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President's Corner

Jim LeBlond

February may be boring in some places, but at B.U.F.F. it's filled with excitement. Once again Mike Bryant has put together a world class line up for our Sportshow. And now is the time to intensify our efforts to get ready for the big Show and Banquet. Mike has been putting in a lot of overtime and could really use your help. So please give him a call and let him know you want to help.

B.U.F.F. would like to extend a special thank you to Lou Haynes, Wayne Fisher, John Doscher, Jonathan Kennard, Dave Jones, Bob Goldsberry, Bill Schobel, Norv Webb, Joe Guenther, Steve Groomes, Richard & Kyle Jones, Don Hogue, Bob Jones, Dave Uckotter, Randy Clark, Tom Sanders, Andy Seiller, Jay LeBlond, all our friends at NKFF, the Small Mouth Alliance, THC Books, Angler's Outfitters, D & H and all the other friends of B.U.F.F. for their help at the recent Hart's Travel, Sport and Boat Show. You all have shown tremendous support for our organization, our show, and our banquet. You have been instru-

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WOW – It's Almost Here!!

Mike Bryant

Don't forget that Saturday, February 24, 2001 is a very important date for both B.U.F.F. and you. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. with our B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show. This is our opportunity to showcase what our club has to offer to the general public. **Make this the year you bring a friend and introduce him/her to the sport of fly fishing. Give them the brochure inserted in this newsletter.** Great presentations on fishing for spring creek trout (Mike Lawson), international flyfishing opportunities (Todd Adrien / Scott Ruprecht), regional smallmouth fishing (Jerry Darkes), and fishing the Cumberland tailwaters (Brett Billings), plus exhibits and raffles guarantee to make this a fun event, all for the cost of only \$7.00 at the door (\$6.00 with coupon from the Sports Show brochure or website).

The Cabin Fever Relief Banquet will follow the Sports Show, with a social hour starting at 6:00p.m. A delicious buffet dinner will be served around 7:00 p.m. After dinner, installation of the new officers and Board of Directors of B.U.F.F.

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February Meeting Program

Fly Fishing Potpourri

At the February meeting we will have a "Fly Fishing Potpourri." We will have different fly tying demonstrations, information on reading streams, & smallmouth fishing. Bob Ireton will be tying dry flies, John Kennard will tie streamers, and Bob Goldberry will present a program on fishing for stream small mouth. This is a great opportunity to learn some new and old techniques, and fly patterns for local smallmouth flyfishing. So be sure to bring your fly tying gear as we will be collecting flies for new members, so tie up a batch and we hope to see you there! Don't forget to make your dinner reservations in advance.

Adventures From The Reel World

My Kind of Vacation

Don Prince

A weather report during the first week of October reminded me of a fishing trip I had taken earlier in the year and prompted me to write this article. The report showed a 12" snowfall in Ashland, Wisconsin, where I had spent a day getting sunburned just three months earlier.

Bob Gray, my fishing partner, and I met at the airport to begin a long planned and much talked about fishing trip to Chequamegon Bay (pronounced quickly "she wam again"). We had arranged for a day of guided fishing with Roger LaPenter of Anglers All in Ashland, and we were excited to finally be on our way. We were both anxious for an encounter with the legendary Lake Superior smallmouth bass. Typically my fishing trips do not involve a guide and seldom do they start at an airport. This trip was different, we would fly to Minneapolis-St. Paul, drive to Ashland, spend two days fishing local trout streams, with a day of trophy smallmouth fishing sandwiched in between. My kind of vacation!

I was as ready as I could be. For five months, ever since the B.U.F.F. Banquet, I had been tying every smallmouth pattern I knew, in every size and color. I had been practicing with my 7 weight, on the water and over grass, not wanting disappoint the guide or look too bad casting alongside Bob. I had high hopes of fighting muscular Smallies until my arms ached.

We had been keeping up with the regional weather reports and knew that the area had a significant rainfall over the weekend, but neither of us was prepared for what greeted us as we first sighted the lake. It was the color of coffee with cream. The nearby river was swollen to capacity by three days of torrential rains. Not exactly what we had hoped for, but as we

drove closer to Ashland, the water clarity steadily improved, and so did our spirits.

