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The President's Notes

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As of this writing, we have not reached an agreement with Raffel's for the next year. We are continuing to talk to them but as of this time, they want more than what I believe we are willing to pay. Please check with our Web site for current information as the Board decides what we will do.

I am happy to say that we have had some members agree to serve on the banquet committee. To help fit interests and skills to the tasks required, Jim Boude has agreed to put together an organization chart for us to work with. Bob Miller will work with the new Co-chair to organize the committee. We do not have anyone in the new Co-chair position now. If you don't want to volunteer, maybe you can nominate a candidate and help us recruit him (or her). We are making progress, but not hit a finish line. I hope to have enough members so that no one job is burdensome.

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BUFF October 2011 Program

October BUFF program will be a presentation about Michigan salmon fishing in the Pere Marquette River. The presenter will be announced. We would like to help new members understand what it is like to catch large aggressive fish when the fall spawn run is happening. The following subjects will be discussed:

- Where is the Pere Marquette River
- Why fish there
- What are mature salmon like to catch
- What flies and equipment do you use to catch them
- When to go
- Where to stay
- When the fish are in the river in large numbers, is this fun or what!!!

Probably we have all seen the stages of a fly fisherman: 1. Being able to cast. 2. Catching the first fish. 3. Catching a lot of fish. 4. Catching the biggest fish. 5. Catching to most difficult fish. 6. Enjoying the act of fly fishing. Most of the time, I am at the last stage, but I do revert back to earlier stages on occasion. Part of what makes the enjoyment of fly fishing is the places we fish, but more so it is the people we get to share this sport with. We are fortunate as members of BUFF to have fly fishers that are interested in the sport and growing the sport. We have members teaching beginning fly fishers at public schools, conservation groups, and veterans. I have seen members cleaning up the banks of our fisheries as they fished as well as our scheduled cleanups. I have seen our members stop and share tips and flies with those they meet on the streams. You have all seen other good works that we have done as a club and individually. I am proud of the work BUFF has done and would like to thank all of those who have helped through the years. If you see someone doing “good”, thank him and thank him for me.

This message is going to be shorter than normal due to leaving tomorrow morning as part of the Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip with Ken Dixon. I expect to have a good report for you at the next meeting.

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.

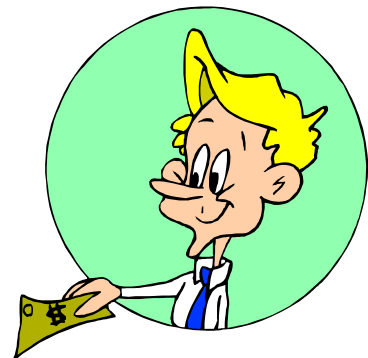
Member's dues cover January 1st of each year to December 31st and should be paid by January 1st.

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.



The First Clean Up of the BUFF Stretch of the Little Miami River

It was a small, but hard working, crew who showed up to clean up the stretch of the Little Miami River from Lake Isabella to Jim Terrill Park by Milford (the BUFF stretch). Mark Warshick and Steve Lilly (the trip leader) were in one canoe and Ken Speicher and James (JR) Jackson in another. Jon Kennard was there in his kayak ensuring that things went smoothly and picking up paint-who would have thought. I (Donn Rubingh) served as principle people and canoe carrier. I owe a debt of gratitude here to Jon and the Ike's group for getting us started with only a few minor hitches.

The river was low and the trip was 7.6 river miles so the guys came in tired. Canoes weighed down with hot tub covers, bicycles etc. had to be dragged over the riffles. In the end an empty dumpster, kindly arranged by Ann Kivett from Ike's, was filled up and a liquid libation was enjoyed by everyone.

But were there any fish? No, not on this trip, since almost all the time was spent picking up trash. However, both canoes reported seeing some excellent smallmouth bass water (deep with large boulders) but by that time were too loaded (with junk) or too tired to fish it. I heard some planning to come back later. Only JR, the young one, stuck around at the take out and fished after the rest left. He caught 4 smallmouth in about an hour.

From what I heard it is a great stretch of river-one where BUFF members can enjoy some quality fishing, and well worth protecting and keeping clean. Next year we likely will take about ½ of it at a time so we can enjoy and fish it a bit more carefully. If you would like to see some pictures of the event they are available at the BUFF website.



Nature has created a balance among life forms and everything would work out just fine if it weren't for Homo sapiens.

