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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jim LeBlond (Pinch hitting for Dave Uckotter)

ELECTIONS POSTPONED!!!!

I'm sorry to say that the December board and officer elections have been postponed until January. We have some very important positions left open, so it's not too late to put your hat in the ring. These positions currently include: **President, Treasurer, Program Chair, East Fork Conservation, Mad River Conservation, & Banquet Chair**. Buff is a team sport and it's time for new leadership to take the helm. If you are at all interested, please contact Dave, Jim or any of the current board members. You do not need prior experience, just a willingness to help. I guarantee that the more you put into the organization, the more fun you will have, the more friendships you will make and the more you will enjoy the entire experience!

On very positive note, we have some outstanding Fly Fisher of the Year Candidates. **John Doscher, Joe Guenther, Lou Haynes, Tony Kalbli, Jon Kennard, Jim LeBlond, Joe Panfalone, & Dave Uckotter** have all been nominated.

In December, we will accept your **Conservation Nominations**. Any member in good standing can nominate an organization. These organizations are generally tax-exempt organizations that help to protect our waterways, conserve our resources, and preserve fly fishing opportunities. Your nominations must be in writing and submitted to the board in time for the December Board meeting. The board will vote and moneys will be disbursed before the end of this board's term. Members are always welcome to attend any board meetings and present their recommendation if desired.

The Banquet planning is going well, but prize recruitment is proving difficult. **We would like everyone to contribute a quality raffle item or make a cash donation to the cause**. This is our single biggest fund raising event, and it helps fund our activities throughout the year. Donations of gift cards, fishing and non -fishing related items are all welcome. Please consider bringing your entire family and perhaps buying some tickets for a couple of your best friends to help support the show. We have a great Black and Gold Orvis 4 Piece Rod tube for our Early Bird raffle prize this year. We will also have a live auctioneer, and we will be able to accept your VISA as payment for purchases you make during the evening. We're also looking for **Table Sponsors**. Please consider approaching your employer, after all, it's for a good cause. **The next planning meeting** will be a combined **Fly Fishing Show and Banquet** meeting and will take place **Sunday December 15th at 1:00 PM at Jim LeBlond's house**. Please call if you need directions. 🐟

December Meeting Program

Brett Billings, a master's degree student at Eastern Ky. University, will present a program on "**Winter Fishing the Cumberland River**." Billings has been studying the river's aquatic life for the past 4 years as part of his master's of science degree. The project has given him an insight into the river's main food organisms. Brett will share with us the main winter food sources of the river's fish and some suggested imitations. Afterwards he will answer questions you may have about fishing.

Adventures From the Reel World

Fall Trout Trip to Arkansas was Awesome!!

Patti Howell



My first attempt as a trip coordinator turned out to be a wonderful experience for me. All the little details fell right into place with no major screw-ups (and I was just wingin' it)...Whew!! Actually, it was so much fun, I'm looking forward to coordinating the trip again next year.

Thirteen of us traveled to Heber Springs, Arkansas for some fantastic trout fishing on the Little Red River in the foothills of the Ozarks. Some drove the 9-10 hour road trip, some drove toting their canoes (like Bob Mackey and Larry Hake), and others flew into Little Rock and made the short drive up to Heber Springs. Upon arriving at the Anderson House Inn, we were greeted by owner Terry Bryant ('74 Elder grad) who immediately made us feel welcomed at his nice and cozy B&B. We brought Terry a "care package" filled with all of his Cincinnati favorites; chili and cheese coney from Camp Washington Chili, Frisch's tarter sauce, Montgomery Inn BB-Q sauce and two Elder shirts. He was one happy camper and became our best buddy for the weekend! Terry gave us the royal treatment with his gourmet dinners and scrumptious desserts (some of us got his secret recipes!). He even liked hanging out with us! What a great host!

Now for the fishing part...like I said before...AWESOME!! First of all, the weather was perfect and the fall foliage was spectacular! It got up to 72° one day with the water temperature at 44° and my feet never got cold. Some of us went out with a local guide for a day. Merrel Ludlow and I went out on a float trip with guide Donnie Hyslip. Donnie knew right where the fish were and we both started pulling in rainbows and browns on that little bead head sow bug tied on a loop to undulate. We learned a new knot that day and it worked! My favorite was landing a nice 15" brown – not a record breaker, but she was a feisty one!! I lost track of Merrel's rainbows, but you can see them on our website. (You must check out Merrel's unique fish-holding pose!)

