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## Notes from the President

Ken Dixon ([krjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krjdix@outlook.com))

March is behind us and it looks like winter has finally given way to spring. I certainly am ready for some warmer weather.

For the Club, March was a busy month, starting with our annual Banquet. Bryan Tudor and Cecil Osborne, along with all their team members, did an outstanding job this year. Putting this event together is a tough job and takes a lot of time and effort. As you know, the focus for the banquet is three fold; a nice evening out to help relieve our winter induced cabin fever, recognition of our members who have made significant contributions in the past year, and to help raise a major portion of our Club's operating funds for the year. Although the crowd was down from prior years, I think we had a great event. Everyone I have spoken with had a great time and really liked the innovations to this year's event. All non-Board members who had volunteered their services in 2013 were introduced and given a small token in appreciation of their service. These folks are the core of what our Club is about and are what makes our organization so successful. Thank you for your service to the Club and the community. The members of the 2013 Board of Directors and Officers were also recognized for their service with the presentation of a nice bamboo fly box laser engraved with the BUFF logo. Recipients of the Club's major annual awards were also announced: Pete Moore was given the Board of Directors Award, Randy Clark and Ed Jones were each presented with a President's Award, a Life Membership was awarded to Jerry Snider, and Jeff McElravy was presented the Club's most prestigious award, Fly Fisher of the Year. Congratulations to all the award recipients, they were well deserved!

Over the last few years, attendance to the Banquet has been decreasing and as a consequence, funds raised have also been reduced. A Blue Ribbon Committee has been named to review the Banquet and how we raise money for our Club sponsored activities. I'll have more later.

March saw the completion of our Advanced Fly Tying Classes, the start of Club sponsored trips (Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area located south of Louisville, KY, and the Steelhead School in Pere Marquette, MI), and the start of this year's Fly Fishing 101 Classes. The 101 Classes will be continuing in April on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the Arts & Crafts Room of the Springdale Community Center – signup on the BUFF website for these classes or contact Tim Williamson if you have any questions.



Swearing on of 2014 Officers & Directors at March BUFF Meeting

At the March Club meeting, the 2014 Officers and Board of Directors assumed their offices. While most of the members carried over their positions from 2013 to 2014, we saw the end of an era with the departure of Jeff McElravy and Randy Clark who have served as President and Vice-President for the last three years. Thank you both for your calm and determined leadership of our Club over this time. Both I and JR Jackson, our new Vice President, hope we can continue to lead this Club as successfully as you and your predecessors have done. Other changes to the Board include splitting the duties of the Education Chair into two areas, Public Education, held by Ed Jones, and Club Education, held by Tim Williamson; Jim Neckers has assumed the position of Director – Fly Tying and Bryan Tudor is our new Director – Conservation. For a full listing of our Officers and Directors, please check the BUFF Website. Welcome to all our 2014 Board and Officers. I look forward to working with you in the coming year.

If you have not done so recently, check out our website and all the changes Ken Foltz and Don Kail have implemented. We now have on-line registration for classes and trips, and we have a unified calendar for all our events which can be filtered for specific items. Our website has always been superior but it is fast becoming an awesome site. When you get a chance, mention to Don and Ken how much you appreciate their work. They welcome any suggestions you might have for further improvements. Ken Foltz also led the effort to obtain a new microphone system including a wireless lapel mike for the Club. These were first used at the March meeting and the improvement was very noticeable. Thanks Ken!

Now is a good time to check out your gear before you hit the waters. If you are like me, you probably haven't touched it since last fall. Taking a few minutes now can save a lot of frustration later when you suddenly find you are out of tippet or leader. Also, remember to renew your fishing license(s) if you have not yet done so. On April 7, our Casting Tune-Up is scheduled from 7:00-8:00 PM in the old Gym at the Springdale Community Center. This is a good time to get the rod out and limber up your arm while getting some helpful hints from our Casting Instructors.

# Fly Tying Update

Ken Dixon ([krjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krjdix@outlook.com))

March saw the completion of the Advanced Fly Tying Classes for 2014 and the one-night Introduction to Fly Tying Class. Advanced Fly Tying had 6 sessions with an average of 11 attendees per session.



We covered a wide range of fly tying styles including Articulated Flies, Small Flies, Parasol Flies, Scuds & Nymphs, and Terrestrials plus a technical discussion about feathers as tying materials. I wish to thank all the class leaders; Tim Williamson, Jeff McElravy, Tom Agin, Jim Neckers and Gary Begley. In addition I want to thank these same individuals plus Davy Jones for working as class aides when they were not leading a session.

In the Introduction to Fly Tying class, the first two weeks of our standard Beginner Fly Tying Classes were condensed into a single evening's 3 hour session. Attendance was light but that meant we had the chance to do a lot of one-on-one instruction with the attendees.

