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## Notes from the President

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Just when you thought it was safe to read the BUFFER, I'm back. I hope you've been fishing more than me. A very intriguing place that Cari and I explored are the East Fork head waters. I believe it's someplace that deserves more interest, in particular spring and fall. Go to the upstream boat ramp and wade upstream. I had musky and bass hits. There's some beautiful riffles upstream and the area below the last riffle has hybrids.

Back by popular demand is a club swap night. Bring your unused or unwanted gear. The tables for the library will be used for the merchandise. For more details see the announcement in the BUFFER and in the meeting notice.

The BUFFER is going to start a new section on flies each month. It could be a how to tie, how to fish the fly, favorite fly for a body of water, or even a fly history and more. Of course, suggestions from the members will be great.

My favorite largemouth bass fly has been something called The Kitner Boy. If you have seen Jaws and remember the beach seen where the kid gets eaten you'll understand why it's named as it is.

It's obviously a grass hopper pattern. The blue seems to work really well with bass. I have read that they see blue really well. Pat Kelly from Mad River Outfitters says blue and yellow are some of his best colors for bass flies. You can find the pattern by searching The Kitner Boy online. Here is an Orvis website with a video and tying instructions: <https://news.orvis.com/fly-fishing/video-how-to-tie-the-kintner-boy>



If there's something else you would like to see let us know.

As always until next time, keep your fly in the water.

Jim Vota – El Presidente

## August Meeting – Program

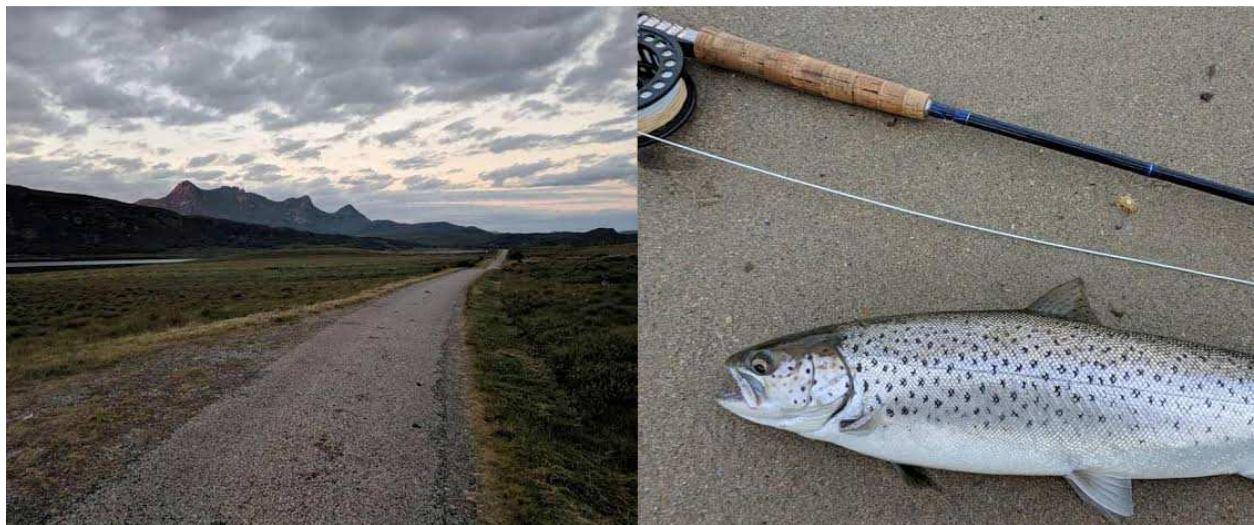
The August meeting is fast approaching. It is Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>, which feels a bit earlier than usual this month. Sign up is active through August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Speaker – Ethan Smith

#### “Fly Fishing the Scottish Highlands”

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Founder of SmithFly Designs, located in Troy Ohio (website: <https://smithfly.myshopify.com>), Ethan Smith will share his passion for fly fishing in the Scottish Highlands. Despite arguably being the birthplace of fly fishing, Scotland is not represented well in the fly fishing media, no marketed to Americans aggressively like other destinations, such as Alaska and South America. However, the fishing, stunning natural beauty and cultural heritage, makes it an as good, if not better place, for traveling anglers than anywhere in the world. Ethan will share tips for fishing the legendary rivers of Scotland on a budget, as well as more all-inclusive options. He will also cover ways to make sure even in adverse conditions that anglers can get the most out of a visit to the Highlands.



