

The BUFFER

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The President's Notes

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We are back to Raffel's for our September meeting. Roger Corrado will be talking about the fall Salmon trip which he has attended several times. You won't want to miss this one, especially if you are going up to Michigan to do battle with those big bruisers. Roger will describe the "How To's" for hooking into one of these wonderful fish.

About 40 BUFFERS attended the annual picnic at the Little Miami Canoe Livery campground. The food was great and the four-hole, Fly Casting Golf game was a big hit. I completed a round by myself so I could cheat a little on the score and managed a three on each hole. Fly Casting Golf was recently introduced to Tom Scheer by Bruce Richards, one of the premier casters in the country. Tom and Gary Begley organized the course and provided instructions. They are thinking about introducing this game to more of our members, perhaps prior to one of our meetings this fall. If you get the opportunity, give Fly Casting Golf a try; I'm sure you will find it a lot of fun.

The Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program starts-up again this month (September 7th) and runs through October. Roger Corrado and Donn Rubingh are looking for volunteers to help the kids fish. If you have some free time on a Friday (10 AM to 2 PM) give Roger or Donn a call. (Their contact information is listed toward the back of the BUFFER.) It's a great treat to help a little tike catch his/her first fish! Don't forget to bring your fly rod along as there are some really big bass and bluegills in the pond. Our volunteers are welcome to come early or stay late and fish.

Lane Stocker, one of our members who just recently signed-on with the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Casting Association, competed in her first American Casting Association National Tournament in August. She won bronze metals in the Women's Division "Trout Fly Accuracy" and "Dry Fly Accuracy" competitions. Congratulations Lane!

September Meeting Program

Come to the September meeting and learn various tips and techniques for catching Chinook (King Salmon) on the Pere Marquette (PM) with Roger Corrado. These fish start their spawning run up the PM starting in August and hopefully will be in full swing when we get there in September. Last year was a banner year with the river packed with fish. These fish will range from 6 to over 20 pounds; some over 40 inches. Once you get them on your line get ready for some crashing leaps and freight-train runs with your line screaming off your reel.

To ensure that you are prepared for this trip (or one on your own) we will be covering a wide range of topics including: a brief history of the river, types of rods and reels, leader/tippet variations, suggested flies, various fishing techniques, fishing locations on the PM, and have a general question and answer discussion. See you there!

BUFF BANQUET GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

1. Banquet Mission Statement:

To provide:

- Fundraising to support club programs such as conservation, education, outreach, etc.
- Fun and socialization for family members and invited guests.
- Recognition for club service.

2. The banquet attendance price shall, at a minimum, cover the cost of the dinner per person.
3. All banquet proceeds are to be used for BUFF operations as directed by the Board of Directors. Banquet donations/money specified to go to groups other than BUFF, such as CFR, TU, FFF, etc., are not permitted.
4. Banquet reservation purchases shall start at the October general meeting.
5. All banquet reservation purchases shall be completed seven (7) days prior to the Banquet. Admission to the Banquet Hall is by a pre-purchased reservation.
6. The BUFF Banquet shall occur on the 1st or 2nd Saturday in March.
7. Reserved seating to be provided for speakers, auctioneer and special guests.

Approved by the board on 7/18/07

Help Wanted – Outdoor Education!!!

We have had a great year in providing Fly Fishing and Tying Educational events to Club members and the public. The response shows our programs are really helping promote our love of this sport, and that our efforts at outdoor education are much appreciated. We have received many positive comments on the quality of our programs, and the BUFF members who give the training.

We have three opportunities coming up in the next couple of months that we wanted to let you know about, and hopefully get your help in giving the training. **You don't have to be an expert or even beyond the beginner stage to help in any of our events.** If you have ever fly fished or tied a fly, you can help in any of our events. Most events last from 2 to 4 hours. If you can't come for the whole event, we would be happy to have your help for as little as an hour!

Below is the list of events coming up – please review them and let Roger Corrado (741-8411) or Donn Rubingh (385-3943) know if you can help in any way.

