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President's Corner

Dave Uckotter

Not too much goin' on this month, I guess the hot weather has put the fish down as well as the fisherman. Some of the guys have found a few spots that have been productive, but they're not tellin' where they are.

Kudos to the brave of heart who showed up for our family picnic at Stonelick Lake. The morning looked like it was going to be a Blue Bird day, but about 12:30 the skies opened up and gave us a much needed shower. After about 20 minutes of rain, the sun came out and the rest of the day was a fun time. Thanks to those who made our pot luck a gourmet affair. Roger Wolfangle brought an array of his finest flies for us to see. Bob Goldsberry and Jon Kennard did a little tying, and Tony Kalbli gave us a casting lesson on the double haul, with audience participation. It was a lot of fun. To bad some of you missed it. Maybe next year!

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Fall Brown Trout Trip 2002

Patti Howell

The **Fall Brown Trout Trip** on **November 8-10**, will bring us to the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas.

We will be fishing the **Little Red River**, home of the world record brown trout (401b. 4oz.). The Little Red River is a tailwater fishery, flowing from the base of the JFK Dam that forms Greers Ferry Lake. The Little Red offers world class fishing for rainbow, cutthroat, brook and brown trout 12 months of the year.

We could not have picked a better year for a fall brown trout trip on the Little Red! Due to an incredibly wet winter and spring, all the major reservoirs have been well over pool level allowing the Corp to generate and release water well into September. This consistent water flow has helped to keep those big browns on the move as they prepare for the spawn. Come November, it's going to be "Big Brown City" on the Little Red River!!

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September Meeting Program

This meeting will be our first indoor meeting at Raffel's. We are looking forward to a great meal, and an educational evening filled with fishing information and good fellowship. Be sure to call in your dinner reservations and come early – fish tales should abound!

Adventures From the Reel World

“HOW TO READ A RIVER” CLASS

Bob Goldsberry

The first “How to Read the River” class was held on July 27, one of the hottest and muggiest days of this extra hot summer. Jon Kennard was kind enough to allow members, Gerald Schatzman, Hank Gilliam, Bob and Terri Mackey, Patty Howell, Jerry Brothers, Jim Terlinden, Norv Webb and granddaughter, Stephanie Kelly, Janice Osterfeld, Jim Bissell, and Jim LeBlond, and instructors, Bob Goldsberry, Dave Uckotter, and Jon Kennard, from our club to make use of the East Fork of the Little Miami that borders his farm just outside Batavia.

Before we got to the river, we viewed a video on where Smallmouth Bass may hide out in a stream setting. Shadows, shelves, roots and undercut banks, rocks, riffles, and holes in the streambed can be utilized by the smallmouth, and any other type of gamefish in the river.

After the video, we proceeded to the East Fork to pick out where the good lies might be located. We demonstrated the best methods to approach, to cast, and what kind of flies might work best in a particular area. We also conducted an invertebrate insect count which enlightened the class about the many potential foods available to the fish in a river.

After the class broke up, Jon invited us all to stay and fish. Some of the students must have been paying attention, because there were a few fish caught! I also understand that one of our students took his knowledge to the Brookville tailwaters, and had a good day on the trout!

Using what we learned in this class and what we will be learning in our upcoming casting classes that are being taught by Tony Kalbli, casting instructor, we will have all the information necessary to make us all much better fly fishers. I hope that these classes or any other that the club may offer makes you more confident and more able to enjoy the sport of fly fishing. When you reach that point, I would hope that you would volunteer some of YOUR time to pass along what you have learned to some of our newer members. ♦

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Wade fishing should be great, and for those who prefer to float, there will be a guide service available. A 4-5 weight fly rod is ideal for fishing the Little Red. Both 6X and 7X fluorocarbon leaders and tippets are highly recommended. Lots of the big, smart, active fish are mostly interested in small flies. Some good patterns are bead-head sow bugs in size 18 (black, gray, olive), gold ribbed hare’s ear and pheasant tail in size 18-24. Some small emergers and dry fly patterns will also work. Fishing deep pools from a canoe or boat with large, heavy nymphs and streamers is also very productive.

The accommodations are going to be awesome! We will be staying at **The Anderson House Inn** located in Herber Springs, in the beautiful Ozark foothills. The Anderson House is a Bed & Breakfast with 15 guest rooms. All rooms are equipped with queen-sized beds, have private baths, air-conditioned & have ceiling fans, and are furnished

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We have over 100 name tags that have not been claimed. We are going to make a one time effort to get these tags to those who haven't attended a meeting since the new design was introduced (well over a year) or haven't even attended a meeting since they joined the club. The name tags will be taped inside the September BUFFER. If you want a clip so you can attach the tag to your shirt, you will have to attend a meeting to obtain one - we can't mail them. I'm going to ask the board to approve a policy that will not keep name tags for more than two meetings after the time of a member signing up. They will be printed, but not laminated. They will be laminated at the meeting and handed out.

