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President's Corner

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The dog days of summer certainly came early this year. And predictably it has slowed down the warmwater fishing as well. Catching bass with top water flies is pretty much out of the question until fall (and cooler water temperatures) arrives. But streamers and other subsurface flies will work and the heat isn't too bad if you can get out early or late in the day. And the regional coldwater streams are still available.

As a part of summer, we will be holding our annual Family B.U.F.F. Picnic. This year's picnic will be on SATURDAY, August 20 starting at 3:00pm. The picnic will be held on the private picnic grounds of the Little Miami River Canoe Livery in Morrow, Ohio. We will have games and opportunities for casting, or you can simply relax and enjoy the outdoors. And there are opportunities to fish the Little Miami and Todd's Fork. Raffel's will once again be catering the event. So, make plans to come, bring your family and friends to this year's picnic. Please make your reservations via the phone or website so we have an accurate headcount.

Giving Back – As fall approaches, B.U.F.F. will be participating in several outdoor events, including the Greater Miami River Day in Hamilton, Ohio on September 10, the Clermont Park District Workshop is to be held on Aug 27, and the Great Outdoors Weekend on September 24. And the kid's activities at Parky's Farm will resume in September as well. If you have an interest in helping out, please contact Lou Haynes.

Enjoy the summer, it's still possible to wet a line and enjoy the outdoors despite the heat. We'll see you at the picnic.

August Meeting Program

The August meeting is our annual BUFF Picnic at Little Miami River Canoe Livery Park in Morrow, Ohio.

Come enjoy the fun!! Dinner is free, with chicken and beef, but bring a dessert to share.



There will be a special raffle and a kids only raffle!

What I did on My Spring Fishing Trip

Jim Terlinden

A hard rain fell on the Nantahala Gorge area early on the Saturday morning of the spring "Trout Magic" trip. Frank Skufca and I had decided to pass on fishing the Tuckasegee, and instead went back to the Nantahala River, since we had gained a little knowledge of the water the day before. We arrived at the section above the powerhouse late morning. There was much more flow in the river than on Friday, and it was also fairly muddy. We followed the river upstream, and crossed all of the bridges. When we came to the fork-in-the-road, we took it. The river also contained a fork, with most of the muddy water from the left, so we followed the right branch. We got out of the car, looked down on the river, and decided it was not too bad. We carefully made our way down the steep bank to the water. Frank fished upstream near a waterfall, and I fished a pool below. BUFF members Jerry Schatzman and Donn Rubingh came down to the river, and started fishing below me. Don fished further down, and Jerry fished the runoff of the pool. I was talking to Jerry to find out how their day was going, and he said they caught a few.

At the tail of the pool, the stream divided into two distinct flows. The left (when facing downstream) paralleled the current in the pool, and the right took a 90 degree turn and went between two large boulders with a much faster flow than the left. While talking to Jerry, I noticed that a fish broke the surface. Jerry told me to cast to it, but I told him to go ahead and try, since he was closer. Since he had on a dry fly and I had a wooly bugger, I felt he would have the better chance. Jerry cast to the fish, and on one of his casts the fish "sport"ed the fly. Sporting the fly is a term my Dad would use when a fish would come near a fly and break the surface of the water, but not take the fly. After a few more casts with no more action, Jerry recommended I try the wooly bugger.

As I started to work my way into a good casting location, I looked up to the top of the bank, about 15 to 20 feet up and saw Tom Warren sitting in a chair looking down at us. I waved to him, and continued inching my way along the edge of a steep and very large boulder. Finally in my position, water up to the top of my legs, my backside resting near the top of a boulder in the swift right hand current, and with room over my right shoulder for backcasts, I began casting to the fish. After many casts and no luck with the wooly bugger, I changed to a wet fly with the same results. I then decided to go with one of my favorites, an elk hair caddis. Finally, after a mixture of bad, mediocre, and good casts, the trout took the fly and I landed the 9" Brookie.

I next fished back upstream, and was casting to the right edge, when I saw a fairly large trout come up through the murky water and sip the fly. I was able to set the hook and the fight was on. I was so excited - I started yelling and whistling. I was able to bring the fish in, and land the 14" Rainbow. I turned to look to the top of the bank, and I saw Jerry and others there. I had a camera, so I asked Jerry if he wouldn't mind climbing back down to take the photo. Thankfully, he obliged and I have proof of my catch. I released the fish only to find out later this section of the river was designated as "Hatchery Supported" waters instead of the "Delayed Harvest" waters we had fished the day before, so the fish probably made its way to one of the local's dinner table soon after.

Later that day I saw Tom, Jerry, and Don in their car, and Tom told me how much he enjoyed watching me working to that Brookie from his sky box seat. He felt as if he was fishing to it himself. Tom said he wished he had a video of the event, and so did I, although, I do have the movie in my head that I have played several times now. I guess more than one person can catch the same fish at the same time, if only in their minds.