Look under a rock in any of our streams and most likely you will find little half inch globs of creepy, crawly, cross eyed, jelly like things that are slithering to shelter from the sudden exposure to light. These primitive creatures called planarians (*Dugesia tigrina*) are one of the most amazing life forms in a stream.

They may be quite primitive but they have developed some amazing features. For instance each individual has male and female sex organs (hermaphroditic) but can't fertilize its eggs by itself and must have a partner. That isn't too unusual but they can also reproduce by anchoring their back half while the front half moves forward until it snaps in two then each half regenerates the missing parts, thus they have a perfect clone of themselves. This regenerative nature allows them to be practically immortal because aging cells can be replaced instead of wearing out. Fish and other insects leave them alone because they taste awful and their secretions can be toxic. However they enjoy eating fellow stream insects by extending a long tube from its mouth and secreting a digestive juice into its prey, and then sucking in bits of partly-digested food. Should they go without anything to eat they become smaller, not by shrinking the size of their cells, but actually by losing cells without any compromise to form or function. Later when they have sucked out a few neighbors they replace the lost cells. Their little crossed eyes have no focus but are sensitive to light they like it under the dark side of the stream bottom.

Steve Lilly



Reason and Experience Tell Me

“Reason and experience tell me that bass, particularly smallmouth, have few if any superiors among freshwater game fish. But while I am always happy if I can raise ten-inch trout to a fly, I would scorn the opportunity to fish for bass of this size. The fact that the bass fight as hard, or harder, doesn't seem to cut any ice.”

Harold Blaisdell

“The Philosophical Fisherman”

(1969)

Serious Fly Fishing Questions That Deserve Answers

By Dr. B. Roken Limptippet – Taken from the Mid-South Fly Fishers Newsletter

Does fly fishing puzzle you? Are there fundamental issues about the fine form of flinging a fly that confound you? From my first glance at a fly rod and reel, there has been a constant succession of lingering questions about our sport, many of which have not been answered to this day. I refer not to the normal how-to and where-to questions addressed in the multitudinous array of literature available in fly shops, on E-Bay and from Amazon, ad infinitum. I feel it is my obligatory duty to divulge some of these harrowing questions and try to provide logical reasoning to answer them. Keep in mind, in fly fishing as in many other aspects of life, logic evades reality. Otherwise, why were the Gong Show, Soupy Sales and The Osmond Brothers Show all big hits of their time? No logic there! I digress.

Question 1: Who really invented fly fishing and when? Yes, I know what the books say but who seriously believes a monastery nun in the mid-1400s conceived the concept of fly fishing or fysshynge with an angle” as the “treatyse” refers. For goodness sake, Dame Juliana couldn’t even spell fishing. Perhaps she meant “fussing with an angel” as part of her godly work. Actually, fly fishing was invented in 1492 on the ship Santa Maria by a deck hand named Benjamin J. Tippet on that now famous journey with Christopher Columbus. He ultimately returned with this new skill to Europe where it became popular in Great Britain. Now you know!

Question 2: Why is the name of the fine monofilament used to attach the fly to the leader called tippet?
The logical answer is to honor the inventor of fly fishing, Benjamin J. Tippet. (See how this works.) In fact, my family genealogy finds Mr. Tippet to be a distant ancestor, the name having picked up a prefix along the way. Fly fishing is in my blood.

Question 3: Why do waders always leak more in the winter time? Every cold season my feet freeze due to a pinhole leak. Why doesn’t this happen in the summer? The reason is because heat expands and cold contracts. The wader material contracts in the cold and opens those tiny pores of breathable Gore-Tex and the flood gates pour directly into your boot. Of course, when you are back in the warmth of your home trying to locate the leak, the material has expanded and the leak cannot be found for repair. Frustrated, you are doomed to frozen toes until you purchase a new pair of waders. This is capitalism at its best.

Question 4: Why is it, when trout are only taking a size 22 fly, you only had one and it was just broken off by a big brown trout? Yet, you have three dozen of the size 20 of the same fly but the trout aren’t interested. The reason is trout are psychic. They know what you’re thinking and can sense what is in your fly box. Why would they take a size 20 when you have so many?

Question 5: Why do the trout begin feeding furiously just as the tail water begins to rise to neck level? It’s simple! The trout know you are going to have to flee for your life so they can begin eating without fear of sipping on a mayfly with a hook in it. They take great satisfaction in creating numerous rise rings on the surface as you look back over your shoulder while anxiously seeking high ground. In trout circles (pun intended), this is referred to as pay-back time. They safely fill their bellies while the fisherman suffers the inability to cast to the risers.

