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Notes from the President

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The rainy season continued through July but with any luck we will see some drier weather in August and stream levels will stay at safe, fishable conditions. The weather caused the cancellation and reschedule of a couple events. During the month, we did have Club members participating in the Family Fishing Event at Parky's Farm, and doing casting & tying demonstrations and instruction during the VOA Cardboard Regatta. The previously postponed Day Trip to Brookville Tail Waters was finally held as well.

At our July meeting, we hosted members from our sister Club, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers. Although the weather threatened again, we had a good turnout and, by reports I have heard, the event was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all that helped put together the special events for the night!

In August, we will once again support another Family Fishing Event at Parky's Farm and will participate in a Stream Quality Monitoring Training program provided by the ODNR. Upon completion of the monitoring program training, and assuming we have sufficient people that take the training, BUFF will be assigned up to two sections of the Little Miami River where each team would conduct three monitoring programs a year. If you are interested, check out details on the BUFF Website under the *Online Trip/Activity Registration* link button.

As most of you are aware, the new Cabela's store in West Chester is opening the week of August 19. BUFF has been asked and we have agreed to bring our casting pond, normally used at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, to their store on the opening Weekend of August 22 & 23. We will be in the side parking lot if you would like to come by and say hello. Thanks to all the folks that are helping us welcome Cabela's to the Cincinnati area.

Back in June, the Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers had planned to hold its Warm Water Conclave in Bellville, Ohio, but, weather forced the cancellation of the outdoor event. The Council investigated moving the event to later this summer but were unsuccessful in finding an available venue. As the Warm Water Conclave is the Council's main fund raising event for the year, they will be holding various raffles for items that were to be offered at the June event. The first item to be raffled is a two day, one night stay at Sunnybrook Trout Club in Sandusky, Ohio. This trip includes fishing privileges on the private waters of Cold Creek. A maximum of 100 tickets are to be sold at \$10.00 each, with only 25 tickets allocated to each of

the member Clubs. If purchased, this trip would cost well in excess of \$400. The drawing for the raffle will be on August 26, and the trip must be taken prior to October 31, 2015.

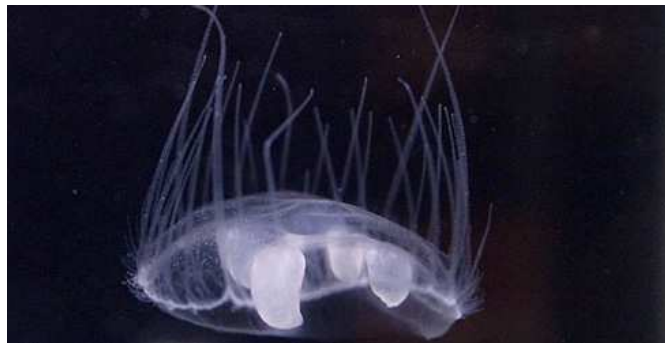
Tight Lines,

Freshwater Jelly Fish

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The crystal-clear waters of Adams County's Mineral Springs Lake are home to thousands of non-stinging freshwater jellyfish.

Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau



Freshwater Jellyfish: Craspedacusta Sowerbii

Late summer when the water is warm and food is abundant a jellyfish about the size of a quarter may be seen in Lake Isabella near Loveland and other local waters as well as Mineral Springs in Adams County where they gently swim just below the surface often in large numbers referred to as blooms. They haven't been studied very much partly because they are so unpredictable and may appear in large numbers one year but then not be seen again for several years. Strangely, the local population of jellyfish are either all male or all female and that may help explain their long absences. Like many jellyfish, they have a complex life cycle that starts when an egg hatches into a polyp that sticks to an underwater object where they reproduce by a method called budding which is like cloning with several buds that form all over the polyp and may even develop into a large cluster before the buds break away as larva and eventually through metamorphosis become a jellyfish.

Day Tripper – Brookville Tailwater Edition

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On July 25th, we were finally able to do the much-anticipated Brookville Tailwater day trip after what seemed like an eternity of high water levels and rain. Our group of 8 Buffers (plus two additional that we ran into and ended up doing some fishing with) met at the McDonald's in Brookville at 8 a.m. for coffee on the patio before heading out onto the water. We broke off into smaller groups that each focused on specific sections

of the tailwater, with groups at the 101 bridge (closest to the dam), the Brookville City Park, the 252 bridge, and The Rock behind 52 Pick-Up.

