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## **Notes from the President**

Ken Dixon (krgjdix@outlook.com)

We are now closing out August and heading into September. It seems like the year is flying by. The weather this month started out more like early June than August but by the end of the month the heat and humidity showed itself. I hope you were able to get out and enjoy the waters this month. The heat and humidity will be continuing into September so be sure to keep hydrated and do not get over heated.

While August is normally a slower month for many of our activities, two of our key Committees, the 2015 Banquet and the 2015 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, have already started their planning activities. If you are interested in helping on these committees, please let the chairmen know. Your help is key to making the events the success they always are. Also, Tim Williamson held our first on-stream Mending, Wading, & Reading the Stream Clinic. Great Job Tim! Outside Education worked with the Mason Kids Fishing Derby as well as at Parky's Farm, a group of our members joined with the guys from Mad River TU Chapter for a stream monitoring event on the Mad River, and Project Healing Waters did an outing at the Brookville Tail Water. Not bad for a "slow" month.

I mentioned last month that my brother and I, along with our wives, would be getting together in August for our annual Lake Michigan Charter as part of a week of sharing and doing.



As you can see above, we did OK. We landed 18 of 23 fish we had on line, the majority of which were steelhead but we did have a few Lake Trout and King Salmon in the mix. We were fishing a scum line that had formed several miles off-shore. About half of the fillets were kept fresh while the remainder went in the smoker the next day. Yum! As always, we had a great time even if it wasn't "on the fly". The captain, with whom we have been doing this trip for 10 years, decided this year to have "Girl Lines" (those nearer the boat) and "Boy Lines" (long lines to top planner boards with even longer, weighted lines to the lure). The ladies loved this approach. My arm still has twinges from cranking those long lines in.

After the wife and I left my brother's, we decided to make a quick trip to visit Sunnybrook Trout Club. This portion of our trip had to be cut short but I did get a day on the streams there. For those going on the September Sunnybrook Trip, I will tell you the fish were plentiful and big with lots of fight.

Our September meeting looks to be really interesting. Check out the details on-line and in this issue of the BUFFER. I have said it before but it bears repeating, our program chairmen are doing a fantastic job of lining up great speakers for our meetings.

Those of you who attended the August BUFF meeting are aware that the planned auction of fishing equipment from the late Bill Fisher's estate had to be postponed. This will be rescheduled for later this fall. I will let you know when we can get it on the schedule.

A new fishing survey will be conducted in either September or October by B.U.F.F. member Andrea Ballinger in conjunction with her Master's program at Miami University. This survey will be done on-line, not at one of our meetings, and all members will be given an email notification when it is available. In addition to Andrea's questions, we have included some questions specific to B.U.F.F. issues. When this becomes available, I encourage you to participate.

As you are out and about, remember school is starting. Watch out for the kids as they are going to and from school and the many school events.

Good Fishing and Tight Lines,

# **Harmful Algal Bloom**

Steve Lilly (sililly@fuse.net)

Gov. John Kasich declared a state of emergency in Toledo after a water treatment plant tested positive for a toxin that can cause liver and kidney damage. The toxin is a product of cyanobacteria, typically harmless bacteria, found in aquatic vegetation including blue-green algae.

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The cyanobacteria bacteria has the distinction of being the oldest known fossil dating back some 3.8 billion years; about 2.3 billion years ago the cyanobacteria began through photosynthesis to split oxygen out of the water molecule and released it into the atmosphere thereby drastically altering the air on the planet that led to the complex and varied life forms we have today. We may need them again, this time to help reduce the carbon dioxide in today's atmosphere. Researchers have genetically modified cyanobacteria to produce a sugar from carbon dioxide and water through photosynthesis then other bacteria turn the sugar into ethanol for fuel. A Florida company claims to have achieved annual ethanol yields of up to 9,000 gallons per acre compared to corn that can produce about 168 gallons per acre.

## **In Memoriam**

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Joe Marble Tellico River 1978

Joe Marble joined the Club just two months after it was organized and was an active member until he moved to Florida a number of years ago. Joe passed in July. Paul Feldman, who was kind enough to pass along some comments about Joe, told me that he, Andy Stovall and Joe "went on the first BUFF outing in the Smokies in 1978, and the 3 of them were partners in a cabin on the North Branch of the Au Sable for some years. Joe was soft spoken, easy going, and really loved trout fishing in spite of the fact that he could hardly see well enough to tie on a fly. His favorite fly was a Goofus Bug, because it was BIG and easy to see!"