Dan & Rita Lamping, George Hupp and Dave French had great days with their guides also.

Some folks just ventured out on their own each day. The Little Red River was pretty easy wading. Tom & Marge Reinhardt, Sam West and Lynn Cruz had no problems navigating the river on foot. (see Marge, I didn't even mention anything about *getting into* the river!) George, Dave, Bob and Larry were also able to cover lots of water in their canoes. And Jean Ludlow had no problem navigating herself around the sites and shops of Heber Springs. Kudos to Jean, she picked up a fly rod and started to practice casting. We may have another gal on the river next year!

Bottom line is...we all caught fish and had a wonderful time with a great group of people "spawning" some lasting friendships. Life is good!!!  

Fall Trout Trip
...continued



PS: I received an E-mail from Terry Bryant, the innkeeper, thanking us for staying at the Anderson House Inn. Here are some of his words, "**What a great group! As you probably know sometimes these groups have a few high maintenance folks who ruin it for everybody, but everybody in this one was easy going. Once my wife and daughter headed towards Little Rock to pick up her mother at the airport, I heated up some chili, turned on some football, and reminisced. What a treat. A Camp Washington four-way, football, and great memories of the weekend. What more could an innkeeper ask for?**"



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Telephone List



In the October Buffer we discussed publishing a list of those club members who would like to be included in a telephone list. We asked interested members to provide their authorization and telephone information to Joe Panfalone via the form on the front page of the Buffer. The list was to be included in this issue of the Buffer. The response was somewhat lower than was hoped for! The Board decided to extend the time allotted for return of the forms. **This will be your last chance!!** If you wish to be included in the telephone list, fill out the form, (found on the address page of the Buffer), and forward it to Joe Panfalone, 7181 Tarragon Ct., Hamilton, OH 45011.



Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Mike Bryant

Before you know it, the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show will be here. No, there isn't a new Show coming to town, but the same great B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show, only renamed to reflect the growing regional interest in our sport. Even though the Show has a new name, it will still reflect the same great quality and interest as in the past.

Planning for this event has been underway for some time, and we believe we will have any great day planned for you. As in the past, the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show will continue it's focus on providing both BUFFer's and prospective new fly fishers timely information on the great sport of fly fishing. Our goal is to educate, inform and to have fun. During the show, we hope to showcase our club and all it has to offer, and familiarize attendees with available local, regional and national resources. The price of admission will be only \$10 per person, and children 12 and under are still admitted free. Make sure you bring your friends, family members, and especially kids to the show.

The Fly Fishing Show will be held at the Receptions Conference Center, located off of Route 4 in Fairfield. We moved to the Receptions to accommodate larger crowds, allow for more exhibitors and provide a more central location. The date is the third Saturday in February (February 15, 2003). Hours for the Fly Fishing Show will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year's event will feature Terry and Wendy Gunn of Lees Ferry, Arizona. In addition to the four presentations, there will be numerous exhibits, vendors and demonstrations available throughout the day. We plan to have new exhibitors as well as old favorites. And we are working hard to expand the fly tying section (demonstrations and exhibitors). — —

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The Education Corner

Lou Haynes

Roger Lowe Fly Tying Classes:

Roger Lowe will be our banquet speaker January 25th. He has kindly agreed to lead two fly tying classes during the day of the banquet.

Roger, who grew up fishing for trout in the Smokey Mountains, learned the art of fly tying at an early age from his father and grandfather, both avid tiers and fly fishers. Besides owning Lowe's Fly Shop and Outfitters in Waynesville, North Carolina and guiding in the Smokeys, he ties professionally and has published a video on tying some of the most productive Smokey Mountain trout patterns. You'll find him to be an excellent teacher with lots of tying tricks to share.

The classes are scheduled to meet from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM and from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Lutheran Atonement Church in Sharonville. Roger will teach us how to tie three patterns in each session: the Coffey's Stone Creeper Nymph, the Olive Juicy Legs Bugger Streamer, and the Jim Charley Dry Fly in the morning session, and the Parachute Female Adams Dry Fly, the Hazel Creek Dry Fly, and the Horse Hair Nymph in the afternoon session.

