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Notes from the President

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The banquet has come and gone. I hope you enjoyed it. I am thanking all the volunteers who helped to make this happen. The awards for Fly Fisher of the year, the BOD award, the President's awards and two new awards in conservation and education were announced. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

I hope you have all spent productive winters preparing for the coming season. If you haven't done that you should have headed out on some vacations to warmer climates. My winter was a lot of fun. I came down with an infection in my spine and an abscess. If that wasn't enough fun, I found that I have degenerative arthritis, several compressed disks, indications of compression fractures in 3 vertebrae, other miscellaneous old injuries, and other accumulated items. Your winter has had to be better than mine.

April's meeting is geared towards women with Susan Thrasher from Tennessee. She guides on the Caney Fork and Elk Rivers. She does real nice presentations. Even the guys will find it interesting. She's holding casting clinics before the meeting, and is an excellent instructor. The classes will be open to all club members.

Until next time be safe, don't do what I do and enjoy your time fishing.

Jim Vota
El Presidente

BUFF Banquet

By Bryan Tudor

Well another successful banquet has come and gone and I want to thank those individuals who were able to attend this year. The banquet is our club's only fundraiser, and this year's banquet raised almost \$5,900 for the club. . Support of many of the activities like project healing waters, casting for recovery, Parky's farm, women's outdoor weekend, and many more events would not be possible without your attendance and support of this event. I also want to thank those who worked hard on putting the

banquet together; collecting donations, shopping for prizes, cashiering, registration, website, and so much more.

In order to make continuous improvements, your feedback on what you enjoyed and what we could do better would be appreciated and a survey will be out soon. Also, if you are interested in helping 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.

Bryan Tudor
Banquet Chair

Some of the Raffle Items and Silent Auction Items



The Banquet



2019 Officers



Honoring Volunteers



2018 BUFF Award Winners

Fly Fisher of the Year – Ken Dixon

Ken Dixon is this year's recipient of Fly Fisher of the Year, BUFF's most prestigious award. It is well deserved. Ken's activities and involvement with our club is incredible. First off, he is a key member our fly fishing show committee, being in charge of the Fly Tying Alley and planning the layout for the exhibitor booths using CAD. The layout process includes all booth assignments, booth dimensions and power locations. Needless to say this process goes through multiple iterations as planning progresses.

Ken was President of BUFF in 2014 and 2015. During his tenure, Ken improved the mechanics and flow of the club and also improved our programs. Ken is an avid and expert fly tyer; he served as Director of Fly Tying for three years, during



which improved this program by having step-by-step handouts prepared for each fly tied, and having pre-packaged materials to save time and reduce confusion. Ken is currently the Vice President of Fly Tying for the Ohio Council of Fly Fishers International (FFI), continuing his involvement in this aspect of our sport. For several years, Ken has attended the Derby City, North Coast, and Three Rivers Fly Shows as a demonstration tyer, as well as representing BUFF and FFI at these events. Ken's other activities include serving as Secretary of the Ohio Council of FFI for the past 3 years, and having served on BUFF's Board of Directors for several years. For over 10 years, Ken has hosted our spring, summer and fall trout fishing trips to Sunnybrook, making all arrangements for this quality fishing experience. Several years ago, we first recognized Ken's contributions to BUFF by awarding him the Board of Director's Award in 2012.

While Ken has been having some recent health issues, we are all looking forward to his recovery and his ongoing participation in club activities. He is very well deserving to be the recipient of this year's Fly Fisher of the Year award.

Board of Directors Award – Bryan Tudor

Bryan Tudor is the recipient of the 2018 Board of Directors Award. Bryan currently serves as Vice President of BUFF. He also works closely with Bob Gustafson to help with arrangements and activities are our monthly meetings. One of Bryan's recent and important contributions to BUFF has been to initiate recognition of volunteers' activities at meetings, by presenting individuals with a certificate recognizing the importance of these activities. For the past 13 years, Bryan has served on the Banquet Committee, and has been its Chairperson for the past 8 years. The success of our recent Banquet, attests to his commitment to this event. He also served Conservation Director for four years. In this role Bryan planned and led river clean up, tree planting, and water quality monitoring events. In recognition of these activities, Bryan was recognized as our first recipient of the Bob Goldsberry Conservation Award, a new award to be granted annually to a deserving BUFF member. Bryan is also a past recipient of a President's Award. Congratulation Bryan



