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Notes from the President

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Well, the dog days of summer are officially upon us! Streams are running low and clear, water temps are warm, and our cold water species are likely feeling the heat. This is a great time of year (actually THE time of year) to get out and chase warm water species like the smallmouth bass. Steve Lilly once commented to me that the smallmouth is his favorite species to fish for because they're in abundant supply here in our southwest Ohio streams, and there's an inherent thrill in catching a wild fish that stocked fish just can't match. At the time, I was still in my "a fish is a fish" stage of fly fishing, but the longer I fish, the more I understand what he was talking about.

If you haven't fished for smallmouth on a fly, there are plenty of resources in the club to get you started. Tim Williamson will be holding a 'Smallmouth 101' class at Heritage Park on the Great Miami River on Thursday, August 5 from 7-9 pm. In addition, we have the August day trip to float the Whitewater River in Indiana, where we will be fishing predominantly for smallmouth as well. Last time I checked, we still had at least a few open spots for that trip, so please feel free to sign up.

With the summer heat, I'd like to encourage us all to be mindful of fishing in hot summer conditions. It's always a good idea to carry a bottle of water, or at least have one nearby. Also, if you start feeling exhausted from the heat, get to a cool, shady area and give your body a chance to cool down. Common sense, but sometimes when the fish are biting, it's easy to forget. Summer is also a great time to leave your chest waders at home and enjoy the experience of wet wading. Nothing beats it when the weather really gets warm. I wet waded the Little Miami behind my apartment last night and it literally felt like bath water. Caddis (my trusted canine companion) came along too and had a wonderful time splashing on the water's edge and scaring all the snakes away. Good dog.

I guess that's all I've got for this month. Have fun and be safe out there. JR ➡

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The Ohio Division of Wildlife stocks "catchable" rainbow trout (10-14 inches) during spring and fall in various lakes and ponds and brown trout (6-9 inches) during October in Clear Creek, Clear Fork River and the Mad River. Catchable rainbow trout are stocked to provide immediate fishing opportunities for a short period of time and these fish are expected to remain the size they were when they were stocked. Habitat in Ohio waters generally prevent rainbow trout from surviving through the summer in these waters. Brown trout are stocked to provide longer-term fishing opportunities since they are stocked at smaller sizes and expected to survive a number of years after stocking. Most anglers do not consider brown trout to be a harvestable size until they measure at least 12 inches. Trout fishing in Ohio is maintained solely through annual stockings since rainbow and brown trout are not native to Ohio and our habitats do not promote natural reproduction. ➡



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August Presentation & Speaker

Measuring the Demand for Designating the Mad River as a Recreational River

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David Wishart will be talking to us about the Mad River, David and Wendong Zhang have done extensive work in regards to promoting and preserving the Mad. Please sign up for our August meeting to learn more about our valuable river.

Our presentation will explain some of the background to the controversy over designating the Mad River a recreational river. Professor Zhang and I developed a survey to gauge the demand for a recreational designation. We will go over the structure of the survey and explain how economists use techniques called contingent valuation and the travel cost method to estimate the demand for goods like environmental amenities for which no market exists. Results of the survey will be presented with observations regarding the process going forward for recreational designation. Time will be allowed for questions and answers. ➔

“A Report on Results of a Survey to Measure the Demand for Designating the Mad River in Clark County Ohio a Recreational River”

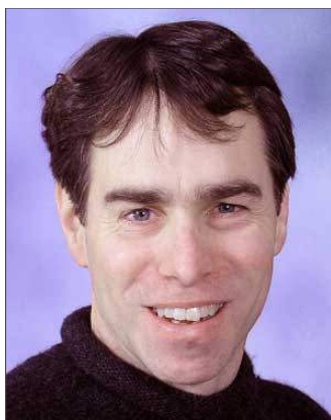
By Wendong Zhang, Iowa State University and David M. Wishart, Wittenberg University

August Calendar

8/2	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
8/12	Family Fishing Fever Ed Jones
8/16	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
8/19	Family Fishing Fever Ed Jones
8/20	Whitewater Float Trip Morgan’s Livery, Brookville J.R. Jackson



