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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Well, spring has sprung and the fish are anxiously waiting for you. If you haven't been out after them yet, it's time to dust off the rod and reel, tie on a fresh fly and go! There are plenty of good fish around waiting to do battle with your wits. As I remember, last year the fish won most of the time. If it weren't for those eager-to-bite, little ones, there wouldn't have been much for me to brag about. It's amazing how fast the fish we catch grow each time we talk about them.

The BUFF banquet was a rousing success again this year. The food was good, the prizes plentiful and a great time was had by all. We owe a great deal of thanks to Bob Miller and Roger Corrado, the banquet co-chairs, for their excellent leadership in organizing the event. Thanks also to all of you who gave some of your time to help Bob and Roger with the details, those of you who donated prizes, those who came to the banquet and graciously supported the club monetarily, and a special thanks goes to the outfitters, vendors and fly shops who donated trips and merchandise for our event. Remember to support these businesses because their generous donations helped us immensely in meeting our financial needs used to support our yearly programs.

Besides our regular monthly meetings, there are fishing trips, casting classes, public education events and conservation outings scheduled over the next few weeks. Take advantage of these many great opportunities to be involved in our club. Check them out on the club calendar. If you want to take part in any of these activities but don't know who to contact, please call or e-mail me or any one of our board members. Let us know what your interest is and we will get you in contact with the right person to get you started. Remember, the more you give to the club, the more you will benefit from its' resources.

April Meeting Program

Brookville Lake Indiana Tail Water Fly Fishing

Learn how this fishery came about and take a slide show tour from the dam to the Whitewater River. You will learn how to effectively fly fish this cold water stream. Your virtual guide is Tom Herr.

2005 Fly Fisher of the Year

Every year we honor a member of B.U.F.F. with the Fly Fisher of the Year. This is B.U.F.F.'s highest honor that is bestowed each year to a B.U.F.F. member in recognition of his/her extraordinary efforts in giving back their time and talents. This year, the 2005 Fly Fisher of the Year is none other than Lou Haynes.

Lou has an excellent history of giving back to B.U.F.F.:

- He served as Vice President in 2003.
- When the need has surfaced, Lou has taken on some critical roles.
- Lou is one of the leaders who's been instrumental in establishing the new Ohio Sub-Council for Federation of Fly Fishers.
- He's been involved in a lot of our outreach programs, including reaching out to thousands of kids at Parky's Farm and helping with the Casting For Recovery Retreats.
- Lou's always reaching out to new folks joining our club, trying to make them feel welcome

But those of us who know Lou, know his true passion is in education:

- He's always thinking about how we can improve education
- He's very active in fly tying
- He's taken the time to become a B.U.F.F. certified casting instructor
- He developed the very popular Fly Fishing 101 course

He's truly committed to making B.U.F.F. a stronger club. **Congratulations Lou!**



2005 Board of Directors Award – Don Hogue

Throughout the year, the Board of Directors often see efforts and activities from our members that are many times not evident or visible to the overall membership. So in addition to the FFOY award, we have created the Board of Directors Award to recognize extraordinary efforts from our members. This year, the Board of Directors Award goes to Don Hogue.

Don has served as Treasurer for the past three years, which in itself is no small task. But in addition to managing our books for last three years, Don has put in countless hours supporting B.U.F.F. by:

- Managing the registration table at our monthly meetings.
- Managing the registration table at the Fly Fishing Show.
- Managing the registration table at the Banquet.
- He's taken care of our Membership Health needs, sending cards and flowers to our membership in need.

Don brings an honest, helpful, giving spirit to our organization that is truly appreciated. **Congratulations Don!**

WOMEN'S INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING CLASS

Patti Howell

Mark your calendar on Saturday, April 29th for our Women's Fly Fishing Class being held at the Island Recreation Clubhouse on Landen Lake. (Directions to the Island Rec. Clubhouse on Landen Lake can be found on our BUFF website.) The class will start at 10:00 AM and be over around 2:00 PM. Bring your lunch, and drinks will be furnished. Patti Howell and Jayne Uckotter will conduct the class with the assistance of BUFF's certified casting instructors.

