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## President's Letter

Fellow BUFF members. Hi, this is Bob Miller, the new President of the club. I know some of you may not have met me before, as I've had a conflict for the past several years as Scoutmaster of a troop that met on the same night our club meetings. That is past, and I look forward to being able to attend meetings regularly.

When I first joined BUFF back in the 80's, I had been fly fishing for several years after having been introduced to the sport in an elective course in college titled Fly Fishing 101. When I came to my first BUFF meeting, I had no clue that membership in the club would become one of the main threads in my life! Since joining BUFF, I've had the opportunity to serve on the board for 25+ years, and to be strongly connected with the Banquet and the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. Working on the show with Bob Gustafson and our great team was one of the greatest joys of my life. Over the years I've received several club awards, including President's Awards, Fly Fisher of the Year, and Life Membership.

My work career included 30 years with Procter and Gamble. After retiring, I quickly discovered that I couldn't stand not having a 'job' to stay sane! As a result, 11 years ago, I joined the Orvis store in Cincinnati and became their Fishing Manager. I still enjoy working there, due primarily to the great staff that we've had as well as the link with the sport and BUFF, but I don't put in nearly the number of days that I used to.

I believe strongly that BUFF is the finest fly fishing club in the Midwest, if not in the United States! The club has grown from 60-70 folks when I joined to a much larger membership. The awesome trips that I've been able to take (and I want to be part of making sure they continue) have allowed me to meet, and become good friends with incredible people and experience some of the most wonderful destinations in our country. The work that BUFF does in reaching out to the community as well as preserving the history of the sport, teaching fishing, casting, and fly-tying skills, has been great for the region. We have a great club!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, or observations of importance to you. Let's go fishing!!!

Bob Miller  
[miller.rm@alta-gila.com](mailto:miller.rm@alta-gila.com)

## BUFF April Meeting – Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Our monthly meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, the business meeting and announcements start at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation at about 7:30 PM. ***Please register on the website whether having dinner with us or not so Oasis can set up adequate tables and seating. On-line registration will close on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.***

***Pease note the date! This month our meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month, April 16<sup>th</sup>! The Oasis center was booked for the 9<sup>th</sup>, so we had to move the meeting to the next week. Hope to see a good turnout!***

### April Presentation – Barry Puskas, Chief of Technical & Engineering Services, The Miami Conservancy District (MCD); “The International Game Fish Association & Ohio World Record Fish”

Barry Puskas is the Chief of Technical and Engineering Services for The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) in Dayton, Ohio, and an avid fly fisherman. Barry has fished since he was five years old. He got started fishing with his father and grandfather, targeting trout, bass, catfish, and other freshwater species. He now has strong interest in saltwater fly fishing, first on the Atlantic coast, and now in Florida and the Gulf of Mexico where he travels frequently to fly fish. Barry has two entries for the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) Trophy Largemouth Bass Club on fly and the IGFA Bass Grand Slam on fly. Today, Barry enjoys finding new fishable water and trying new techniques to catch game fish on fly.



Professionally, Barry is a registered professional engineer, and geographic information system professional. His responsibility at the MCD is to provide technical expertise in hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, river survey mapping, and engineering design and analysis projects. Additionally, Barry supports ethical angling and conservation as the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) representative for Ohio.

### April Dinner Menu –

- Taco Fajita Bar with Spicy Beef, Lemon-Lime Marinated Chicken
- Spanish Rice
- Corn & Flour Tortillas
- Taco/Fajita toppings - scallions, onions, peppers, tomatoes, jalepenos, black olives, shredded lettuce, cheese, salsa & sour cream
- Tortilla Chips
- Coffee & Tea

## April Tech Talk –

Brent Miller will present the April Tech Talk. His topic is “Tenkara Fishing”. Please stop by the table during the social hour to learn and join in on the conversation with fellow club members.

Also, if you have an idea for a fly fishing topic and are interested in presenting it at an upcoming general meeting, please contact Bryan Tudor at 513-827-5437.

## BUFF Library Reminder –

**From: Dave Smith**

BUFFERS – While we are not regularly bringing the library boxes to our meetings, ***the library remains AVAILABLE***. Finding and checking out a book or video is easy and is done through the BUFF website.

On the BUFF website home page, click “Member Services” and login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, choose the “Browse the Library” icon to bring up the list of library books and holdings. Click to reserve what you want, and I’ll bring it to the next meeting.