We had planned on starting our casting classes this fall but we will delay the classes until spring. Sometime in the last part of April or the first part of May will be a good time, the weather is more reliable, and it will be the start of a new season. The classes will be broken down into three levels of expertise.

Each class will be dependent on the one preceding it, so all three will be required to complete the course. At the conclusion of our casting classes you will be an accomplished caster, and be able to cast better than you could imagine. The reason for the delay is that our class curriculum is not what we want to present to our members at this time. There is a lot of work that must be done as far as "hand out" material is concerned, and what should be covered in the course for each class.

The Buffer needs your help!!!! Our member who has been sending out the BUFFER for the past few years has requested that the job be given to someone else. The job consists of putting mailing labels and stamps on the BUFFER and taking it to the Post Office. The time it takes is about three hours for one person, and the mailing goes out once a month. This is a very important job to the club. The BUFFER is the "life line" of the club. If you would like to volunteer for this job, please contact me at duckotter@cinci.rr.com, or 513-831-4815.

Hope to see everyone at our new location "Raffel's" for our September meeting. Remember to call in your dinner reservations. ♦

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More trip details (deposits, transportation options, etc.) will be provided in The Buffer's October newsletter. If you are interested in this **Fall Brown Trout Trip** - call the **Trip Coordinator, Patti Howell** at **683-7138** as soon as possible to secure our reservations. There will be a sign up sheet at the September & October meetings. ♦

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Intermediate Fly Tying Classes:

These classes are scheduled on each of the 4 Friday nights in October and will be held at the Madeira Municipal Building from 7 to 9 PM. The topics and instructors are: Oct. 4, poppers by Hank Gilliam; Oct. 11, dry flies by Tony Kalbli; Oct. 18, nymphs by Bob Ireton; Oct. 25, streamers by Jon Kennard. The class size will be limited to the first 20 students who register and provide a \$20 refundable fee (preferably a check). Some previous tying experience, such as participation in one of the beginner's tying classes, is required. Students will be furnished recipes for each pattern at least one week in advance of the class and will be responsible for bringing their own

tying equipment and materials. We hope to have a video system in place at these classes so the tying instructors' technique can be displayed on a large screen so participants can see effectively. A sign-up sheet will be available at the general meeting at Raffel's, September 11. Registration can also be done by phone. Call either Dave Jones at 513-825-7174 or Tom Baker at 3513-697-7342. This is a great opportunity to hone your tying skills by learning from some of the clubs best tiers. Don't miss out! Sign-up ASAP!

Fly-Fishing Workshop:

The fly-fishing workshop co-sponsored by Little Miami Inc. and BUFF, which was held July 20th at Nisbet Park in Loveland, was very successful. Marty Garges, the program director for LMI, registered 50 participants for the event and placed 30 more on a waiting list. Marty's secretary recently told me they have had several inquiries about the workshop from people who read the article that appeared in the Enquirer

following the July event. Consequently, we have scheduled another workshop for September 14 at Nisbet Park. Registration will again be limited to 50. Lunch is provided. Instruction will be the same, i.e., stream insects, equipment needs, fly tying and casting instruction. BUFF members are invited to enroll (call Marty or her secretary at Little Miami Inc., 513-965-9344). The workshop will run from about 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Any BUFF member who would like to help at this event please call Lou Haynes at 513-777-4854.

Fly Line Cleaning:

Clean fly lines are essential for effective casting. Yet, I've seen or heard little, if any, discussion on this subject within the club. I'm curious how many members would be interested in a training event (perhaps at one of the general meetings) or a how-to description in the BUFFER on this subject. If enough members are interested, I'll set something up. Interested (?), then call Lou Haynes at 513-777-4854 or e-mail me at bdhaynes@one.net . ♦



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A LETTER FROM JORGE VILLARES

I want to thank all of you for the going away present I received. I want to specially thank the kind individual that put the "LaRosas" spaghetti sauce. I have a weakness for food. Thanks for all the left over stinky yards of mono, the used bobbers and the shark hooks. You probably thought that those items are a joke but not for me. I will hit those Mississippi River shovelheads with more vigor now, with my new fishing equipment sent from my friends. Now all I need is some stink bait.