We checked into our motel, and stopped by Anglers All to buy fishing licenses and confirm our arrangements for the next day. We began to notice mayflies everywhere in town. A huge mayfly hatch was taking place, and had been for over a week. Literally millions of mayflies, the huge 1"-2" long Hex's were everywhere. This was not exactly what we had hoped for either.

We spent a couple hours that evening wading the nearby Brule River catching small brook trout. It was fun, but my thoughts were on the next day. I was day dreaming of thick-bodied bronze backs slamming my flies. Back in town we went to Subway to pickup sandwiches for the next day's lunch. There were so many Hex's on the glass doors that we literally couldn't see into the shop. As I said, "a huge Hex hatch". I couldn't help but wonder if any fish in the lake would still be hungry after such a mayfly feast.

Next morning we arrived at Anglers All at 9:45 A.M., the appointed time. The smallmouth bass in Lake Superior don't get active until after 10 A.M. That suits me just fine, sleeping in, and still not being late on a fishing trip. My kind of vacation!

Out on the lake the guide lived up to our highest expectations. A well equipped, and powerful flats boat carried us a few miles down lake to the areas we would fish. Roger expertly guided the boat and us all day long. The bay areas we fished were relatively shallow, averaging 6-10 feet, capable of being effectively fished with floating line. The bottom is stacked with layers of sunken driftwood providing excellent cover for the bass. The Lake Superior area is remote and beautiful. We were treated to several Bald Eagle sightings and watched an otter playing on the shore while we had lunch. The fishing was however, very slow, at least

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Conneaut Creek Steelhead

Bob Ireton

By the time November arrives, the fishing has dropped off sharply in our area of Southwest Ohio. I had heard talk of steelhead fishing for several years, but because of conflicting fishing trips, and other pursuits, I really hadn't seriously contemplated doing it. Well, Jorge Villares and I had started talking about it, and the more we talked, the more interested I became. Neither Jorge, nor myself, had ever been Steelheading before. Jorge told me that two friends he knew from Mad Men Trout Unlimited, Mark Blauvelt, and Jeff Johnson, were also interested. Jeff had never fished for steelhead before, but Mark had. What came next was an e-mail marathon between the four of us. We decided to leave the evening of November 16th. At the last minute, the weather turned bad, especially in Northeast Ohio, where Conneaut Creek is located. They were forecasting lake effect snow, wind, and cold temperatures. We reasoned that Mark would be driving his 4WD SUV, and that the nasty weather might keep most of the other fishermen away. We decided to go!

Next came a crash course on steelhead fishing. I bought and read a book on Steelheading in Great Lakes tributaries, and borrowed and watched a video on the same subject. I visited some fly shops to get needed supplies, and started tying some flies. My egg patterns didn't turn out as nice as I wanted, but my sucker spawn flies were pretty good, so that is what I concentrated on tying. I added some nymph patterns for good measure. I constructed a leader recommended in the video, and put my steelhead flies in a separate fly box, and outfitted my vest for Steelheading. I even bought a 'Steelhead' size net, as my trout nets were too small. I was as ready as I thought I could be. Jorge had been tying flies, and also preparing.

November 16th finally arrived, and the

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Flyfishing the Cumberland Tailwaters

Mike Bryant

This month we are highlighting our fourth presentation and speaker for the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show. Brett Billings will provide an exciting presentation on flyfishing the Cumberland tailwaters. This stream is just now being recognized as a first class trout fishery. It is possibly the best tailwater stream in the southeast, with catches of very large browns and rainbows, and very high densities of trout/mile. And it is only hours from the Cincinnati area. Brett will cover the major aquatic bugs Cumberland trout feed on, discuss appropriate flies and techniques, and give an update on the yearlong stomach contents analysis of trout from the river.