The morning session will cover fly fishing gear, stream safety, rods, reels, line, leader and tippet, and you will learn to tie a few basic knots. After the lunch break we will spend the rest of the class time on casting, with the five essentials of the casting stroke and the application of those essentials in **your** casting stroke. If you do not have your own fly rod, tell Patti when you make your reservation and the club will provide one for you. The class will be limited to 12 students, so get your reservation in early. To make a reservation, contact Patti at 513-683-7138 or phowell@fuse.net. You may also sign up for the class at the April 12th general meeting.

Conservation

Mike Bryant

With spring comes our renewed Conservation efforts. Recall that last fall, we outlined our strategy for 2006. Part of this effort includes multiple day trips exploring the Great Miami River watershed. The first daytrip will be scheduled in May. More information will be made available in the next month.

Mad River Workdays have started again in March. I plan to help with the April 8th workday. If you have an interest in helping, let me know via email (mjbryant@email.com) or phone (513-697-9576). The team will also be conducting their annual monitoring day at St. Route 36 on April 22.

Thank You

Mike Bryant

Many thanks to everyone for your thoughts, prayers and kind words with my Mom's passing away in February. It's never easy to lose someone that you are close to and love. But in this time of lose, I felt your support. It meant a lot to my family. And thanks to B.U.F.F. for purchasing a book for our club library in memory of my Mom, Judy Bryant.

Elkhorn Trip, June 8, 9, & 10, 2006

Tentatively 22 people have signed up for the Elkhorn Trip, however, only 7 people have returned an application with their trip waiver. At the April meeting pick up a packet and get the application & trip waiver back to Don Hogue.

The Campground will hold 5 RV sites and 8 camp sites until May 1, 2006. To register you must get an application to Don as well as call your reservation into the camp ground by May 1, 2006.

Don Hogue may be reached at Thesputzer@fuse.net (Put BUFF in the Title. Don does not open strange email addresses...) or call 513/231-4852

Spring Cleaning – An Archive Article

Bobby Gray

The fishing season is upon us once again. I'm wondering how many of you will drag out your gear for the first time of the season only to find out your waders have a hole in them, your hooks are all rusty, you can't find your tippet, and you forgot to fix the broken tip on your fly rod before you put it away. Trust me, I've done it and I suspect many of you will have experienced the same. I thought an article, just as a reminder, might ease the anguish and prevent a spoiled trip for you. Here are some care and cleaning tips I'd like to share with you.

WADERS - If you hung your waders up and cleaned them at the end of the season, good job! If not, take them out of that smelly old storage bag and get to work. First, mix a bucket of warm water with a mild soap such as Dawn. **NOTE!** For breathable waders you should use a mild soap for gentle fabrics like Woolite®. Start first on the outside and scrub all the mud and gunk from them. It is well to note that this should be a practice done after every trip. This residue can carry diseases from one river to another. Next, rinse with clean water.

Don't stop now, you are only half way done. Having been in them for many hours last season, you've sweated and other things in them. Turn those smelly things inside out and repeat the process, first with warm soapy water followed by an thorough rinse. Make sure you let them air dry completely before you put them away.

WADING SHOES - I sure hope your wading shoes weren't in the same bag with your waders. You could keep your waders a lot cleaner if you don't pack them together. The procedure is the same, scrub with warm soapy water and rinse with a garden hose. Make sure you rinse the felt soles really well using the high pressure from the water hose to get all the sand and dirt out of the felt. Leaving sand and grit in your felt soles is the same as not vacuuming your carpet. The dirt and sand will grind the fibers each time you walk in them prematurely wearing them out.

Also, check your shoestrings. Replace them if necessary or just replace them for good measure. You cannot afford a broken string on the river. A broken shoe string is like a broken fan belt; you are not going to get very far without either.

ROD CARE - Cleaning your rod is important, *and not just once a year*. Your fly rod will gather dirt and grime throughout the season. I use a mild soap and water solution for cleaning. Use a soft cloth making sure you wipe the entire rod including inside all the eyelets. Rinse with clean water. I then take a soft toothbrush and clean the threads on the reel seat. This will remove all the small dirt particles and will save the life of the threads.

When I finish cleaning I take a Q-tip and use some line dressing to coat the inside of all the guides. Be sure to check the guides for any nicks and abrasions. If you find some, replace the defective guide. When you are done, make sure your rod is completely dry. Never put a wet rod or a wet rod sock into the tube. It will mildew.

