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The President's Notes

Roger Corrado

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Have you been fishing? At the last dinner meeting many people raised their hands indicating that they had and have been catching fish. I think the cooler weather should help all of us catch more fish. Farm ponds and our local rivers should really start improving as the fish start feeding more as they get ready for winter. "Winter" what a terrible thing. As I get older I like winter less and less – guess we all better get out while the weather is still nice.

Speaking of fishing, you don't have much time left to win the annual "Roger Corrado Billy Bass" award for catching the largest largemouth bass using a fly rod and fly at Parky's farm. Come out and help the kids catch their first fish and get in the running for the award. Dates in October are 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th. The award will be presented at the November meeting. We help the kids from 10am till 2pm and can fish ourselves either before or after the kids get to fish. === See you there!!!!

Two other alternatives for fishing are the Club trips in October and November. The first is the Smokey mountain trout trip in North Carolina where they will be fishing mountain trout streams for brook, rainbow, and browns – October 8th through the 12th. The second trip is our Northern Ohio steelhead trip where you have the chance of catching some BIG fish. Ohio has some great fishing on the Lake Erie tributaries. Tom Herr is running the trip in November – 18th through the 21st. They are staying at the Pine Lake Trout Club where you can fish in their trout lake and/or stream if the steelhead aren't cooperating. This trip typically fills up but that shouldn't keep you from going as there are plenty of rooms available at local motels and a lot of streams to fish. Ask Tom for some hotel/motel recommendations if the Pine Lake cabins are taken.

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BUFF October 2010 Program

Guest Presenter - George Douglas

George Douglas is Publisher of Kype Fishing Magazine and will be discussing techniques, showing footage from of his DVDs and reviewing some of the chapters and principals of his new book, "Fish Like A Guide".

Also, speaking of fishing, we are beginning to plan for next year and are looking for new fishing trip ideas and places to go. This includes local day trips and any outside our area. One of our problems is we would like some of you, who have personal knowledge of a place or area, to step forward and not only suggest where to go, but to volunteer to lead the trips. Leading trips are not really that hard. Leading trips is really not that hard as we have many people looking to go and I am sure it wouldn't be hard to get help with the planning and making arrangements. Let us (Board Members) know what you have in mind. But keep in mind you don't have to lead a trip even if you suggest it – we are looking for ideas to make our Club more vibrant.

The Board would also like feedback on the current Club trips. We would like to make them better and can only do that by knowing what makes them good or bad. Please email me any suggestions for improvement – please be specific and identify the trip. All suggestions will be considered confidential. (My email is above.)

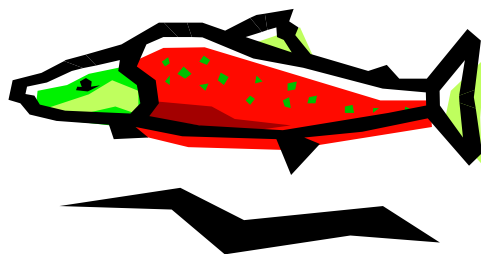
I would also like any suggestions for pre-dinner meeting activities you would like to see/have. Some we have had in the past include: knot tying, knife sharpening, fly tying demos, equipment discussions and etc. These should be about ½ hour long and run from 6 to 6:30pm. If you can teach them so much the better, but you don't have to.

Check the calendar in the BUFFER for the beginner fly tying class schedule.

Catch some fish,
Roger

Additional information about our guest speaker -- George Douglas

George Douglas is Publisher of Kype Fishing Magazine, author of 6 books and producer of 6 DVDs. featuring the best salmon, trout and steelhead fishing on the continent. George is currently guiding here in Ohio and has a film out on the Grand River. He was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 2010, as one of forty-eight legendary communicators in the sport of freshwater fishing.



BUFF Notes From All Over!

BUFF MEMBERS DUES FOR 2011

It is time to start thinking about renewing your BUFF membership for 2011. Member's dues cover 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:

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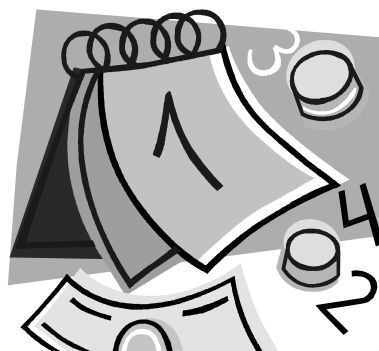
Or pay at the monthly dinner meeting.

Checks or cash will be accepted at the dinner meetings.

Beginning Fly Tying

It's that time of the year – the weather is cooling, fishing will be winding down, and inside projects will soon be taking over our fishing pursuits. This Summer you used up all those flies that you bought at fly shops (or won at the monthly meeting “share the pot” drawings!) and you thought, “I'd really like to learn how to tie my own flies this year”. Now is your chance! The Fall Beginning Fly Tying classes will start on October 19, and continue weekly thru December 7 at the Springdale Recreation Center at 6:30 pm (See dates on the Buff calendar. The November 2 class is tentative due to the election). More info and sign-up will be available at the October BUFF meeting.