Great Outdoor Weekend – (Saturday Sept 29th 10am to 3pm) This is an event put on by a number of outdoor recreation, environmental, , and educational organizations at many different locations around the tri-state area. There are over 50 exciting events going on as part of the overall program. We have committed to support this event by doing fly tying and casting at the Izaak Walton League Lodge at 544 Branch Hill Loveland Road in Loveland, Ohio. To honor our commitment we need 6 to 8 volunteers. Please call Donn Rubingh (385-3943) if you can help with this event. See their website for other activities that are happening that weekend – we are on page 19 -- <http://www.cincygreatoutdoorweekend.org/>

Quest for the Perfect Loop

Bruce Richards

I've been studying fly lines, casting and loops for a long time now and think I'm finally starting to get it. Slow, I know, but at least it's happening. Here's what I've learned in the last few years about making perfect loops, which just happen to be the ones that require the least energy to make, work best in the wind, are most accurate and go the farthest, and who wouldn't want these.

First, we all know that a straight line tip path makes tight loops, but, based on the variety of loops I see, not everyone knows what it takes to make the tip go straight. This summer and fall Noel Perkins and I have done many casting clinics where we have analyzed hundreds of casts using the "Sage Casting Analyzer" (SCA). Many of these casters have been quite talented, several CCI's, some MCI's. Some were avid beginners (who made the quickest progress, by the way, not thinking they already know everything!). There was an incredibly common theme to what we said to nearly EVERY caster at every level to improve their loops, and here they are, THE secrets to great loops....

- 1 Delay rotation, then
- 2 Apply constant acceleration to a...
- 3 Hard stop.

OK, so not big secrets, but many of the casters we worked with swore they were doing all three and believed so until proven otherwise by cold, hard data on the SCA. Granted, most were close to ideal, but not quite there and what wasn't perfect in their rotation, acceleration, and/or stop were precisely what kept their loops from being "perfect".

So, if your loops aren't quite as tight, top pointed and sexy as you'd like, here's some advice that I would nearly trust with my life, without even seeing you cast...

1. Concentrate on delaying rod rotation a bit longer than you do now. Nearly everyone who is short of "casting god" status starts every stroke with some early, very slow rotation that raises the rod tip and prevents perfect loops. This is subtle, but critical; we're trying to make a very good cast into a great one.
2. The rate of acceleration of the rod butt must be as close to the same at the beginning of the stroke as it is at the end. Yes, the rod will be going much faster at the end than the beginning, but the rate of acceleration should be constant in getting the rod from slow to fast. I know this goes counter to what many have said and written, even to what many of us think we do, but ALL the best casters we've analyzed had very constant acceleration, regardless of what they thought they were doing.
3. Stopping the rod quickly IS important (and there is no such thing as a "stopless" cast, Paul...). Of course, how we define "stop" is important. I think of it as the act of decelerating the rod, the same as we "stop" a car, a deceleration. Of course some (Paul) think it is the state of the rod when it is motionless, but I digress... The slower the rod decelerates the farther it rotates during the process, which opens and rounds the loop. A faster deceleration limits rotation during the stop tightening and sexifying the loop. Yes, a new term that the definitions committee is now working on.

I will probably get drummed out of the casting instructors union for revealing how simple it is to cast perfect loops, and I'm sure Paul will disagree with all of this, but that should be a sure sign to you that it is all true!

Thanks for a Great Intermediate Casting Class!

Dick Naber

I believe the Assisting Instructors: Gary Begley, Patti Howell, Jim LeBond, Lou Hayes, Tom Scheer, Steve Walker and Don Prince who taught the five (5) week 2007 Intermediate Casting Class should be recognized for their individual efforts and dedication to BUFF.

I was in a group of nine (9) participants and it is hard to measure my personal success as I have been rewarded in both knowledge and skill because of these instructors.

I am 74 years old and just started to fly fish this year and, in those five (5) Sunday afternoons on the practice field (you still need to practice at home), I have become a decent fly caster because of the instructors time and their skills afforded me.

I am looking forward to the three (3) remaining BUFF trips I have planned in 2007 to have fun and utilize my new skills.

I definitely would encourage each and every BUFF member who feel they lack the skills of good fly casting to join the next Intermediate Casting Class as I know they will be rewarded and be able to enjoy each and every BUFF trip.

With a membership in the range of 400 there must be individuals who do not go on the fishing trips because they feel they lack the skills of fly casting. Why not give the lessons a shot and enjoy the full benefits of BUFF?