Even with being so spread out, real estate on the water was hard to come by...lots of pent up fly fishers were on the water after spending most of July at the tying bench patiently waiting on the waters to recede. With the amount of pressure the fish were getting, the fishing was especially challenging (pretty much par for the course for Brookville by mid-summer) but we were able to coax a few fish to the net. Andy Sutthoff landed a couple of nice fish on size 20 zebra midges near the dam, Tom Asbury landed a couple of nice browns in the park (one on a Woolly Buzzer and another on a zebra midge if my memory serves correctly), and Don Schrantz landed the smallest catch of the day...so small he couldn't even definitively identify it as a trout and didn't bother to mention what he caught it on.

Fish were rising sporadically at the park pool, chasing what appeared to be extremely tiny midges. Some anglers were having success fishing dry and droppers, and I managed to get one fish to take a size 12 Parachute Adams which I promptly yanked from its mouth while attempting to set the hook. The water level was roughly 3.5 ft. on the USGS gauge, so conditions were more ideal for nymphs and streamers, as evidenced by the fact that all of the fish caught on the trip were on one or the other.

After lunch at El Reparo, a few of us returned to the water. Andy Sutthoff took Aric Durr and Paul Juszczuk to the dam to show them where he landed his catches in the morning and I intended to follow them, but got sidetracked by a few familiar faces in the park. By the time I finished begging them to tell me what the fish were biting on, the area below the 101 dam was elbow to elbow and there were five more guys gearing up in the parking lot, I presumed to go up near where Andy, Aric, and Paul were fishing closer to the dam. I'm not sure whether they had any luck in the afternoon or not. For my part, I wandered down to the deck pool and found I had it all to myself, so I started throwing nymphs under a Thingamabobber and immediately hooked and lost a small brown. Shortly thereafter I hooked and landed a nice rainbow, and hooked and lost yet another nice fish (all appeared to take my size 20 zebra midge also) before deciding it was just too hot to be pleasant outside and heading home around 3 p.m.

This was not a big numbers trip as far as fish caught, but the goal was more in getting a chance to familiarize some new members to the tailwater, the techniques needed for success (pro tip: Roughly 70% of the fish caught were on flies size 20 and smaller). Additionally, day trips are an excellent way to get to know our fellow club members new and old...sort of like speed dating for fishing buddies. In each of those ways, the trip was a success and will lead the way for future day trips in coming months. Keep your eyes peeled for smallmouth trips to some streams closer to Dayton and Oxford, as well as a trout trip to the Mad River. Because of the overwhelming interest in the Brookville trip, we will probably also do another trip to Brookville as time allows.

You should hire a Fishing Guide

Matthew Copeland

(Editor's note – This article is a reprint of an article originally written by Matthew Copeland. It is reprinted by permission of the author. The article was submitted by Bob Gustafson. The original issue of the Aug. 2015 Buffer was in error and did not accredit the article to Matthew Copeland.)

Kamchatka taimen fishing is just plain awesome. Top-water peacock bass action deep in the Amazon doesn't suck either. And please, don't get me started on swinging for Atlantic salmon in Northwestern Iceland. I ask that you not inquire because I don't want to lie. I've never done any of those things.

As a garden-variety, married and mortgaged, parent, working stiff sportsman, I love fantasizing over the exotic, high adventure fish porn. Then I file it away in the "some day" drawer, get up in the morning, and set to getting after it again – backyard, backcountry, public lands, DIY style. That's what stalking the seam is all about. Making it happen.

But there's a taste of the top-shelf that is within reach for most of us; one that thanks to our proud DIY ethic we too often overlook or outright eschew. We may not live the globetrotting, fishing bro lifestyle, but every now and again, we can fish with the pros. We should each hire a fishing guide at least once a year.

Here's why

1. Your cast ain't what it ought to be. I know, because it looks a lot like mine. While we're at it, your fly selection is stuck in a rut and you've been missing fish with simple presentation errors. Don't take it personally. It happens to the best of us. Think of it this way... Doctors are required to log a pile of continuing education hours every year just to maintain their licenses. Lawyers too, plus pilots, ski patrollers and firemen. Hell, Rory McIlroy has a swing coach. The requirement holds true of almost every high stakes vocation. Your fishing is important too. Treat it as such.

No one is so flawless that his or her game can't be improved by a day on the water with a capable professional. And it sure beats a nasal surgery seminar.



2. You're not alone... at least not yet. Try teaching your husband, girlfriend or teenage son how to fly-fish though, and you just might be. If, however, you want to share your passion, and future years on the water with that special someone, the best thing you can possibly do is outsource the introduction. Car Talk fans will remember Click and Clack berating callers for trying to teach their kids and significant others how to drive instead of hiring a professional. Fly fishing is like that, but harder, and more important. Check your ego, get out of the way, and let a top-notch guide get things off on the right foot.

