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## President's Corner

Mike Bryant ([mjbryant@email.com](mailto:mjbryant@email.com))

For those of you who know B.U.F.F. member Greg Johnson, I wanted to let you know he is very ill. Please keep Greg in your thoughts and prayers. I know he would appreciate hearing from you. You can send cards to: Greg Johnson, 3348 Sumac Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45239.

**Having Fun** – If you missed the November monthly meeting, you missed a good one. Besides spending time with old friends and making new ones, members shared reports on recent B.U.F.F. trips for NC trout and to the Red River. Bob Mackey even shared with us his secret Red River “bait” fly (just kidding Bob!). Glenn Weisner and Wayne Samson of Glenn River Fly Co. put on a great demonstration of fly tying. They shared tips and stories as they tied six different flies for trout, panfish and bass. Glenn and Wayne plan on coming to Cincinnati on December 13 - 14 to provide fly tying seminars. There's probably room left in the seminars if you are interested.

The December meeting promises to be very interesting as well. Bill Schroeder (B.U.F.F. member) will be presenting a program on his Alaskan fly fishing trip. Come and hear Bill talk about his first hand experiences on fly fishing some of the finest fisheries in the world. And do not forget to make your reservations!

Even though it's starting to get cold outside, you can still go fishing. Nick Rizzo and I floated the Mad River in November with great success. The trout were taking nymph patterns. I had particularly good luck with beadhead prince nymphs. And while the Mad isn't the easiest stream to catch fish, the fish are there. Nick and I floated over two pods of trout, the first pod contained at least a hundred trout and many were large fish. The second pod had at least thirty trout in it. So while many of us have stopped our warmwater fishing for the year, you can still go trout fishing and the steelhead fishing in northern Ohio is only four hours away.

Plans for our upcoming Banquet are well underway. The Banquet is our key fundraiser each year. Last year's Banquet was outstanding! Everyone had a great time, the auctioneer (Russell Arey) was funny and entertaining, the food was excellent and there were plenty of opportunities to win great prizes. It's a great way to support your club, have fun and take home some great prizes.

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## December Meeting Program

Fly Fishing in Alaska

Salmon and rainbows caught by BUFF's own Bill Schroeder!

# *Adventures From the Reel World*

## **The Clinch River Tailwaters**

Tim Guilfoile

*“I’ve often heard it said that a river without friends is an endangered river.....”*

Steven J. Meyers  
San Juan River Chronicles

Many experienced anglers who have fished the premier trout waters of the United States, today consider the Clinch River tailwater to be one of the finest trout fisheries in the country. But the river’s current status has been achieved only through many years of heroic efforts of conservationists that have literally rescued the watershed from the ravages of a long history of abuse

The Clinch River originates in the rugged terrain of the Appalachian Mountains' eastern Cumberland Plateau in western Virginia and flows about 300 miles generally southwest across eastern Tennessee to the Tennessee River.

The 2,200 square-mile Clinch River Watershed is home to more than 400 rare plants and animals, one of the greatest concentrations of rare species in the United States. More than 20 of the species found here are federally endangered and 136 are globally rare species. The Clinch also supports over 100 species of freshwater fish, more than can be found in most other similarly sized rivers in the United States. Numerous fish, including the yellow fin madtom and the slender chub, once common throughout the southeastern United States, are now found nowhere else.

The Clinch tailwater is 13 miles in length and flows from Norris Dam (the first Tennessee Valley Authority dam completed in 1936), at River Mile 80, to the Highway 61 Bridge near Clinton, TN, at River Mile 67. The upper reaches of Melton Hill Reservoir extend to the Highway 61 Bridge where the Clinch changes from its riverine character to slack water. The Clinch is a big river. For the entire 13 miles of its trout-bearing tailwater, the river is up to 100 yards wide.

Rainbow trout were first stocked in the Clinch tailwater in 1937, the first tailwater in the south to be stocked with trout. But numerous problems threatened to destroy the habitat. Wildly fluctuating water levels scoured the river bottom year round. In the summer, water coming through the powerhouse turbines contained low levels of dissolved oxygen, and a lack of minimum flow requirements raised water temperatures to marginal or lethal levels for trout and dried out the riverbed. Compounding these problems, historically poor agricultural practices caused erosion of the riverbanks and allowed cattle to destroy much of the vegetation along the river corridor.

In the early 1980’s, biologists and engineers from the TVA and the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA) collaborated to lessen the hydropower’s effects on the river habitat below the dam. These efforts began in 1984 with the construction of a weir dam about 2 miles downstream of the reservoir intended to even out the flow of water during power generation releases. The weir dam also creates a waterfall effect when water plunges over it during low levels helping to add oxygen to the tailwater downstream. Hub baffles were added to the turbines and these add air and hence oxygen to the flow when electricity is being generated. Release schedules were then altered to ensure that a minimum flow was maintained. This early, pioneering enhancement work has now been adopted to address low flow and dissolved oxygen problems in tailwaters across the United States.