The next planned Club Tying Classes will be the Beginner Fly Tying Classes starting in late October (schedule to be announced). Between now and then, take advantage of the Tie and Lie sessions at Bass Pro led by Davy Jones and Gary Begley on the first Thursday and the third Friday of each month. For more details check out the BUFF website or see Davy and/or Gary. Jim Neckers is also investigating setting up a BUFF Tying Workshop with a special guest instructor later this year.

## Notice of proposed change to BUFF By-Laws

Tom Smith ([tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com))

Article XI of the BUFF bylaws states that an amendment to the BUFF by-laws must be communicated to the BUFF membership via their e-mail address provided to the BUFF, monthly (Buffer) newsletter and posted on the BUFF website 30 days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted on. A concurring vote of two thirds of the members present shall constitute acceptance of the amendment. The following is the proposed addition to Article III of the BUFF by-laws.

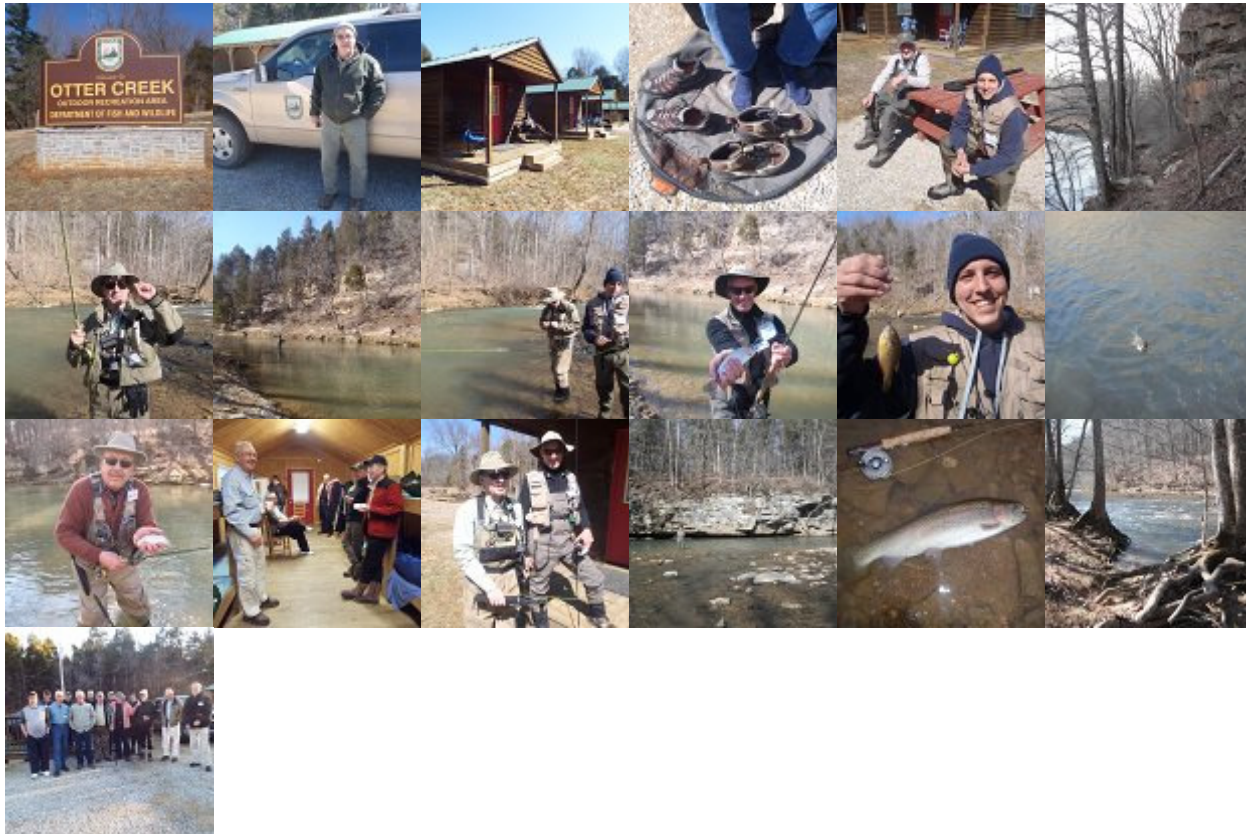
**“The president, at his discretion, may delegate contract signing and management for Fly Fishing Show booth rental sales to the Fly Show Committee.”**

The vote on this amendment will be taken at the May 2014 General Meeting.