Lou Haynes Sunnybrook Trout Club 2011

Lou Haynes joined the Buckeye United Fly Fishers in 1998. During his tenure with the Club he served as club president from 2006-2008 and was Education Director for 6 years. Lou was given the Board of Director's Ward in 2002; the President's Award in 2004 and was named Fly Fisher of the year, B.U.F.F's most prestigious award, in 2005. Lou was also a volunteer and board member on the Cincinnati Chapter of "Fishing Has No Boundaries", an organization that holds fishing events for physically and mentally challenged people. Lou was an avid fisherman and made many of the Club sponsored trips as well as fished most of the local waters. Lou passed in August. Lou was a true gentleman and will be missed by all that had the good fortune to know him.

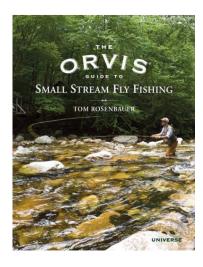
Editor's Note – The notice on Lou Haynes passing ought to have been posted in last month's Buffer. I apologize for the oversight.

## **2015 Fly Fishing Show**

Bob Gustafson (j.r.gustafson@att.net)

Mark your calendars now for the 2015 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, Saturday, February 7, 2015.

Headlining the show will be **Tom Rosenbauer**, host of Orvis Fly
Fishing Podcasts and author of over
40 outstanding books on fly fishing
and fly tying. Tom has been with
the Orvis Company over 30 years,
and is currently Marketing Director
for Orvis Rod and Tackle.



Tom has been a fly fisher for over 35 years, and was a commercial fly tier by age 14. He has fished extensively across North America and has also fished on Christmas Island, the Bahamas, in Kamchatka, and on the fabled English chalk streams. He is credited with bringing Bead-Head flies to North America, and is the inventor of the Big Eye hook, Magnetic Net Retriever, and tungsten beads for fly tying. Plans are for Tom to conduct fly tying clinics on Friday, February 6, and to make several presentations at the show itself.

The show committee is hard at work planning the upcoming show. The 2015 show will have the usual world class fly fishing content that has come to be expected from BUFF: more than 50 outstanding exhibitors, fly rods, streamside accessories, fly tying supplies, educational presentations, indoor casting pond, fly tying demonstrations, kid's activities,

jewelry, outfitters and lodge representatives, kayaks and watercraft accessories, books, and more. There will something for everyone at the show!

Check the BUFF website for the latest show information as it develops.

# **September Monthly Meeting**

Pete Moore (sharonandpetem@outlook.com)

Starting at 5:30 on September 10 in the lake south and east of the Ronald Regan Lodge, Roads Rivers and Trails (outfitters in Milford, Ohio http://www.roadsriversandtrails.com/) will make available several fishing type kayaks for BUFF members to inspect, discuss and take trial rides. You will have an opportunity to try several kayaks if you wish. If you plan to take a test ride in a kayak, come prepared to wade in shallow water to enter and exit the kayak. Also realize that you could get other cloths wet if you have an accident. So bring something to store you valuables in (i.e. wallet, watch, cell phone, etc.), and dry cloths in event of an accident. Both BUFF and Roads Rivers and Trails will ask all folks that wish to paddle a kayak to sign a waiver of liability form. Although there will be life jackets available, you may wish to bring your own. This first part of the program will end about 6:45 pm so we can ready ourselves for dinner, the business meeting and the second part of the program.

The second part of the program will start at the normal time of approximately 8:pm. Delamere and Hopkins - Cincinnati outfitters for Field and Stream- http://dh.bestgear.com will make a presentation to our membership about the use of a kayak for fly fishing.

This program will hopefully help us understand the pros and cons of kayak fishing and dispel and myths or misunderstandings we may have about kayaks. Please come prepared to learn and enjoy.

Luke Sedacca will be presenting this part of the program

Born and raised in Cincinnati, I'm very familiar with local sporting opportunities. I'm also an Eagle Scout. I have extensive experience hunting and fishing and have been a bird hunter all my life.

I graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor's degree in History and began fly fishing about the time I joined the D&H team. Since then I've fly fished in Michigan, Alaska, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, and several Western states. I also tie many of my own flies.

Outside of the shop, I guide customers, am a D&H casting and fishing instructor, and an occasional trip host. In the shop, you'll see me on the floor as well as assisting with ordering, social media, and off-site D&H events. To contact me directly, please email luke.sedacca@BestGear.com.