BUFF 2010 Calendar



October 2010

- Oct 1 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 7 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Oct 8 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 8-12 **Smoky Mts. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Oct 15 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 15 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Oct 19 **Beginning Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr 6:30 pm
- Oct 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Oct 22 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm
- Oct 29 **Parky's Farm**, 10-2 pm

November 2010

- Nov 2 **Beginning Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr 6:30 pm
- Nov 4 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Nov 9 **Beginning Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr 6:30 pm
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Nov 16 **Beginning Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr 6:30 pm
- Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Nov 18-21 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Chagrin Falls, OH Tom Herr
- Nov 19 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Nov 23 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Nov 23 **Beginning Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr 6:30 pm

December 2010

- Dec 2 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm
- Dec 7 **Beginning Fly Tying** Springdale Rec. Ctr 6:30 pm
- Dec 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Dec 17 **Tie & Lie**, Bass Pro Outdoors, 7-9 pm

October Menu Price \$12

Scheduled to be!

Baked Cod with Crab Topping
Swiss Steak
Au Gratin Potatoes
**Seasoned Green Beans with Onions,
Tomatoes, and Ham**
Tossed Salad with Dressings
Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice of Dessert

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The last major change that I have seen has been in fishing ethics. Thirty years ago we kept everything we caught. A stringer was a regular part of our fishing gear. As I grew with the sport, I came to realize that the fish were too valuable to kill. I would rather release them so that I can return and catch them again. As our rivers get more crowded and fishing pressure increases, this is the only viable strategy to provide a quality fishing experience. I am not the only person with this opinion. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission creel studies prove that there are more anglers per mile fishing in Catch and Release waters than other sections. Years ago, I also fished over spawning trout. I caught some great fish but I came to realize that it was more important for the trout to naturally procreate than to provide me with a little recreation. Others have come to agree with me and the major spawning grounds are now closed during the spawn.

I have seen a lot of change in the last few years and it has been for the better. I have better gear that is much easier to cast, it keeps me more comfortable and I regularly catch quality fish that are the equal of good trout anywhere. Sometimes change is good!

How Has Fly Fishing Changed

John Berry -- FFF Clubwire

I was fishing with a client the other day, when he asked me an intriguing question. How has fly fishing changed since you started? I immediately started going through some of the changes in my head and quickly realized that there had been substantial change. Most of it was positive. I began fly fishing three decades ago and I must admit that I spend most of my time trying to manage change.

The most obvious change to me is that there are a lot more of us. There are more people fly fishing now than when I first started. Back then there were precious few fly fishers. Most of the anglers that you saw were bait fishing. Now it seems like there is parity in the numbers of fly fishers versus bait or lure anglers. A lot of the increase is due to technological advances in fly fishing gear. The advances in fly fishing gear have had a profound effect on the sport by making it easier to do and to make the anglers more comfortable. Another cause is the popularity of the movie, *A River Runs Through It*. I think that you could boost the popularity of Tiddlywinks if you made a movie about it featuring Brad Pitt.

Fly rods have under gone significant change. When I first started fly fishing, my first fly rod was made of fiber glass. It was heavy and had a very soft action. I remember casting a graphite rod for the first time. It was a Sage and it cast like a dream. It was lighter and had a much stiffer action than my fiberglass. I was so impressed that I went out and bought one (my daughter still fishes with it). The rods then were mostly eight footers. The rods now are much longer. Most are nine feet and several are ten feet. The actions are stiffer and they weigh less.

Fly lines have under gone some fundamental change. Years ago they were either level (no taper) or they were double taper with a distinct taper on each end. The level lines were inexpensive but cast poorly. The double tapers were popular because you could use one end until you wore it out and then turn it around and use the other side. Now the most popular lines are weight forward which have a distinct taper and are heavier on the tapered end. The other end is smaller and lighter. This allows the line to be cast further. There are also a variety of specialty lines that did not exist then. We now have sink tips, which have a front sinking section and a floating rear section, this allows us to fish deep and still cast the line easily. We also have bass bug lines designed to cast wind resistant bass flies and nymph lines designed to cast double fly rigs, weight and strike indicators. There are more.

The fly reels used when I first started were basically unchanged since the nineteenth century. They used a simple spring and pawl drag. The big change since then is that most fly reels sold today feature a disc drag system similar to that used in automobile brakes. Reels with disc drags weigh a bit more than spring and pawl drags. The current trend is toward larger arbors which allow you to reel in line more quickly. Larger arbors weigh more than smaller arbors. So, while rods are getting lighter, reels are getting heavier.

One change that we don't think about often has been the improvement in leaders and tippets. Back in the day we made our own leaders. We would take several sections of different sized tippet material and carefully join them with blood knots to produce a tapered shape. The knots had a tendency to grab algae or any trash in the water. We now buy knotless tapered leaders that perform flawlessly. Tippets have gotten much stronger over the years. When I began fishing 4X was four pound test. Now 4X is six or even seven pound test. Then there is fluorocarbon. This stuff is stronger, more abrasion resistant and has a specific gravity greater than water (it is heavier than water and it sinks).