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Biological tinkering has also dramatically improved the river habitat. Although the sand and gravel river bottom was among the most nutrient rich of any trout water in the South, years of scouring had left it barren of insect populations. In response, insects common to the highland streams of southern Appalachia were transplanted to the tailwaters.

Subsequently, the TVA, the TWRA and the Clinch River Chapter of Trout Unlimited collaborated to restore the riverbanks by installing cattle fencing, reshaping shorelines and planting native vegetation along the riverbank. The Clinch River Chapter of TU also worked with landowners to remove nearly 1,000 tires and discarded appliances that had littered the river's bed and banks. And as conditions continued to improve, the TWRA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service increased the stocking of rainbow and brown trout by 40 percent

The TVA, the TWRA, the Environmental Protection Agency, and volunteer organizations such as the Clinch River Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Southern Appalachian Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Program and the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation and many others continue their collaborative efforts to monitor, maintain and improve the Clinch tailwaters. It seems these efforts are bearing fruit. Recent tagging studies revealed that the Clinch's rainbows grow at a rate of 1 inch per month, and there are clear indications that brown trout are spawning in the river.

Today, the river valley supports a rich mix of birds and mammals. In summer, the angler will have the opportunity to observe active blue heron rookeries and have an excellent chance to see a family of river otters. Ospreys nest along the river, and the Clinch supports a significant population of beaver and wood ducks.

Rainbows comprise 80-90 percent of the catch. Almost all of the fish caught are robust, wild, quality fish. Trout average 11-12 inches in length. Fish in the 14 to 16-inch range are common, and on most days one can reasonably expect to hook one or two fish in the 18-22 inch range. It is not uncommon for a skilled angler to land a half dozen fish over 18 inches during the sulfur emergence in spring. The Tennessee State record, a 28 pound, 12 ounce brown trout was caught on the Clinch tailwater just below Norris Dam.

Because conservation is a slow and tedious process requiring tireless devotion and persistence, it's worth looking back on some of the progress that has been made to reenergize us for the work that's yet to be done. The story told by the history of the Clinch River provides valuable lessons for all of our conservation efforts wherever they may be applied.

**The Hart Show**  
**(The Cincinnati Hunting and Fishing Show)**  
**at**  
**Cincinnati Convention Center**

**January 15 –18**

**Workers needed to staff the BUFF Booth**  
**on**  
**Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday!**

**Sign Up at the December BUFF Meeting.**

**See Jon Kennard for details.**



# Buckeye United Fly Fishers 2004 Cabin Fever Relief Annual Banquet, Raffles, and Auction! Saturday, February 28, 2004

Receptions Conference Center, 5975 Boymel Drive, Fairfield OH  
(Off of Route 4 in Fairfield, North of I-275)

- 6:00 Cocktails and Social Gathering  
7:00 Dinner Buffet  
7:45 Children's & Early Bird Raffles  
Board and Officer Installation  
Awards and Recognition Ceremonies  
8:15 Live Auction, Raffles and More

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Attendee's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## Banquet Tickets:

Early Bird Registration ( <i>through 1/28/04</i> )	\$25 ea. X _____ = _____
Regular Registration ( <i>after 1/28/04</i> )	\$30 ea. X _____ = _____
Children's Registration ( <i>Under 16</i> )	\$15 ea. X _____ = _____
Raffle Strips ( <i>3 for \$25</i> )	\$10 ea. X _____ = _____

Banquet Donation (*You do not need to attend to make a donation*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc." and mail to:  
C/o Don Hogue, Treasurer, 5301 Aspenknoll Ct., Cincinnati OH 45230

# The 2004 BUFF Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield.

The annual banquet is our organization's largest fund raising event of the year. Last year we had a live auction for the first time and it produced a record-breaking profit for us along with some great entertainment. Profits from the banquet help to fund our organization's activities throughout the upcoming year. **We are asking all BUFF members to donate a raffle/auction item or make a cash donation for the banquet this year.** You may bring your donation to the general meetings or drop them off at participating local fly shops. More details about the banquet will be in the BUFFER newsletters and on our website. February will be here before we know it!!!

## **OR** **Be an Auction!!!!**

### **DONATE YOUR TIME AND HAVE SOME GREAT FUN!!**

As many of you know, the last BUFF Banquet had its first live auction. Several of those items included trips with distinguished BUFF members. These trips were a tremendous success. This year we are looking to expand the selections.