These are hands - on classes so participants are expected to bring their own tying equipment. Basic tying skills are a prerequisite for the classes. Patterns will be provided at least one week in advance along with directions to the church. A \$25 fee per class, paid in advance, is required to hold a spot. Each class will be limited to 12 participants. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the December 11th general meeting. You may also register by calling Lou Haynes at 777-4854, or sign up on the Banquet Registration Sheet insert available in the Buffer. Any spots remaining unfilled after the general meeting will be opened to non-BUFF members, so I suggest you register ASAP to ensure a spot.



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The Cast

Tony Kalbli

Last month I described the four parts of the “Cast” and their relative importance to generating a good cast. This month I will discuss the “essentials” of a good cast. As you recall, we covered the difference between “style and essentials” in an earlier article and said that style can vary between casters but that the “essentials” of the cast hold true for all casters. There are really only five essentials that you must understand and be able to execute. I will give you short key phrases to help you easily remember these essentials.

1. **NO SLACK:** Try to have your fly line as straight as possible to the rod tip. If you keep your rod tip pointed right at the water, the end of the fly line will move immediately as you start lifting the rod on the “pickup” move.
2. **PAUSE:** As you complete the “backcast” you must pause the rod/rod hand to allow the fly line to form the loop and travel to the rear. It is important to understand that if you are making a short cast only a short pause is needed. If you make a long cast a longer pause is needed. This pause scenario is also needed after the forward cast if you are false casting.
3. **SMOOTH ACCELERATION OF THE ROD TIP:** Start your casting stroke slowly and end it fast followed by an abrupt stop of the rod rod/hand. Remember that the backcast is a mirror image of the forward cast and require the same speed and power and acceleration. A useful imagery of the concept of “smooth acceleration” would be what you would have to do to sling an apple off the end of a flexible stick. You need to start the motion slowly, pick up speed and then stop the motion of the stick (rod hand) abruptly to have any chance to throw the apple any significant distance. Try it sometime.
4. **ROD TIP MUST MOVE IN A STRAIGHT PATH (SINGLE PLANE):** The path of the rod tip will determine the type of loop you will generate. There are only three basic loops. 1. Tight loops, defined as loops where the top and bottom of the line are separated by two feet or less. 2. Wide loops are defined where the top and bottom of the line are greater than two feet apart. 3. Tailing loop is one where the end of the fly line/leader dips below the main body of the fly line or actually slams into the fly line. *Continued on page 6*



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Generally speaking tight loops are good, wide loops are almost always bad and tailing loops are definitely always bad. Try to avoid the last two.

To generate a good tight loop all that is necessary is that you move your casting forearm hand in a straight plane ending with a minute “snap” of wrist to an abrupt stop. This maneuver will flex load the rod tip that will, in turn, form a tight loop as the rod unloads following your abrupt stop of the rod hand motion. A wide loop is generated when the rod tip travels in a “convex” path, which path can be caused by excessive “breaking” of the wrist at the end of the backcast and forward cast. It can also be caused by a forearm that travels in a convex arc, or a combination of these two sins.

A tailing loop is formed when the rod tip travels in a “concave” path. What happens is that at the end of the casting stroke the rod tip has moved up. As the rod tip unloads, it is in the path of the fly line that must pass over the rod tip. By simply using a little downward thumb pressure on the handle after you have stopped the casting stroke, the rod tip will move down allowing the fly line to pass over unobstructed. Tailing loops can be caused by applying too much power too early in the casting stroke (shocking the rod), starting the forward cast with the rod too low at the end of the backcast, or applying power too late in the casting stroke. No matter what the cause, all will result in a rod tip that travels in a convex path. The cure is simply a smooth application of power and a rod/hand forearm motion that travels in a straight (single plane) path.

4. **VARIABLE CASTING STROKE:** There is a direct relationship between the amount of line we are attempting to cast and the length of our casting strokes. This essential simply states that to make a short cast make only a short casting stroke. To make a longer cast, make a longer casting stroke.

If you understand and can execute these ideas and concepts I have presented to you in “The Cast” series of articles, you should be able to make good casts. If not, sign up for the casting instruction course that will be offered by the BUFF Certified Casting Instructors this coming year. I hope I have been of some help to some of you with your casting. I am available to answer questions or provide further assistance at club meetings. My number is in the Buffer. Tight loops and tight lines.

