steve Vorkapich – Float Master Products
- Dave Leonhard – Orvis Streamside
- and many more!

Show features:

- Over 21,000 sq. ft. of exhibition, demonstration, and presentation space
- Something for all fly fishers - from beginner to advanced
- Over 50 exhibitors - vendors, fly tiers, DNR booths, and others
- Educational fly fishing speakers
- Casting Pond - casting instructions and/or try out a new rod from one of the vendors
- Fly tying demonstrations with a special kids tying area
- Kids area for painting fish designs on bandanas and lots of other activities
- Fishing guides and fishing lodge representatives
- Canoes, kayaks, pontoons, and other watercraft
- Raffles (rods, and big screen HDTV) and door prizes
- Snack bar - sandwiches and drinks

Presales of rod raffle tickets will start at the November BUFF meeting.

So mark your calendars now for the 2015 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, Feb 7, 2015!

## Membership

Tom Agin ([agin6@fuse.net](mailto:agin6@fuse.net))

It's that time of year, time to renew your BUFF membership for 2015. Member dues cover from January 1st of each year to December 31st. Dues need to be paid by January 1, 2015. Single memberships are still \$25.00/year and Family memberships are still \$30.00/year. There are a couple of ways you can pay your dues: Pay at the monthly dinner meeting or send your payment in the mail. If you are sending it in the mail the address is P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. Please make checks payable to BUFF.

Several of you have already paid your dues thru 2015. For these people I will be sending out an email letting you know that your 2015 dues have already been paid.

# Nov. Meeting Program – Striped Bass Fishing in the Little Miami

Pete Moore ([sharonandpetem@outlook.com](mailto:sharonandpetem@outlook.com))

## Speaker - Louis Seta

Louis grew up in Cincinnati. During the last four years, he has been working part time for Delamere and Hopkins Outfitters in Hyde Park. He is majoring in finance and marketing at University of Cincinnati.

He is a fishing guide on the Brookville lake tail waters, Little Miami River, the White Water River in Indiana and once or twice a year at Andros Island in the Bahamas fishing for bone fish. He teaches fly tying and was married this past spring.

Louis will talk about fly fishing for bass with a strong emphasis hybrid striped bass. He will present his suggestions for the best flies and gear. He will review and explain the best water conditions for catching bass in our area of the country.

## November Meeting Dinner Menu

Tom Smith ([tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com))

### Thanksgiving Dinner

- Oven Roasted Turkey
- accompanied by Giblet Gravy
- Homemade Dressing
- Creamy Mashed Potatoes
- Buttery Sweet Potatoes
- Green Bean Casserole
- Fresh Rolls and Butter

### Dessert

- Pumpkin Pies



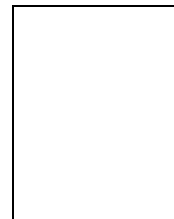
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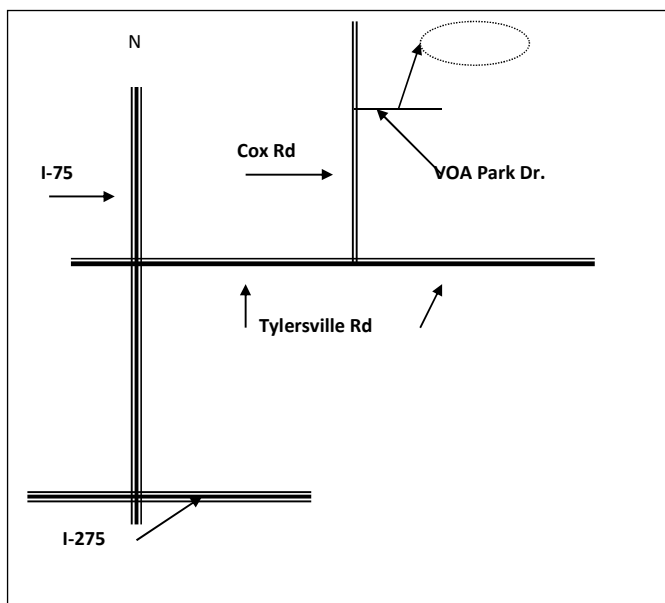
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 ( Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

### Next Monthly Meeting – Nov. 12, 2014

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month through the Sunday evening before the monthly meeting!



#### Directions:

**From I-75 --** Follow 1-75 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.