Returning books is also easy – just bring them to the next meeting. This is an easy-to-use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

## New Members in March 2024

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

This past month saw us gain 1 new member –

- **Micah Lynn**, Cincinnati, OH

Welcome to the club. We hope to see you at a meeting or event soon! Check out our activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some!

## BUFF Banquet Summary & Photos –

From Bryan Tudor

A special thank you to all that assisted with the 2025 Banquet. It is our members who volunteer their time and talent who make this club so great. I also want to thank all of those who attended the Banquet and made it a success. We raised over \$7,200 for the club, which helps us do all of the great activities in the community. Many businesses and donors contributed in an immense way to make the event spectacular. Below are the 2025 sponsors. Their names and links are on the website. Please consider supporting them by visiting their stores, booking a trip, or booking a guided outing.

American Fly Fishing  
Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing  
Davidson River Outfitters  
Fightmaster Fly Fishing  
Gates Au Sable Lodge  
Great Lakes Fly Fishing  
Hook & Hackle  
Kentucky Wild Outdoors  
Lebowski Tees & Designs  
Little Miami Conservancy  
Mad River Outfitters

Maggie Valley Fly Shop  
The Mill Creek Alliance  
Mountain Troutfitters  
Oasis Golf Club  
Orvis Kenwood Store  
Rifle River Lodge  
Spring Creek Fly Fishing  
Stream Team Anglers  
Sunnybrook Trout Club  
Tuckasegee Fly Shop

The Banquet is also the annual event where the new President and Directors are sworn in, and where we recognize club members for service and achievements. Bob Miller was sworn in as our new President, and we recognized the 4 years that Hugh O'Donnell has served in this role. Photos below show the event and those who received various club awards - -



**Bryan Tudor, Fly Fisher of the Year**



**Gary Begley, Life Membership Award & Bob Goldsberry Conservation Award**



**Tom Britton & Cari Vota, Board of Director's Award Winners**



**Jim Neckers, President's Award**



In addition, Ed Jones received the Lou Haynes Education Award, Dave Jones, the Ken Dixon Fly Tying Award, and Steve Baily a President's Award. Unfortunately, they were not able to attend the event.



Our New & Past Presidents, Bob Miller & Hugh O'Donnell



2025 Directors



Volunteer Recognition!



Some of the Raffle Prizes



Winners of the Grand Raffle Prizes



Banquet

## 2025 Fly Fishing Film Tour Coming to Cincinnati

The annual Fly Fishing Film Tour is a traveling roadshow offering some of the best fly fishing films in the world. The tour was started in 2006 and this is its 18<sup>th</sup> season. Little Miami River Outfitters are hosting the tour again for our area.



- **Date is Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Location is Little Miami Brewing Company Event Center in Milford, OH.**
- **Event begins at 5 PM**
- **Tickets are \$20 each**

Here is a link for more information, and to purchase tickets in advance –

<https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/Milford-Oh-Little-Miami-River-Outfitters-103917>

## BUFF Events in April

**From Ken Mandel**

With Spring upon us, we are getting back to classes, fishing and other events. As always classes are free to BUFF members!

**Advanced Fly Tying.** Sessions are on **Tuesday evenings from 6 – 8:30 PM** at the Springdale Community Center. Dates are **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and May 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**. Lane Stocker will lead this program. We just completed the introductory tying program, and those who took that program are encouraged to attend this one.

**Fly Fishing 101.** This program teaches the fundamentals needed for fly fishing. This evening program is led by Jim Vota, and is held at the Springdale Community Center. Dates are **Mondays, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>** (this last session will focus on basics of casting). Registration is open on the website.

**Tenkara Classes.** Brent Miller is offering a class to teach basic techniques for fly fishing using tenkara. See following article.

**White Bass Trips**— This is another annual spring event. We fish the the spring white bass spawning run on the Whitewater River above Brookville Lake. This is a full day wading trip. Dates are Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Currently, the trips are full, but there is a wait list. Additional information, contacts for trip leaders, and required waiver are on the BUFF Website.



**Brookville Tailwater Day Trip** — Mike Jones is leading a day trip to fish the Brookville Tailwater on **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This is three days before the trout opener, and the tailwater will be stocked. We will make sure that any new fly fishermen or folks new to the area are paired up with

someone that has experience with both fly fishing and the area. This trip is not limiting the number of registrants! Anglers should plan to meet at 8:00 AM at the Brookville Town Park parking area, which is next to the tailwater. Register and sign the waiver on the BUFF Website, which also has additional information and details for this outing.