New Awards for Conservation & Education

The Awards Committee, with concurrence of the Board of Directors, has decided that more BUFF members should be recognized for their contributions to the club and outside endeavors. We chose two areas – conservation and education – for the new awards. Both of these awards are to be presented to an individual BUFF member, or group of club members, that has made outstanding contributions in either of these areas. The contributions recognized by these awards can be for a single outstanding

activity, or a continuous and prominent effort in promoting these activities. We also felt it would be appropriate to name these awards after a past member who had made major contributions in these areas and to BUFF. The two new awards are the Bob Goldsberry Conservationist Award and the Lou Haynes Educator Award.

The conservationist award is named in honor of Bob Goldsberry, and honors Bob's devotion, support and leadership of BUFF activities related to conservation. Bob was an early member of BUFF and very active in trips, fly tying education, and conservation. He helped with Trout Unlimited work groups on the Mad River, and on water quality monitoring on the Little Miami River. Bob organized and trained collectors, documented water quality above and below the waste treatment outflow, and saw that this information was provided to the State. He also helped organize fly tying instruction and helped with the club's first Tie-&-Lie sessions, then held at Arby's in Batavia. Bob was an early BUFF member recognized with a Lifetime Membership award, and was a two-time recipient of the Fly Fisher of the Year Award, the first in 1994 and again in 1998.

The Education Award is named for Lou Haynes. Lou served many positions in BUFF, including as BUFF's President from 2006 – 2008. During his time in BUFF, Lou received every award that BUFF could bestow, receiving the Board of Directors Award in 2002, a President's Award in 2004, and Fly Fisher of the Year in 2005, and was awarded Lifetime Membership. Lou was dedicated to education, and was the club's Education Director before this role was divided into Inside and Outside Education Directors. He started our fly fishing education collaboration with Indian Hills High School which remains ongoing. He also taught some of the fly tying classes and initiated BUFF's introductory fly fishing course, 'Fly Fishing 101'. This class continues today, and the book we use is the one that Lou created!

Bob Goldsberry Conservationist of the Year Award – Bryan Tudor

The initial Bob Goldsberry Conservationist of the Year recognition has been awarded to Bryan Tudor. Bob dedication to conservation efforts, includes both his organizing and participating in in countless projects involving river cleanups, stream quality monitoring, tree plantings, trail cleanup and restoration, and more.



Lou Haynes Educator of the Year Award – Dave Jones

The 2019 recipient of the first Lou Haynes Educator of the Year Award is Dave Jones. Dave is a long standing member of the club, with this being his 24th year. He has received numerous club recognitions in the past, including the Board of Directors Award in 2005 and Fly Fisher of the Year in 2009. In 2012, Dave was honored with a Life Membership in BUFF. Most recently, Dave constructed and filled a Shadow Box with various flies for educational and display purposes. Exhibiting this display at various activities is a means to show people the great variety of flies we use, their purpose in fishing for different species and uses in different fishing situations. We are honored to present the first Lou Haynes Award to Dave.



President's Awardees

Every year our club President can award an individual or individuals who are club members a President's Award. The purpose is to recognize those individuals who make important contributions to club activities and who may not otherwise be recognized. This year, Jim Vota, el Presidente, recognized 4 individuals for their ongoing commitment and support of BUFF activities:

Steve Alexander



Larry Becker



Gloria Begley & Debbie Hampton



Volunteer Recognition

The Banquet is also our opportunity to recognize those who have volunteered to support various BUFF activities in 2018. Volunteer activities include everything from support roles at our regular meetings, supporting BUFF events such as the annual Fly Fishing Show, Banquet, Project Healing Waters, etc., and representing BUFF at various community activities.

This year's honorees present at the Banquet were:

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| Tom Agin | Jeff Heinen |
| Steve Alexander | Dave Jones |
| Larry Becker | Ed Jones |
| Gary Begley | Sue Jones |
| Gloria Begley | Greg Kohls |
| Bill Bross | Dave LaDow |
| Lee Chambers | Kathy LaDow |
| Bob Cregge | Walter Leap |
| Gary Cummins | Jim LeBlond |
| Robert Desgrange | Todd McGarvey |
| Paul Feldman | Brent Miller |
| Ken Foltz | Haruko Mizoguchi |
| David French | Charlie Montgomery |
| Patrick Goddard | Connie Neckers |
| Jack Gormley | Cecil Osborn |
| Barry Gummow | Gerry Schatzman |
| Wendy Gustafson | Tom Scheer |
| Debbie Hampton | Jim Terlinden |

We thank and appreciate everyone's efforts in supporting all the BUFF activities. Without the dedication of all of our volunteers, the club could not be successful.

