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Fishing With Jack

by Phil Pursley

Jack is like so many of us who is near retirement. He wants to keep on learning new things and fly fishing is one of those things. Even though Jack has been a life-long angler who even took the sport so seriously that he kept a log of his various trips from a young age he had never really picked up a fly rod.

When Jack said he was willing to learn I was quickly looking through some fly rods I could put in his hand and thinking about when we could squeeze in a day on the water. He was able to take a vacation day, so we went to have a little casting clinic at one of the Metro County Parks. Soon we both were tired of casting on grass and decided to head to Four Mile Creek for some real fishing. The water was high so it was time for plan B.

It was time to search for calmer waters and more fish. Jack agreed to keep his eyes closed as we drove through the country side. Unfortunately, he peeked when we started driving through the park and he quickly said, "Oh I know where we are, Governor Bebb Park". He added, "I used to do blacksmithing here". Jack and I had a nice stream side lunch. These lunches are always better when you share them with a friend.



After lunch, we headed to the stream. We caught fish after fish in a shallow pool. It was time for Jack to graduate to bigger fish. I told him a guide always ties on the flies so he let me do this so that if the fly came off the line it would be my fault. A small olive wooly bugger with a little extra weight was just the ticket. Jack soon landed his first small mouth bass on a fly rod and we waded down the stream with him catching many more along with a few misses that we all have.

It's hard to beat a day on the stream with a friend who is learning to fly fish.

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August Presentation & Speaker

Mike Rubush, Program Co-Chair

Fly Fishing Jackson County and the GSMNP - The keys to success!

Shannon was born and raised in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Born in Waynesville North Carolina, Shannon quickly fell in love with fishing. Shannon developed a passion for fly fishing and fly tying at an early age and was mentored by the late Charles "Charlie Bear" Messer and other family members that were excellent fly tiers and fisherman during their lives.



Shannon Messer of Blackrock Outdoors Orvis Fly Shop and Guide Service in Sylva, North Carolina

Shannon is the manager, head guide, and commercial fly tier at Blackrock Outdoors Orvis Fly Shop in Sylva. Shannon enjoys spending time on the water with people and he finds it more enjoyable helping them improve their skillsets than it is for him to catch trout these days. Shannon teaches fly tying and fly fishing at Blackrock outdoors and you will often see Shannon doing demonstrations at various events or at the Fly Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians.

Shannon also has been featured on the TV Show, Anglers and Appetites, tying traditional mountain flies that still take trout today. Shannon was also featured in Southern Trout July 2016 issue for his tying skills and vast family history that is legendary in Western North Carolina. Shannon also writes for The Angler Magazine on a monthly basis.

Shannon lives in Sylva with his wife Tanya, two sons, Alex age 18 and Breyden Kade age 7. Shannon enjoys watching his sons play ball, camping, and just hanging out in our mountains.

Most days you will find Shannon in the shop behind the vice tying flies that work in the local area. Shannon is always willing to share information on where to fish and how to fish a certain area. Shannon also enjoys hearing stories about other people's adventures since they are what we are here for. When Shannon is not in the shop you can usually find him somewhere in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park chasing trout and trying new fly patterns.

Shannon will be sharing his keys to successfully fishing the areas in and around Jackson County. There may be a few Secret Fishing Holes that leak out, so don't miss this one.



Women's Pond Trip, July 2017

Eight club members showed up to a small, fish-filled pond just north of Oxford, OH. This was for a wonderful evening of fishing from the bank and a picnic. And the bass did not object. The wonderful couple and friends of Sue and Ed Jones are fly fishers themselves. They were thrill to have so many fishers at their pond. We couldn't have asked for better weather either.

We arrived at about 4:00 pm and started right in fishing as we could SEE the fish everywhere. Sue Jones started us out with the 1st fish. Many others also got fish throughout the evening. Although some tried nymphs and other underwater flies, more fish that afternoon were taken with surface flies and poppers. It was wonderful watching the reaction of the bass cruising the pond and seeing the fly twitching on the surface. Ed Jones had several bass decide the way to go was into the Cattails.



All he could do was wait them out.

At 6:30 the box lunches, from a local Oxford deli, came out with some of the largest sandwiches I've seen in a long time. Fresh fruit, watermelon, and homemade cookies rounded out

the meal. Very quickly everyone headed back to the pond for an evening try at the bass. I say bass because more bass were caught than blue gills – not usually the case! As dusk settled in we slowly found chairs, telling fishing stories, made new friends, and plan to return this fall to entice the bass once more.

