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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Hope all of you in BUFFERland had a great summer and some good fishing to boot. Farm pond fishing for bluegill and bass has been kind to me this summer with a few really nice ones landed. Smallmouth fishing on Todd's Fork near Morrow has been decent with most fish between 5 and 10 inches and a few in the 14 inch range. October is a great time to fish the local ponds and streams, so make some time, grab a buddy and get going!

I went "site" fishing for carp with Bob Gray a few days ago and had a terrific time. Bob took me to the upper end of Brookville Lake where we cruised around with an electric motor looking for surface feeding carp. We saw many once the surface temperature of the water warmed up (I'd guess we saw about 50) and caught 15 or so between us. The fish ranged between 3 and 8 pounds and were an absolutely beautiful gold-bronze color with small black marks on the scales. I believe I could get hooked on this type of fishing.

Joe Panfalone has asked to be replaced as webmaster due to family concerns. Mark Johnson has kindly taken on the responsibility. Direct any questions regarding the website to Mark. His contact information is listed on the back page of the BUFFER.

The beginners fly tying class starts October 5th at the Springdale Recreation Center and runs for 5 weeks. Contact Ken West (513-726-6253) or Tom Baker (513-697-7342), if interested. Taking this class or attending a few "Tying and Lie" sessions are great ways to get started in this fun area of our sport. Catching your first fish on a fly you tied yourself is a rewarding experience; on the other hand, losing a fly you spent hours tying, (particularly on the first cast) is a different kind of experience you will enjoy (ha!).

Upcoming club fishing opportunities this month include the Smokey Mountain Trout Trip, the Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program at Winton Woods on Fridays, and the Arkansas Trout Trip. Check the club calendar for details and take advantage of these fishing opportunities if you can.

October Meeting Program

"FISH ALASKA!" Head guide Capt. Kevin P. Bonasera will give the BUFF October program focusing on Alaska travel, fish species, seasons, tactics, wildlife viewing. He will also provide an introduction to Alaska Adventure Lodges on the wild and scenic Alagnak R., the Brooks Range, and Kodiak Island, and for fall steelhead and silver salmon on the Karluk River. Web site: www.alaska-adventures.net

Intermediate Casting Class – “Don’t Leave Home Without It!”

Bob Rohrbach

You can have perfect fishing conditions, know how to read the water, have a \$600 rod, a \$200 reel, a \$60 fly line, the correct knot free/kink free leader, the right knots, have the perfect fly selected for the conditions, and have sighted a huge feeding brownie, but.....if you can't get that fly to the fish it's all for naught. Casting is at the very heart of fly fishing. From what I've read, the better your cast the more effective you'll be. You'll not only be more effective but you'll be a whole lot less frustrated. If you want frustration - be a golfer, if you want to be a happy fly fisher - learn how to cast better! How does one become a better fly caster? Read on.

You could read casting books, you could view casting videos, you could ask somebody else you know who is a slightly better caster than you, or you could trade in your fly rod for a spin casting rig. Here in B.U.F.F., fortunately we have other alternatives. If you are completely new to fly fishing, take the club's Basic Casting Class. This will get you on the water and catching a few fish (if you have a few of the other basics in place i.e. you can find a fish and you can figure out what it's hungry for).

Having this basic level of casting skill will probably also make you really interested in going up to the next level of casting competence. If you can cast 25 feet with a tight loop, if you can cast consistently to 35 or 40 feet, if you consider yourself beyond the beginner casting stage, if you are committed to improving your cast through daily practice and attending 15 hours of formal training spread over five 3 hour Sunday afternoon sessions, and pay a \$40 fee to cover class expenses (class notes, notebook, Joan Wulff's Fly Casting Techniques book, etc.) you too can take the B.U.F.F. Intermediate Casting Class.