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8 Sat – GLC Fly Tying Expo in Lansing Michigan (Tony Kalbli)

5 Thurs / 7 pm – Tie and Lie West General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

11 Wed / 6 pm – BUFF Monthly Meeting at Raffel's on Reading Road.

15 Sun / 1 pm -- Banquet & Fly Fishing Show Meeting at Jim LeBlond's house.

18 Wed / 7 pm – BUFF Directors Meeting @ Perkins on Montgomery Road.

18 Thurs / 7-9 pm – Tie and Lie East General fly tying and story telling. At Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

2002 Calendar of Events

The BUFFER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUFFER editor.

Do you have an article for the BUFFER??

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The first line of the mailing label on the BUFFER has "Dues Expire Mth-Year". If your Month-Year is **yellow** highlighted, then you are **one month past due**. If it is **red** highlighted, then you are two months over due and **this will be your last BUFFER**. You will be removed from the current membership roster and put into past membership roster. After your dues are brought current, then you will be returned to the current membership roster, and you will begin receiving the BUFFER.

NEW MEMBER FLIES NEEDED

When a person joins BUFF they are presented with a booklet called BUFF Fly Fishing Manual and a package of 5 flies. We are down to only one package to hand out. If you could help replenish our supply, please bring 1 or 2 flies, (or as many as you care to donate), to the December meeting. The booklet and flies are very much appreciated by the new members. Thank you in advance.

12/2002 B.U.F.F. Financial Report
(rounded to dollar amount)

Beginning Balance	\$5845
Deposits	
Interest	\$5
Membership	\$265
Nov Dinner	\$515
Pins/Patches	\$15
Books sale	\$40
CFRD Banquet	\$350
Nov Raffle	\$320
Deposit Total	\$1510
Expenses	
Newsletter	\$130
Nov Dinner	\$510
Postage	\$111
Club Fliers	\$88
Flowers	\$63
Expenses Total	\$902
Ending Balance	\$6453
Available Checking	\$4990
Encumbered	
Conservation	\$928
CFRD Pres. Trip	\$535
CFRD 2003 Show	(\$900)
CFRD 2003 Banquet	(\$550)
Total Encumbered	\$1463
Petty Cash	\$100
CD Savings	\$5000

DECEMBER Menu

Roast Turkey and Dressing

Baked Glazed Ham with Pineapples

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Succotash

Cranberry relish

Rolls & Butter

Pumpkin & Mince Meat Pies

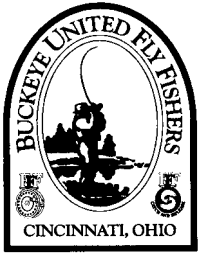
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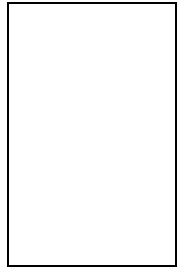


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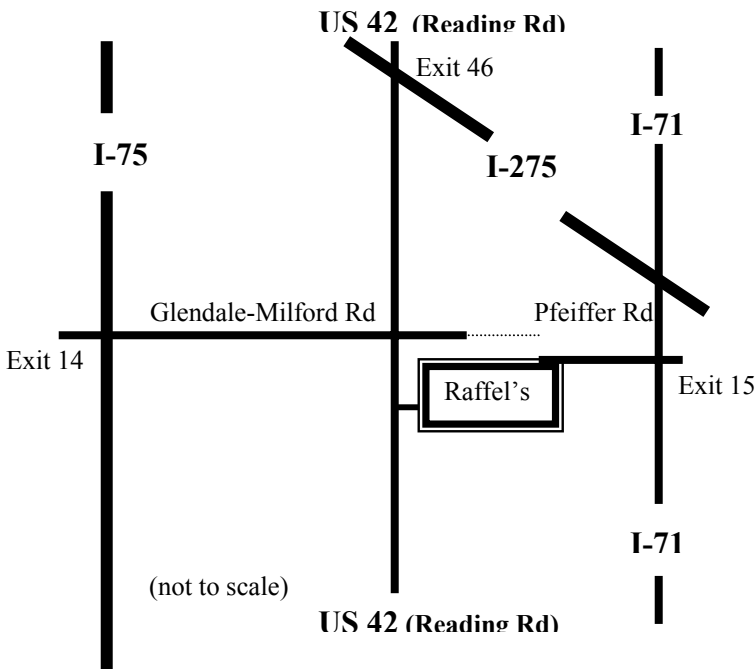
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