**Fishing with Kids**—This is an annual and favorite activity for our BUFF kids and grandchildren. It is scheduled for **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** at Miami Meadows Park, just outside of Milford. Time is **1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**. Every child needs to have at least one adult with the child. Registration and a waiver are required for participation. Information and registration are on the BUFF website.

## Tenkara Classes

**By Brent Miller**

Tenkara is the Japanese art of fly fishing: a rod, a line and a fly. It is simplicity and minimalist in nature. Its history is in hundreds of years of fishing by Japanese farmers supplementing their income during the winter months. It has been in the USA for about 15 years. Some have compared it to cane-pole fishing, but it is much more than that.

There are quite a few BUFF members who have already embraced Tenkara, and actually prefer it over conventional fly fishing with rod and reel. Some members have purchased a Tenkara rod, but have never fished with it! And, a lot of people have never heard of it. Last year, I did a Tech Talk at one of our meetings and there were lots of questions. Friends and members of our club have encouraged me to teach an introductory Tenkara class, so here's your chance to learn and give it a try.

### The Tenkara Class



What will you learn? This is an introductory class and will last about two hours. The first 45-60 minutes will discuss equipment (rods, lines, etc.). The remainder of time will be fishing. The class is basic Tenkara designed to build on your existing fly-fishing knowledge, but it is great for beginners too. Equipment will be provided for attendees who do not have a Tenkara rod. If you have a Tenkara rod, bring it. For starters, class size will be limited to four members in order to provide personalized instruction. We will see how that goes and if other Tenkara volunteers want to help.

The interest in Tenkara at the tech-talk was good. I have scheduled two classes for April and two more in May. We'll see how much interest grows and the need for additional classes. Due to limitations in equipment, classes will be limited to four students to allow personalized instruction. The first class is Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the second is a repeat on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Both start at 10 .aAM and at noon. If interested, and as space is limited, please only register for one class. The May classes are now scheduled for Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at the same times. Location is Landen-Deerfield Park, and we will meet at the pond.

Interested? Need more info? Call or e-mail me (513-535-8735; [DBrent@dbrent.com](mailto:DBrent@dbrent.com)), or talk with me at our next BUFF gathering.

## Spring Casting Classes

**From Jim Vota**

For 2025, we will be offering a series of casting classes, consisting of 3 separate courses. There will be separate registration/sign up for each class.

### Basic Casts & Loop Control

This is the first casting class. It will begin following the Fly Fishing 101 course. The class will be held on two **Sundays, April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Cottell Park in Mason** (directions are on the website on the sign-up page).

This class will focus on "beginning casting", and will cover the basic cast and roll cast. Focus is on learning how to form the loop and what you do to control it. This is the foundation of all casting and will help those who are true beginners, as well as those who want to get a better understanding of how to control your casts. By learning about the loop you will be able to better understand and build on these casts for all situations.

We will work on drills to aid in your learning. These drills will be useful for all future learning. False casting practice will be a big part of these drills working through changing distances up to 40 and possibly even 50 ft.



Come prepared for the weather. We will hold the class in the wet or dry. Bring a chair to sit in. remember water, sun screen, and a hat, ***Glasses/sun glasses for safety reasons are required.*** As far as equipment, bring your fly rod, reel, line and leader. For a class like this a 5 weight rod is probably what most people would have these days and will work well. Regardless which rod/line you have, a 0X tapered 7 ½ foot leader will be the best for this. A six weight rod will be advantageous when we try to make longer casts. In the end whatever you have will be good enough. If you don't have a rod, let me know and I will have club rods available. For those taking the FF101 class we will discuss equipment there. You might want to wait until then to purchase your first rod. It's up to you.

## Intermediate Casting – Fishing Casts

The second casting course will be what some consider fishing casts. This class will build on what we learned about loop control in the first class, to make casts for many situations commonly encountered in fishing. Whether you took the first class or have been fishing for a while, this class will be beneficial to you. Subjects such as casting accuracy, curves, mends, lengthening the cast, casting around obstacles, multi fly rig casts and more will be covered here. Understanding the loop makes it easy to manipulate the loop to make these casts. We will also start lengthening the cast in this session. Different grips and casting strokes will be discussed.

Again, as for the beginning class, come rain or shine with appropriate clothing, protective eye covering, chair, hydration, etc.

