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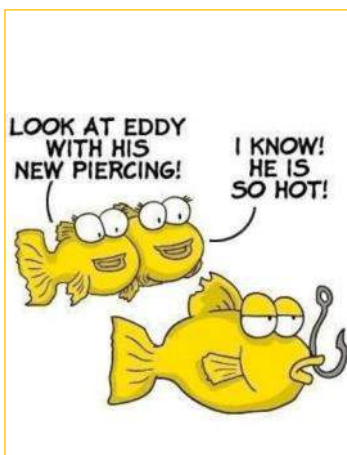
Notes from the President

J.R. Jackson (bearcatjr@gmail.com)

As I write this note, I am sitting at my dad's house in Youngstown after a cold, rainy/snowy day fishing the Ashtabula and Conneaut for steelhead...unsuccessfully, I might add. Water levels were extremely low yesterday when I was driving up, then we had a small storm system move through overnight and completely blew out the rivers. I was quite unpleasantly surprised to arrive to the Conneaut this morning to find "chocolate milk", and was reminded once again that I should always consult the USGS data sites before making a trip to the water. If you're new to fly fishing, find out from a veteran BUFF member how to access the USGS to find real-time data for almost any stream you'd want to fish. There's a plethora of information available online, and the more effectively you use it, the more likely you are to be in the right place at the right time to land the big one.

Also, with spring rains and high water levels, it's worth a reminder to be careful wading in murky water where you can't see the bottom. Make sure you're familiar with the stream in any area where you plan to wade, and even then remember that streams are always changing. While wading a section of the Mad River in high water a couple years ago, I hopped into the water and started across a sand flat I'd walked across countless times, only to discover that the most recent storms had completely washed out the sand flat and left a 6 foot deep hole where my flat once rested. I know it was 6 feet deep because I'm 5'11", and after my second step onto the missing flat, the water was about an inch over my head.

Also, if you haven't done so already, now's the time to be thinking about renewing local fishing licenses. Ohio and Kentucky licenses needed to be renewed as of March 1 and Indiana licenses on April 1. Ohio is now sending a PDF version of the license to you in an email, and allows you to display it on your phone. This is pretty handy if you do find yourself on-stream when you realize you forgot to purchase a license. As long as you've got a decent data connection on your cellular phone, you can buy the license on-stream and be good to go, then print out a paper copy when you get home if you prefer.



Kudos to Bob Gustafson for organizing another pair of white bass trips to Indiana, and to Hugh O'Donnell for taking on the spring steelhead trip. Both are great trips, and great opportunities to get out and learn about our sport from some of the most knowledgeable people around. Also, a HUGE thank you to Todd McGarvey and his Banquet Team for putting together a great banquet last weekend! Not only did they do a great job putting the banquet together, they did it on a shortened timeline, and still managed to put together a recognition ceremony, and a list of prizes and silent auction items extensive enough to make my head spin. A great time was had by all who attended, so thanks again.

Think that's about it for me for this month. Be safe on the water, and I hope to see you out there.

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April Meeting (April 13, 2016)

April Presentation & Speaker

Fly Fishing Western North Carolina and East Tenn. for Trout and Bass!

By Kevin Howell of Davidson River Outfitters NC

Mike Rubush (tenkaraguy1@yahoo.com)

Our April speaker is a longtime friend of BUFF and fly show presenter. Kevin Howell is a successful fly fisher, author, speaker, IFFF Certified casting instructor, guide shop owner, and nationally known fly tier. Kevin is the owner of the Davidson River Outfitters fly shop and guide services. He grew up fishing in the hills and hollows of North Carolina.

By the time he went to college he had fished in 2 countries and 38 of the 50 states. While Kevin has a special place in his heart for trout and the locals say he knows most of them on a first name basis, he spends



most of the year fishing and guiding for smallmouth Bass. Kevin says that our bass float trips take place on some of the most scenic rivers in the Southeast. The French Broad, the Tuckasegee, the Nolichucky, and the Pigeon all drain off the western side of the continental divide Don't miss his talk If you're interested in fishing for trout or smallmouth bass in Western North Carolina & East Tennessee.

