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Notes from the President

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The fly show, the banquet and the officer elections have come and gone. It's a new year and Mother Nature is teasing us. She just won't let things get on and warm up enough to entice us to get out and fish. The rivers streams and lakes have flooded, a few times. What seemed like a chance to go out and fish in February turned into extended hibernation.

It's time to get off our duffs and get active. BUFF has plenty of activities coming up. Conservation, education and fishing trips are all on the schedule. As usual, education and conservation need volunteers to help out. Volunteers are what make the club function. Don't be bashful, sign up. You have a chance to meet club members you might not know. You could learn something new in the process and even find a new passion. Check the online sign ups often.

I volunteered to take on the job as President this year. I would like to increase the activity level of the membership and promote local fishing. There are several club education activities being planned towards that goal. Let me know what you think. Where should the club go? Are there activities that you would like to see? How about monthly speakers? For example, Wanda Taylor is on the agenda for this month, and will do 2 casting clinics before the April meeting at the VOA Park. You can send me emails, call me, or simply see me at the monthly meetings to let me know your thoughts.

Keep checking the online sign-ups for coming events. Till next month, keep you fly line wet.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 2017 BUFF Award winners announced at the banquet last month –

Fly Fisher of the Year – Don Kail

Board of Directors Award – Tim Williamson

President's Awards – Kathy LaDow, Hugh O'Donnell, Cari Vota, Mike Redmond, & Bryan Tudor

We also congratulate our volunteers who helped with or many club activities through the past year. These folks are listed on our website.

April Meeting Speaker: Wanda Taylor, World Famous Fly Fisher & Casting Instructor

Wanda Taylor will be the guest speaker at our April meeting. The title of her presentation is “Hey honey do you want to go for a ride?”

Wanda grew up and lives on her family farm in north Georgia, where she has been fishing her whole life. She has been a featured angler or host of magazines, radio, television, videos, etc. Wanda has been a professional guide and fly casting instructor for over 30 years. Her passion is teaching independent fly casting and fishing.

Among her achievements of why she is called the “South’s 1st Lady of Fly Fishing” are:

- In 2016, Wanda was the first woman inducted into the Southern Appalachians Fly Fishing Museum Hall of Fame.
- First woman in the world to be certified by the Federation of Fly Fishers as a Master Certified Casting Instructor.
- First woman to be endorsed as a guide in the Southeastern US by Orvis.
- Awarded the Southeastern FFF Woman of the Year award in 2005
- Recipient of 2008 FFF Southeastern Council Award of Excellence for her work with breast cancer survivors with Casting for Recovery.
- National Staff Advisory Member with TFO for over 16 years.



We hope to have many women attend and hear about the successes of our speaker.

Check out Wanda’s website: <http://www.wandataylorflyfishing.com/>

Wanda Will Lead 2 Casting Clinics at VOA Park Prior to the Meeting on April 11th –

Wanda will not only be our featured speaker for the April 11 BUFF meeting, but she will be leading two casting clinics at 3:45 and 4:45 on that afternoon prior to the meeting. Also, women will have the first opportunity to register for the free casting clinics before our meeting. Registration for women only will be for the first two weeks before opening registration for the clinics to all BUFF members. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn about improving casting skills. All clinics are on the grass outside of our meeting room at the VOA. Bring your own rod. Register online on the BUFF website. If you miss the registration or can’t make the start times, come anyways and listen in. *Please contact Cari Vota*

vota@zoomtown.com if you have any questions or need additional information about the casting clinics.

Please make plans to come to the April 11th casting clinics and BUFF meeting. Register for the regular monthly meeting on the BUFF website. Meeting registration ends on April 8th. Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not. Directions to the VOA Park are also on the website and at the end of the newsletter.

Dinner Menu for the April Meeting:

Caesar Salad

Bread Sticks

Lasagna

Zucchini Parmesan

Vegetable Medley

5-Spice Sweet Potatoes

Dessert

Assorted Mini-Desserts

2018 BUFF Banquet

By Bryan Tudor, Banquet Chair - bryan.tudor@yahoo.com

Thank you to all that attended this year's banquet and who helped to make it a resounding success. This year we had about 130 attendees, our largest attendance since 2013.

The Banquet is BUFF's largest fundraising event, and our club could not do many of our activities, like project healing waters, casting for recovery, activities at Parky's Farm, women's outdoor weekend, and many more events, without your attendance and support of this event. This year's banquet provided a record level of donations to support these activities.

I want to thank those who worked hard on putting the banquet together, collecting donations, shopping for prizes, cashiering, managing registration and the website, and so much more. We always seek to improve this event, so feedback on what you enjoyed and what we could do better is appreciated. You can contact me any feedback, thoughts or comments. Finally, we welcome any BUFF member interested in joining our team to help with next year's banquet; please contact me.

Again, thank you for all those who attended and those that helped with banquet, it cannot be done without you.