This class will be on **Sunday, June 1, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Cottell Park.**

## Advanced Casts – Extending Distance

The third casting class will be what many consider to be advanced casting. We will discuss different methods of casting and where they might be useful. The main focus will be on lengthening the cast. Topics here will include shooting line, hauling, how to move and drills to help you improve this. We will incorporate how to use this in fishing and utilize some practice salt water simulations. We will also discuss how to fish from boats in all wind conditions. Typically lengthening



your cast does not happen instantly and takes practice and patience to learn the techniques properly. We will provide you with drills to help with this.

Again, we will work rain or shine so dress appropriately. As far as gear goes, when casting longer, larger (more powerful) fly rods help, but technique is more important. Being able to make good loops is paramount. A simple technique that can help you when you are starting to learn distance is to overline your rod by about 1 line weight (6 weight line on 5 weight rod). The rod bends a little more providing the caster with a bit more feedback. This class will be held **on Sunday, June 22 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Cottell Park.**

## Thank you to Vendors at the 2025 Fly Fishing Show

From Ken Mandel

The participation of the vendors at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is a key to our success. They support the show by their willingness to travel here, pay for their exhibit space, and offer all of us opportunities to see, try and purchase supplies and equipment. I provided information on the half of the participating vendors in last month's BUFFER, and this is the remainder of the list.-

Alder Creek Rods	Ron Barch offers hand-crafted bamboo fly rods. <a href="https://aldercreekangling.com/">https://aldercreekangling.com/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:aldercreek@core.com">aldercreek@core.com</a>
CF River Products	Chad Fath from northern MI offers excellent custom-made wood-frame fishing nets. He also guides and can provide lodging for fishing on the Ausable River. <a href="https://cfriverproducts.com/">https://cfriverproducts.com/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:chadfath@yahoo.com">chadfath@yahoo.com</a>
Clearstream Fly Fishing	Clearstream is an online fly shop for regular and furled leaders, beads, hooks, and other fly fishing accessories at excellent prices. <a href="https://www.clearstreamflyfishing.com">https://www.clearstreamflyfishing.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:kevin@clearstreamflyfishing.com">kevin@clearstreamflyfishing.com</a>
Fleeger's Flies	Jesse Fleeger, a new vendor at the show, is a professional tyer. You can purchase individual flies or topical boxes of flies. Jesse also guides for trout and steelhead in western PA. <a href="https://www.fleegersflies.com">https://www.fleegersflies.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:jessefleeger69@gmail.com">jessefleeger69@gmail.com</a>
Gates Au Sable Lodge & Fly Shop	On the Au Sable River in MI, Gates Lodge is owned and operated by Josh Greenberg, and offers lodging, a restaurant, excellent guided fishing, and a fully stocked fly shop for a great angling experience on one of the US' finest native trout rivers. <a href="https://gateslodge.com">https://gateslodge.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:josh@gateslodge.com">josh@gateslodge.com</a>
Independent Angler, LLC	Larry Elswick offers a range of fly fishing supplies and tying materials & tools through his online shop. <a href="https://www.independentangler.com">https://www.independentangler.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:larry.indieangler@gmail.com">larry.indieangler@gmail.com</a> Phone: 440-530-3020