If you decide to tag along, ride the back of the boat, and when you're inevitably tempted to add your two cents, don't.

3. You don't have to go far to expand your horizons. New Zealand browns might not be in the cards this year, but it's amazing how exotic a new-to-you piece of water in the neighboring state can feel. And if it's as solid as the guys with the out of state plates at the boat ramp are always saying, you may just add a new honey hole to your regular rotation.

Even if not, unfamiliar water has a spectacular way of helping you see old water in new ways. Features and facets that never caught your notice before all of a sudden seem full of promise on your return, and techniques adapted for different conditions may be just the ticket when you try them out on your tired old town stretch.

4. Guides are the river keepers. They're the ones out there day in and day out keeping tabs on the ecosystem, doing their best to keep it healthy, and waving the flag when it's not. And believe you me; these hard working guys and gals are not in it for the money.

The late, great American Theologian and activist Howard Thurman once said, "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." I agree. Furthermore, I think it's important to support the pursuits of people who've come alive when you meet them. If that means spending a day on the water, learning something new about my favorite pastime... well, we all have to make sacrifices.

August Program – "Fly Fishing the North Carolina Smokeys"

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Meeting Date, Wed. Aug 12, 2015

Dale Collins - Tuckasegee Fly Shop

Dale is the owner of a new fly shop in Bryson City, North Carolina. The name of his shop is the Tuckasegee Fly Shop. He will be talking to us about fishing some of our favorite rivers such as the Tuckasegee, Ravens Fork, and the Nantahala. In addition he talk about fishing "The Trophy Waters" and the small streams high up in the mountains.

The Tuckasegee Fly Shop is a full service Fly shop that offers flies, fishing equipment for fly fishers and equipment for the other kind of fishers, a guide service, and a supply of fishing clothes. The shop is located just across the train tracks from the Train Station in Bryson City.

Be sure to register for the August Buff meeting so that you can learn even more information about one of our favorite places to fish.

Dinner Menu

- ☐ Thinly Sliced Pork Loin
marinated with Apple Cider, Shallots, and Rosemary
- ☐ Seasoned Rice
- ☐ Homemade Chicken and Dumplings
- ☐ Vegetable Mélange
- ☐ Fresh Rolls and Butter

Heart Healthy (Lo-Cal) Dinner Menu Option:

>>> Select when registering <<<

- ☐ Thinly Sliced Pork Loin
- ☐ Vegetable Mélange
- ☐ Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Vegetarian Dinner Menu Option:

>>> Select when registering <<<

- Quinoa Vegetable Cake served over steamed Kale
- Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Dessert

- Assortment of Cake Slices

Late Aug Buffer finally

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I apologize for this month's Buffer for being so late. I had some computer and particularly email problems that took me way too long to resolve. I think everything is back to normal now and I look forward to getting future Buffers out on time.

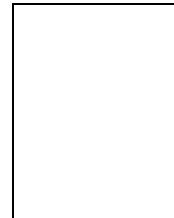


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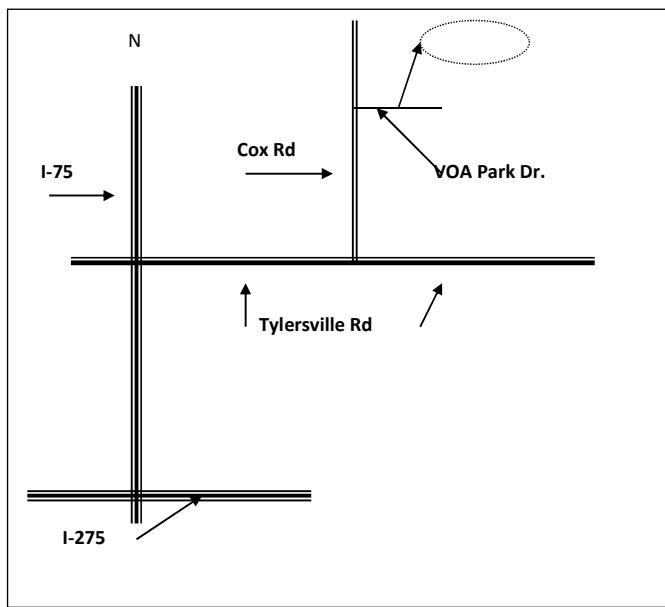
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wed. Aug. 12, 2015

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20th of the November through the Sunday evening (12/14) before the monthly meeting!



Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

From the 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.