



The *BUFFER*

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Notes from the President

J.R. Jackson

If my message is a little foggy this month, you'll have to excuse me...I'm writing on the tail-out of a food coma. Last year on Black Friday, I made my first trek to Steelhead Alley and landed seven steelhead on my first day of fishing for the chrome champions. It was one of the best and worst days of my life, best because of the fishing, and worst because I'm coming to find out I was having a serious case of beginner's luck. I've caught fish since then, but never anywhere near the numbers I got that day.

Hugh O'Donnell put together a great steelhead trip for us a couple weeks ago, and then he ended up getting sick and not being able to come on his own trip! Hope you're feeling better, Hugh. I met up with the group for a couple of days, which we spent fishing the Grand, Conneaut, and Ashtabula. Water levels were low and clear, but the streams did enough of a bump before we arrived to move some fresh fish into the tributaries. As far as I'm aware, the Ashtabula produced the only fish of the trip. Boon Keck caught his first and second steelhead of his life, and Don Kail managed to land his first chrome right as the sun was setting on the third day of his third steelhead trip. Third day of your third trip's a charm, DK! With water being low and clear, egg patterns and wiggle worms fished under an indicator were the ticket, although I think Boon also landed one of his on a streamer. In the fall, fish are usually found in deeper runs, and that was generally the case for this trip also. The western tributaries are still in dire need of water, and haven't been fishing great overall. Closer to PA has been better, but it's also concentrating more fishermen on those streams, so getting to prime spots early has been a primary objective. If you're planning a trip up, feel free to call or email me for more advice, I've been spending a lot of time up here and have been able to keep close tabs on where the fish supposedly are.

Aside from fishing, the club has plenty of other activities coming up in the near future. We'll be in need of at least a few new officers for the upcoming year, and that effort is being spearheaded by Paul Juszczuk so if you're interested in a board position for 2017, see him. The Fly Show and Banquet committees are both also crunching right along, and if future plans are any indicator 2017 should be another banner year for BUFF. If you're still going out to fish in the cold, I'll hope to see you on the water. If not, I'll hope to see you at the December meeting and want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a fishy new year.

JR ←

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December Presentation & Speaker

A Top 100 Fly Fishing Destination: Lake St. Clair

Mike Rubush

Capt. Brian Meszaros, an FFF Endorsed Guide, presents one of the greatest fly fishing venues in the world as recognized in the industry.



In "A Top 100 Fly Fishing Destination: Lake St. Clair" you will find the focus on that of species indicative to the fishery and tactics/techniques implemented towards their pursuit. It also discusses recent environmental events and their impact that has made Lake St. Clair the #1 Musky and #1 Bass fishery in the world.

This is an event the entire family will enjoy, novice or experienced. If you've ever had the desire to try a shot at fly fishing saltwater style, but prefer to

stay closer to home, here is your chance to experience and learn about the fastest growing trend in the fly fishing world.

A full day guided fishing trip on Lake St Clair for 2 anglers with Capt. Brian will be auctioned off at the Spring Banquet (\$500. Value).

December Calendar



12/13	PHW Fly Tying Brent Miller
12/21	December Solstice
12/25	Christmas Day



Nothing was stirring, not even a mouse ...



More often than not, I awaken with only one thing on my mind. Fishing. With fishing on the brain there's no buffer between sleep and eyes wide open. It's go time. I leap out of bed, do a few morning rituals and head for the garage. On the wall, there they hang...waders, boots, sling pack, everything I need. The excitement lets me grab it all in one fell swoop. I toss it in the car, and with hot black coffee in hand, I'm off.

You see, my stuff, my fishing stuff stays in the garage year 'round. I never gave it a second thought. Until...

It was a couple of years ago I was on a steelhead trip. Not among the group was an angler whose name I do not know. Sadly this fellow BUFF angler had to cancel at the last minute. As he was grabbing his waders dismay set in. A mouse. Mice. Yes, it

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Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

Oasis Conference Center, Loveland

Saturday, February 4, 2017

Preparations are in full swing for the upcoming Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing show. Booth sales are moving briskly along and we are looking forward seeing new exhibitors as well as our long-established vendor friends.

As usual, the show will feature world-class fly fishing experts, fly tying, presentations, casting demos, and lots of exhibitors displaying fly fishing gear, flies, rods, lines and leaders, guides and outfitters, bed and breakfast inns, canoes and kayaks, jewelry, conservation groups and lots more. Back again will be the popular Kid's Corner and Kid's Fly Tying.

Scheduled to make presentations at the show:



Ian & Charity Rutter
R&R Fly Fishing
Townsend, TN



Dustan Harley
Ripple Guide Service
South Bend, IN



Chris Lessway
Fuller's North Branch Outing Club
Grayling, MI



Matt Parker
Sugar Creek Fly Shop
Dayton, OH



Kevin Ramsey
Saturday Tying Clinic
Bellevue, OH



Jerry Darkes
Anglers Consulting Services
Parma, OH



Glenn Weisner
Glenn River Fly Co.
Sylvania, OH – Saturday Tying Clinic



Charity Rutter
R&R Fly Fishing
Townsend, TN – Casting Demo

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...Additional presenters are listed on the previous page

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R&R Fly Fishing
Townsend, TN - Friday Tying Clinic



Mike Schmidt
Anglers Choice Flies
New Smyrna Beach, FL - Friday Tying Clinic

As you can see, this is a big show and will need plenty of helping hands to make it run smoothly. Over the years, BUFF has won highly complimentary feedback from show exhibitors and visitors for our hospitality, helpfulness, and well run shows. Help make this our best show ever by signing up to volunteer at BUFF meetings or online to Bob Gustafson (j.r.gustafson@att.net).

We're excited about the upcoming show! Mark the date, volunteer, come and invite your friends and neighbors! See you at the show. ➡

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seems our little creature who was not stirring was quite at home inside some old smelly waders...chewing and nesting. Fishing waders that have some of the same features as Swiss cheese are of no use, unless you're a mouse.



In the last week of November, I trapped a mouse in my garage. Then another mouse. And the tally stands at three trapped mice.

When spring comes, and I awaken with fishing on the brain, I don't want to be surprised by Swiss cheese waders. So I grabbed my gear and moved it to the basement. I hope you do the same. ➡



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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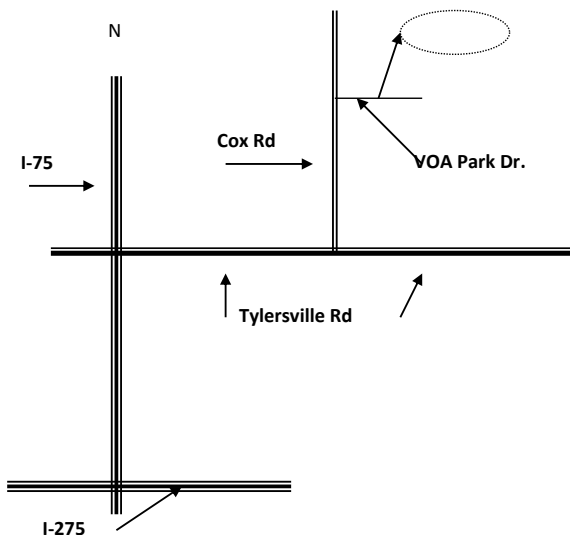
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Promoting the Sport of Fly Fishing Through Education and Conservation

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.](#)

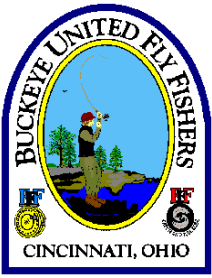


Directions:

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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