2018 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Recap & Looking Ahead

Bob Gustafson – j.r.gustafson@att.net

Another Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show has come and gone. The 2018 show set a new attendance record, attracted exciting new exhibitors, and gave us the opportunity to visit with perennial show vendors who have been coming to the Cincy show for years. Seminars by Ed Engle, Mike Schmidt, Ray Schmidt, Brown Hobson, and Glenn Weisner attracted large, attentive crowds. Show exhibitors were smiling all day as show visitors came early, stayed late, and were in a buying mood.

Many thanks to the 2018 fly show leadership team of Bob Miller, Don Kail, Ken Dixon, Jim Neckers, Tim Williamson, Jeff Georgin, Dave Jones, Ken Mandel, Wendy Gustafson, Jeff McElravy, Jim Vota, Cari Vota, and Bob Gustafson. And thanks to the 80+ BUFF volunteers who turned out and helped make the show a success!

Mark Your Calendar for 2019!

2019 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Saturday, Feb 2, 2019

Oasis Conference Center, Loveland

The team has signed on again for next year and, after a brief pause, is ready to start planning the 2019 show. We invite BUFF members interested in joining the fly show team to let Bob Miller or Bob Gustafson know. The expectations will be to work alongside current team members in assigned areas, learn the drill, meet monthly beginning in April to help plan the upcoming show, and to bring energy and ideas to the team. Contact information: ***bob.miller@alta-gila.com*** or ***j.r.gustafson@att.net***

Photos from the 2018 show -





Women's Monthly After-Work Fishing

By Cari Vota

This is our 2nd year of offering Women's Monthly After-Work fishing outings. They will be on the 3rd Thursday each month, April thru September. As these are after work, meeting up at about 6:00 pm, we can only fish until dark. Just a couple hours at most. These are a good opportunity to build basic skills, learn something new, and gain confidence. All outings will include Q&A time and mentors.

Unless we meet at a local pond, these are typically wading events. Some will be on the west-side of town and some on the east-side. Starting this year, if the river water is too high on our fishing nights to wade safely, we will meet at Triple Creek Pond. This way we will always get a chance to fish and work on our skills. Any notice of change in location will be sent out to all members who have signed up for the evening's outing. Triple Creek, part of the Great Parks of Hamilton Co., is a large pond with good parking and walking access all the way around it.

I have added a couple new local waters to our list this year. If some of these locations aren't posted on the BUFF Local Fishing post available to all members, they will be by the end of the season. No one should have an excuse they don't know where to FISH LOCAL.

Women's After-Work Outing

April 19	Triple Creek pond, west (off of I275 at SR 127/Hamilton exit)
May 17	Heritage Park, GMR west
June 21	Carl Rahe Park, LMR east
July 19	LMR at Lake Isabella Park, east
Aug 16	Heritage Park, GMR west, (or other GMR/Whitewater location)
Sept 20	East Fork of the LMR, Perintown or near the Co. Jail/Park off SR222, east

Signup's on the BUFF website are now available for the first couple outings. Please consider joining us. Questions welcome.

Lefty Kreh – An Influential Figure in Fly Fishing

Ken Mandel – kengmandel@gmail.com

A couple of weeks back I saw an interesting article in the New York Times announcing the passing of Bernard “Lefty” Kreh, a “fly fisherman with few peers”, on March 14, 2018 at the age of 93. As a newcomer to the sport, I’d not heard of him before, and found the article incredibly interesting and decided to share a bit of his history and legacy here. Lefty was one of fly fishing’s most prolific contributors, and he did visit BUFF. He was our invited speaker at the 1983 banquet, and an invited speaker to at least one other club meeting (early 1990’s). Unfortunately, photos of these events appear to have been lost to posterity, or at least those of us who have looked into our archives have not yet found them.



Lefty Kreh was born in 1925 and grew up in Maryland. He learned to fish as a boy, and by the late 1940’s was recognized as one of the best bass fisherman on the rivers of Maryland. Joe Brooks, another famous fly fisher, and an editor at Outdoor Life magazine, hired Lefty as a guide. Joe’s use of a fly rod on that occasion was Lefty’s introduction to the sport and unleashed his future – *he was ‘hooked’*. During the 1950’s Lefty became fully involved in fly fishing as a guide and teacher. He became an avid sports writer, producing fishing columns for newspapers and national magazines, developed novel and practical casting techniques, and taught at fly fishing shows and casting clinics across the US. Mentoring and teaching became a life-long passion.

In 1965, Lefty moved to Florida to become director of the Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament, at that time, the most prestigious big-game fishing tournament in the world. It exposed him to salt-water fishing and he became a pioneer in developing and increasing the popularity of salt-water fly fishing. One of his signature flies, Lefty’s Deceiver, a classic streamer, was and remains one of the premier flies for salt-water fishing, being incredibly effective. It is also a great fresh water streamer. This fly was the subject of a 1991 US postage stamp.