Brett Billings has been flyfishing and fly tying for 21 years in Kentucky, Alaska, and Germany. He is earning his Masters degree studying aquatic insects of the Cumberland River, is the associate producer of "Kentucky Afield" TV show, and is writing a book "Fishing Guide to the Cumberland River" (due out in 2002). Check out the new Cumberland tailwaters website (www.cumberlandtrout.com) that Brett is pulling together. //

HELP NEEDED!

Greg Johnson needs three volunteer fly tying instructors to help provide basic or introduction fly tying at the Turners Society Lodge. Attendees will be a mix of adults and teenagers, with a maximum of 15.

Where: Turners Society Lodge
(2200 Penny Lane)

When: Saturday, March 3 @9:00 am.

For more information, contact Greg Johnson (923-4519).

We Need Your Support

Mike Bryant

Plans for the upcoming Cabin Fever Relief Banquet are on track with two exceptions.

Donations - The level of membership donations for the Banquet raffles is down considerably from past years. With the cancellation of the December meeting, we lost an opportunity for folks to bring in donations. But, it's not too late to provide a donation. **All gifts, large or small, fly fishing or non-fishing are welcome.** We have a great club, but we're only as good as your support makes it. Please consider this request and bring a gift to the February B.U.F.F. meeting (or call Mike Bryant, 793-6189, to arrange for a way to pick up your gift). Please make sure you leave your name with your donation. Even in the highly unlikely event that you cannot attend the Sports Show / Banquet, please still consider giving a donation. If your donation is received by the February B.U.F.F. meeting, we will list your name in the banquet program as well as The BUFFER as a way of showing our appreciation of your support of B.U.F.F. Remember, all donations are tax deductible.

Volunteers - We are also very much in need of your help during the Sports Show or Banquet. Please consider helping out where and when you can. Even volunteering as little as a half an hour will be helpful. We plan to have an extensive and well organized B.U.F.F. table at the Fly Fishing Sports Show. We need members to tie flies and provide general information to the public. Also, we plan to have an ongoing slide show at our table highlighting previous B.U.F.F. events and trips. If you have slides of previous B.U.F.F. events that we could borrow (we promise to return them) please let us know. If you are willing to volunteer your time please see or call Tony Kalbli (Sports Show) and/or Jim LeBlond (Banquet). //

Lawson and Darkes Fly Tying Classes

We still have a few openings available for the Mike Lawson or Jerry Darkes Fly Tying Classes to be held during the B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show (Saturday, February 24). This is an excellent opportunity and value to learn from two of the best! Mike's class will focus on techniques and patterns that he is famous for, including caddis patterns and a great adaption of the Prince Nymph that is more durable and effective than the original. Jerry will teach you patterns that are effective for steelhead, including variations and improvements on some of classics that he has found to be effective on steelhead in the Lake Erie tributaries. His video on Lake Erie steelhead patterns is great! The cost for either class is \$25 per person. Use the registration form or call Louise Goldsberry for reservations (732-0735). Don't delay, space is limited!

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 will occur, followed by honoring the Fly Fisher of the Year and other awards. The feature speaker at the Banquet, will be Mike Lawson from the famed Henry's Fork Anglers. Mike will present a program named "**Home Waters**". This is the program Mike did for the National Federation of FlyFishers Conclave President's Banquet. It provides a perspective on his life as a fly fisher, the places it has taken him and a new appreciation for his own "Home Waters". Mike emphasizes just how important all of our home waters are and why it is up to us to take care of them. This is a program that has plenty of beautiful photographs of the country and wildlife, and lots of down home humor. It will certainly be entertaining to all, including non-fishing spouses, companions and children.
 Ever youth attending the Banquet will

win a prize, thanks again to an anonymous B.U.F.F. donor. The youth raffle will include two rod / reel outfits donated by our anonymous donor and NKFF.