The 2006 Intermediate Casting Class ended on September 24th. I was fortunate to be one of this year's attendees along with 10 other B.U.F.F. members. The fly fishing experience of the class varied from less than 2 years to over 25 years, yet I think I speak for everyone in the class by saying this was a fantastic learning experience for us all. We all demonstrated clear improvement in our casting abilities. But even beyond seeing the actual results of our casting improvement, we learned the theory and tools necessary to analyze our casts and figure out what we need to do to continue to improve. This class gave us the knowledge and drills to improve to whatever level we want. Class member David Stockton qualified as a B.U.F.F. Casting Instructor. The rest of the class has the capability of qualifying as well - it's just going to take us some more practice. For those who truly want to hone their skills, this training gives you what you need to practice your way beyond being a B.U.F.F. Casting Instructor to becoming a nationally certified Federation of Fly Fishers Casting Instructor. In fact, two of the class's instructors - Gary Begley and Dave Uckotter are FFF Certified Instructors!

We learned the four parts of the cast and the five key principles of fly casting. We used this foundation to learn how to: hit within a 30 inch target at 20', 30' and 45'; make a 75' cast; make single haul and double haul casts; make roll casts, reach casts, pile casts; make horizontal (side arm) and over the shoulder casts; make casts into a wind and with a wind at your back; make tight loops and open loops; make slow, medium and fast casts; and shoot line.

Our entire class appreciated the expertise, time and support the Instructor team provided. The thing that sets this training apart is that you have casting experts helping you every step of the way toward becoming a better caster. Thanks again to all our Instructors - Gary Begley, Dirk Commandeur, Lou Haynes, Patti Howell, Jim LeBlond, Don Prince, Tom Scheer, Dave Uckotter, and Steve Walker.

If you have any questions about the club's Intermediate Casting Class ask one of the Instructors listed above or one of this year's class members - Larry Becker, Tom Dunham, Ben Fields, Lloyd Fields, Jim Neckers, Bob Rohrbach, David Stockton, Andy Sutthoff, George Sutthoff, Jim Terlinden and Jeff Terlinden.

If you really want to become a better fly caster, take this class, then practice, practice, practice!

2006 Fall Salmon Trip

Bob Mackey

Once again we traveled north to one of the most luxurious lodges our Club has ever experienced...Barothy Lodge, Wahalia, Michigan.

We were told the weather was cooperating and the fish were in...big time. Many of us stopped at Baldwin Bait and Tackle to confirm this and to purchase that last minute fly that would help us catch the salmon of our dreams. Yes, it was true, the fish were in I believe everyone at least hooked up and most landed a fish or two. We can't wait to share our stories and to show some pictures

Not only did we catch fish, but many of our first timers came in with some big fish that had us telling stories all week long. Thanks to those who helped bring some of those dreams to reality. I think my favorite fish story is Terri Mackey hooking and landing a 38 inch 21 pounder while a few of us boys watched in amazement at her endurance and determination to land this salmon. She did an excellent job in bringing the fish in so that Roger Corrado could net this big female, take pictures, and release her back to lay a few more eggs.

Joe Guenther accommodated thirty of us this year and thanks to his experience with Barothy treated us not only to great lodging but again to three huge dinners on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. We all had too much to eat -- as always. The deserts were awesome! Thanks Joe

This year we had weather conditions that were near perfect...cloudy skies, rain, cool weather and a few blue skies every once in awhile. These conditions provided fish throughout the week, both from a visibility and quantity standpoint. We both sight fished, and hit the deeper holes with success. No lack of fish this year.

We rented canoes, hired guides, told stories, tied flies, took pictures and shared time together. It was a wonderful week that all of us will remember. Next year will be here before we know it so start thinking about joining us in 2007.

Keep checking the website for pictures and comments about the trip. They are inspiring!

BUFF Local Outings on the Great Miami River

Joseph D. Cornwall

<http://www.flyfishohio.com>

Here is the schedule for the last local trip to a section of the Great Miami River. Due to the popularity of the event last year on the Stillwater River, where we had 31 participants (!), I will be limiting these events to the first 12 people to sign up. This will make logistics much easier to handle. Here is the remaining trip and date:

Saturday, October 28, Ohio River

We will end the season on the big water with an outing to the Meldahl Locks and Dam. This is wading and shore fishing ONLY unless you've got a really big boat! Get your double-haul in order, we will be chasing white bass, stripers and hybrids in a spectacular setting. This is an early trip, prepare to be there at sunrise!