You won't be disappointed! Thanks for listening!

Ten Common Fishing Terms You Need To Know

Taken from East Jersey TU/FFF newsletter - Riffles

Catch and Release - A conservation action that happens most often right before the local Conservation Officer pulls over a boat that has caught over its limit.

Hook - (1) A curved piece of metal used to catch fish. (2) A clever advertisement to entice a fisherman to spend his life savings on a new rod and reel. (3) The punch administered by the fisherman's wife after he spends their life savings on the rod and reel.

Line - Something you give your co-workers when they ask how your fishing went the past weekend.

Lure - An object that is semi-enticing to fish, but will drive an angler into such a frenzy that he will charge his credit card to the limit before exiting the tackle shop.

Reel - A weighted object that causes a rod to sink quickly when dropped overboard.

Rod - An attractively painted length of fiberglass that keeps an angler from ever getting too close to a fish.

School - A group in which fish are taught to avoid your \$29.99 lures and hold out for Spam instead.

Tackle - What your last catch did to you as you reeled him in, but just before he wrestled free and jumped back overboard.

Tackle Box - A box shaped alarmingly like your first aid kit. But, a tackle box contains many sharp objects, so when you reach blindly into the wrong box to get a Band Aid, you soon find that you need more than one.

Test - (1) The amount of strength a fishing line affords an angler when fighting fish in a specific weight range. (2) A measure of your creativity in blaming "that darn line" for once again losing the fish.

Editor's note: This article was taken from the FFF archive. While interesting, you've probably seen it before, and it is a filler. No article of interest to BUFF members was submitted for this space. It's your Buffer—fill it with your stories!!!

Woolly Buggers – Do They Get the Respect They Deserve?

By Dave Rosset – From Lines & Leaders, newsletter of the Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Assoc

I have to admit that I like woolly buggers. So much so that there are times that I have to force myself not to use them. If there was a 12 step program for habitual Woolly Bugger chuckers, I'd be one of the first to sign up. Hello! My name is Dave and I fish Woolly Buggers. Welcome Dave! What I can't figure out is why outside of the warm water environment Woolly Buggers don't get much respect. After all it's probably one of the first flies everyone including trout fisherman learn to tie. And invariably when someone asks what's your favorite fly? Or if you had only one fly...? The woolly bugger seems to be right there with an Adams, or a Cahill or Elk hair caddis. Or even a Gold Rib Hares Ear. In their book *Flies and Fly Fishing for Bluegills* by Terry and Roxanne Wilson, the Woolly Bugger is on their list of favorite flies. In fact, they mention that of friend of their fishes it almost exclusively for bluegills. My kind of guy.

Still there are those who snub their nose at the woolly bugger. You know the guys I'm talking about. Mention a Woolly Bugger to an upstream and dry guy and you're sure to get a look of disdain. And let me tell you, those down stream and wet soft hackle folks are almost as bad. I just don't get it. Why I'm sure I even saw one of those guys trying to qualify for the Great Outdoor Games use a woolly bugger. Although I think he was trying to be sneaky about it. When asked what fly he caught it on all he said was that it was something that he had found in his box that based on the current conditions he felt would be the most productive pattern. Yea right. I'll bet it was a Woolly Bugger and he was just too proud to admit it.

And as far as books are concerned, I've yet to see any written specifically dedicated to the old W.B. Well I have a few suggestions. *The Woolly Bugger in Fast Water. Thirty Years of Woolly Buggers. Standing in a River Fishing a Woolly Bugger.* Or how about. *Down and Dirty with a Woolly Bugger?* Of course there are those that are far better writers out there than I am, so I have provided you with the titles and you can build from there.

I like tying Woolly Buggers. They're easy and don't require a whole lot of skill. This in my case is a blessing. You can tie them in all different sizes and color combinations. Weighted or un-weighted. Of all the combinations I have tied and tried my favorite and the one I have the most confidence in is a black/olive tied on #8 9672 Mustad hook, with .020 lead wrapped on the shank and some crystal flash in the tail. I like fishing with and have had so much success with this particular fly that I have had to force myself to not fish it from time to time.

