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## The President's Fly Box

The holidays are upon us. Hopefully, you enjoyed Thanksgiving with family and have taken advantage of all the fly fishing sales on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It's always a good time to get one more rod. Your spouse may not understand the need for another rod, but we do.

Now if you haven't stocked up on all the fishing goodies, that is still OK. February 5<sup>th</sup> is your next chance for fly fishing gear. The BUFF Fly Fishing Show on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, promises to bring not only great speakers and presenters but also nearly 100 vendors of fly fishing gear. Please plan on attending! If you are a fly tyer then you are in luck. Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, will be a day of tying flies with our keynote speaker, George Daniels. Read this BUFFER and check our website for more information and to register.

For those of you who still need to fish this year, there are a couple of choices. Steelhead alley is always best in December and April. Bring a friend for company and safety to fish the Chagrin, Grand or Ashtabula rivers in December. While others are going to Holiday parties, you can be catching those 30" steelhead trout. Another choice is to bring the family to Gatlinburg before Christmas. While they shop you can fish hundreds of trout streams in the area.

After this month's membership presentation, you may want to fish one of the 36 trout waters in Kentucky. We have an expert academician and outdoor life author who will present to us on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Valerie Askren is an author of five outdoor books including "Fly Fish Kentucky". She has also traveled the world in pursuit of outdoor adventure. Please sign-up and attend this presentation. Remember, you have two ways to attend. In person at the Oasis Conference Center and online via Zoom.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing from you at December's meeting.

Hugh O'Donnell.

## **BUFF November Meeting – Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

The December meeting will be both an in-person meeting at the Oasis Conference center, and also available through Zoom. The in-person meeting will start at 6 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30, the meeting called to order at about 7:15 and the program presentation will start at 7:45 PM.

**Registration deadline for the in-person meeting is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Dinner cost is \$20.**

**Check out the menu below!**

### **December Speaker – Valerie Askren - “Fly Fishing Kentucky: Your Guide to Tackle, Techniques & the Best Trout Waters in the State”**

#### **In-Person Presentation!**

Valerie will share details from the updated 2021 edition of her book, *“Fly Fishing Kentucky: Your Guide to Tackle, Techniques and the Best Trout Waters in the State”*. The book describes 36 trout waters in Kentucky, including creeks, lakes and tailwaters. Each entry provides information regarding the ecosystem, fishing recommendations, and driving directions. Valerie also provides detailed recommendations for: fly, tackle and gear selection, basic casting skills, special fishing techniques for the specific waters, reading the water to find trout, matching the hatch, and fly selection.



After spending more than 20 years as a university researcher and professor, Valerie traded the ivory towers of academia for the great outdoors. Her background in natural resource economics and love of nature translated into a second career of writing outdoor guides, including "Hike the Bluegrass and Beyond", "Five Star Trails: Louisville and Southern Indiana", "Fly Fishing Kentucky", and "Backpacking Kentucky". An avid outdoorswoman, Valerie has swum in Africa's Lake Malawi, climbed China's Mount Tai, sailed the coast of southern France, biked Nova Scotia, and backpacked the überchallenging West Coast Trail of Vancouver Island. Her honeymoon was spent kayaking the Grand Canyon with her husband, Ben. The mother of four, Valerie lives in Lexington, Kentucky and hits the trail every chance she gets.

Please plan to attend the December meeting, as this sounds like a very informative and enjoyable presentation.

## Request to Wear Mask While in the Buffet Serving Line

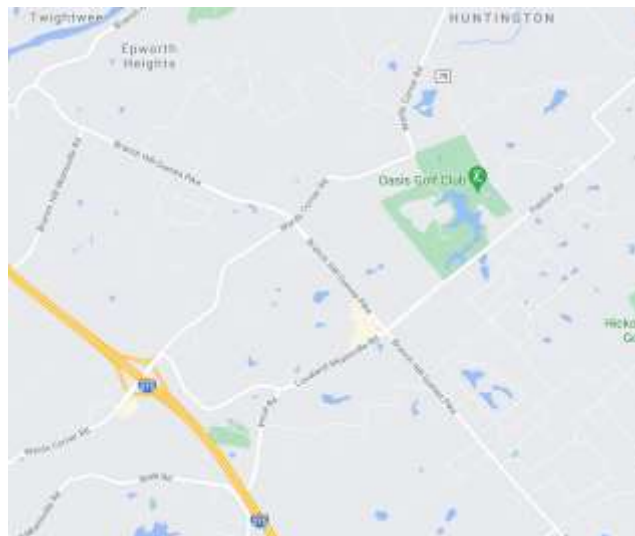
We are asking all persons who will dine with us at the monthly meeting to wear a face mask while in the serving line. BUFF will try to provide masks for those who do not have one. We are asking for your cooperation on this matter for the following two reasons:

- Many of our members are older and some have chronic health issues. We all want to protect all of our members, but especially this group.
- Unlike restaurants, Oasis does not provide plexiglass covers or other shielding at the serving area. This absence of a guard means that we should take a simple step to guard against potential transmission of COVID.

