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The President's Notes

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First of all, I need to thank Randy for filling in for me while I have been fishing. His Vice President's Message was unexpected, and I appreciate his thoughts. I agree with many of the things which he said. We have come a long way in the last year plus, but I feel that is due to the thoughts and hard work that many have done. Many of these individuals are not recognized for what they have done, and some would prefer that it remain that way. I have been fortunate to be able to work with them to get us where we are now and in the immediate future.

We do have some changes coming in both our Fly Show and in the Cabin Relief Banquet. Both are underway and have made a lot of progress. The Fly Show Committee is nearly complete, and the Banquet Committee has a shell and needs to be filled out. I have been approached by members looking for us to do more. Some have expressed an interest in leading projects of one type or other. My response is "let's bring it up and try them out." If we have the time and interest to support them, they will become part of what we do. Everything that we do happens because a member or members puts the time in to make it happen. There will be other changes as time passes. That is the nature of organizations like ours. Either we change to fit our needs, or we stagnate and wither. It is my hope that as these challenges come, we, as a club, address them. We have had success doing this in the past, and I expect we will in the future. Thank you all for your support in making my job pretty easy so far. Let's keep up the good work. I like it easy!

The weather in the area has been dry again this year. Last year was hard on many of the streams, and the smallmouth have been stressed. This year seems to be running a similar course. As the water warms and the days remain hot, be aware of the stress on our fisheries. Play your fish quickly, and revive them fully before turning them loose. We need them strong for our fisheries to remain so. We may even consider giving a rest, and go tie some flies for next time.

We still have a lot happening in the last third of the year. Let's have some fun.

Jeff

2012 Fall Smoky Mountain Trout Trip

When? October 11-14, 2012

Where? We're staying at "Smoky Mountain Retreat" log cabins. Checkout there website:
www.smokymtretreat.com

How much? A \$100.00 deposit will hold your spot on the trip. Meals, gasoline and travel arrangements are up to you. Lodging will cost \$40-\$50 a night. Send deposit checks payable to Jerry Schatzman, 7210 Welbeck Dr. Maineville, Ohio 45039.

The Plan: We'll be fishing on our own, self-guided, unless you prefer to hire a guide yourself. Come when you can and leave when you must. We will adjust the lodging cost per the number of nights you stay. Depending upon the number of guests per night, the cabin cost will vary. Individual cost per for lodging was under \$120 last year. We will arrive on Thursday 10/11 and head for home on Sunday 11/14. Friday evening we will have salmon dinner.

The accommodations are excellent, reasonably priced and well located, relative to the Tuckaseegee, Deep Creek, the Cherokee Reservation waters, and the Nantahala Rivers. We'll be within reach of several other streams as well. No shortage of trout fishing here. We have 4 people signed up and have room for 12 more people.

In the last few years several people had 30 plus fish per day. (Rainbows, browns and brook trout) Last few years the trees have been beautiful, and the weather has been great.

Look for a full description of the trip on the website!

Questions: For more information, contact Jerry Schatzman 513-900-9105, gsschatzman@roadrunner.com

BUFF September 2012 Program

The September speaker is Dr. Christopher Lorentz. He will be giving us an update on the aquatic life in the Ohio River and the surrounding watershed. A very knowledgeable and an accomplished speaker, he is a professor at Thomas More College.

CLASSIC FULLY DRESSED SALMON FLY TYING CLASS



On August 11 and 12, B.U.F.F. held a classic, fully dressed salmon fly tying class at Bass Pro. Eric Austin from Delaware, Ohio was the instructor for the class. You may have met Eric and saw his beautiful flies at this year's Fly Fishing Show. Attendees were Jeff McElravy, Jim Neckers, Donna Schroeder, Tim Williamson, Gary Begley and Ken Dixon. The fly, the "Blue Doctor", was tied on a Harrison Bartleer Blind Eye (no eye, just a straight tapered shank) 3/0 hook with a gut eye. More than twenty different materials were used in the construction of the fly, including both common as well as exotic items. We learned that in tying these flies, it is really necessary to use high quality materials and even then, material variations can give you problems (and frustrations). Over the course of a day and a half, we tied **one** fly, giving you some idea of the complexity and detail required in producing these beautiful flies. Everyone was able to complete a fly which surprised Mr. Austin who was extremely complimentary of the group's tying abilities. While tying the fly, many skills had to be used, some of which were new and others, while not new, had to be more precise. These included precise thread control (we spent nearly two hours just to create a thread underbody which is not seen), minimal thread wraps to control bulk, wrapping silk without fraying, trimming and training feathers so they lay properly, marrying fibers from different feathers to create the wing, mounting the wing (unbelievably intense), working with gut, and many more. Everyone agreed it was a great class even though it was taxing, and all were drained by the end of each day due to the concentration necessary. We would like to thank Eric Austin for an excellent class and hope we can repeat this class.