### Swap Meet

This month, in addition to the usual meeting and guest speaker, we will also have a Swap Meet. We will use the tables usually set up for the library. If you have any equipment, tying materials, or other items that are unused or unwanted, feel free to bring it and we'll see if any of our fellow BUFFERS would be interested in acquiring these items. Just put a tag on it with your name and desired price.

## Library this Month – Returns Only

Because we will have the Swap Meet, we will not be binging library cases to the August meeting. However, if you have materials due to be returned at this time, please bring them and they will be checked in and returned to the library. However, there will not be a library check out this month.

## August Dinner Menu

Field Greens with Pears, Candied Pecans, Feta  
Grilled Corn with Tomatoes and Peppers  
Beef Stroganoff over Quinoa  
Teriyaki Pork Stir-Fry  
Chicken Tomatillo with Red Chili Sauce and Black Beans  
Potatoes O'Brien  
French Bread  
Carrot Cake

## BUFF Membership at Pine Lake Trout Club

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Pine Lake Trout Club is a private fishing club located in Bainbridge Township, Ohio. For many years, BUFF has maintained a nonresident membership at this club, which can be used for BUFF members and for BUFF activities. It has been a while since BUFF members have used this excellent facility, and BUFF members should consider taking advantage of the membership. A stocked trout pond is central to the facilities and there is trout fishing on the stream on the property as well. Daily catch and release is available to both members and non-members for a nominal fee. The location is within an hour's drive of Ohio's steelhead fishing streams.

### Details

Nestled in the woods of the property are four overnight cabins with fully equipped kitchens and wood burning fireplaces. All of the cabins are pet friendly. Cabins are of different sizes. There is one which can accommodate up to 10 people, which would be perfect if a group were interested in a trip. Cabin 4 is a one-bedroom unit which is ideal for a couple.

Pine Lake offers dining as well. The quiet and cozy Log Cabin Dining Room offers members and their guests friendly service and a creative food selection, serving lunch and dinner six days a week.

There is a BUFF Members guide to the club under the “About Us” link in the BUFF Website. Open the link and scroll down to the “Pine Lake Trout Club Membership Guide...” page. Much of what is on our website is older information, but it includes travel directions from Cincinnati. The Pine Lake Club website provides much more detail about the club, facilities, cabins and dining (<http://www.pinelaketrouclub.com>).

Any BUFF members interested in fishing at Pine Lake are asked to first contact Hugh O’Donnell. He is our club contact with Pine Lake, and can provide you our membership information, and help with questions regarding booking a cabin, if that is of interest. Please contact Hugh at [odonnellhj@gmail.com](mailto:odonnellhj@gmail.com).

The map below provides a general indication of the club’s location



## Women’s Day Trip to Mad River – July 7<sup>th</sup>

By Cari Vota

Our joint BUFF-MVFF Mad River trip on Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> went well with 3 Buffer’s and 4 MVFF fishers for the day. Two of the ladies have joint memberships in BUFF & MVFF – for the reason that we have ladies trips! Our far member – Annie Potter – even drove down from Cleveland.

We met at the airport just north of Urbana in the morning, hit a couple spots, lunched together back at the airport, and hit a couple more spots that afternoon. There are so many different locations on the Mad to fish; all very wadeable. Every



bridge has parking and access to the river. So we had plenty of room to spread out.

We had one of the best weather days on the river in a long time. Everything cooperated, except the fish. Annie Potter caught the only fish of the day.



## Save the Date! Women's Fall Trout Trip, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for **Oct 19-20, 2018** for the Women's Fall Trout Trip to Caney Fork River, TN.