Consider placing yourself up for auction at the BUFF Banquet on February 28. If you are willing to escort and guide a fishing trip to local (or not so local) waters, offer your services to the highest bidder. If you are an accomplished fly tyer or fly caster, and are willing to share some of your secrets with another member, then put yourself up on the auction block.

You talents, knowledge, passions, etc. do not have to be limited to fishing. Besides fly fishing enthusiasts, there will also be members with other interests, spouses, friends and relatives at the banquet. So, let your imagination run wild as to what service you would like to offer and consider donating your time to help our club.

If you are willing to auction yourself at the Banquet, contact Jim Terlinden at (513) 733-3209.

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**Education** – At the November meeting, Lou Haynes provided a great educational display on feathers. With Lou's leadership, we hope to begin providing education information at our monthly meetings. And as mentioned above, a fly tying seminar is planned in December.

Plans are coming together for the upcoming Gr. Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. The Show is sponsored by B.U.F.F. and is one of our key education events each year. You can learn more about the Fly Fishing Show in this issue of The Buffer or check the website for more information.

**Giving Back** - The nominations for next year's officer and board of directors have been completed. The officer / board of director election will be at the December meeting. This year's Board has done a great job of leading our club – providing monthly programs, trips, educational programs and social events. I hope you can appreciate what they have done for our membership. And final nominations for the 2003 Fly Fisher of the Year will be at the December meeting as well.

See you at the December meeting. Be safe, be thankful and go fishing!

# The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

## Mike Bryant

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is only a little over two months away. Planning for this event has been underway for some time, and we believe we will have another great show in store for everyone who attends. As in the past, the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show will continue its 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 remain at \$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 (only minutes from I-275). This is the same facility we used last year. Hopefully, Mother Nature will be a little more cooperative this year. We moved to the Receptions to accommodate larger crowds, allow for more exhibitors and provide a more central location. The date is the second Saturday in February.

Location: Receptions Conference Center, Fairfield, OH

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2004

Time: 9:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We have a wide range of presentations at this year's Show:

- Fascinating Facts About Fly Tying Feathers – Dr. Tom Whiting (Owner of Whiting Farms, Inc.)
- Fly Fishing in England – Glenn Weisner (Owner of GlennRiver Fly Co.)
- Effective Streamer Fishing in Any Water – Dustan Harley (Owner of Ripple Guide Service)
- Saltwater Fly Fishing in North Carolina – Brian Horsley

The Show will again include a fly tying section. A fly tiers dream!! Come check out our Fly Tying Island filled with both local and regional fly tiers. Chris Helms, one of the most noted and popular deer hair tiers in the world will be there tying flies and sell fly tying materials from his Whitetail Fly Tying Supplies. Glenn Weisner and Wayne Sampson will be providing tying demonstrations. This is a great opportunity to learn new flies and techniques, meet new tiers and just have fun!! In addition, we will have ongoing fly tying demonstrations throughout the day. There will be fly tying seminars as well. Bring your kids to watch, learn and tie a fly or two. This is a great way to introduce kids to the wonderful world of fly fishing.

In addition to the presentations and the fly tying activities, there will be numerous exhibits that include fly shops, guides, outfitters, clubs, state and local resources, and much more. We plan to have new exhibitors as well as old favorites.

There's something for everyone. Check out B.U.F.F.'s website ([www.buckeyeflyfishers.com](http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com)) for more information. So mark your calendars and we will see you at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, February 14, 2004.

## THE EDUCATION CORNER

### LOU HAYNES

At the December general meeting we will be showing a segment of Oliver Edwards' "Essential Skills" video on Upstream Nymphing and North Country Spiders. In this video segment Oliver seines some baetis nymphs streamside, shows close-ups of their features, then ties a very realistic pattern mimicking this mayfly nymph. Oliver is one of the premier fly fishermen and tiers in England and does a great job in this video. If you're into trout nymphing you don't want to miss this one. The video will start at 6:15 PM sharp and last about 30 minutes.

# 2003 Calendar of Events

## DECEMBER

- Dec 4 **Tie and Lie West** 7pm-9pm  
General fly tying and story telling  
Bass Pro
- Dec 6 **GLC Fly Tying Expo**  
Lancing, Michigan
- Dec 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm  
Raffel's on Reading Road  
Social hour 6pm-7pm
- Dec 14 **Fly tying Demo at Cinti. Museum Center**  
1pm-5pm Lou Haynes
- Dec 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm  
Out Door World Members welcome

## JANUARY 2004

- Jan 8 **Rod Building Class** John Doscher
- Jan 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Social hour 6 pm – 7 pm
- Jan 15-18 **Hart Sports Show** Visit our Booth
- Jan 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm –9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Jan 22 **Rod Building Class** John Doscher
- Jan 28 **Lie & Tie East Batavia Presbyterian**  
Church 7-9pm General fly tying and  
Storytelling.
- Jan 29 **Rod Building Class** – John Doscher