As an interesting note, we used fibers from a Kori Bustard feather. This feather, if purchased on the open market would have cost \$300.00 (yes for a single feather). However, one supplier is working with a number of zoos around the country who provide him feathers that have been shed which he then distributes to Salmon Fly tiers such as Mr. Austin at no cost.

BUFF and the Great Outdoor Weekend, Sept 22-23, 2012

Once again, BUFF will work with Green Umbrella to help assure another successful Great Outdoor Weekend in greater Cincinnati. Our contribution is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22, and will include teaching participants to fly cast and tie a fly. Our location is the Izaak Walton League property, 544 Branch Hill Rd in Loveland. As you must surely suspect, it's time to solicit volunteers for both casting and tying activities. BUFF needs two people for casting and about six for helping participants tie a simple fly. The program is 10 AM – 3 PM, but we need to arrive for setting up by 9 AM. The Ikes will provide lunch. We will be working with individuals who have no experience with fly fishing, and volunteers need not be "expert" in either category. If you can help BUFF provide this valuable service, or if you have questions, please contact Ed Jones, Education Director, jonesee@muohio.edu or 513-523-6523. Even if you have never volunteered before, feel free to consider it this time. More than fifty organizations in an eight-county region will be participating this year, and an impressive line-up of sponsors will assure plenty of publicity. It will be huge!

Little Miami River Clean Up 2012

It was warm already at 8 a.m. when BUFF participants assembled at Jim Terrell Park (JTP) in Milford to begin picking up trash along the Little Miami River. We had committed to doing the 4.8 mile stretch from Kelly Nature Preserve (KNP) back to JTP. There was also some trepidation as we wondered, given the low water conditions, if we would be walking much of the way back. The full crew was there except for Ann Russell. With Eric Partee's (Little Miami Inc.) help, we loaded Jon Kennard's and Paul Feldman's kayaks on the canoe trailer and headed north.

We met Bob and Wendy Gustafson at KNP and launched six canoes of eager? volunteers and four kayaks into the river. I think it was by the first bridge where Mark Washick and I were picking up trash that I heard my first bad word from across the river. I glanced over and saw Jon taking a swim. It was at this bridge also that I first met Ann who had been misled by navigation technology as to the starting location. Ann and I agreed to meet downstream at Camp Dennison.

Just a few minutes later and further upstream we noticed another swimming couple-Bill and Donna Schroeder. Donna seemed to be enjoying herself, but I am not sure that Bill was. Despite these upsets we pushed south through the low water rapids just beyond the bridge, toward Camp Dennison where Eric and I had agreed we might want to do an intermediate drop off.

We certainly needed the stop. By this time Jeff McElravy and Alexis Huyghues had a water logged rug weighing a couple hundred pounds (I am not sure how they ever got it in the canoe) which we managed with Jeff's expert filleting to haul up to Eric's trailer. Bryan Tudor and Jeff Georgin came in with a load of tires. Believe it or not Jeff G. had also found time to catch a couple of smallmouth as well. Other canoes, like Steve Walker and Jim Terlinden and James (J.R.) Jackson and his girlfriend, had an old lawn mower, a sink, part of a fridge, plus the normal bottles and plastic which so beautify much of our stream sides. So by the time all had landed and unloaded we had a trailer full to haul to the dumpster at JTP.

Ann took over for me in the canoe with Mark to continue the trash pickup from Camp Dennison to JTP while I went with Eric to unload his trailer at the dumpster and prepare for the early landing canoes. Unfortunately, this meant I missed the rapids near Milford Park which I was told were not nearly as exciting when you are wading.

It was a tired group which finally disembarked at JTP. It was also a satisfied group knowing they had done a good job and that this part of the river looked a lot better because of their efforts. I salute them. I also want to thank Eric Partee of Little Miami Inc. Without his coordinating efforts and his canoes we could not have done this. Thanks Eric it was good working with you.

NKFF Program about the Plight of Fresh Water Mussels at their October meeting

Monte McGregor, the manager of the Center of Mollusk Conservation at the Forks of the Elkhorn Mussel Hatchery, will be speaking to the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers (NKFF) on the Plight of Fresh Water Mussels and the state's effort to re-introduce mussels back into their native waters..

The date will be Thursday, Oct 4th and the meeting starts around 5:30 with a happy hour, followed by dinner, a small amount of club business and then Monte's presentation... We'll be done by 9 PM.

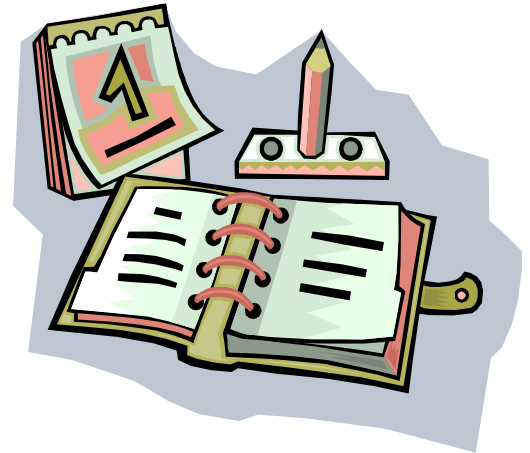
KY is re-introducing mussels back into native waters again... Mussels are some of the most endangered wildlife in the world and are an early indicator of water quality issues. KY is leading the world in the study of and re-introduction of mussels. This will be an amazing program.