Cari Vota
Director Women's Programs

Final note: Ladies, we are serious about going back to this pond this fall, probably a Sunday afternoon in October. Keep an eye out for the date in the coming weeks.

LADIES, LET'S GO FISHING!!

- Aug 12** Women's Kayak Day Trip Whitewater River IN
- Sep 9** Women's Fishing Day Trip Twin Creek, Germantown OH
- Sep 28-Oct 1** Women's Fall Fishing Trip Hocking Hills, OH near Logan

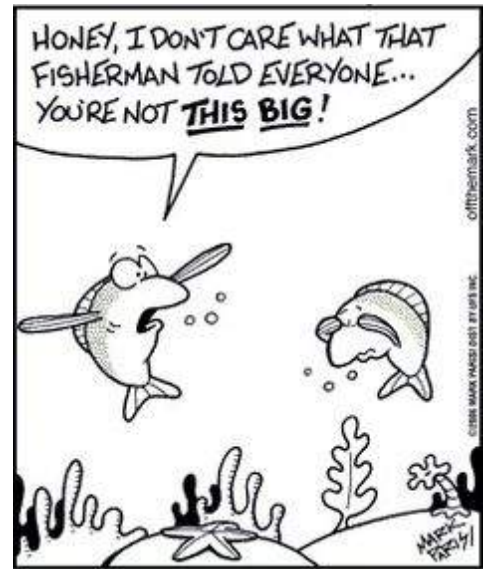
Sign up NOW for all of these on the BUFF registration page. Please contact Cari Vota, Director Women's Programs, if you have any questions.



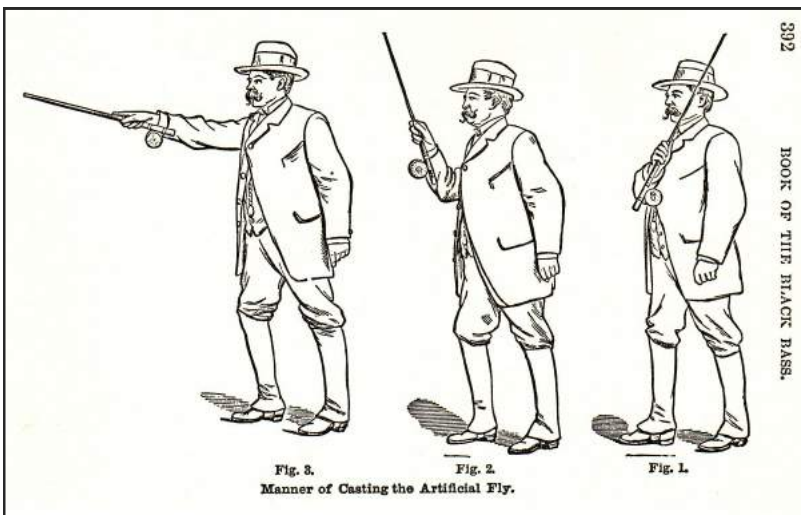
LIBRARY SYSTEM CHANGE



- It's now ok to scan your book or video **FIRST**
- Checking in is faster ... no need to scan your badge!
- Checking out ... the system will ask for your badge
- The old way (badge first) still works too.
- Just watch the screen for guidance



Fisherman: What's the favorite fly in these parts boy?
Boy: A worm!



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), plus a one-time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com for more information.

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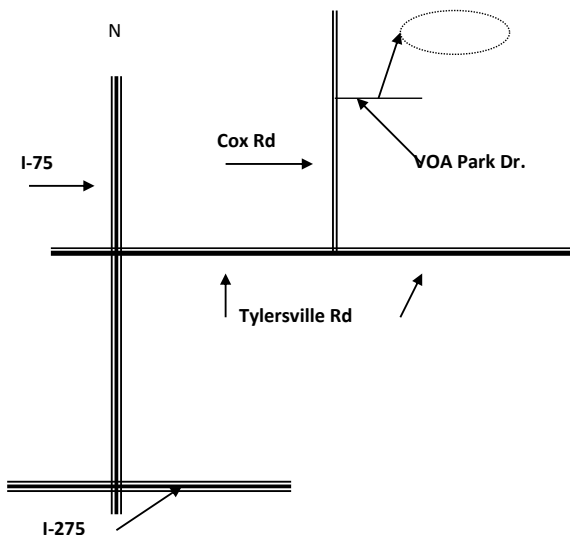
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Meeting Location & Directions

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

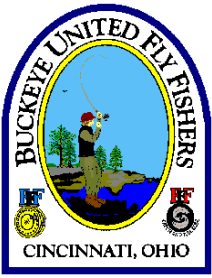


Directions:

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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