All trips are subject to change due to local river and weather conditions! I will post updates on the BUFF message board as we near the date.

Fall Is Trout Time!

Jon Kennard

Just imagine it..... three carefree, fun filled days of fishing in North Carolina for the illusive rainbow, brook, and brown trout in the crystal clear water, under bright blue skies, while experiencing the crisp days of Fall. These are the stuff that dreams are made of.!

On the last weekend of September, Bob Goldsberry and I packed up our rods, and reels, flies, waders, wading staff, wading boots, nets, vests, changes of clothing, snacks, bottles of water – you get the idea—everything that we owned having to do with fishing,... and , oh yes,...rain gear (just in case), and headed south to Bryson City, NC. You see, Bob had purchased a float trip and lodging which had been donated for the last BUFF banquet, and needed a fishing partner – so I got lucky!! All I had to provide was the gas and the car – (I was getting real nervous when gas prices topped \$3.00!), and I also agreed to buy the food during the trip. (After all, how many Krystal burgers could Bob eat, anyway?)

We left Cincinnati on a sunny Sunday afternoon, and by the time we passed Gatlinburg, TN, the clouds were thick and as we topped the pass at Clingman’s Dome in the Smoky Mountain National Park, it was raining “cats and dogs”, or rather “elephants and zebras”! Even the little park streams were rushing torrents – Maybe, we had picked the wrong time to head south! Our destination, Bryson City and Deep Creek Campground, was a welcome sight – even though Deep Creek and the Tuckasegee River were both running high and coffee colored (not unlike the Little Miami River back home!!) Undaunted, we set up camp in our cozy Deep creek Campground cabin – the Tuckasegee – with all the comforts of home. (hot and cold running water, inside shower, gas stove, refrigerator, two good queen size beds, and even a powerful heater. Bob especially liked the rocking chairs on the porch!).

We contacted a friend, and former NKFFer, Ed Heeg who spends the better part of his life fishing in the creeks and rivers in the park and surrounding areas. He was only too happy to have company to fish with, and on Monday, we drove back into “the Park”, and fished some of the smaller streams (still high, but clear when compared the larger rivers). We managed to catch several beautiful rainbow and brook trout, and declared the day a success! We sure did appreciate those soft beds that night back at the Deep Creek Campground!

On Tuesday we were set to float a larger river, and, in spite of the muddy Tuckasegee we were confident that our guide, that good friend to BUFF, Roger Lowe, would be able to put us on some “good water”. Roger said that we were going to float the Nantahala River, which was not affected by the heavy rains due to it being a tailwater out of Nantahala Lake. I knew all about the “delayed harvest” section on the Nantahala, but had never fished the main river, so this was going to be a new experience.

We started our float at the launch site just below the power plant at the delayed harvest section. Roger started us wading and fishing while he brought the raft thru some class II water just below the put-in point. By the time he arrived to pick us up, we were both into rainbows....sign of a good day to come!

The morning fishing produced several beauties – but the action was not too fast and furious... yet. After a lunch (under Roger’s favorite bridge – complete with red checkered tablecloth and sandwiches that would have fed an army), we decided to try our luck with top water – with blue winged olives (size 16, and smaller). Soon we noticed an increasing hatch of blue winged olives,and a frantic feeding frenzy of hundreds, yes, hundreds of feeding trout. The hatch continued through the afternoon, and lasted until we took out near the Nantahala Outdoor Center late that afternoon., and we DID CATCH FISH!

Even if we had not caught fish, I would have learned a whole host of things just by watching Roger Lowe. From reading the water to boat control (Several times Roger actually got out and pulled the raft upstream to let us repeat especially good drifts); from tying knots, to fly selection; from proper weight use and placement to new ways of making float indicators; from supporting unsteady wading fishermen (me) to untying tangles (both Bob and mine), and especially by showing us what a professional guide should be like, we had an extraordinary time. Thanks Roger for a memorable day.

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You, too, can experience the fun of a special fishing trip. There are many donated trips at every BUFF banquet, and even if you aren't lucky enough to purchase one, (or have a good friend who just happens to need a partner!), you can participate in the BUFF trips, or even arrange a trip on your own that will fit your special needs and finances. I would recommend Deep Creek Campground and Roger Lowe Guide Service as a darn good place to start!