A Biographical Sketch for David M. Wishart



David M. Wishart is a Professor of Economics at Wittenberg University, where he has taught since the fall of 1983. Wishart was born in Terre Haute, Indiana in 1956 and grew up in Paris, Illinois, a small community in rural east-central Illinois. He attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1974 through 1983, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in economics with a minor in ecology, ethology, and evolution in 1978 and his Ph.D. in economics in 1985. Articles based on his dissertation titled “Conflict over Water in the Jordan Valley from 1890 to Present” have appeared in scholarly journals including The Middle East Review, Middle Eastern Studies, and Water International. Wishart has also written extensively on the economic history of Native Americans with papers appearing in The Journal of Economic History and Explorations of Economic History. He teaches courses in principles of economics, European and American economic history, history of economic thought, law and economics, as well as environmental and natural resource economics. Wishart received the Wittenberg University Alumni Distinguished Teaching in 2000. He is married to Josephine

Wilson, a professor at the Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University. They live in Yellow Springs and have two sons and a grandson with another on the way! ➔

August Dinner Menu

- Grilled Hamburgers with bacon, onion, melted cheese in middle
- BBQ Chicken Vanilla
- Field Greens with Bleu Cheese, Walnuts, Dried Cranberries and Red Wine Vinaigrette
- Loaded Potato Salad with cheddar cheese, sour cream, bacon
- Baked Homemade Cheesy Macaroni
- Italian Vegetable Medley - tri-color green beans, red onion, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, red peppers



The Following is an excerpt from the novel “The River Why” written by David James Duncan

Concerning Statistics

Like Gamblers, Baseball fans and Television Networks, Fisherman are enamored with Statistics

A fish without an exact weight and length is a nonentity, whereas the sixteen-incher or the twelve-pounder leaps out of the imagination, splashing the brain with cold spray. The strange implication is that numbers are more tangible than flesh; fish without vital statistics are fish without being. And this digital fisherman-consciousness has seeped into most facets of life. One of the most telling examples is this:

Statistics are a tool upon which anglers rely so heavily that a fish story lacking numbers is just that: a Fish Story.

A human child at birth undergoes a ritual almost identical to that inflicted upon trophy trout at death, to wit

- 1) The fish is whacked on the head, thus putting it out of it's misery; the infant is whacked on the behind, thus initiating it into its misery.
- 2) The fish is placed on a scale, weighted to the quarter ounce and measured to the quarter inch; the infant endures identical treatment.
- 3) The fish is stripped of the coating of slime that protected it in the water; the infant is purposelessly relieved of its equivalent coating.
- 4) The fish is placed in a cold rectangular receptacle to await the taxidermist who will stuff it, creating an illusion of healthy flesh on its lifeless body; the infant is placed in a warm rectangular receptacle to await the parents who will stuff it, hopefully creating genuine healthy flesh upon its living body.

More Information...

BUFFER Newsletter

The BUFFER Newsletter is published monthly and can be downloaded from the BUFF website. Back issues are available for download too.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of each month. Check the website for details, including guest speaker & presentation, buffet menu, and calendar updates.

Annual Dues

Annual 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 www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com for more information.

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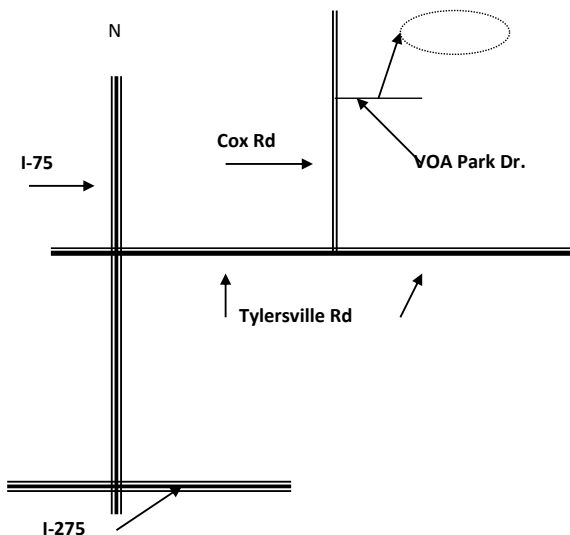
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Promoting the Sport of Fly Fishing Through Education and Conservation

Meeting Location & Directions

Meetings are held at Voice of America Park in the Ronald Reagan Lodge. [Please register online if you would like to attend.](#)

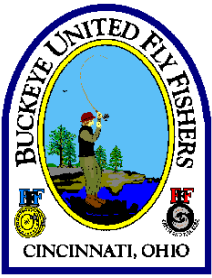


Directions:

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 Mason, Ohio 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.



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