## FEBRUARY

- Feb 5 **Rod Building Class** – John Doscher
- Feb 5 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying  
and storytelling Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Feb 7 **Net Building Class**
- Feb 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Social Hour 6-7pm
- Feb 12 **Rod Building Class** – John Doscher
- Feb 14 **Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show**  
At Receptions
- Feb 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm – 9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Feb 19 **Rod Building Class** – John Doscher
- Feb 21 **Net Building Class**
- Feb 25 **Lie & Tie East Batavia Presbyterian**  
Church 7-9 pm General fly tying and  
storytelling.
- Feb 28 **Cabin Fever Relief Banquet**

## MARCH

- Mar 4 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying  
and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Mar 5 **Beginning Fly Tying** Maderia Center  
7-9 pm.
- Mar 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm  
Raffel's on Reading Rd  
Social hour 6 pm
- Mar 12 **Beginning FlyTying** Maderia Center  
7-9 pm
- Mar 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm  
Outdoor World Members welcome
- Mar 19 **Beginning Fly Tying** Maderia Center  
7-9 pm
- Mar 24 **Lie & Tie East Batavia Presbyterian Ch.**  
7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling
- Mar 26 **Beginning FlyTying** Maderia Center  
7-9 pm

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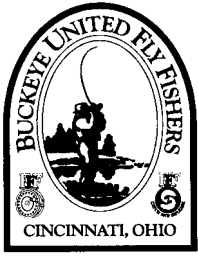
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Beginning Balance	\$8078
Receipts	
Membership	\$290
Monthly Dinner	\$860
Raffle	\$355
Banquet	\$35
Interest	\$1
Deposit Total	\$1531
Expenses	
NKFF pump for Banquet	\$21
Calendar	\$6
Pres. Fund	\$142
Membership labels	\$58
Hurst Printing BUFF Flyers	\$102
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Webb Site	\$78
Raffels – Dinner	\$860
Tying table light	\$21
Easel (Education)	\$30
Bank Charge	\$5
Expenses Total	\$1581
Ending Balance	\$8028
Petty Cash	\$100
CD	\$5072

## December

- Roast Turkey & Dressing**
- Baked Glazed Ham with  
Pineapples**
- Candied Sweet Potatoes**
- Succotash**
- Cranberry Relish**
- Rolls and Butter**
- Pumpkin & Mince Meat Pies**

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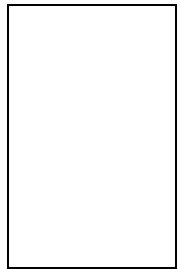


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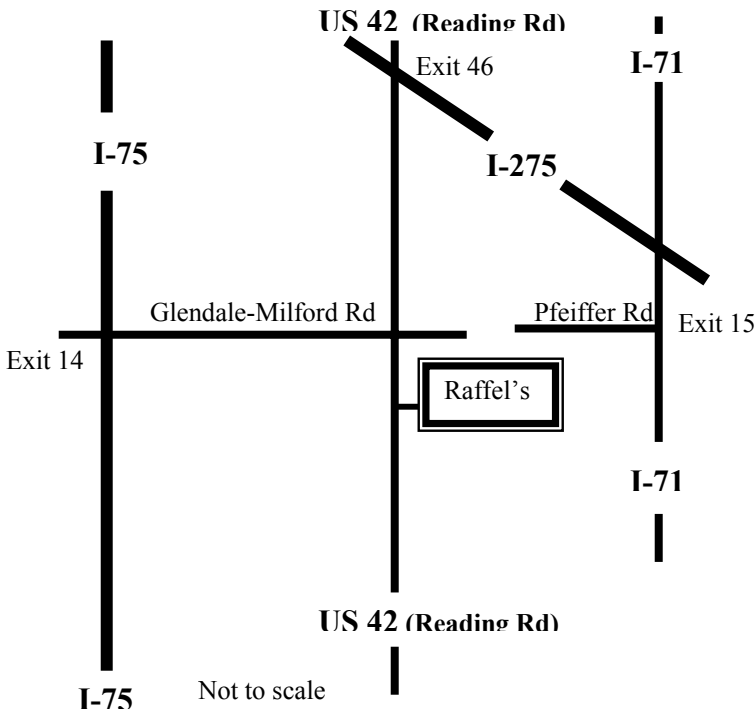
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**Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- December 10**

**CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00 / PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)**



**Directions:**

**From I-275 – Take Exit 46, (US 42), south for three miles to Glendale-Milford Rd. -- Continue south and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.**

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