# Otter Creek 2014 Trip Report

Randy Clark ([rclark3056@msn.com](mailto:rclark3056@msn.com))

On March 13 - 14 nineteen BUFFERS participated in the Club's first trip to Otter Creek Kentucky State Park for two days of trout fishing. Although the stream was heavily stocked "trout are never easy". There were about 150 fish caught. Most were small; however, several were over 14 inches and one little Bluegill. The water and weather was good but the trout were tricky. So there were many missed hook-ups. It seemed that the fly used was less important than a good drag free drift, detecting the take, and a quick hook set. The cabins were comfortable and the staff at the park very accommodating. A good thing about this trip is that we did not have to travel far and the cost was incredibly reasonable. The donuts, OJ and coffee Friday morning was a good thing but reported to not be a healthy breakfast. One poor member had wader issues; it seems that they no longer fit. The reason was reported that waders shrink when stored in darkness.



Dinner on Thursday was to be at El Camino's Mexican Restaurant only 8 miles away. Unfortunately, we did not know there were 2 "El Caminos". So half the group went to Brandenburg (8 miles west) while the other half went to Radcliff (8 miles East)

It seemed everyone had a good time and learned something that made them a better Fly Fisher.

# Hellbender

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With very little change over the past 60 million years, the Hellbender is considered a living fossil.

Wikipedia



A goal of the Ohio's Division of Wildlife is to reestablish as much as possible the threatened and endangered wildlife population in our streams including the Eastern Hellbender; a salamander that can reach 27 inches in length and weigh nearly 3 pounds. The Columbus Zoo, the Toledo Zoo, and The Wilds in Muskingum County have been raising Hellbenders from eggs, but the young ones aren't able to cope on their own until they are three years old and about 12 inches long. Assisting in the program, the State's Marion Correctional Institution is rearing some of the juveniles until they can be released (paroled?) into an undisclosed watershed in Eastern Ohio where they once flourished. The area is underlain with the Utica & Marcellus-Shale; the same formation that contains large quantities of hydrocarbons where even a tiny amount of a harmful chemical from the fracking process could be fatal if it came in contact with a Hellbender whose mucus covered skin is porous enough to absorb oxygen but could also absorb a poison.

# Please support our Annual sponsors for 2014

Tom Smith ([tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com))

[The following have made donations of \\$250.00 or more to support our 2014 programs](#)

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Elk Springs Resort  
Fightmaster Fly Fishing  
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Indigo Guide Service  
Mad River Outfitters  
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Rivers Edge Outfitters  
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# Invitation to Troutfest

Tom Smith ([tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com))

**Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Invites You To**



**2014**

## **Banquet & Auction**

**Friday, April 25**

**6:00pm**

Knoxville Airport Hilton Hotel  
Alcoa, TN

**Everyone Welcome!**

**Dinner, Live & Silent Auction, Prizes**

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Fishing Gear, Art, Travel, and more!

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Great Smoky Mountains National Park**

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For Event and Ticket Purchase Information

Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday April 9, 2014

Dinner Menu

"Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail"

Glazed Honey Ham

Penne Pasta Primavera with Alfredo Sauce  
With fresh vegetables

Sweet Potato Casserole

Green Bean Casserole

Ambrosia Salad

Hot Cross Rolls

Dessert

Pineapple Upside down Cake



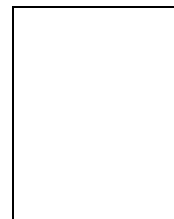


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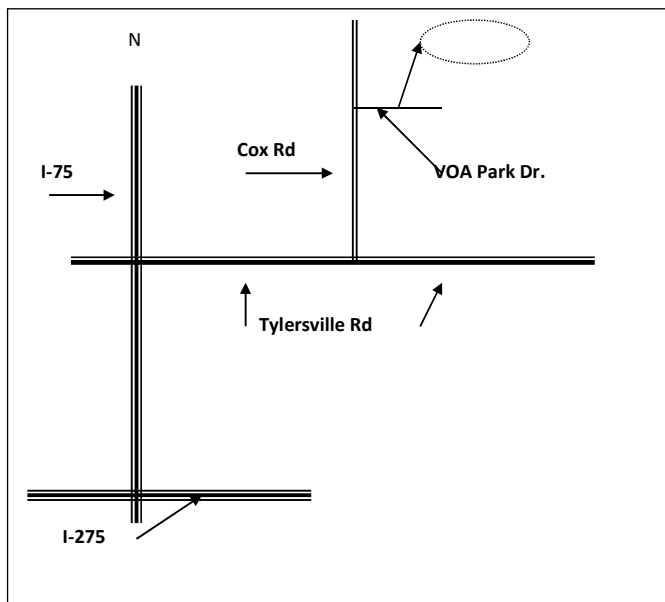
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 ( Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

## Next Monthly Meeting – April 9, 2014

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) 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 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.

### 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.