Grand Raffle prizes include:

- Payne graphite fly rod / Fly Logic reel outfit
- Orvis custom made steelhead rod / Battenkill large arbor reel outfit
- Ross Johnson Custom Made Fly Tying Cabinet
- Pontoon Boat
- Float Tube
- Rods
- Reels
- Vests/Jackets
- Guided trips

The 52 Card Raffles will include a Renzini fly tying vise and Bauer Reel. Remember, for only \$30 per person (\$15 for

kids 12 and under) you'll not only receive a great meal and listen to a great presentation, but also receive a strip of general raffle tickets and one Grand Raffle ticket. Make sure to bring family members and friends, we plan to have a grand and entertaining evening. **WOW, THIS IS GOING TO BE ONE GREAT EVENT!!!**

Beginners Fly Tying Classes

Jim LeBlond

The B.U.F.F. Beginners Fly Tying Classes will be held from 7:00 - 9:00pm on March 9, 16, 23, & 30. All classes will be held at the Madeira Municipal Building at the intersection of Miami Ave. and Euclid Ave. We need volunteers to help as tying instructors. For more information, contact Jim LeBlond at 561-8957.



B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show, Cabin Fever Relief Banquet and Fly Tying Clinic

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Registrant (s) _____

Phone: _____

Fly Fishing Sports Show (prepaid)	\$ 5.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (After January 10 th)	\$30.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
Banquet (Kids 12 & under)	\$15.00 ea X _____	= \$ _____
Fly Tying Clinic (Mike Lawson or Jerry Darkes - Day of Sports Show)	\$25.00 ea. X _____	= \$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

Donations to the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet (items or cash welcomed!) _____

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 265 Clarks Street
 Batavia, Ohio

mental in helping us to promote this event. I was pleased and proud of everyone. It seems you couldn't turn a corner at the Boat Show without hearing someone talk about our show or try to hand you a flyer.

But, I'd like to ask you all please, please, please don't stop promoting the event yet. It's right around the corner and we still need your help! Take the show flyer enclosed with this Buffer and give it to a friend, or put it up on one of your community bulletin boards. We have a lot of NKFF'ers already registered for the banquet. It looks like once again you're showing up in full force and we really appreciate your support. We also need all of our members to come to the banquet and bring a friend.

In other news, Joe Panfalone is requesting a new set of articles and other tidbits for the website. Joe's also initiated the fly of the month on the website, and I urge you to check it out. And never fear, the Nantahala trip is on the spring schedule and once again will be lead by Bob Ireton. B.U.F.F. is also launching a monthly West Side Fly Tying Extravaganza at the Atonement Church, please contact Joe Panfalone for details. At our next meeting, Dave Uckotter will be signing up cooks, and people to help set up and clean up at the dinner meetings. So, please be sure to see Dave and lend a hand.

On another very upbeat note, Steve Groome reports that we've had a bumper crop of trout stocked in the Mad River recently. With the new fishing regulations, this river shows even more promise. So be sure to get up there and give your luck a try.

And finally, at the February meeting we will have a "Fly Fishing Potpourri." We will have different fly tying demonstrations, information on reading streams, & smallmouth fishing. So be sure to bring your fly tying gear as we will be collecting flies for new members, so tie up a batch and we hope to see you there! //



2001 TROUT ODYSSEY

Bob Ireton

For some of us, fishing for trout can be more than just a casual pastime. Granted, there are those who may carry the sport a little too far. For most of us though, the pursuit of *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, *Salmo trutta*, *Salvelinus fontinalis*, and others, could very well become a lifelong odyssey! With this in mind, join me as the odyssey continues, on the 2001 Spring Nantahala trout trip. This year, it will be Friday, May 4, through Sunday, May 6. Details to follow in the next issue of The BUFFER.

As you may know, this will be the fifth Nantahala trip I have coordinated. The time has come for me to turn this trip over to someone else. The Spring trip will be the last one I lead. There have been many participants on past trips, and I have enjoyed fishing with, and getting to know them. I will miss that. There are many of you who I know would do a great job coordinating this trip. Please consider being the new Nantahala trip coordinator. You may contact the Trip Director, Joe Guenther, or myself.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Nantahala trip with me. I have memories that will last a lifetime! I hope you have them, too! //

Tie And Lie West

Joe Panfalone

There has been some interest expressed that we host informal fly tying sessions like the Hardee's group but more accessible to those residing on the west side. David Jones has arranged for us to use one of his churches' fellowship rooms.