From 1974 until his retirement in 1992, Lefty was the outdoor editor at the *Baltimore Sun*. During this time, and continuing through his retirement years, he wrote numerous books and an untold number of magazine articles on fishing, as well as continuing his joy of teaching the sport to others. In 2010 he became co-host on “Buccaneers & Bones, the Outdoor Channel’s fishing show shot in Belize and the Bahamas. Lefty would often get celebrities with whom he had long standing friendships from fishing

experiences to appear with him on the show. During this period, he also created the first “*Lefty Kreh Fly-fishing Challenge Course*” on the grounds of the HomeWaters fishing club in Pennsylvania. It is a unique teaching venue, providing anglers direct experience for casting and fishing in a variety of designed stream conditions. Over his life, Lefty wrote over 30 books on fly fishing. His 1974 book, *Fly Fishing in Salt Water* remains one of the most important books on this topic. *Advanced Fly Fishing Techniques: Secrets of an Avid Fisherman* (1994) provides novel thoughts and ideas on casting and trout fishing, and also remains a seminal volume even today.

Lefty Kreh was a pioneer, innovator, fantastic instructor, and one who shared his love of fly fishing with the world. A true hero of the sport.

Upcoming BUFF Activities

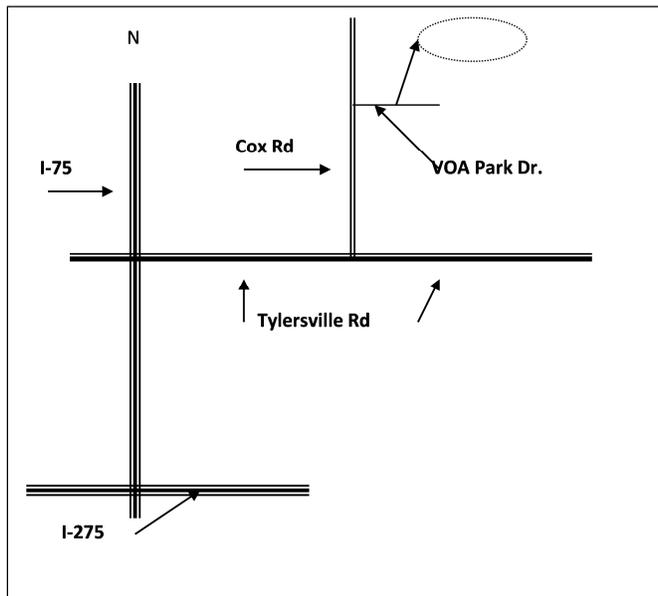
Please check the [BUFF Website](#) for availability and details, or contact the trip coordinator

<u>Trip/Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip Coordinator</u>
Spring Steelhead Trip Cleveland Area	April 12 th – 15 th	Hugh O’Donnell 513-200-7869 odonnellhj@gmail.com
Muskie Day Trip on Caesar’s Creek	April 14 th Rain date: TBD	Jim Vota 513-702-2553 vota@zoomtown.com
Twin Creek Day Trip Germantown Ohio	April 14 th April 19 th	Brandon Creekbaum 513-464-5091 creekbassin91@gmail.com
Women’s After-Work Outing Triple Creek, Cincinnati	April 19 th	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com
Little Miami River Fly Fishing Float Trip	April 21 st	Bill Schroeder 513-607-8071 bschroeder9999@gmail.com
East Fork Little Miami River Clean Up – Batavia, OH	April 21 st	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 starwoodtb@gmail.com

White Bass Fishing East Fork Whitewater River, IN 3 trips –4/26 date limited to new BUFF members	April 23 rd (rain date: April 30 th) April 26 th (Rain Date: May 3 rd) April 28 th (Rain Date: May 5 th)	Bob Gustafson 513-683-0286 j.r.gustafson@att.net
Great Miami Tree Planting Heritage Park, GMR	April 28 th	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 bryan.tudor@yahoo.com
Sunnybrook Trout Club Sandusky, OH	May 4 th – 6 th	Ken Dixon 513-787-2408 krjdix@fuse.net
Indian Hill HS Casting & Tying	May 9 th	Tom Bachey 513-543-4056
Women’s Daytrip to Brookville Tailwaters Brookville, IN	May 12 th	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com
Stream Quality Monitoring LMR, Bass Island	May 12 th (Rain Date: May 19 th)	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 bryan.tudor@yahoo.com
Stream Quality Monitoring Caesar’s Creek	May 12 th (Rain Date: May 19 th)	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 bryan.tudor@yahoo.com
Spring NC Trout Quest, Bryson City, NC	May 16 th – 20 th	Mike Redmond & Jim Neckers redmond.michael.l@gmail.com 937-554-2371 jimneckers@gmail.com 513-254-7901
Women’s After-Work Outing Heritage Park, GMR	May 17 th	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com
Twin Creek Day Trips, Germantown, OH	May 23 rd , or May 30 th	Steve Alexander 513-422-6906 spa5455@sbcglobal.net

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, April 11th, 2018

Register on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM. Registration ends on April 8th. Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



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.