Kentucky Wild, LLC	<p>Bill Carman is a long-time vendor at the show. He offers guided fishing and hunting and outdoor skills clinics. Bill is an accomplished writer, with several published books on outdoor topics.</p> <p><a href="https://www.kentuckywildoutdoors.com">https://www.kentuckywildoutdoors.com</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:kentuckywildbill@gmail.com">kentuckywildbill@gmail.com</a></p>
The Hook & Hackle Company	<p>Hook &amp; Hackle Company (Ron Weiss) has offered rod building materials and kits since 1975. They are long-time participants at our show. <a href="https://www.hookhack.com/">https://www.hookhack.com/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:ron@hookhack.com">ron@hookhack.com</a></p> <p>Phone: 412-476-8620</p>
Mad River Outfitters	<p>This large, full service fly shop in Columbus, OH is owned by Brian Flechsig. They also offer guided trips and instruction. Brian is also one of America's new generation of fly fishing personalities!</p> <p><a href="https://www.madriveroutfitters.com">https://www.madriveroutfitters.com</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:admin@madriveroutfitters.com">admin@madriveroutfitters.com</a></p>
Maggie Valley Fly Shop	<p>Shannon &amp; Kristin Young were new to our show. This is a full service fly shop &amp; guide service in western NC, a Hardy rod dealer, and have a great selection of women's fly fishing gear.</p> <p><a href="https://www.maggievalleyflyshop.com/">https://www.maggievalleyflyshop.com/</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:maggievalleyflyshop@gmail.com">maggievalleyflyshop@gmail.com</a> Phone: 828-476-6710</p>
Pristine Products, Ltd.	<p>Custom designed furred leaders and Tenkara lines.</p> <p><a href="https://www.pristineprod.com/">https://www.pristineprod.com/</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:contact@pristineprod.com">contact@pristineprod.com</a> Phone: 330-217-9476</p>
Ripple Guide Service	<p>Dustin Harley, a long-time vendor at the show and supporter of the club, guides in northern IN and southern MI gar, pike, steelhead, bass &amp; trout.</p> <p><a href="http://rippleguides.com/index.php">http://rippleguides.com/index.php</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:news@rippleguides.com">news@rippleguides.com</a> Phone: 574-993-7453</p>
Roads, Rivers & Trails	<p>Outfitter shop in Milford, OH offering wide range to top quality hiking, camping and outdoor gear. Kayaks are a specialty</p> <p><a href="https://roadsriversandtrails.com/">https://roadsriversandtrails.com/</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:rrt@roadsriversandtrails.com">rrt@roadsriversandtrails.com</a> Phone: 513-248-7787</p>
Southeastern Anglers	<p>Owned and operated by Dane Law, Southeastern Anglers offers boat and wade guide trips on rivers in southeastern TN, GA, and KY</p> <p><a href="https://southeasternanglers.com/">https://southeasternanglers.com/</a></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:danelaw@southeasternanglers.com">danelaw@southeasternanglers.com</a> Phone: 770-655-9210</p>
Spring Creek Fly Fishing	<p>Spring Creek is a local on-line fly shop owned by David Fraley, a BUFF member. They offer range of tying and fly fishing products at excellent prices.</p> <p><a href="https://springcreekfly.com/">https://springcreekfly.com/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@springcreekfly.com">info@springcreekfly.com</a></p> <p>Phone: 513-437-8207</p>

Stream Team Anglers .

Jerry Yates is a guide and certified casting instructor and inventor of "Frog's Fanny floatant. He offers float and wade trips and instruction in western NC.

<https://streamteamanglers.com/>

Email: [nfo@streamteamanglers.com](mailto:nfo@streamteamanglers.com)

Phone: 740-296-4825

Three Fingers Woodworking

Owned by Tom Shroeder. He offers custom woodworking and wood products for fly fishers, including hand built wood rod cases

Email: [3fingerswoodworking@gmail.com](mailto:3fingerswoodworking@gmail.com)

## Some Things of Interest

### Rigging Streamers for Trout Fishing

Tom Bachev shared an article he saw in the Midcurrent fly fishing blog. It is from 2019 and was written by Landon Mayer. It is a relatively long article, so we're just hitting some highlights here. You can see the full article at - <https://midcurrent.com/techniques/rigging-streamers-for-trout-fishing/>

Leader & Tippet Selection –

- Use heavier leader, even 0-X when trout fishing using streamers.
- Adjust leader length based on the type of fly line. Shorter (7 – 8 ft) with a sinking line, and longer (8 - 11-ft) with a floating line. This helps position the streamer closer to the bottom where trout feed.
- Landon discusses how he builds his leaders rather than using commercial tapered leaders

Knots

- Use strong knots that will not pull loose. Specifically an improved clinch knot is greatly superior to a standard clinch for this type of fishing. A non-slip loop knot is also superior.

Swivels & Snaps

- An excellent way to eliminate twisting and prevent losing the entire leader if it snags. Details are in the article.

Fly Selection - This is a long section of the article.

- Bottom line is the type of streamer that may be most effective will depend on how the trout are behaving. When fish are feeding aggressively, attractor patterns are ideal, but when they are being selective, a natural imitation with a slim profile are best.

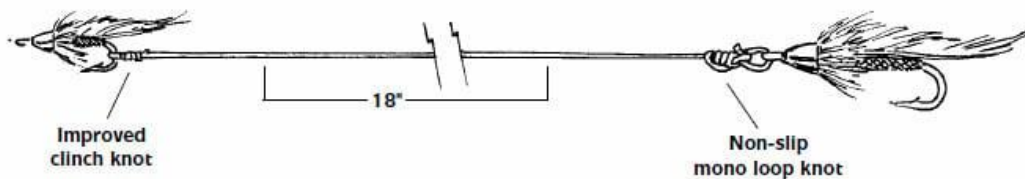




*A baby brown and a fly that does a good job of imitating it. To select a quality streamer that looks natural to the trout, get it wet to see how the fly and profile look in the water.*

### Double Streamers

- Adding a second fly gives the fish more options of color, size, and shape. Landon provides specifics on suggested flies, and how to rig them.