April Meeting – April 10th

Please attend our upcoming meeting on Wednesday April 10th. We have an exciting speaker and as always a great time getting together. Register on the BUFF website; registration deadline is April 7th.

Susan Thrasher from Southern Brookies Fly Fishing - "Fishing the Caney Fork River"

By Mike Rubush (tenkaraguy1@yahoo.com)

Our April speaker is Susan Thrasher. Susan is the owner and operator of Southern Brookies Fly Fishing which is located in Lancaster, TN (website: www.southernbrookies.com). She started fishing at a young age with her dad in East Tennessee and has been passionate about the outdoors all her life. As an avid fly angler, fly tier and oarsman, her enthusiasm for the sport is contagious. She has spent countless days fishing and guiding on the local waters of Middle and East Tennessee as well as fishing the western rivers in Oregon, Montana, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. In 2015 Susan fulfilled a life-long dream of spending all of her time on the river. She left her civil engineering career, and now hosts guests at her Caney Fork River retreat, offering casting classes, guided trips and overnight stays.



Susan's background includes being on the staff at the Joan Wulff School of Fly Fishing since 2006, where she teaches in the spring of each year in the New York Catskills. She has also had professional training with the Reel Woman's Guide Program in Idaho, and is the retreat leader for Casting for Recovery, the non-profit program focused on supporting breast cancer survivors through the healing art of fly fishing.

Her presentation will focus on the Caney Fork River which is located 90 min east of Nashville, TN. The Caney is full of rainbow, brown, and brook trout. The presentation will give us a little background on the river, what we need to bring when we visit, and tips on best fishing approaches.

Casting Class with Susan Prior to BUFF Meeting

Susan will lead two casting clinics, one at 3:30 – 4:30 PM, and a second from 4:45 – 5:45 PM. These will be on the lawn at the VOA park. Register on the Trip/Activity page on the BUFF Website. Sessions are limited to 10 persons and space is still available. Initial registration is open to our women members, and general club registration will start after April 1st.

April Meeting Dinner Menu

Greek Salad
Bread Sticks
Lasagna
Zucchini Parmesan
Vegetable Medley
Five-Spice Sweet Potatoes
Assorted Mini Desserts

Ohio Fishing Updates

By Tom Bachev (h2oguy@fuse.net)

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has issued a listing of dates for trout stocking at lakes and ponds in the state. Just over 100,000 rainbow trout, raised in state hatcheries and measuring 10 – 13 inches will be released in to 66 lakes and ponds across the state. Release started on March 8th, and continues into mid-May. Lakes are listed by ODNR District, and a list of all the ponds, their location, and stocking dates can be found at the following web-address:

http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/fishing/trout-stocking-dates?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+OdnrDivisionOfWildlife+%28ODNR+Division+of+Wildlife%29

Here is information for lakes in the ODNR's SW Ohio District –

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| Adams Lake (West Union) | March 8 th |
| Davis Lake (St. Marys) | April 11 th |
| Clark Lake (Springfield) | March 22 nd |
| Rocky Fork Lake (Hillsboro) | April 6 th |
| Rush Run Lake (Germantown) | March 15 th |
| Stonelick Lake (Milford) | May 4 th |
| Sycamore State Park Lake (Dayton) | April 5 th |
| Tawawa Lake (Sidney) | April 18 th |

Possible Fun Contest with Miami Valley Fly Fishers

By: Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

Miami Valley Fly Fishers is holding their “Fly Fest 2019” at Deer Meadow Park in Moraine, OH on Saturday May 4th. The event is a fund raiser to benefit Casting for Recovery.