Question 6: Exactly how many variations of fly patterns have been created throughout history to date? The precise number is 5,278,321. That is based, scientifically, mind you, on a studious count of the flies in my fly boxes. I’m sure this is accurate because I must have, at least, one of every pattern ever tied. Let’s just say a bit over 5 million in case I miscounted. However, one must keep in mind, a new fly pattern or variation is created every 37 minutes. By the time you read this, there could be 6 million fly patterns and growing.

Question 7: Why did the movie, “A River Runs Through It,” create such a flurry of interest in fly fishing? Easy! It had little to do with fishing and everything to do with Brad Pitt. The ladies saw the movie, were awestruck by Brad Pitt’s character and upon returning home told their husbands and boyfriends how much fun they thought fly fishing would be. Of course, they hoped to get a glance of Mr. Pitt on some trout stream in the future. Men, sensing a chance to get to fish more often with the ladies’ permission, jumped on this like a big trout on a fall hopper. The fly fishing industry boomed as the ladies sought Brad on every stream and river. If the movie had been about “tiddly winks” the tiddly wink industry would have exploded.

Question 8: The last question is this: Is there an absolute solution for the “tailing loop”? Of course, there is. It’s called a spinning rod. One cannot possibly cast a tailing loop with a spinning rod but, in turn, one cannot possibly cast a fly with one either. What can be done? Rather than worrying with eliminating the insidious and infernal “tailing loop,” let us consider developing it into an art form. Who of us can cast the most graceful tailing loop? We could have tailing loop competitions and create fishing techniques that can be used only by casting a perfect tailing loop. Instead of being the scourge of your fly fishing club, you could instantly become the envy of your fly fishing friends for your ability to cast a “tailing loop.” Problem solved!

So there you have it; answers to some of fly fishing’s most perplexing questions and issues. However, these few questions only scratch the surface of the many needing answers and solutions. If you have pertinent fly fishing questions needing a logical answer, send them to the Editor of this rag, uh, newsletter. Answers to more serious fly fishing questions will appear in future issues.

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.

October 2011

- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 5 – 9 **Smoky Mt. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman/Don Prince
- Oct 11 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing, Parky's Farm
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Oct 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 18 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 20 **Hazel Creek Smoky Mt. Fall Brown Trout Trip** Bill Schroeder
- Oct 25 **Beginners Fly Tying Class**, 6 pm – 7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

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
 - Nov 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
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 - Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center
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- 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
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6-7:30 pm Springdale Community Center

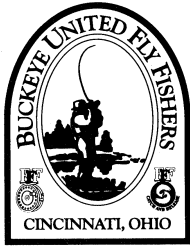
October Menu



Don't know, but it will be good! As usual!!

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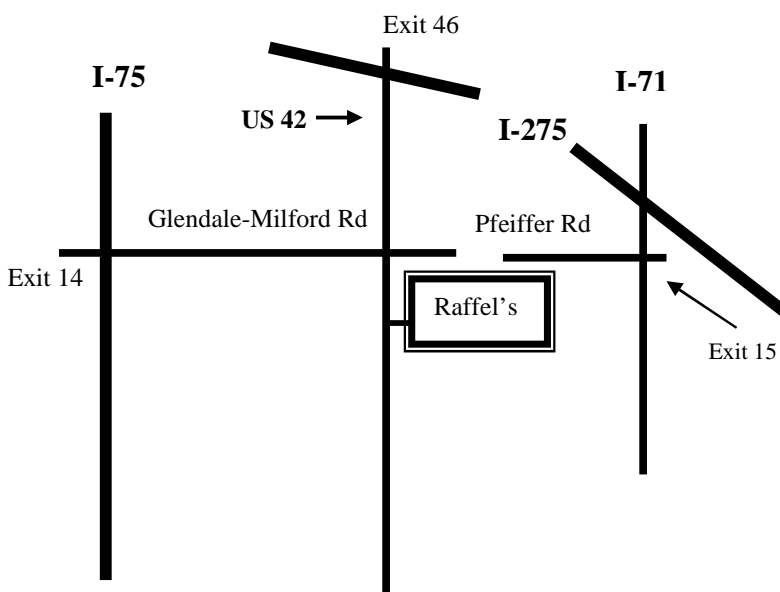
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday October 12

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