April Calendar

April 4	Fly Fishing 101 Tim Williamson
April 5	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
April 5	Spring Casting Tune-Up Gary Begley
April 5	Intro to Fly Tying Jim Neckers
April 7	Spring Steelhead Trip Hugh O'Donnell
April 11	Fly Fishing 101 Tim Williamson
April 13	Ladies Casting Class Sue Jones
April 13	BUFF Monthly Meeting
April 15	Tax Day
April 19	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
April 20	BUFF Board Meeting
April 21	White Bass Day Trip Bob Gustafson
April 23	White Bass Day Trip Bob Gustafson
April 23	Spring Clean-up Brian Tudor
April 29	Sunnybrook Spring Trip Ken Dixon

Dinner Menu

- ◇ **Salad Bar with assorted toppings and dressings**
- ◇ **Baked Potato with Butter and Sour cream**
- ◇ **Chili 3-Way with Beans, Onions on the side with tabasco sauce and oyster crackers**
- ◇ **Grilled Chicken**
- ◇ **Dessert: Assorted Cupcakes**

Bluegill are an important and abundant sport fish in the United States. They are also one of the most common species in Ohio and can be found in almost every body of water throughout the state. Larger fish are usually caught in late spring or early summer while they are spawning in large colonies near shore.



Ladies Casting Class, April 13



A women's casting clinic will be held before the April 13 regular BUFF meeting from 5-6:30 at the VOA Park. All women interested in learning to cast or just improving their casting are welcome to attend. We will have casting helpers for everyone.



Laurel Creek Fly Fishing

BUFF Women Fishing Events

Sue Jones (jonessm4@miamioh.edu)

We are planning four women's events for BUFF this spring and summer. There will be casting helpers at all the events and we hope to increase our women members who fish. Women should feel comfortable in this fishing environment with other women, some who are experts and some who are just beginning. We encourage all women to participate in these events. All women interesting in learning to fly fish are welcome to come no matter what your ability. Club rods and flies will be available for anyone who needs them. We will start with a casting class, then bank fishing at a farm pond, and end with small stream fishing.

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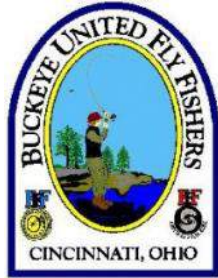
On May 21 we will have a fishing morning in a Butler County farm pond near Oxford from 8:00-10:30. Come early or late. After fishing we will go out for brunch at the local Bob Evans. Helpers will be there for those who have little experience farm pond fishing. Rain day is May 22.

On June 18 we will have a fishing experience on slow moving water, probably Four Mile Creek near Oxford. We will start about 8:30 and go until 10:30 with brunch to follow. It is probably going to be warm enough for wet wading although if you have waders you may want to bring them. Rain day is June 19-yes I know it is Father's Day so hope it doesn't rain. This event depends on the water level in the stream.

On September 10 we will have another fishing experience on the water. After a summer of practice, we will try wading on a small stream. Rain date is September 11. Again, fishing will depend on the level of water in the streams.

BUFF T-Shirts

Spring is here and we now have two types of short sleeve tee shirts to order on the logowear web page.



A fly with Buckeye United Fly Fishers is on the front upper left side and the back comes with a large flyfisher and BUFF logo. You may order one of the logos or both for no extra charge.

A wicking performance tee shirt (men and women) is \$16.00. It is in many colors appropriate for fishing. A 50/50 blend is also available. Men's is \$10 and women's is \$12.

There are many colors for both types of t-shirts, but if you don't see a color you want ask, we may be able to add it to the list.

Order by April 6 and you will have it at the April meeting.

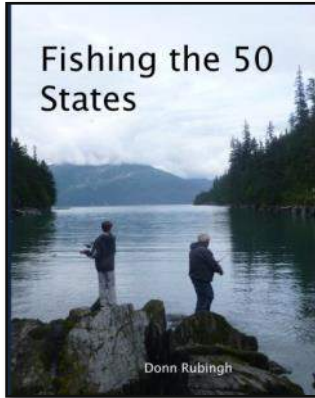
For information please email Sue Jones at: ionessm4@miamioh.edu

Library Update

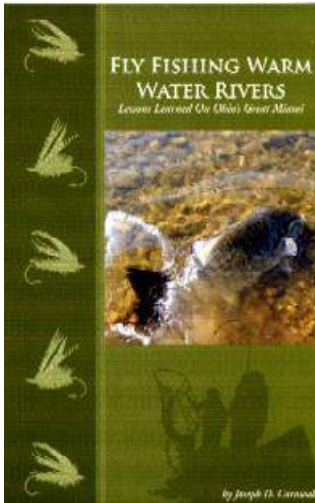
New Books

Michael Redmond (redmond.michael.l@gmail.com)

We have two new books added to the library, ready to be checked out at the April meeting. Both books were donated by the authors.