As part of the event, they will have their first ever “3 X 4 Fly Bum Fishing Relay. Each relay team will include 4 participants – 1 tyer, 1 rigger, and 2 anglers. It is a timed ‘race’. Here are the basics -

- At the starting signal, the “tyer” will tie at least 3 flies, starting on bare hooks. These will be the only flies used in the contest.
- Once the flies are ready, it becomes the ‘rigger’s’ turn. The rigger, starting with a completely dissembled outfit will put the rod together, attach leader and tippet to the fly line, and complete preparation of the rod for fishing.
- Now it is the angler’s turns. Each angler will fish a course around the lake, fishing as many points as they wish. Two anglers will complete the circuit.
- Full details on scoring are on the program information sheet. Basically, scores will be determined by the shortest time to complete tying, rigging, and having each angler complete a circuit of the lake while catching at least one fish. For each angler, catching more than 1 fish and more than 1 species of fish will result in advantageous time adjustments, reducing the team’s total time on their clock. In addition, each angler can have one fish measured to get an

additional time reduction; amount of reduction is based on the size of the fish! While catching multiple fish or a large fish has its benefits, getting skunked will have a penalty – with time added to the team’s clock!

Registration is open, and costs \$80/team – remember the activity is a fundraiser for Casting for Recovery. Only 20 teams will be accepted for the event. Full information can be accessed from the BUFF Website under “Regional Events, MVFF Fly Fest 2019”. Click the blue icon for more information and to access the registration form. Sounds like a fun event for a very good cause.

In addition, the event will have casting games and ty flying demonstration booths for those who do not want to show how inept we are in team contests.

FFI Fly Tying Challenge – Chance to win a fly fishing trip in New Mexico

In mid-March Jeff McElravy put a post on the Forum page on the BUFF Website describing the “First Fly Fishers International (FFI) Fly Tying Challenge. This contest is sponsored by FFI’s Fly Tying Group. There are 5 fly categories – Overall, Dry Fly, WetFly, Nymph/Crustacean Fly, and Streamer. Entry deadline is June 7, 2019. Judging and the winners will be announced on July 23, 2019 at the FFI Fly Fishing Expo being held in Bozeman, MT. Attendance at the Expo is not required to win.

Here is the reason to enter this contest –

The grand prize is a 1st Place Medal and Certificate and a 3 night/2 day fly fishing experience with Land of Enchantment Guide at the Quinlan Ranch in New Mexico. This 17,000 acre ranch is located near the town of Chama, New Mexico, and provides excellent access to fishing the Chama River. There are several private access lakes and ponds on the ranch property for fishing as well. Last fall Ken and Haruko did a one-day outing with Land of Enchantment Guides on the Chama River in this same area and had a great day of fishing. They highly recommend them and are planning to fish this area with them again in near future.



Nothing to lose!! Specific information and instructions on entering the contest are on the FFI Website - <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Tying/Fly-Tying-Challenge>

Fly Fishing Museums

By: Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

If anyone is planning some travel this spring or summer to the Northeast or the Smokey Mountains area for some fishing opportunities, there are three fly fishing museums, two in the Northeast (one in Catskills and one in Vermont) and one near the Smokey Mountains, which may be worth a visit.

American Museum of Fly Fishing (<https://www.amff.org>)

The American Museum of Fly Fishing is located in Manchester, VT. It was founded in 1968 and has become the repository and conservator of the world's largest collection of fly fishing related items. The collection and exhibits document the history of fly fishing in the US and abroad, with some items dating back to the 1500's. The collection includes flies tied by some of the most notable names in the history of fly tying, including flies from England and Scotland tied in 1789. These are the oldest known flies in existence. Over 1,200 reels in the collection covers the history of these devices. The more than 1400 rods in the collection date from the early 1800's and include rods which belonged to many famous individuals, including Daniel Webster, Babe Ruth, Ernest Hemingway, several US presidents, as well as others.

As someone who has spent their professional career involved in medical research, a thing that I found interesting is that the organization publishes a journal dedicated to fly fishing, "The American Fly Fisher". The journal was initiated in 1974, and this year will be its 45th year of publication, and all prior issues are available with open access online! Check it out on their website if interested.

Check out the website for more information on exhibits. From November – May, museum hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM – 4 PM, and from June – October, 10 AM – 4 PM on Tuesday – Sunday.

Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum (<https://cffcm.com>)

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum is located in Livingston Manor, NY. It is open seasonally, from late March thru early November, Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM, Tuesday – Saturday; closed on Sunday and Monday.