So, masking while serving at the buffet is a courtesy, and helps to protect everyone.

## Directions to Oasis -

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.



- **Registration is required for the in-person meeting, with sign-up for the meetings and dinner on the BUFF Website. Registration deadline for the in-person meeting at Oasis is Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **No registration required to attend the meeting via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the on the BUFF website on the calendar and 'monthly meeting registration' pages.**

## December Dinner Menu –

- House Salad with dressings
- Orange Cranberry Pork Loin
- Rosemary Potatoes
- Glazed Carrots
- Dinner Rolls
- Coffee & Tea
- Chef's Choice Dessert
- Coffee and Tea

## Change to the Library Schedule at Monthly Meetings –

Please note that Mike Redmond, the club Librarian, in discussion with the Board, is changing the schedule for having the club library at meetings. Starting in December, the library will only be available for borrowing books and DVDs every other month. Books and DVDs already on loan however, can be returned at any meeting.

The new schedule:

December 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting	Library available
January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 meeting	No library for borrowing items
February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 meeting	Library available
March 9 <sup>th</sup> 2022 Banquet	Library typically is not available at the BUFF banquet

## New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we've added 2 new members –

**Tom Vanover**, Springdale, OH

**Scott Biser**, Montgomery, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon! Also, check out activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some! Finally, you can use the Forum page in the BUFF website to reach out to club members for information, or even if you are just looking for someone to get out with and go fishing!

# 2022 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – December Update

The Cincinnati Fly Show team continues working on the 2022 show. **The date is Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend.



## Presentation Topics –

We now have a finalized list of presentations by our speakers –

- *“Streamer Fishing Tactics”*, presented by George Daniel at 10 AM
- *“How to Fish Like a Pro”*, presented by Dustin Harley at 11 AM
- *“So You’re Getting Into Fly Fishing, Now What?”*, presented by Katie Johnstone at Noon
- *“Euro Nymphing Essentials”*, presented by George Daniel at 1 PM
- *“Kentucky Kayaking – Fly Fishing and Sightseeing”*, presented by Canoe Kentucky at 2 PM

We also have our fly tying presentations –

- *“Stimulator & Articulated Monster Bugger”*, presented by Son Tao at 11 AM
- *“Panfish & Bass Flies”*, presented by Glen Weisner at Noon
- *“Exoexasaurus – Flies for Pike”*, presented by Lance Kekel at 2 PM

Don’t forget we also will have casting demonstrations by Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters at 11 AM, George Daniel at Noon, and BUFF FFI-Certified Casting Instructors at 1 PM. There are also ‘open casting’ times at the casting pond to try out that new rod you may be thinking of purchasing.

## FFI Casting Skills Challenge Demonstration

FFI has a casting skills program. There are 3 levels of achievement – bronze, silver, and gold – which teach skills for beginner to more experienced anglers. Some of our club’s FFI-certified casting instructors will demonstrate some of the skills included in the casting challenge program at the show during the 1 PM demonstration at the casting pond. They will have information about this skill development program as well, for those possibly interested in pursuing this. We have several club members who have participated, and so far achieved various levels of achievement in this program.



More information on the casting skills challenge is on the FFI website -

<http://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Learn/Learning-Center-Resources/Fly-Casting/Fly-Casting-Skills-Challenge>

## Raffle Items

Sales of raffle tickets for the Otter Creek Bamboo Rod and the Orvis Euro Nymphing Outfit will continue at the December and January BUFF meetings. Remaining tickets will be sold on the day of the show.

- The bamboo rod, made by master rod builder Jerry Snider, is a 5-weight, 7' 6" rod, with a medium fast action. It comes with 2 tips, a cloth bag and an aluminum tube, and is valued at over \$2,000. Tickets are \$20 each, with only 120 to be sold.
- The Euro-Nymph rod set, donated for the show by ReelFlyRod, consists of an Orvis Recon 10-foot, 3-weight rod, an Orvis Hydros 2 reel, Orvis Tactical Nymph fly line and backing. Retail value is over \$850. Tickets are \$10 each, with only 100 to be sold.