The success of this project remains solely with the interest and attendance that can be maintained. In the years past, the club has not had much success with events held west of I-75. Those of you interested in participating can be pioneers for the club's attempt to extend itself westward. We will meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. at Atonement Lutheran Church in Springdale, Ohio. Driving directions are as follows:

1. Take Exit 41 off I-275 for Route 4.
2. Go south on Rt. 4 (toward Springdale, Ohio).
3. At the Northland Blvd. and Rt. 4 intersection, there will be a Shell gas station, Wendy's, Walgreen's and Dunkin' Donuts.
4. Continue south on Rt. 4, turn right on Cameron Road (about 100 yds.). At this intersection there will be a graveyard on your right and Vorhis Funeral Home on the left.
5. Continue on Cameron Rd as it makes a 90-degree left turn.
6. Entrance to Atonement is on your left about 100 yds from the hard left turn.
7. The fellowship hall entrance will be marked with a BUFF sign.

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plan went into action. I met Jorge at his house, and we drove to Mark's house. Jeff was already there. We loaded everything into Mark's SUV, and headed on our way. As we got further north, it got colder, and started to snow. By the time we arrived at the Days Inn, in Conneaut, the weather was nasty. We turned in right away, so we could get an early start.

November 17th started off cold and windy, with heavy snow. To make it easier, we put on our waders and wading shoes at the motel. We loaded up, and were on our way. Mark knew a spot that was quite a few miles upstream from Lake Erie. With over 6 inches of snow on the ground, and still snowing, we missed our turn, and had to double back. We found a place to park, put on our gear, and walked through the woods to the stream. I had never walked through snow with wading shoes before. What a surprise! Every step added a compacted layer of icy snow to the bottoms that quickly got to be several inches thick! Imagine walking like that! I had to stop and kick or scrape it off every few steps. When we got to the stream, I opted to stay in the water, even if the water temperature was only 35 degrees! It was much easier! I was wearing several layers of synthetics, so I stayed warm. My feet did feel the cold a little.

The stream is named 'Conneaut Creek', but it looked a lot like the 'East Fork-Little Miami River'. It was similar in size and appearance, and the flow was about 100 CFS, or so. With the big snowflakes falling, it was a beautiful sight. We spread out along the creek and started fishing. I always use 'sink putty' for the weight when I nymph fish, but I soon realized that it would not stick to the line in this frigid water, so I switched to 'split-shot'. Definitely not my first choice, but at least it stayed in place. I found steelhead fishing a lot like nymph fishing for trout, except the holding patterns were somewhat different. After a while, we all wound up at the same place; a nice sized fast run/pool. When I arrived, Mark had already caught and landed a 25" male steelhead, and Jeff had lost a couple. I positioned myself downstream of Jeff, and started working

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For Sale

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Rod finish

If interested, call Gene Armstrong at home (489-8759).

Thanks from Atonement Lutheran Church

David Jones

B.U.F.F. conducted an intermediate fly tying class at Atonement Lutheran Church in October and November.

At Atonement, the Sunday before Thanksgiving is designated as "In Gathering Sunday". Members bring in additional food items and monies to increase the supplies for our ERRAND program. The ERRAND program helps needy families through the year. However, at the week of Thanksgiving we increase our support to those needy families.

The food gathered at B.U.F.F.'s November meeting was given to Atonement to be included as part of their food drive. Atonement wishes to thank B.U.F.F. members for your donated food items. The families who received the food appreciated it very much. //

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FEBRUARY

3.10 Sat - Net Building (Paul Feldman).

14 Wed/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park (Jim LeBlond).

15 Thurs/6:30pm - Tie & Lie.

General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

21 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park. Members encouraged to attend.

8.22 Thurs - Rod Building Classes #1 and #2 (Doscher)

24 Sat - Fly Fishing Sports Show & Cabin Fever Relief Banquet.

MARCH

1.8.22 Thurs Rod Building Classes #3, #4 & #5 (Doscher)

9.16.23.30 Fri Beginners Fly Tying Classes (LeBlond)

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18 Sat - East Fork Stream Monitoring (Bob Goldsberry)

2001 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. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2001.