- Overnight trip featuring 2-days of fishing.
- Open to All women BUFF members and wives.
- May hire a guide for a day or 1/2 day to help us get more familiar with the local trout and area.
- Looking for a couple co-coordinators to help plan the trip. Let me know if you are interested.

Email me if you are interested in going. This will help us know if we need 1 or 2 cabins.

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## When the Name of a Classic Fly is a Name; or Maybe Not?

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Haruko found an article in a recent issue of Trout Magazine which discussed George Griffith and the Griffith's Gnat fly which is attributed to him. The article sparked some interest in both Mr. Griffith and the fly. This column summarizes what was in the Trout Magazine article and a bit of light research we did on George Griffith, this classic dry fly, and instruction on how to tie it.

George Griffith is a recognized leader as a fly fisherman and conservationist. He was a key person involved with establishing Trout Unlimited in the late 1950's. Actually, the organizing meeting for Trout Unlimited was held in his cabin, 'The Barbless Hook' which was on the Au Sable River in Michigan. If it is still there, we'd both like to drive by and see it next time we're up there. George passed away at the age of 97 in 1998, and a decade later, was inducted as a notable person in the sport into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, from what is listed in documents on the early history of our club, it does not appear that George was ever a speaker at an early BUFF Banquet or club meeting.

The Griffith's Gnat is a classic dry fly, and should be in one's universal fly box. Its popularity and fishing success goes well beyond the waters of Michigan. It is a successful fly used in waters across the US and in other countries as well. It is also a very simple fly to tie – just a palmered hackle wrapped over a base of peacock herl on a dry fly hook.

But back to the story – While the fly is named for and often attributed to George Griffith, he is not the person who first tied this. Even George, in his lifetime, made this clear. Also, the fly is *not*, despite a claim made on at least one website, named for the famed sheriff of Mayberry, Andy Griffith! According to the Trout Unlimited article about George, the fly is believed to have been first tied by Walt Shaw, an early fishing guide on the Au Sable, and an expert tyer. It is believed that Walt introduced it to Griffith in the late 1930's when they fished together. Importantly, it was Griffith who popularized its use. For George, it was a 'go to' fly, and one of the patterns he reliably fished with for his entire life. It remains especially effective in mid-summer during hatches of small midges or gnats as they surface on rivers and ponds.

The photo shows a couple of Griffith's Gnats in size 20 as tied by Son Tao ([www.frakenfly.com](http://www.frakenfly.com) website). His version appears to add a bit of red material to form a head, but this is not described in the instructions. Son ties this fly in sizes 14 – 24, but we've seen comments on other websites



suggesting that they can be tied even smaller (size 28!). For those interested, the Orvis site has a short video on tying this fly (<https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/fly-tying-videos/dry-flies/730-griffiths-gnat>).

Here are basic tying instructions:

**Materials:**

Hook: Small dry fly with adequate gape  
Thread: Black 8/0 or smaller  
Body: Fine peacock herl  
Hackle: Grizzly, palmer wrapped over the hurl

1. Tie on thread behind eye and wrap about ½ the length to the hook bend
2. Tie in peacock herl so it extends back toward the hook bend by wrapping thread to the bend. Hurl should be positioned along the far side of the hook shank. Cut or break off any excess that extends out over the eye.
3. Strip feathers from base end of an appropriately sized hackle feather. Tie in in at the bend with the dull side facing you by wrapping thread back to about 1- eye gap behind the eye.
4. Wrap and tie in the peacock herl to form the body taking care not to crowd the hook eye.
5. Wrap to hackle taking care not to crowd the hook eye.
6. Whip finish.

The Guide to Fly Fishing by Dick Talleur, offers a slight variant on this design, with the hackle on the front half of the hook. This is shown in the illustration on the right. For this variation, tie in the hackle about midway along the hook shank and tie in the herl at the bend. Take a couple of turns of hackle toward the hook eye and tie it in. Then complete by wrapping the herl through the palmered hackle to behind the eye, and tie off in front of the hackle. Finish with a whip finish.