BUFF 2012 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.

September 2012

- Sep 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Sep 8 **Project Healing Waters**, Trip to Castalia Hatchery, Tom Scheer
- Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Sep 12 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
- Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Sep 16 -20 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** Joe Guenther
- Sep 17 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Sep 21-23 **CASTING FOR RECOVERY RETREAT**, Indian Bear Lodge, Debbie Hampton
- Sep 23-29 **Catskills Trip, 5 Rivers in 5 Days, Claryville, NY** Steve Bailey
- Sep 25 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Sep 28-30 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon



October 2012

- Oct 4 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Oct 5 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Oct 11-14 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC** Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 12 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 16 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 18-21 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
- Oct 19 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Oct 19 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 23 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 26 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 29 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

November 2012

- Nov 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Nov 2-4 **Fall Steelhead Trip** Tom Herr
- Nov 6 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Nov 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Nov 19 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Nov 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 26 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2012

- Dec 3 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Dec 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley

September Menu

Sliced BBQ Pork loin

Panko Breaded Baked Italian Chicken

Sweet Corn with Roasted Peppers

Baked Potatoes with sour cream and butter

Rolls and Butter

Desserts

Chocolate Éclair Cake

White Cake with Lemon Icing

Even the smallest stream can host a huge variety of invertebrates.

It is always a pleasant surprise to turn over a rock in the stream and find a little round bug aptly named “water penny”. They are not found everywhere because they can only survive in good quality water, so their presence means the water is clean enough for game fish. Most stretches of the Little Miami have them and they exist in especially large numbers in Caesar Creek below the dam. They are the larvae of a beetle whose short adult life is largely unknown because it lasts just a few weeks. The larvae stage lasts for a year during which they molt several times. If the warm weather is shortened they may carry over into a second year. The larvae can breathe in or out of the water. Once mature, they crawl out of the water to bury themselves in a small mud chamber. There they pupate for about four weeks. When the adult emerges from the mud chamber, they immediately begin the reproductive cycle without even bothering to eat. The females deposit a single layer of 400 to 600 bright yellow eggs on the underside rocks and logs on or near a riffle. The larvae hatch and are swept through the riffle until they come into contact with a rock where they grab onto it with their set of six little clawed legs, and immediately seek shelter on its underside. During the night they become quite active and may leave the underside of a rock to look for a meal of algae and some small crustaceans.



If anyone has an idea for a future article, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at sjlilly@fuse.net or Jon Kennard at jonkennard@fuse.net

New Fall Schedule at Parky's Farm

Due to schedule reorganization at Parky's Farm they have changed some of the previously announced dates for their fall fishing program. The new dates are September 21st, October 5th, October 12th, October 19th, October 23rd and October 26th. The normal program time of 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. is still in place. BUFF volunteers do not have to call ahead to let me know you will be there. Simply show up. As usual volunteers can fish before and after the scheduled time. Thanks for your help.

**Steve Horgan
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2012 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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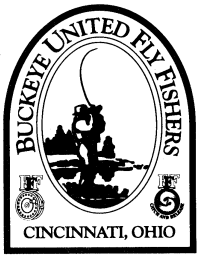
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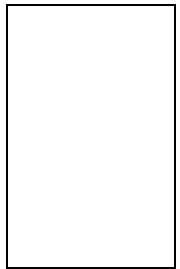


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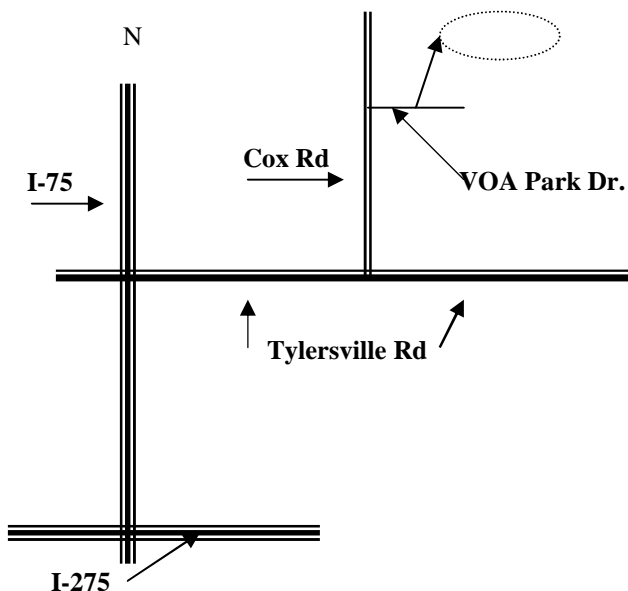
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – September 12

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From I-75 -- Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

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