REELS - Like all the other equipment I have discussed, your reel also needs general maintenance. Refer to your manual on how to remove the spool. Most are very simple. After you take the spool out, set it aside. Take the reel and swish it around in soapy water. I like to take a Q-tip and carefully clean all the parts inside to remove all the old grease and dirt particles, making sure to rinse with clean water. To re-lube my reel, I like to use a product called Whale Spit. It is a light grease which holds up well in water.

If you use products that are in spray cans or bottles, spray the end of a Q-tip and then apply it to the parts. I believe excess spray will only attract dirt and grime. There is also a chance that some of the excess could leach out onto your fly line. The oil will affect the performance of your fly line by attracting dirt making casting more difficult. In some instances, it may even attack the line itself.

FLY LINE -Take a small sponge or rag, get it wet, then put a small amount of liquid soap on it. Wrap it around the end of your fly line and begin to pull the line through the soapy sponge, laying it out on the floor or on a table. When you reach the end, stop, reverse the process. You will see the dirt and grime on the sponge. Then take a different sponge or rag with clean rinse water, repeat the process to remove all the soapy residue. Once this is complete, buy some fly line dressing and follow the directions. This will not only help preserve your line, it will lubricate it so that it will shoot through the guides. You will get further distance with fewer false casts.

In closing, I learned a lot of this the hard way. I hope after reading this, it will help you not make the same mistakes I have made.

2006 BUFF Calendar

April

Apr 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor

Apr 6 **Fly Fishing 101** – Hopewell Jr. High 7-9 pm

Apr 7 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

Apr 8 **Day Trip** – TBD

Apr 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm

Apr 13 **Advanced Fly Tying Techniques** Springdale Community Center 7-9 pm

Apr 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

Apr 20 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop

Apr 21-23 **Rockwell Springs Trip**

Apr 21 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

Apr 28 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

Apr 29 **East Fork River Sweep**

Apr 29 **Ladies Only Fly Fishing Class**

May

May 4 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor

May 4-7 **Nantahala Spring Trip** – TBD

May 5 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

May 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm

May 12 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm

May 13 **Day Trip** - TBD

May 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

May 18 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop

May 19 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

May 21 **Beginning Casting Class** – TBD

June

Jun 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor

Jun 3-4 **Fishing Has No Boundaries** – Cowan Lake

Jun 4 **Beginning Casting Class** – TBD

Jun 8-11 **Elkhorn Fishing Trip** - Don Hogue

Jun 11 **Beginning Casting Class** - TBD

Jun 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm

Jun 15 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop

Jun 17 **Day Trip** – TBD

Jun 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

TBD **Montana Fishing Trip** – TBD

July

Jul 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor

Jul 8 **Day Trip** – TBD

Jul 9 **Knot Tying Class** 1-4 pm

Jul 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Little Miami Canoe Campground
Morrow, OH

Jul 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

Jul 20 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop

TBD **Little Miami Inc. Workshop** Nisbet Park

August

Aug 3 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor

Aug 13 **Wader Safety Day** – TBD

Aug 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

Aug 17 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop

Aug 18 – 20 **CFR Indian Bear Lodge**, Walhonding, OH

Aug 18 **Pre-Picnic Camp Out** – TBD

Aug 19 **Buff Annual Picnic** Little Miami Canoe Campground
Morrow, OH

Aug 20 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**

Aug 27 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**

TBD **Clermont Co. Days Fly Fishing Workshop**

September

Sep 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor

Sep 8 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

Sep 9 **Day Trip** – TBD

Sep 10 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**

Sep 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm

Sep 15 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

Sep 17 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**

Sep 17-22 **PM Salmon Trip** (Michigan) – TB D

Sep 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

Sep 21 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop

Sep 22 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

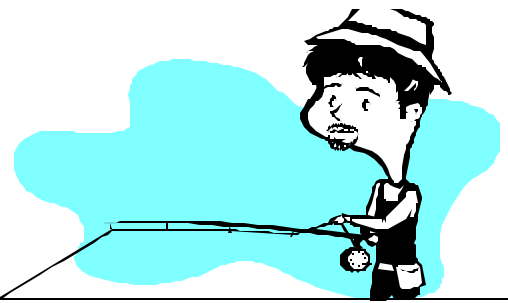
Sep 24 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**