All jokes aside, I need to thank a bunch of people that I owe for my fly fishing education, equipment, and fun trips. I just want to mention a few names and how I remember them the best. Thanks to Tom Jones for practically adopting my entire family. All I have to say is thank you to you Tom and Billie for everything. Thanks to Joe Guenther for thinking of me like a brother or like my wife more affectionately calls you "my partner-in-crime". Thank to Bill Riehle for all of our adventures and taking me fishing. Bill and I almost drowned in a crested river, we almost died from hypothermia on a different

trip, we almost got food poisoned in yet another trip and thanks for being the only person to want to work with me when I operated the chainsaw. Thanks to Greg Johnson for taking me fishing and giving me the chance to catch my largest trout to this day. Greg, yours could have been heavier, but mine was longer. Anyway, we do not measure those things between friends and when the fish are over 20" long, does it really matter? Thanks to Hank Gilliam for taking the time (lots of time) to patiently teach me and give advice in all matters of life. Thanks to Frank Guenther for taking me on my first trout trip. Thank you for lending me all the equipment that I needed. Thank you for just letting me get down to my knees when I begged you for one of those flies that you were catching all the fish with. I could have been worse, you could ask me to prostrate until my forehead touch the river bottom (in the middle of the river). I will not forget the many fishing trips when you caught more fish than us young fellows, thereby putting us in our proper place and rank. Thanks to Bob and Linda Ireton for their friendship and recipe for the pasta salad. Thanks to Bob Goldsberry for teaching me about the

environment. I never told you Bob but you are the reason I got interested in fly fishing. I saw you fly fishing with another fellow in the East Fork and since that moment I knew that I wanted to do what you were doing. Thanks to Bob Jones for teaching me how to tie my first fly. He let me into his house when I was still a complete stranger. Thanks to Paul Feldman for showing me how to make works of art from bent pieces of wood and netting. Thanks to Jim LeBlond for including me in all events. In my book you were the best club president I had the privilege to serve under. Thanks to Jerry Snider for always answering my questions. Thank to Dave Uckotter also for including me in the Buff activities, I loved to help. Thanks to Sam Bretz for your constantly offering to teach me how make those wonderful cane rods you make. I am very sorry that I never had the time to become your pupil. Thanks to Eric Scarpa for taking the time to teach me photography. Thanks to all of those that helped me on the Mad River. Thank to all of those that donated something for my goodbye present. Last but not least, thanks to all, I learnt lots from your fishing stories. What a great group of fellows! ♦



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THE CAST

Tony Kalbli, FFF Certified Casting Instructor

I began fly fishing in 1980 when my brother-in-law, Paul Feldman, one of the original BUFFERS, introduced me to this magical sport. That was also the year that I received my only tutorial on fly casting, about 10 minutes of personal attention, from none other than Lee Wulff. Over the years I basically taught myself the "art" of fly casting through hours of practice in the backyard and numerous fishing trips to streams all of the U. S. and several foreign countries. Thus, after 21+ years of fly fishing, I considered myself a "pretty good" caster. However, I always felt there was "*something*" important missing from my casting prowess, and I knew what that "*something*" was. *Understanding*. I could cast but I didn't understand what I and the rod and line were doing during the cast.

I decided last fall to fill that gap of knowledge by studying to become a FFF Certified Casting Instructor. I was fortunate that the most successful certification program in

the country is being conducted by The Backcountry Fly Fishers of Naples, Florida, where I wintered last year.

This club has a 100% certification rate of 13 students in the last two years compared with only a 51% national average. This Club has over 20 Certified Instructors in its membership base. What a goal that would be for BUFF! Towards that end we have created the BUFF Certified Instructors Program to develop a cadre of instructors who are qualified to teach casting to our membership in a uniform and consistent basis.

To date, Mike Bryant, Joe Guenther, Jim LeBlond, Joe Panfalone and Dave Uckotter have passed the Certification Course. Hopefully some or all of these "Club" instructors will commit to becoming FFF certified next year. Presently your board is in the process of developing a program of instruction to teach basic and advanced casting to members willing to commit to the time required to "do it right"! If any BUFFER is interested in becoming a "Club" instructor, I will probably repeat the course next spring. Contact me, kalblial@one.net.