P.S. I also went on the day trip to the Stillwater, and my trophy was a 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1" stone with a small hole in it that I was able to bring up from the bottom of the stream after the hook of my fly went through the hole. I did not release that one and is in my possession now. If you never caught one, it is a very strange sensation through the rod!

BUFF Calendar Photos Needed!

Don Prince

We are still in need of your photos for next year's BUFF Photo Calendar. We are targeting to have the calendar completed in October of this year so don't wait too long! We would like photos of you or your family members fishing, or with fish that you've caught. Also we need photos from all BUFF club trips and activities, the BUFF Picnic, the Fly Fishing Show. I try to put as many photos as possible in the calendar each year. I always say, both you and your fish must look good, but I have included photos of fish alone.

The recommended method for submitting a photo is to bring them to me, or any B.U.F.F. board member, on a diskette or CD in jpeg format. This will save me a lot of time. You can scan your photos at a number of places, such as Kinko's and have them saved to a CD for a nominal fee. Be sure to save the photo in the highest resolution available, since I often need to enlarge the shot. If you give me an actual photo, be sure you have a second copy. I prefer not to take anyone's only photo of a nice fish. Also, understand that I may need to keep your photo for some time, until I gather up several and go scan them at the same time. If you prefer to email your photo, please send them to prince.dr.3@pg.com, but be sure that it is sent in high resolution. Some email programs automatically reduce the resolution to keep the file size small. There is usually a box you can check to disable that feature.

The biggest reason that I am unable to use photos is image quality. I often need to crop and resize a photo to make it align well with other features of the calendar page. If the photos do not look good after resizing, I may not be able to use them. Most digital cameras have adjustable resolution. Be sure that yours is set to at least medium (usually 1600 x 1200 pixels). If you have a good clear print to be scanned the digital copy is usually of very good quality.

Tips:

Try to have someone else take the photo of you with your catch.

Get a good close-up shot.

Use flash if there is a possibility of shadows on your face.

Take more than one from slightly different views to assure a good shot.

If you're alone, place an object (rod, reel, net, etc.) alongside the fish to give it some size perspective.

When emailing photos, be sure that your email service sends them in the highest resolution available

Include a phone number where I can reach you in case there are questions.

Tie & Lie West

Dave Jones

Tie & Lie West for September 1, 2005 will be a change from our normal format. This change is just of the September meeting only.

Those who plan to attend are encouraged to tie their unusual version of the infamous Woolly Bugger (WB). If you haven't deviated from the standard WB, now is your chance to shine. Create your own special version by thinking out of the box, pushing the envelope and being inventive. It will be "show and tell time" at the meeting.

One Fly Contest to Support Conservation Efforts

Delamere & Hopkins is hosting a "One Fly" contest on Saturday, August 13, 2005. The event will be held from 9am-4pm on the Elkhorn Creek in Kentucky. Entry fee is \$35 (same day entry is \$40), and all proceeds will go toward the conservation efforts of the Elkhorn Trust.

Pairings will be drawn just prior to the start. Awards will be presented at the cookout following the Contest. You need not be present to win.

Reservations should be made prior to the event, and the entry fee must be paid in cash or check.

Entry fee is non-refundable. If the water is not suitable for fishing, the event will be rescheduled. The rain date will be August 27th.

Entries are limited to the first 50 participants.

Please contact Neil Potter neil@BestGear.com if you need additional information.

The rules are simple:

1. As the name implies, one fly only. No bait. No lures. No droppers.
2. Each contestant will submit his or her one fly to the start judge, the fly will be cataloged, then returned to the contestant.
3. Each contestant will fish that fly only. Lose the fly, you are out.
4. The fly may be cut off the leader and retied as needed. Your partner must be notified this is what you are doing.
5. A fly that is broken off on an obstruction may be retrieved and retied to the leader. Your partner must be notified this is what you are doing.
6. A scored fish is one that is brought to hand and released.
Your partner must be notified that a fish has been landed and scored. All fish MUST be released.
7. Each contestant is responsible for keeping his or her own score.
8. Scoring: A fish must be over 10" to score. The best 6 fish over 10inches; will be declared the winner.

Prizes will also be awarded for:

- 1) First Angler eliminated
- 2) Most fish over 10 inches
- 3) Biggest 6 fish over 10 ins.

Lots of prizes will be awarded . The "biggest 6 fish over 10inches"winner will receive a 5wt. Sage Fly Rod.

To receive a entry form, e-mail Neil, neil@BestGear.com , and he will send you a form.