Sep 29 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm

TBD **Great Miami River Days**

TBD **Green Acres Great Outdoors Weekend**

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October

- Oct 5 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 5-8 **Rockwell Springs Trip** – TBD
- Oct 6 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Oct 10-12 **Roger Lowe NC Trip** - TBD
- Oct 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Oct 13 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Oct 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
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- Oct 19 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Oct 21 **Day Trip** – TBD
- Oct 26 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Oct 29-Nov 4 **Arkansas Little Red & White Rivers Trip**

November

- Nov 2 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 2 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Nov 9 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
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Members welcome
- Nov 15 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Nov 17-19 **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**
- Nov 30 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**

December

- Dec 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

BEGINNER CASTING CLASSES

Sign up early for the Beginners Casting Classes held on May 21, June 4 and 11. This class fills up early. A 25.00 refundable deposit is required at sign up. The class is limited to 12 students who will learn how to make good accurate casts with tight loops, and a few techniques that will make flyfishing a more enjoyable sport for those of you who would like to increase your skills. We will have one BUFF casting instructor for every three students, so your instruction will be almost one on one. These classes are for BUFF members only. See Roger Corrado to sign up.

BUFF FLY FISHING SHOW

Ken West

To everyone that helped with the fly tying area at the show, "thank you" doesn't even begin to cover it. It is one thing to get things started, but quite another to make them work. Without the dedication of all who helped, it never would have gotten off the ground. So as well as I can say it,

THANK YOU!

New Members

Please welcome new members Mike and Mandy Burke, and family, Carlisle, OH; Ralph Sprecher, Lawrence, IN; Liam and Karsten Dorward, and family, Glendale, OH; Tom Bartlett, Cincinnati, OH; Jay and Mary Bettman, and family, Cincinnati, OH; Glenn Weisner, Toledo, OH; Wayne Sampson, Perrysburg, OH; and Dave Ziegler, Cincinnati, OH, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

2006 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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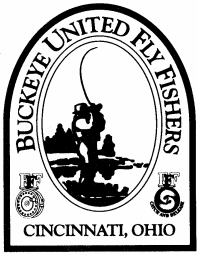
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April Menu

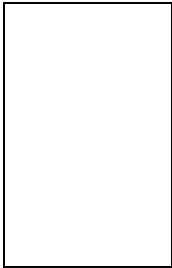
Spaghetti with Homemade Meatballs
Meatloaf served with Brown Gravy
Parsley Buttered Potatoes
Vegetable Vinaigrette
Rolls and Butter
Apple Dumplings with Cinnamon Rum
Raisin Sauce

3/2006 BUFF Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$14408
Total Receipts	\$28872
Total Disbursements	\$15071
Ending Balance	\$28210
EB Includes:	
Petty Cash	\$100
Trip Escrow	\$500
CD	\$5180
New Bank Acct.	\$8000



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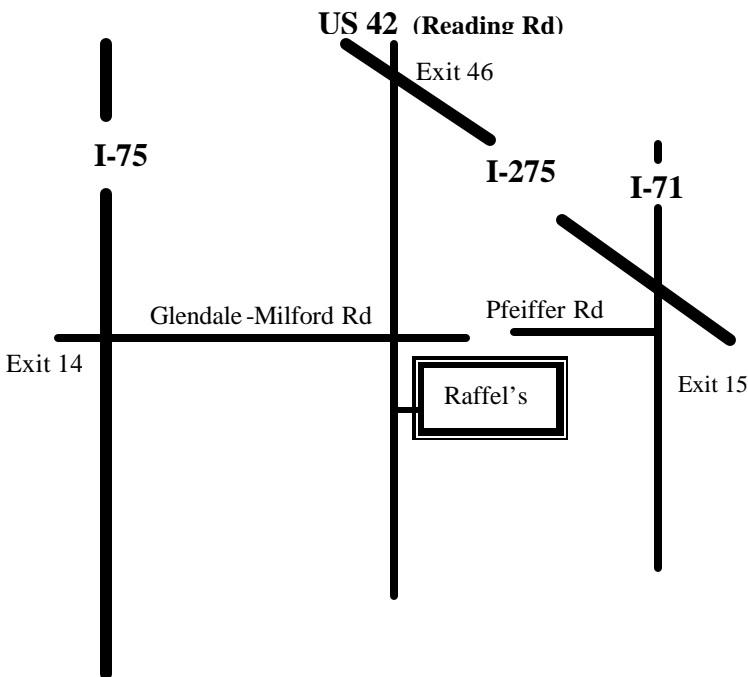
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday –April 12

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 FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED A 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.

From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.