I titled this article "The Cast" because your new BUFFER editor, Jon Kennard, wanted an article on casting. After giving it some thought I think a more useful tool for our membership would be an ongoing column wherein we can explore in detail the myriad elements of the cast and casting. To that end I will draw upon numerous sources of knowledge on this topic and will entertain any question(s) from the membership and endeavor to respond in the next month's *BUFFER*. The next column will focus upon the differences and importance of style vs. essentials/principles. Until then, "Tight Loops and Tight Lines" ♦

MAD RIVER DAY

The Madmen Chapter of TU is working with the Mad River Watershed folks to schedule a Mad River Day/Canoe Float for September 28th and need some volunteer fly fishers to help out with fly tying and casting demonstrations, as well as with the float and lunch. It is open to anyone and everyone to attend, so let me know if BUFFER has anyone that wants to volunteer. THANKS: "Tom Allen" <Tom.Allen@epa.state.oh.us>

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SEPTEMBER

5 Thurs/7 pm - Tie and Lie West. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

11 Wed / 6 pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting Raffel's on Reading Rd.

18 Wed / 7 pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Perkins on Montgomery Rd. Members encouraged

19 Thurs / 7 pm - Lie and Tie East at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

24-26/Tues-Thur - Fall Salmon Trip on the Pere Marquette. Lodging at Barothy's. (Joe Guenther)
TBA - Fly Fishing Show and Banquet Planning Meeting

2002 Calendar of Events

The BUFFER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUFFER editor.

DECEMBER

1 Sun - GLC Fly Tying Expo in Lansing Michigan (Tony Kalbli)

5 Thurs / 7 pm - Tie and Lie West General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

11 Wed / 6 pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting at Raffel's on Reading Road.

18 Wed / 7 pm - BUFF Directors Meeting @ Perkins on Montgomery Road.

18 Thurs / 7-9 pm - Tie and Lie West General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center

OCTOBER

3 Thurs / 7pm - Tie and Lie West. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

4,11,18,25 Fri/7-9 pm - Advanced Fly Tying Class. Learn tying techniques for dry, wet and streamers. Prerequisite: Beginner's class or equivalent. Madeira Municipal Bldg.

9 Wed / 6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Raffel's on Montgomery Rd. Nominations for officers, directors and Fly Fisher of the Year.

11-13 Fri-Sun - Nantahala River Trout Trip (John Doscher & Wayne Fisher)

16 Wed / 7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Perkins on Montgomery Rd. Members encouraged to attend.

17 Thurs / 7-9pm - Lie and Tie East at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

Do you have an article for the BUFFER??

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SEPTEMBER MENU

Marinated Char Grilled
Chicken Breast

Stuffed Pasta Shells

Broccoli with Cheese

Baked Potatoes with
Butter and Sour Cream

Tossed Salad with
Dressings

Rolls and Butter

NOVEMBER

2 Sat / 6pm - NKFF Banquet

7 Thurs/7 pm Tie and Lie West. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

8-10 Fri-Sun - Fall Brown Trout Trip on the Little Red River in Arkansas. (Patti Howell)

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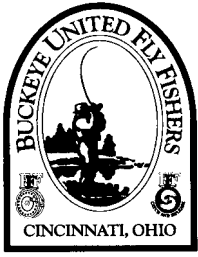
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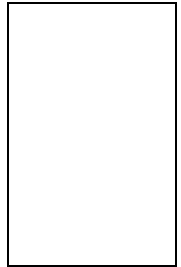


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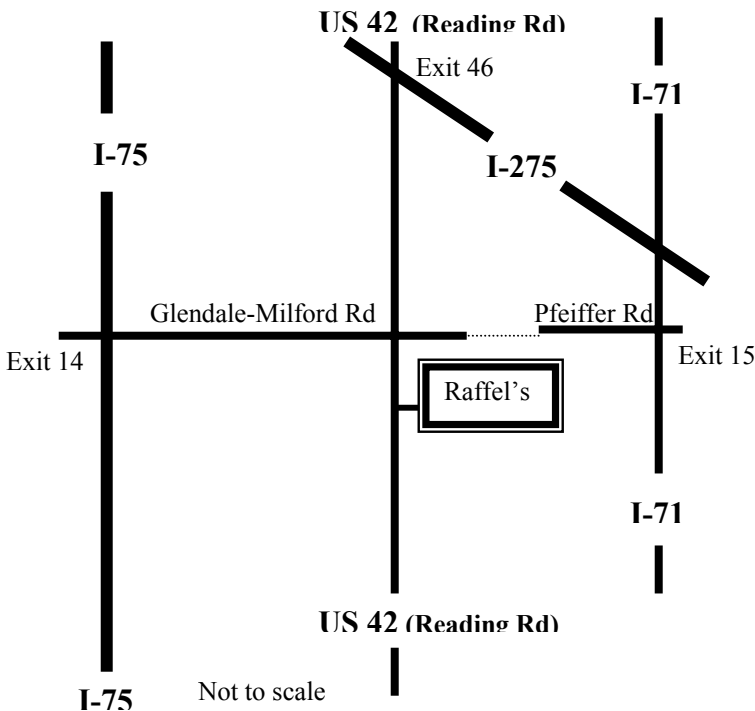


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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- September 11

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