## Fly Tying Workshops



As at past shows, we will again hold fly-tying workshops prior to the show. These will be held at the Oasis Center on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's workshops will be led by our headliner, George Daniel.

Three workshops, each over 2 hours long, are scheduled:

- **"Streamers"** – 9 AM – 11:30 AM. This workshop will tie a "Sculp Snack Jig", Sparkle Minnow Jig", and "Verlac Wedge Head" (single hook)" flies.

*The photo, sent to us by George, is a brown trout caught with a "Sculp Snack fly!"*

- **"Euro Nymphs"** – 1 PM – 3:30 PM. This workshop will tie a "Gasolina Jig", "SOS Jig", and "Sulpher/PMD Perdigon" flies.



- **“Conventional Nymphs”** – 4 PM – 6PM. This workshop will tie a “Tan Caddis CDC Pupa” and a “Simple Bead Head Pheasant Tail” flies

These are hands on tying workshops. While tying materials and hooks are provided, participants need to bring their own vice, tools, and threads. Details on what tools and materials are suggested, and level of tying skill recommended for participation, are on the BUFF website under “2022 Fly Tying Workshops”.

Registration is open and currently restricted to BUFF members. Please note that following the upcoming club meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, registration will be opened to the public. So, if you are interested, you should register soon.

**Cost is \$30 for 1, \$50 for 2, and \$70 to register for all 3 workshops. Register through the BUFF website.**

## **BUFF Membership Recognition for 2021**

We would like to recognize those BUFF members who have stuck it out with us over the years. Here are the members as of 2021 have been with the Club 10, 15, 20, and 25 years. We would also like to thank Cari Vota for going through the records to identify these individuals.

### **10 years with the Club:**

<b>David Herald</b>	Michael Voshefski	D. Brent Miller
<b>Duane Maidens</b>	Tom Graler	Al Indermill
	Jeff & Beth McGarvey	

### **15 years with the Club:**

Michael Mays	Tom Bartlett	Carol Barton
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### **20 years with the Club:**

Steve Walker	Bob & Jane Muro	Bob & Terri Mackey
Jim Terlinden	Dave Ulmer	Roger Corrado

### **25 years with the Club:**

Donald Hogue

# 2022 Banquet

By Bryan Tudor

The BUFF Banquet, which is the club's major annual fundraiser, will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at The Oasis Conference Center in Loveland, Ohio from 6 – 9 PM. The Banquet program replaces that of the regular March meeting. It's a great time to get together, enjoy socializing, and have fun bidding on various prizes. There will be chances to win trips and prizes via raffles and a silent auction. In addition, the Banquet provides the occasion where we recognize those members who volunteered their time and talents during the prior year.



## Donation Items Needed For The Banquet

The banquet committee is seeking and accepting donations for raffles and auctions. Types of items for donation can include: fly fishing gear, dining, trip, or lodging certificates, home decoration items, jewelry, artwork, wine or liquor, cash, and other miscellaneous items. If you would like to donate items for the banquet, please bring them to one of the upcoming general meetings, or contact Bob Cregge or Prudence Hunt, the Banquet Committee Co-Chairs, to coordinate a time to meet. Their contact information is:

Bob Cregge - [bcregg13@gmail.com](mailto:bcregg13@gmail.com)

Prudence Hunt - [prudencehunt@yahoo.com](mailto:prudencehunt@yahoo.com)





## Storage Locker Moved

From Bob Gustafson

In early November a BUFF team undertook the task of moving items from our old storage locker, which was near the VOA Park and Lodge, to a new location closer to the Oasis Center, where we are currently holding meetings. The club plans keep our monthly meetings at the Oasis Center for the foreseeable future, so moving the storage made sense.

Many thanks to Jim & Cari Vota, Tom Bachey, Tom Britton, Jeff McElravy, Harry Pass, Mike Redmond, and Jim Neckers! The BUFF storage locker is now relocated to Bearcat Storage in Loveland.



## Euro Nymphing Video

By Ken Mandel

George Daniel, our headliner for the upcoming Fly Fishing Show is an expert on this fly fishing technique. George's website, "Living on the Fly", has a several video blogs on this technique, and they are well worth watching (<https://www.livinonthefly.com/>).