APRIL

6-8 Thurs - Sat - B.U.F.F. Michigan Steelhead Trip (Tony Kalbli)

11 Wed 4pm Beginning Fly Casting Instruction At Monthly Meeting (4 to 5 pm), with videos & instruction Deerfield Township Park

11 Wed/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park

14 Sat - East Fork Clean Up

18 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park. Members encouraged to attend.

19 Thurs/6:30pm - Tie & Lie. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

MAY

4-6 Fri-Sun Nantahala Trout Trip (Bob Ireton)

9 Mon/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park.

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24-26 Thurs - Sat - B.U.F.F. Au Sable River Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)

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compared to our expectations. There were plenty of things to blame, the rain, the mayflies, etc. Still, I caught four Smallies, all over 14" and one 19 incher, my personal best. I think Bob caught five or six. All but one were caught on top water bass bugs. My kind of vacation! We all know the jokes about guides telling their customers "you should have been here yesterday". Well, we heard a bit of that, but all in all we had a great day. Would I go back? Absolutely! When do we leave? As a finale, we fished a different stretch of the Brule for trout on our final day. It is a stream that I would like to spend more time on some day. We each caught several Brookies, and I think Bob got a nice Brown, but I wasn't really keeping score. I was too busy savoring the scenery and the solitude punctuated by an occasional trout.

My kind of vacation! //

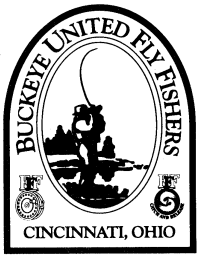
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a good looking area. The 10' rod I was using made it easier to position my 'sucker spawn pattern' just where I wanted it. After a few casts, I had one on! It came to the surface, and we could see it was a nice male. It fought harder than any fish that size I had ever caught! Just about when you thought it could be netted, it would make another run. I was glad I was using my 8wt. system! I finally got him close, and Mark netted it using my new 'Steelhead' net. The fish was 26" long, and just over 6 lbs. All my preparations had paid off, and with some help from my friends, I had caught my first steelhead!

Despite the snow and cold weather, we all stayed reasonably comfortable, and had a great time. We tried a couple other locations, and came home the next day. A good time was had by all! I'll always remember my first steelhead trip. //

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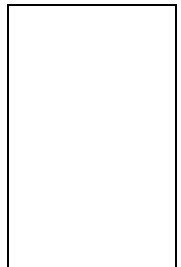


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Next Monthly Meeting – February 14

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNER IS \$1.00 EXTRA WITHOUT A RESERVATION - IF THERE'S ANY LEFT! WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO RUN OUT - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!

PROGRAM: At the February meeting we will have a trio of presenters on the subject of stream small mouth fishing. Bob Ireton will be tying dry flies, John Kennard will tie streamers, and Bob Goldbery will present a program on fishing for stream small mouth.

WHERE: Deerfield Park (October through May meetings) 5847 Irwin-Simpson Rd., Deerfield Township, (southern Warren County). The Park is located on the southeast corner of the Irwin-Simpson / Snider Road intersection, approximately ½ mile north, and ¼ mile west of the Mason-Montgomery Rd./ I-71 interchange. We meet in the large white house.

DIRECTIONS: Following the directions below will help you avoid the traffic congestion at the Fields-Ertel / Mason-Montgomery / I-71 interchange.

From The East Side: Take I-275 West to the Montgomery Rd exit. Turn right (north) and get in the left lane. Turn left onto Cornell Rd. Turn right at the 1st light onto Snider Rd. Follow Snider Rd. for about 2 miles and turn right onto Irwin-Simpson Rd. The park is now on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

From the West Side: Take I-275 East to the Rt. 42 Exit. Turn left (north) and follow Rt. 42 for about 1 mile to Dimmick Rd. and turn right. When Dimmick Rd. crosses Butler Warren Rd. it turns into Irwin-Simpson Rd. When Irwin-Simpson Rd. crosses Snider Rd. the park is on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway after crossing Snider Rd. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