The idea of creating a museum dedicated to the fly fishing history of the Catskill Mountain area of New York stated in the late 1970's. Originally, the museum was located in Roscoe, NY. The current museum facility was opened in 1995. The property is over 55 acres and includes a mile of accessible prime trout fishery on Willowemoc Creek, a tributary of the Beaver Kill. In 2010 a separate building dedicated to housing permanent and rotating exhibits related to the contributions of Lee and Joan Wulff, was established on the grounds. The museum's Workshop area displays historic rodmaking equipment, and is also a fully operational bamboo rodmaking shop.

Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians (<https://flyfishingmuseum.org>)

The Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians, was established in 2013, and is located in Byrson City, NC. It is a place we should be familiar with as BUFF has annual fishing trips to this area, and it is an area a number of our club members frequent on their own for fishing. The museum serves as a center for learning the history, skills and crafts associated with our sport, with a focus on fly fishing in this specific region of the US. Displays at the museum include a McKenzie-style drift boat, a style used on the local rivers. A good collection of historic fly fishing rods, reels and flies, and other information on various aspects of fly fishing. The museum has secured funding and support and plans to open a second building in June of this year which will house an Appalachian Rivers Aquarium.

Admission to the museum is free! Operating days and times are: from November 1st – March 31st and September: Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM. From April 1st – July 31st and October: Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM and Saturday 11 AM – 5 PM. It looks like the museum is closed during August.

Upcoming BUFF Activities

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

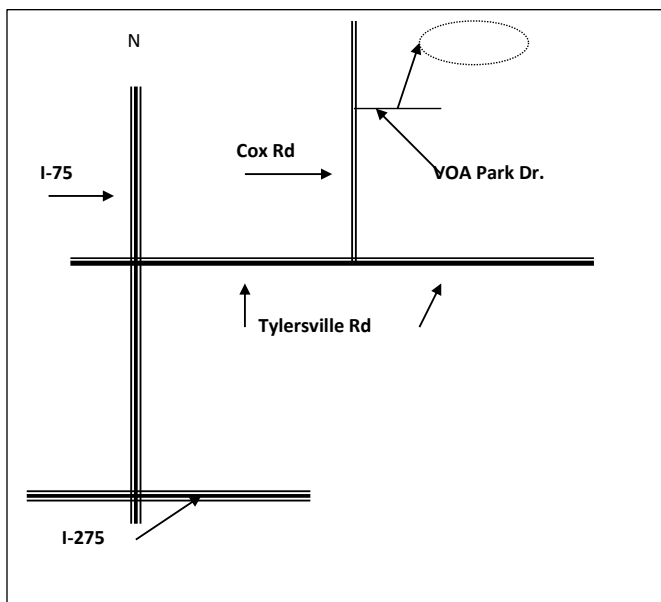
| <u>Trip/Activity & Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u> |
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| Introduction to Fly Tying Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH | Tuesday, April 2 nd 6:30 – 8:30 PM | Jim Neckers 513-863-3844 jimneckers@gmail.com |
| Spring Steelhead Trip Cleveland Area | Thursday, April 4 th – Sunday, April 7 th (3 nights) There may be 1 slot available, Contact Hugh for information | Hugh O'Donnell 513-200-7869 odonnellhj@gmail.com |
| Susan Thrasher Casting Clinic VOA Park | Wednesday, April 10 th Few slots available for 3:30 – 4:30 PM clinic Register on BUFF Website | Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com |
| Little Miami River Spring Clean-Up Batavia, OH | Saturday, April 13 th 9 AM – Noon (meet at 8:30 AM) | Tom Britton 513-520-7862 starwoodtb@gmail.com |

| <u>Trip/Activity & Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u> |
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| Women's After Work Outing Miami Meadows Park, Milford, OH | Thursday, April 18 th 6 PM – Dusk | Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com |
| Elementary School Fly Fishing Class Sacred Heart Elementary School Fairfield, OH | Thursday, April 18 th Starts @ 9 AM Casting & Tying Demo | Tom Bachey 513-543-4056 h2oguy@fuse.net |
| Women's Spring Trip Clear Fork River Mohican State Park, OH | Thursday, April 25 th – Sunday, April 28 th FULL – check with Cari re any openings | Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com |
| White Bass Fishing East Fork Whitewater River, IN | Monday, April 22 nd , Thursday, April 25 th , Saturday, April 27 th All are FULL – check with Bob re any openings | Bob Gustafson 513-289-5250 j.r.gustafson@att.net |

April Meeting – Wednesday, April 10th, 2019

6:00 – 9:00 PM at VOA Park – watch website for sign-up

Register on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM. 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.