That's it. Happy tying and tight lines!



# Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details, or  
contact the trip or activity coordinator

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Women's Day Trip to Twin Creek, Twin Creek near Germantown, OH	Saturday, 8-11, Meet 7:30 AM at dam.	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Women's After-Work Outing, Heritage Park, Cincinnati Park	Thursday, 8-16 Meet 6 PM @ Heritage Park parking lot	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Tie and Lie, Springdale Community Center	Friday, 8-17 Meet 6:30 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>
New York Catskills Trip Roscoe, NY	Monday, 9-10 – Sunday, 9-16	J.R. Jackson 518-227-2136 <a href="mailto:bearcatjr@gmail.com">bearcatjr@gmail.com</a>
Stream Quality Monitoring, Bass Island	Saturday, 9-15; Meet 9 AM @ Bass Island Trailhead, Bass Island Park  Rain date – 9-22	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 <a href="mailto:starwoodtb@gmail.com">starwoodtb@gmail.com</a>
Stream Quality Monitoring, Caesar's Creek	Saturday, 9-15; Meet 9 AM @ Caesar's Creek Access, Bass Island Park  Rain date – 9-22	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 <a href="mailto:starwoodtb@gmail.com">starwoodtb@gmail.com</a>
Women's After Work Outing, East Fork Little Miami River, Perintown, OH	Thursday, 9-20 Meet 6 PM	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Tie and Lie, Springdale Community Center	Friday, 9-21 Meet 6:30 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>
Sunnybrook Fall Trip, Sandusky, OH	Friday, 9-28 – Sunday, 9-30	Ken Dixon 513-787-2408 <a href="mailto:krgjdix@fuse.net">krgjdix@fuse.net</a>
Great Outdoor Weekend Izaak Walton League, Cincinnati Chapter; Loveland, OH	Saturday, 9-29 – Sunday 9-30	<b>CHECK BUFF WEBSITE FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION &amp; SIGN-UP</b>

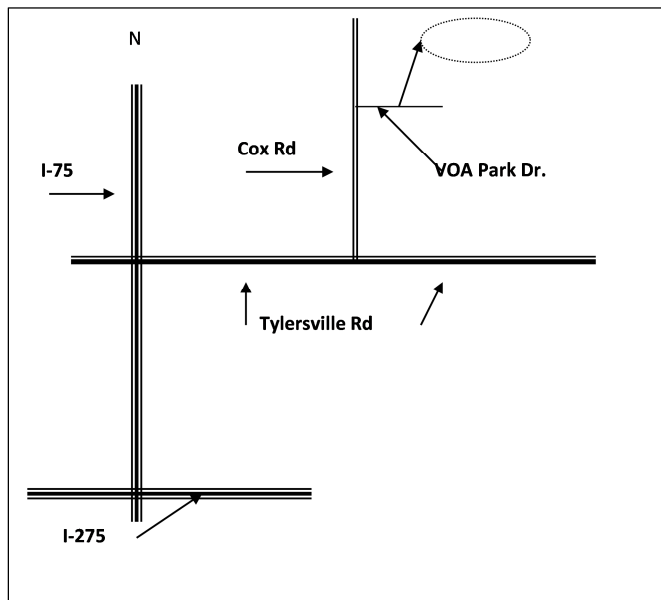


<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Tie and Lie, Springdale Community Center	Friday, 10-19 Meet 6:30 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>
Women's Fall Fishing Trip, Caney Fork River, TN	Friday, 10-19 – Saturday, 10-20	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Fall NC Trout Trip Bryson City, NC	11-7 – 11-11	Cecil Osborn 513-340-4837 <a href="mailto:cosborn1898@gmail.com">cosborn1898@gmail.com</a>
Tie and Lie, Springdale Community Center	Friday, 11-16 Meet 6:30 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>

## August Meeting – Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**6:00 – 9:00 PM at VOA Park – watch website in Late July for sign-up**

Register on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM). Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



### Directions:

**From I-75 --** Follow 1-75 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.