



The **BUFFER**

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Notes from the President

Ken Dixon (krgjdix@outlook.com)

Next month we will be holding elections for our 2016 Officers and Directors. The Nominations Committee (J.R. Jackson, Hugh O'Donnell, and Pete Moore) has been hard at work trying to fill out the slate. If you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors contact a member of the Committee. The Board will be presenting its slate for 2016 at the December general meeting. The Election will be held at the January meeting.

The planning for the 2016 Fly Fishing Show continues and by all indications it looks to be another great Show. This has become one of our most volunteer intensive events and the great participation shown by our members is making our Show arguably the best one day show in the Midwest. If you have not already volunteered to help during the Show and would like to do so, contact Bob Gustafson or Bob Miller and let them know. Remember we are also having two days of tying workshops on the Thursday and Friday prior to the Show. If you are interested in participating in these workshops, you may sign-up using our on-line registration system. If you would like to just sit in the workshops and watch the masters (audit), this is also an option at a reduced cost. Each session is limited to a maximum of 20 tiers and 20 auditors. The Workshops will be held in the Fly Tying Presentation Room at the Oasis Conference Center. Costs and other details are available on-line as well.

We have another awesome addition to our website. You can now order on-line select clothing items with the BUFF logo. Mega thanks go to Sue Jones and Don Kail for putting together this program.

This is the time of the year many of us put up our gear for the season but there are still many opportunities to fish for cold water species in our area including the Brookville Tail Waters in Indiana, the Mad River near Dayton, or Otter Creek in Kentucky.

At the November Annual Meeting of the Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, elections were held for next year. The 2016 Officers will be:

President: Jim Stone, Mohican Fly Fishers

Secretary / VP Fly Tying: Ken Dixon, Buckeye United Fly Fishers

Treasurer: Steve Rose, Mohican Fly Fishers

VP Membership: Ed Jones, Buckeye United Fly Fishers

VP Casting: George Vosmik, North Coast Fly Fishers & Firelands Fly Fishers

VP Conservation: John Sabo, Firelands Fly Fishers

VP Education: Jeff McElravy, Buckeye United Fly Fishers

Positions are still open. If you are interested in an office with the OC-IFFF, contact myself or Ed Jones.

Last month, nine of us from B.U.F.F. plus three members of the M.V.F.F., traveled to Sunnybrook Trout Club for a full day fly tying workshop with April Vokey and Greg Senyo.



Greg Senyo



April Vokey



The Workshop Attendees

The workshops were great and enjoyed by all. The B.U.F.F. guys added in a little fishing as well. Those that went up on Friday fought high winds, rain and cold temperatures for the honor of trying to catch a few elusive trout. Those fishing Saturday and /or Monday had better weather but with bright sunlight and super clear water (think being able to count pebbles in the 13' deep holes) fishing was still tough. The fish were feeding but were very selective. As always, the facilities and food were top rate at Sunnybrook and the staff took great care of us.

As I close, please accept my wishes to you for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and joyous New Year.

Good Fishing and Tight Lines,

BUFF and the International Federation of Fly Fishers (IFFF)

Edward Jones (jonese@miamioh.edu)

I don't remember joining the Federation initially, but it was probably in the 1980's - long before being aware of the existence of BUFF. In case someone out there doesn't already know, the IFFF is our "parent" organization, and we are one among numerous fly fishing organizations around the country designated an affiliate of IFFF. We are *not* an IFFF chapter. That requires *all* members to also be a member of the Federation. Any club that joins IFFF now must come in as a chapter with all of their members also belonging to IFFF. We were grandfathered in as an affiliate prior to the enactment of that requirement.

Even though we are an affiliate, not a chapter, I would have expected that a significant number of BUFF members would also be in IFFF. A recent check of the BUFF and IFFF rolls indicates that is not the case. Only 7-8% of our members also hold membership in the IFFF. This is surprising considering that the Federation is the international organization from which we get much of our identity. We have similar interests, activities and priorities. Even the BUFF logo has the IFFF logo imbedded within. Unlike TU, IFFF serves the interests of cold, warm, and saltwater species – a distinction important to many BUFF members.

IFFF is among numerous successful organizations and charities I choose to support because I believe in their commitments to conservation, restoration, and outdoor education. I'm not particularly active in most of those organizations but like to support their activities. Maybe that makes me more of a donor. But a person can't be intimately involved in everything, and donors are important too.

There's an abundance of benefits and services for fly fishers as IFFF members. Quarterly issues of *Fly Fisher* magazine include features and information of interest to most any angler. IFFF sponsors an annual fly fishing fair held in prime fishing locations. I have met dozens of fly fishing icons at the fairs including Joan Wulff, Lefty Kreh, Bob Jacklin, and LeRoy Hyatt. IFFF can help members locate casting instructors, guides, fly shops, and lodges. When I travel across the country into new territory, I locate chapters or affiliate organizations *via* the IFFF website. Members of those groups have never failed to give me valuable information regarding fishing locations, guides, and equipment needs. IFFF developed the curriculum we use for our casting classes and certifies casting instructors. The IFFF Tying Group provided

much of the information used in our Beginner Fly Tying Classes. They also publish a “fly of the month” including archives with hundreds of fly patterns available.