## **Liability Waiver Forms**

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After due consideration, your Board of Directors has decided that for the protection of the Club and its members, liability waiver forms should be executed by 3<sup>rd</sup> party event sponsors and accepted by all participants in Club activities which could impose legal liability on B.U.F.F. or its members.

**Event Participation Assumption of Risk & Liability Waiver** 

Participants on all B.U.F.F. sponsored trips and those taking part in certain special third party sponsored events (as determined by your Board) will be required to accept this waiver prior to the trip or event. An example of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party event activity requiring these forms would be the testing of kayaks in the VOA Lake at our September meeting.

#### **Event Sponsor Agreement for Demonstration Form**

When the Club has a special event sponsored by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party such as the on-water kayak exhibition and trials, the 3<sup>rd</sup> party sponsor will be asked to sign this form.

These forms and the associated Guideline can be found on the BUFF Website under the link **About Us / Club Info / Guidelines & Policies / GP-22 Liability Waiver Agreements**. The Guideline & Policy as well as the forms have been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

We are developing an on-line system for the Event Participation Waiver. While it is still a work in progress, it is envisioned that it will be easy to use and somewhat along the lines of what you see when asked to accept terms and conditions when you buy or pay on-line. This system should be available in the next 60 days. We will provide more details on the system as it becomes available. For existing trips or events already in the process of signing up, the forms may have to be distributed manually. The Board will work closely with Trip Leaders to make this process as painless as possible.

The Event Sponsor Agreement will be handled manually by the B.U.F.F. liaison with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The signed copy (either paper or a scanned electronic copy) will be given to the Webmaster for electronic filing.

The Board understands this is a new and different policy and asks you to work with us as we implement this new program.

# **Beginner Fly Tying Class**

Jim Neckers ineckers@cinci.rr.com)

Dates: Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 Springdale Community Center,

11999 Lawnview Ave. Springdale, OH

During these classes you will learn about vises, tools, threads, hooks and various tying techniques. The instructions will start with simple fly patterns and progress through dry flies, nymphs, emergers and streamers.

All equipment and materials will be supplied.

Please register for the class on-line. Contact: Jim Neckers - 513-254-7901

# **BUFF and the Great Outdoor Weekend Sept 27**

Edward Jones (jonesee@miamioh.edu)

Once again, BUFF will partner with Green Umbrella and over 50 other organizations celebrating the Great Outdoor Weekend (GOW). The 2014 effort will include 120 free events at 40 locations over an eight county area September 27 and 28. We will be at the Isaac Walton League cabin on the Little Miami River in Loveland doing what we do best – introducing folks to our favorite outdoor sport, primarily with casting and fly tying activities. Other GOW activities may be found at cincygreatoutdoorweekend.org.

We need about ten volunteers from the BUFF membership to help with introductory tying and casting activities. Please consider stepping up for this event, even if you have never volunteered for BUFF before. You need not be an expert at either activity to give folks their first experience at casting or tying. Average will work just fine! It's fun; you'll spend time with great friends, and might inspire someone to take up the sport! Our activities are Saturday, September 27, 10 AM – 3 PM, at the Ike's cabin, 544 Branch Hill, Loveland, OH. You can volunteer for the entire time or just part of it – whatever fits your schedule. Register online at the BUFF website (buckeyeflyfishers.com) or contact me directly to sign up or get answers to questions (jonesee@miamioh.edu, 513-523-6523).

This year I will be in the midst of a fishing trip during the Great Outdoor Weekend, so we also need someone to coordinate the event. The ground work will already have been done, but we still need to have a contact person to coordinate between Green Umbrella and our volunteers. Please give me a call or email if you can help with this.



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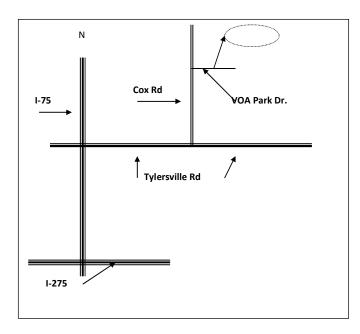
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

## Next Monthly Meeting - Sept 10, 2014

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at <a href="https://www.buckeyeFlyFiSHERS.com">www.buckeyeFlyFiSHERS.com</a> for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month through the Sunday evening before the monthly meeting!



#### **Directions:**

From I-75 -- Follow 1-75 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.

#### From the Warren County area...

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right 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.