Deep Creek Tube Center and Campground - www.deepcreekcamping.com

Rogeer Lowe Fly Shop & Outfitters – www.loweflyshop.com



NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

A proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the by-laws will be submitted to the membership for approval at the regular meeting to be held on November 8, 2006. Article VIII, Section 1 currently reads:

“The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin on May 1st and end on April 30th of the following calendar year.”

The proposed amendment will read:

“The fiscal year of the Organization shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.”

Rationale: The proposed change will allow for a better matching of revenue and expenses within the fiscal year. Given that more than 50% of the revenues each year derive from the banquet, the change will put the board in position to know the results of the banquet income by the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year rather than having to wait until the fourth quarter to know for certain what the revenue for the year will be. This should aid the budgeting process and will allow for changes to be made in the budget as needed based on the banquet results. The change to a calendar year will also present a clearer picture of operations for IRS reporting purposes required for not for profit organizations.

2006 BUFF Calendar

October

Oct 5 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 5 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling
 Oct 5-8 **Rockwell Springs Trip**
 Oct 6 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Oct 10-12 **Roger Lowe NC Trip**
 Oct 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Raffel's on Reading Rd.
 Social hour 6 pm
 Oct 12 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 13 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
 Oct 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
 Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH Members welcome
 Oct 19 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 19 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling
 Oct 28 **Day Trip** -Meldhal Locks and Dam
 Oct 26 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7-9 pm
 Oct 29-Nov 4 **Arkansas Little Red & White Rivers Trip**

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 Galbrth Rd., Dillonvale, OH 45236
 (It is located in the Dillonvale IGA strip mall)



2006 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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October Menu

NEW PRICE \$11.00

Baked Cod w/Crab Topping

Hot Sliced Roast Beef in Gravy

Twice Baked Potatoes

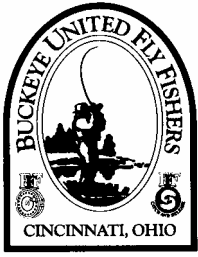
Seasoned Green Beans w/Onions, Tomatoes,
and Ham

Tossed Salad w/Dressings

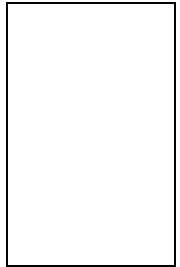
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Assorted Fruit Pies





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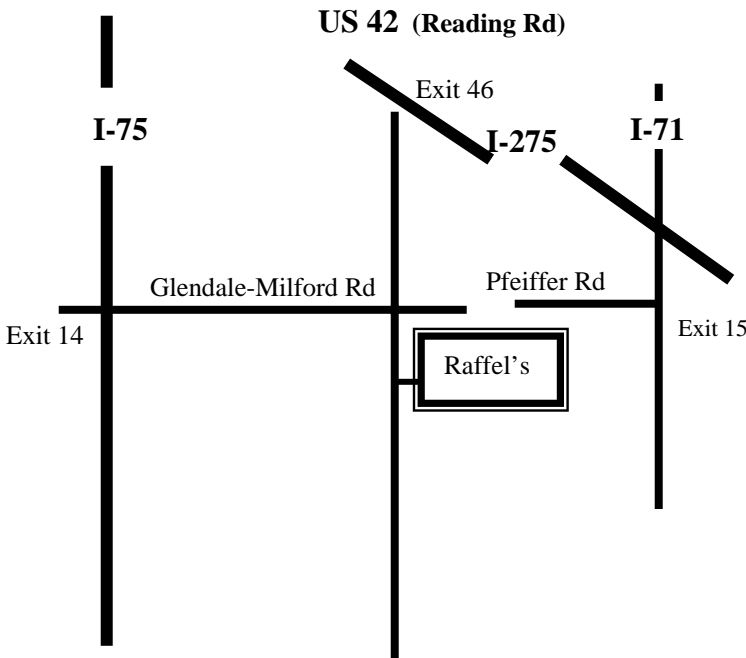
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday –October 11

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)



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.