If you are interested in becoming an active member or “just a donor” to a worthy organization, IFFF could use your support. Individual memberships are \$35; seniors or disabled vets \$25. Like BUFF memberships, they are tax deductible. You can learn much more by visiting the IFFF website (<http://fedflyfishers.org/>) or stopping by the IFFF booth at the Greater Cincinnati Fly S

Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Preview

Bob Gustafson (j.r.gustafson@att.net)

Planning for the 2016 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is running full speed ahead. The Cincy show has earned rave reviews for several years from show goers and exhibitors alike. Many of our current exhibitors learned about the Cincy show by word of mouth from other vendors who have experienced the hospitality and enthusiasm of BUFF show volunteers and visitors in the past.

A huge part of the success of the show is the work of BUFF volunteers. It takes a LOT of coordinated effort to put on a show of this size and BUFFers have been up to the task. Volunteer sign-up lists will be available at the December and January BUFF meetings and you are urged to sign up for one or more of the teams supporting the show. The tasks will be scheduled to fit your schedule and allow you to take in the show.

Following is a sampling of volunteer roles for the show. If you have any questions, please contact a team captain listed below and he/she can fill you in on the jobs available:

Show Team	Leader	Timing	Responsibilities
Bass Pro/Cabela's Brigade	J R Jackson	Saturdays & Sundays in January	Pass out show brochures at stores
Exhibitor Relations	Bob Miller	Friday, 2/5 evening	Help host Exhibitor Reception at Hilton Garden Inn
Club & Fly Shop Contact	J R Jackson	December-January	Distribute show brochures to regional fly shops and fly fishing clubs
Admissions	Kathy LaDow	Day of show	Sell admissions to show
Load In/Out	Jeff Georgin	Day of show	Assist exhibitors in loading in/out at show
Hall Prep	Bob Gustafson	Afternoon of 2/5	Mark booth location layout on Oasis hall floor
Raffles	Jeff McElravy	BUFF Dec/Jan meetings and day of show	Sell raffle tickets for rods (2) and HDTV at show
Kids Fly Tying	Jim Neckers	Day of show	Assist kids in learning to tie a fly
Kid's Corner	Wendy Gustafson	Day of show	Assist kids in fun activities – bandana prints, rope man, etc.

Presentations	Ken Foltz	Day of show	Assist A/V team and announce guest speakers
Fly Tying Demo Trays	Jim Neckers	Day of show	Assist guest tying demonstrators pre-set tying bench
Casting Pond	Tim Williamson	Afternoon of 2/5 and day of show	Assist in setting up and taking down casting pond
Boy Scout Merit Badge	Charlie Montgomery	Day of show	Assist scouts working on the Fly Fishing Merit Badge
BUFF Membership Booth	Dave Jones	Day of show	Sell BUFF memberships at show

And more.....

Please let Bob Miller or Bob Gustafson know if you have any questions about the show.

December Meeting

Meeting Date, Wed. Dec. 9, 2015

December Speaker
 Patrick Skeen
 Elk Springs Resort

Patrick will discuss the Elk Springs Resort and fishing the Elk River area in West Virginia.

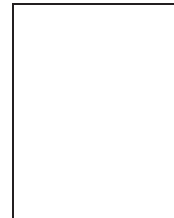


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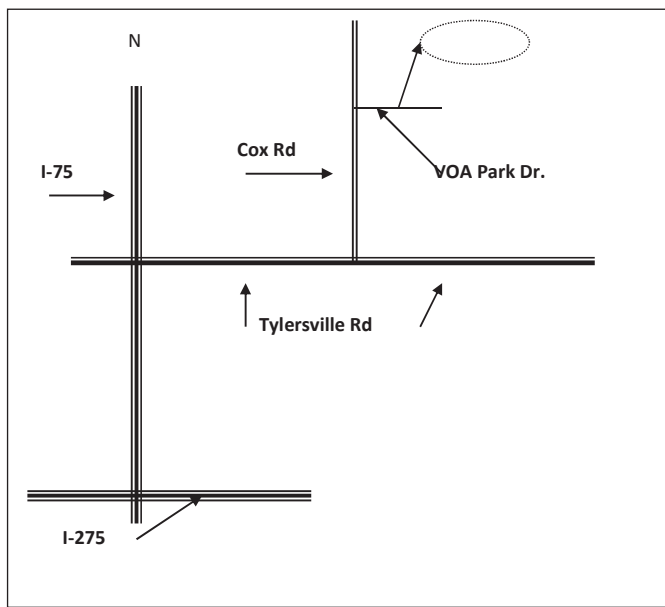
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wed. Dec. 9, 2015

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20th of the November through the Sunday evening (12/14) before the monthly meeting!



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 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.