New Members

Please welcome new members Sean Mangan, Cincinnati; and Lane Stocker, Cincinnati ; and returning members Bob Bentley, Loveland; Joyce Fugate, Cincinnati; and William Schroeder, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

THE EDUCATION CORNER

Lou Haynes

We just completed the Fly Fishing Workshop sponsored by Little Miami Inc.(LMI). The workshop was held at Nesbit Park in downtown Loveland on July 23. 17 participants attended and were treated to classes on casting, fly tying, equipment needs, and what fish eat. The LMI group organized the event, and provided lunch for all. BUFF supplied all the instructors. Thanks to all the BUFFers (13 in all) who helped with the classes.

During the next few weeks Buff will be involved with four additional events open to the public. These include: 1) **Clermont County Fly Fishing Workshop** to be held on August 27 at Sycamore Park near Batavia. This program, sponsored by the Clermont County Park District, will cover fly tying, casting, equipment and aquatic insects; 2) **The Greater Miami River Days Program** on September 10 in downtown Hamilton. Several conservation organizations will be in attendance. BUFF will provide a fly tying station as well as casting demonstrations (if space is available). In addition, we plan to set up the club booth and provide general info about our club and talk fly fishing stuff with interested participants; 3) **The Great Outdoors Weekend** on September 24 sponsored by the Green Acres Foundation. There will be several conservation-oriented organizations involved at several sites around the Cincinnati area. We will have a fly tying and casting station set-up at the Isaac Walton site in Loveland for interested participants. Green Acres publishes a listing of all the groups participating, where they will be and what they are providing at their location; 4) **The Little Miami Inc. Silver Anniversary Party** on October 8 at Nesbit Park in Loveland. LMI will be dedicating their new building located beside the park and next to the bike trail. Several organizations will be participating to honor the conservation work that LMI has done over the years. Our focus for this event will be to provide club information and talk “shop” with interested attendees. We will also set-up a fly tying station for those who would like to tie a fly.

These four events provide a great opportunity for club members to support our club by volunteering a little time. You don't have to be a fly tier or caster – just come to represent BUFF and talk “shop”. Besides, you can wear your new BUFF shirt!! Please contact me if you are interested in helping in some way (Lou Haynes: 513-777-4854; bdhaynes@one.net).

Warning: Hooks with Barbs

Dave Jones

We all know there are two reasons to mash down the barb on our flies. First, it makes it easier to release the fish with less harm to it, and, secondly, it is easier to extract from your own body.

On my last outing I caught a fly in my new wading pants. It had the barb; so I just cut the tippet and left the fly in my pants so that I get it out at home. On the way home I stopped to get gas. While filling, a lady came over and said “Stand still there is a bug on your pants.” She started to swat it away, but I stopped her just in time. I explained that I was a fly fisher, and what had happened. She said it looked so real. Now we know another reason to debarb your hooks; strangers won't try to swat bugs off you.

Calendar of Events

August

- Aug 4 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Aug 11 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH Members Welcome
- Aug 20 **BUFF Annual Picnic**
Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow, OH
- Aug 27 **Clermont Park District Workshop** Sycamore Pk.

September

- Sep 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Sep 8 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 10 **Greater Miami River Days** Hamilton, OH
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 17 **Day Trip** TBD
- Sep 20 -22 **Fall Salmon Trip**
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH. Members welcome
- 23 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 24 **Great Outdoors Weekend** 9am - 2pm
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm

October

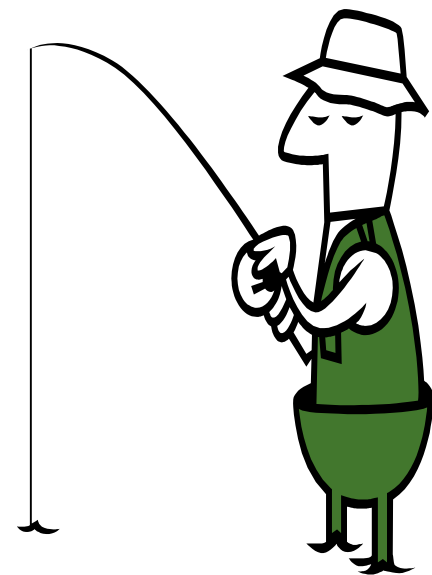
- Oct 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Oct 8 **Little Miami Inc. Silver Anniversary Party** Nesbit Pk
- Oct 7 -9 **Rockwell Springs Trip**
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Oct 13 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Oct 14 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome
- Oct 27 - 30 **Roger Lowe Fishing Trip**
- Oct 28 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**

November

- Nov 3 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 3 - 6 **Little Red River Trip**
- Nov 4 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
- Nov 10 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Nov 11 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
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- Nov 18 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov TBD **St. Joe Trip** TBD

December

- Dec 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 8 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome



“Casting For Recovery” News

Debbie Hampton

Lou & Betty Haynes, Patti Howell, Jim and I visited the West Union area a few days ago. We met with the Murphin Ridge folks, and took a more in depth look at the facility. Things are shaping up very nicely for the September CFR retreat. Their site will offer the ladies a true chance to rejuvenate physically and mentally.