The change in waders has possibly been the greatest change of all. When I began, I used a borrowed pair of rubberized cotton boot foot waders. They were clumsy, bulky and clammy. The first pair that I bought were neoprene. They were the hot new thing at the time and great during the cold months when their insulating properties were appreciated. They were stocking foots with separate boots that were much more comfortable and provided significant ankle support. However when the summer came, they were stifling. The new style breathable waders are the perfect waders for our area. They are lighter in weight and breathe making them much cooler in summer. In the winter we wear a pair of fleece pants and we are quite comfortable.

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Ireland--A novice learns the single-spey

Bob Wilson

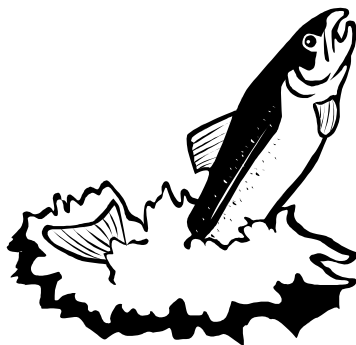
I have just returned from Ireland where I had the thrill of fishing with Philip Maher (www.fishhunt.ie), an Irish "Ghillie" of some renown. In Ireland, a river's fishing rights are for sale. As a professional guide, Philip owns fishing rights to various stretches of waters which abound in brown trout and salmon.

So there I was, up to my hips in the rushing waters of the River Sure, with what felt like gale force winds blowing upstream. Philip stripped out all the flyline plus about two foot of backing, let it float downstream, put his 15-foot, 10-weight, double-handed flyrod in my hands, and said, "Let's learn to do the single spey cast!"

He directed me to lift the line off the water with the tip of the rod, sweep the line backwards just above the water creating the "D-loop", and while making one continuous motion with the rod tip, complete the cast by firing the line forward with a sharp two-handed "push-pull" motion abruptly stopping the rod tip at the end of the cast. Misfired cast after misfired cast I heard him say: "LIFT...SWEEP...UP...PAINT-THE-CEILING...STOP!" Misfired cast after misfired cast I felt myself getting parts of the motion. Then, the magic happened. I lifted...I swept...I painted the ceiling...I hit the brakes...and whoosh. Forty feet of flyline shot out toward the targeted fishing lane. From then on, most of my casts looked reasonably competent and the bird's nests that marked my earlier efforts became less and less frequent. I was spey casting. I was thrilled.

Unfortunately, as Sir Walter Raleigh might have observed about my timing for this trip, "I fear you have failed to angle in the biting time." Irish Salmon fishing is at its best during the last week of August and on into September, getting better and better as the days progress. I was week or two early. Mid-afternoon, I hooked one fish, most likely a sixteen pounder, who played like a freight train and headed purposefully for the tree lined bank. I strove to steer him out of the foliage and in my excitement I committed the cardinal sin of fish landing—I dropped my rod tip. It was only after he jumped the hook, shook his tail, and submarined to safety that I remembered we were fishing barbless hooks. Oh well, that's fishing.

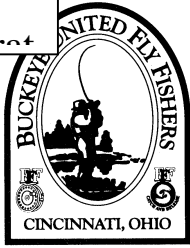
Still, it was a wonderful day. What is not to like about standing in a wide, rushing river, across the stream from a field dotted with browsing cattle and a 1000 year old castle. I learned a new fishing skill. I listened to the stories of an Irish "Ghillie." And I can bear witness: Johnny Cash was right. The Irish landscape has "forty shades of green."



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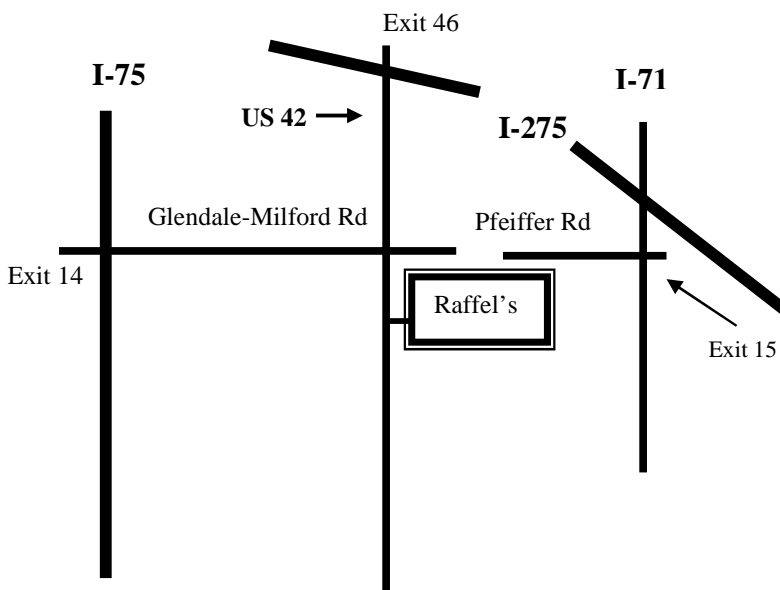
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday October 13

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