## Article on Women Fly Fishing –

I subscribe to Midwest Living magazine. The spring issue had a reference to a series of on-line publications from the magazine (not in the print issues) that honor 'women's month'. One was about women in fly fishing, and it highlights 3 women, all from Midwest, who are leaders in our sport.

- Tina Murray, from Madison WI is a certified fly fishing instructor. She does individual and group teaching programs and also guides. There is a link in the article to her website - She-nanagins (like the name!)
- Jennifer Hsia, is an ENT an ENT physician and works between Minneapolis and Milwaukee (hell of a commute). She is also a fly fishing bum/enthusiast and instructor, and very involved with United Women on the Fly
- Geri Meyer - the co-owner of Driftless Angler Fly Shop and her section of the article talks about fishing the Driftless, how she guides and teaches, and the shop. Our women's group worked with Geri on their trip to this area last year. Jason Randall, who has a home in the area also highly recommended her when talking about fishing the Driftless area at the Fly Fishing Show in February.

Here's the link to the article, which is open access - <https://www.midwestliving.com/lifestyle/female-fly-fishing-guides-upper-midwest/>

## North Carolina Spring Trip

The annual spring trip to the Bryson City area in NC is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Harry Pass is this year's trip leader and he asked to remind folks that there are still reservation places available for this excellent trip. There are cabin reservations to accommodate 16 anglers.

Registration and more information is on the BUFF website. Contact Harry with any questions – [wpass21052@gmail.com](mailto:wpass21052@gmail.com), or 513-910-1390.

## Members Getting Out to Fish

Patrick Winkler sent this in. He was just back from fishing for steelhead on the Mukeegon. He'd booked this trip with Kevin Feenstra's guide group and fished with Joni Murray. Pat said she .was top notch and would highly recommends her as a guide. He is also looking forward to hearing Kevin speak at the May meeting.



This one came from Brian Nunes – Dave Kirkpatrick, Scott Biser, Andrew Bregger and I fished the Dowigiac River in MI on March 10<sup>th</sup> for steelhead with Ripple Guide Service. Here's a photo of a steelhead I caught on a translucent mango bead.



# Upcoming BUFF Activities

Spring is here ! Lots of Activities !!

In-person activities require registration (online on club Website). Activities on water require signing our liability waiver

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
<b>Advanced Fly Tying</b> Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Tuesdays, April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> & May 5 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM <i>Register on Website</i>	Lane Stocker
<b>Fly Fishing 101</b> Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Mondays, April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & Sunday April 27 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Jim Vota
<b>Tenkara Class</b> Landen-Deerfield Park	Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – Noon <i>Register on Website</i>	Brent Miller
<b>BUFF Board Meeting</b> Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Wednesday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Bob Miller
<b>White Bass Trips</b> Whitewater River, Liberty, IN	Trip 1 – Tuesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> Trip 2 – Wednesday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> Trip 3 – Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> Trip 4 – Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 8 AM (meet at river) – 3 PM <i>Register &amp; Waiver on Website</i> <i>Trips 3 &amp; 4 are for New Members</i>	Kathy Newsom Dan Bonham Jeff Georgin
<b>BUFF Monthly Meeting</b> Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	<b>Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Note Change of Date for this</b> <b>Month</b> 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM <b>Register by Sunday 4/13</b>	Bob Miller
<b>Mad River Day Trip</b> Springfield, OH	Thursday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> Meet 8:00 AM in Springfield <i>All day wade trip</i> <i>Register &amp; Waiver on Website</i>	Bryan Tudor

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
<b>Brookville Tailwater Fishing Day Trip</b> Brookville, IN	Wednesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Meet 8 AM at Brookville Town Park next to Tailwater <i>Register &amp; Waiver on Website</i>	Mike Jones
<b>Ohio Fly Tying Guild</b> Virtual – Zoom Mtg	Friday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> , 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>See Website for Link</i>	Gary Begley
<b>Casting Class – Basic Techniques</b> Cottell Park Mason, OH	Sundays, April 27 <sup>th</sup> & May 4 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM <i>Register on Website</i>	Jim Vota
<b>Kids Fishing</b> Miami Meadows Park	Sunday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM <i>Register &amp; Waiver on Website</i>	Cari Vota

### Directions to Oasis -

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.