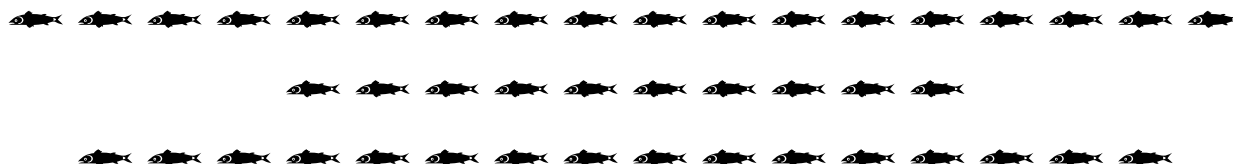
Jim and Lou were blessed to have a private guide to check out the fishing that is available in the area. Doug Ruehl of Ruehl Construction, LLC provided them with a wonderful array of possibilities. Doug is working to secure some private water access along Brush Creek, and also has some back-up ponds available in case Brush Creek isn't a go for the Sunday fishing. THANKS DOUG!

Doug also introduced us to the Adams County Chamber Executive Director, John Holden. John is very excited that we are utilizing the West Union area to hold our 2005 CFR retreat. He is working to help us get some local businesses involved in supporting the program. We are really excited to have the community support for our retreat and hope to allow participants and others to see what a great community they have.

We have over \$4200 in the 2005 fund and as always I encourage you to check with your employer or co-workers to see if you have any programs in place to support the retreat. Since sending the flyers to The Columbus Race for A Cure, we now have over 50 ladies who have registered for a chance to participate. Any donation either financial or in-kind is greatly appreciated. Every little bit helps to make this a weekend they will never forget.

You can learn more about Casting For Recovery at www.castingforrecovery.org . If you are interested in becoming a volunteer you can complete a volunteer application on line as well.

Thanks to all those who have helped and a HUGE thank you to Lou, Betty, Patti and of course my better half, Jim!



August Menu

**Beef and Chicken
And
All the Fixins**

**Soft drinks and water will be
available.**

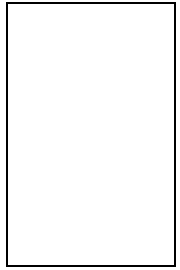
8/2005 BUFF Financial Report

Starting Balance	\$14025
Total Receipts	\$988
Total Disbursements	\$1675
Ending Balance	\$1339
Petty Cash	\$100
Trip Escrow	\$500
CD	\$5,110





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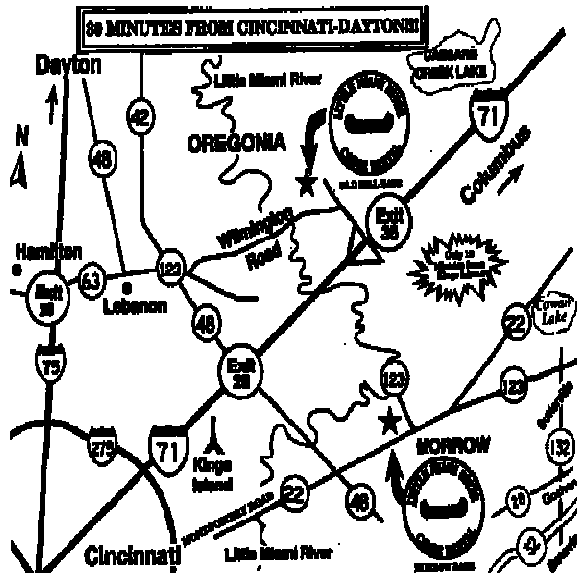
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Next Monthly Meeting – Saturday – August 20 – Picnic!!

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR PICNIC RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH. DINNER IS FREE THIS MONTH! DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 5 PM, RESERVATIONS ARE STILL REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!



From Cincinnati - I-71 North to Exit 28 (Lebanon / South Lebanon Exit) Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 48 to third traffic light (Rte. 22). Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 22 (Montgomery Road) five minutes to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (State Route 123). Drive 1 block and turn rt. before bridge.

- OR -

I-275 to the Montgomery Rd Exit (Exit 50). Turn RIGHT off exit ramp and follow Montgomery Rd to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (Rt. 123). Go 1 block & turn rt before bridge.

From Clermont County - Rt. 132 North to Butlerville, Then Rt. 123 North to Morrow. Park is one block (on the right) on Rt. 123 at river (before the bridge).