In late October, Orvis put up a video chat on Euro Nymphing, Tight Rod Nymphing, High-Rod Nymphing – the variety of terms used in describing this fishing technique. The video is presented by both Tom Rosenbauer and George Daniel. In addition, there are other videos on this technique, which include one or both of these anglers available on the Orvis website in their 'learning center'.

The new video is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnPA26gBuHo>

The video starts by talking about how to fish this technique using our traditional rods – 4wt, 5wt – with standard fly lines and how to adapt leaders and tippet to this technique. This allows one to begin using the technique without committing to buying new or additional angling equipment. George discusses the effect of fishing this technique when you have the added mass of the traditional fly line off the rod tip, as compared to fishing this technique using rods and lines specific for Euro Nymphing, which is essentially fishing with only monofilament, which has virtually no weight.

While a long presentation – over 1 hr in length – is both very informative, and entertaining.



## Drift Boat or Raft – Which is Better?

Thank you to Tom Bachee for suggesting this article

The folks at the Tuckasegee Fly Shop in North Carolina posted a blog comparing drift boats and rafts for fishing. The blog can be found in the “Guidelines Blog” page on the shop website ([www.tuckflyshop.com](http://www.tuckflyshop.com)), and is written by Mike Hodge.

The article discusses advantages and disadvantages of both type of craft for fishing on rivers and lakes. Topics discussed include: comfort, durability, rowability, and versatility. In general, the rafts are superior for durability and versatility. They can bounce off obstacles and can be launched from just about anywhere. They do not need a launch ramp to get them in the water. In contrast, a drift boat is more comfortable for fishing being a solid bottom craft and more stable. They are also more hydrodynamic, and hence are easier to row in a river’s current. What may be most important in choosing between a drift boat and a raft is the waters one will be fishing on. An interesting article - <https://www.tuckflyshop.com/single-post/drift-boat-or-raft>



## Ohio Steelhead Fishing

Thank you again to Tom Bachey for suggesting this article from the Ohio DNR

Now that cooler weather is here, steelhead fishing will be heating up, and November through March provides peak steelhead angling in Northeast Ohio. The Ohio DNR annually stocks six tributary rivers feeding into Lake Erie. In the spring of 2021, nearly ½ million yearling steelhead trout were stocked: Ashtabula (56,686 steelhead stocked), Chagrin (92,221), Conneaut (81,966), Grand (102,114), Rocky (100,532), and Vermillion (65,453) rivers were stocked.

Steelhead caught in northern Ohio streams usually have spent 2 – 3 summers in Lake Erie, and typically average 25 inches in length and weight up to 6 pounds. Many larger fish are also caught. In the early fall steelhead can be found in harbors and lower river areas. In the fall, steelhead make their way up river to spawning areas in river tributaries and remain there until spring. There is limited reproduction in Ohio rivers, as steelhead require clear, fast-moving water with a gravel bottom. Stocking provides a sustained population.

An Ohio fishing license is required, and other regulations can be found on the Ohio DNR website.

## BUFF Members Getting Out to Fish

Only one submission this month was from Dolph Greenberg who fished on the Davidson River in North Carolina last month.'



## In Memory of - Dale Mowry

We sadly inform our members that a former and long-time BUFF member, Dale Mowry recently passed away. Dale moved to Franklin, TN several year ago.

While a BUFF member, Dale was active in the club. He also learned to build bamboo rods from his mentor, Jerry Snider. Dale was good friends with many BUFF members, including Bill Schroeder, Ken Speicher, and Lloyd Fields. Bill Schroeder commented that fellow Buffers may recall Dale as a founding organizer and participant in the club's Buff Hazel Creek Smoky Mountain trips. Bill also recalls Dale as an avid backpacker and fly fisherman, and that they shared trips to Yellowstone, Yosemite, Smoky Mountains, Isle Royal and Everglades National Parks.



## Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the [BUFF Website](#) for availability and details, or contact the trip or activity coordinator

In-person activities are Limited to BUFF Members, and require Registration (online on club Website) and signing the Club's Liability Waiver

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
BUFF Monthly Meeting Oasis Golf Club, Loveland, OH	Wednesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> 6 PM – 9 PM  Also on Zoom	
Board of Directors Meeting Springdale Community Ctr	Wednesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 PM	
Tie & Lie Zoom Virtual Session	Friday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM <i>Zoom link on Website</i>	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 <a href="mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com">loopdude1@hotmail.com</a>

*Happy Holidays!*