"Fishing the 50 States"
by Donn Rubingh



"Fly Fishing Warm Water Rivers"
Lessons Learned on Ohio's Great Miami
by Joe Cornwall



Fly Fishing Education



Plus Many More!



"I know you're in bed with the flu, but I need the keys to the filing cabinet."

Get Involved

Be a volunteer and reap the rewards



Service Education Opportunities Abound in 2016 Ed Jones, Public Education Director

After dozens and dozens of volunteers made the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show and the 2016 BUFF Banquet so highly successful, some of us might think it's time to kick back and rest on our laurels. Wrong! The season for education activities is upon us, and there will be copious opportunities for volunteering in 2016. Volunteering is a great way to "give back" to our marvelous organization and help us meet our mission. It's also a way to make and solidify friendships with fellow Buffers and feel more a part of the organization (BUFF trips help with that, too, but that's another article!).

Most of our public education services involve the introduction of fly fishing, fly casting, and fly tying to people who unfamiliar with our sport. Our "regular" activities are set for this season. Indian Hill High School typically invites us to teach fly fishing for their outdoor education classes. Parky's Farm is where we help small children catch their first fish and teach families who are new to fishing. Parky's events are usually on May-August Friday mornings. When school is out, we will help fish camps at Lake Isabella include fly fishing in their curriculum. We've been invited again to BugFest at the Cincinnati Museum Center June 4, the VOA's Crazy Cardboard Regatta July 16, Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club Sporting Women's Day July 16, the Greater Cincinnati Great Outdoor Weekend Sept 24, and Peterloon (Boy Scout Challenge at Camp Friedlander) Oct 8.

The above are examples of what we refer to as public education. We also need volunteers to help with club member education such as casting, tying, rod building, net building, and special on-stream classes. And then there are specific service activities we frequently provide for groups like Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, Reel Recovery or Fishing has no Boundaries. Specific details that will help you pick your best fit for volunteering may be found on the buckeyeflyfishers.com website calendar. Come help BUFF share the joy we feel for fly fishing with those who are ready to learn.

More Information...

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the *second* Wednesday of each month. Check the website for details, including guest speaker & presentation, buffet menu, and calendar updates.

Annual Dues

Annual 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 www.BuckeyFlyFishers.com for more information.

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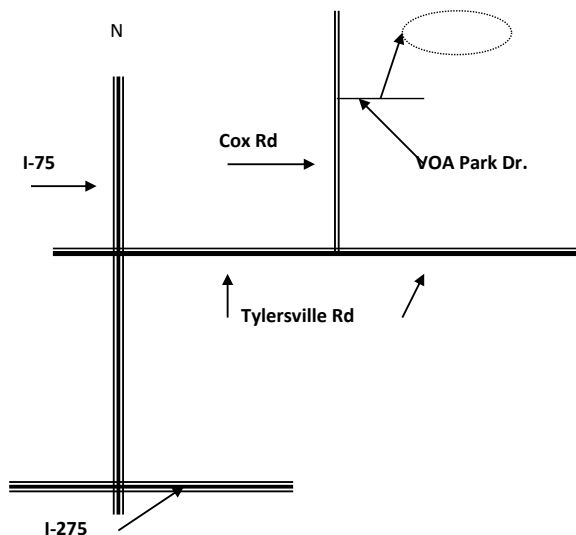
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Meeting Location & Directions

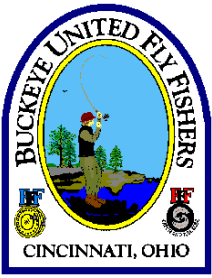


Directions:

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 Mason, Ohio 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.



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