On a recent vacation out west, I had some apprehensions about doing any fishing. I even tried to get out of it by suggesting to my wife that since this was our vacation, I didn't want to take time away from doing things together by me going fishing. Not being much of a trout guy my real reason was so as not embarrass myself on a stream or river. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending how you look at it, my darling wife insisted that I should bring along my fly tackle. Because we had decided to visit Yellowstone National Park, it was there that I decided I would if time permitted do some trout fishing. In all honesty, I thought myself a fool if I did not fish in one if not several of its famous streams and or rivers. Fortunately for me it was terrestrial time so fly selection would be relatively easy. It was after wandering into one of several of West Yellowstone's fly fishing shops that that all my apprehensions fell away like leaves falling from the trees in autumn. On every stream conditions board hung on the wall of every shop we went into, right up there listed with various hopper patterns was Woolly Buggers! Hooray! I was safe and I had some in my fly box.

So it was there in the early evening as the sun was setting that I found myself, standing in the Madison River fishing a Woolly Bugger waving a stick.

2007 BUFF Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Sep 7 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 8-9 **Casting For Recovery Event** – Indian Bear Lodge
- Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Sep 14 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 16-21 **PM Salmon Trip (Michigan)**
- Sep 18 **Batavia Tie & Lie** Riverside Coffee Mill in Batavia
- Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 23 **Great Miami Weekend**
- Sep 26 **Tie & Lie East** A&N Outfitters 227 Main St,
Milford 6 – 8 pm
- Sep 28 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Sep 28-30 **Rockwell Springs Fall Trip**

OCTOBER

- Oct 3-6 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip** Don Prince
- Oct 4 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 5 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 5 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 10 **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 12 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 16 **Batavia Tie & Lie** Riverside Coffee Mill in Batavia
- Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Oct 19 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 19 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 24 **Tie & Lie East** A&N Outfitters 227 Main St,
Milford 6 – 8 pm
- Oct 26 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Oct 26 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
- Oct TBD **Indian Hills Fly Tying & Casting**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 2 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
- Nov 10-17 **Arkansas Little Red Trip**
- Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Nov 28 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
- Nov TBD **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**

DECEMBER

- Dec 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
- Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH



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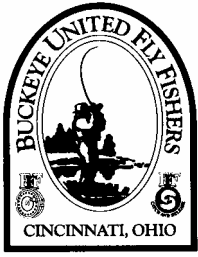
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September Menu *PRICE FOR THIS MONTH \$11.00*

Menu not available at
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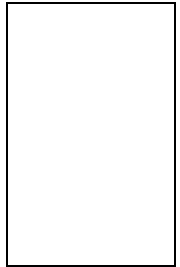


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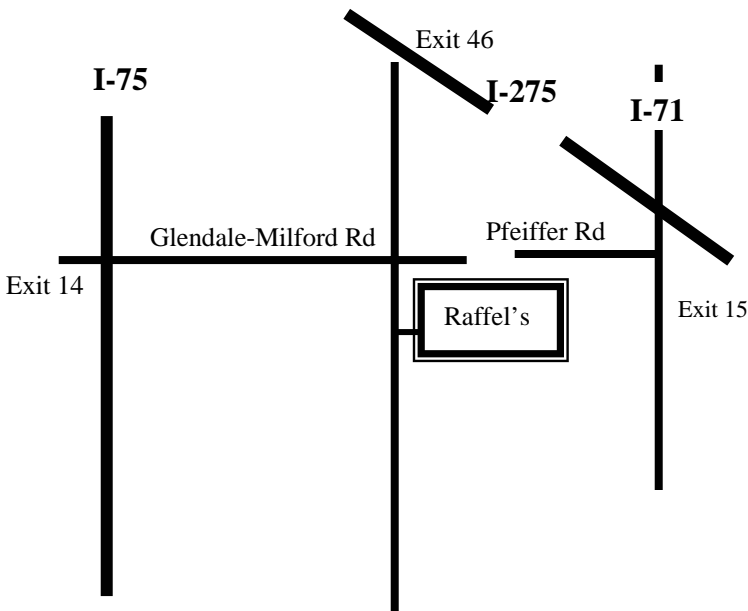
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday –September 12

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 \$10.00/PERSON (This month only) FOR A CATERED MEAL. SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 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.

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