



# The BUFFER

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## President's Corner

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

With the extended warm weather in January, most of us have thoughts of being outside. Even though it's still winter, there are plenty of fly fishing opportunities to consider. On those warm, sunny days fishing for bass and panfish can be good in the shallow end of ponds. Nymph fishing for trout is always a good choice. And the spring Erie steelhead fishing is only hours away.

But before we get too carried away on thoughts of spring, we still have the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ (Saturday, February 11) and the B.U.F.F. Cabin Fever Relief Banquet (March 4) to attend. By now, hopefully you have plans to attend the Fly Fishing Show. The Show is great way to introduce someone to the sport of fly fishing. We'll have two halls full of exhibitors, a hall full of fly tiers, a Kid's Corner, three presentations and tying demonstrations for the incredible low cost of \$5.00 / person!!! Kids 12 and under are free!! So bring your spouse, bring your kids and grandkids, and bring your friends for a great time.

The Banquet is a great way to win some great prizes (both fly fishing and non-fly fishing items). The Banquet is our primary fundraiser every year. We need your help in two ways. First, make reservations to attend the Banquet on March 4 and help us with our fundraiser. Second, please consider making a donation. If you are happy with B.U.F.F. and what we have accomplished, then consider helping us continue to grow in the upcoming year.

Education – As we start 2006, our educational programs are about to kick it up a notch. The Net Building and Rod Building Courses are full. The Advanced Fly Tying Techniques course is still going strong. And the Beginning Fly Tying Course will start in March. This is an excellent way to introduce anyone to the basics of fly tying in a relaxed atmosphere. The Fly Fishing 101 Course will start in March as well.

We're introducing a new event this year – “The Spring Tune-up”. Most of us are getting antsy this time of year, but haven't taken our fly rods out to the closet since the fall season. Hence, while our minds are willing, our casting abilities remain a bit rusty. The Spring Tune-up (scheduled for March 22) will give you the opportunity to start working out the kinks and get some helpful advice.

### *February Meeting Program*

**Joseph Bertolini, Park Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Caesar Creek Lake.** Joe has worked with the Corps of Engineers for 23 years, 15 of them at Caesar Creek Lake. His presentation will cover how to access lake, stream, and macro invertebrate from the Corps of Engineers Internet Site as well as explaining the Corps role in maintaining water quality in Caesar Creek.

# Cabin Fever Relief Banquet 2006

## March 4, 2006

Time is running out! The February meeting is the last meeting where we will be selling tickets. You can also still obtain them by mail – as long as they last – obtain the registration form from our web site. Remember, we will be limiting the number to 200 this year and we are well on our way having a full house so be sure to get your reservation made as soon as possible. The 2006 Cabin Fever Relief Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield. (See directions on web site.) The annual banquet is our organization’s largest fund raising event of the year.

We will once again have Professional Auctioneer, Russel Arey to help us with our live auction and provide some of the best entertainment around. We will again have the Grand Prize Tables, Early Bird Raffle, Blue & Red Card Raffles, Children’s Raffle and of course the General Raffle Tables; in addition we plan to have silent auctions going on and maybe some other new ideas. The cost of the Banquet remains unchanged from last year and since the Early Bird registration time has passed, the cost is now \$30/person and children 16 and under are still only \$15.

You can look forward to some great entertainment and an outstanding selection of prizes this year. Our banquet committee has been working very hard for you since October. Here is just a sample of their hard work providing wonderful prizes just for you. Once again we have guides that have donated a variety of fishing excursions in several different states. We have 14 professionally guided fishing trips donated so far. The generous donations of these guides will allow the lucky winners to improve their fishing and experience some new and different areas for fishing in the local and non-local fishing waters in our region. What a great way to learn an area and get some tips from the professionals!!! We also have BUFF members who have donated 4 trips where they will share some of their expertise on some of the local streams. In addition to the fishing trips, we also have a pheasant hunting trip with guide and dog, and other surprises. As you all know, this is a great way for club members to share the fly fishing knowledge along with many other hobbies or skills they have and a great way to give back to the club and have fun to boot!!!

**PRIZE RECRUITMENT:** As you know, we urgently need the help and support of all BUFF members to produce an enjoyable and successful banquet. Profits from the banquet help to fund our organizations activities throughout the upcoming year. We are asking all BUFF members to donate a raffle/action item or make a cash donation for the banquet this year. You may bring your donations to the general meetings and either give them to Roger Corrado, Bob Miller, or Donn Rubingh. As your gifts are charitable donations be sure to get a receipt and keep it to deduct on your taxes. More details about the banquet will be in the future BUFFER newsletters and on our website shortly. March will be here before you know it!!! Also, check the website to see some of the donations that have already been made.

If you are interested in helping with the banquet this year please contact Roger Corrado (513-741-8411) and/or Bob Miller (513-271-2129) as they are the Banquet Co-Chairs for this years event. If you have an idea for a unique raffle/action item feel free to share that with the committee.

Banquet Tickets:

Early Bird Registration	(through 1/28/06)	\$25 ea. x _____	= _____
Regular Registration	(after 1/28/06)	\$30 ea. x _____	= _____
Children’s Registration	(Under 16)	\$15 ea. x _____	= _____
Raffle Strips	(3 for \$25)	\$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. Thank you!!!

# Nantahala River – North Carolina

## Trout Magic – Spring Trip 2006

Mark your calendars and make plans now for **May 5-7, 2006 (Friday – Sunday)**. This has been one of the more popular BUFF trips and this trip, if anything like previous ones will again be great. It will be Magic. The river is beautiful; it has been said to be the perfect trout stream. The cold clear water has riffles, runs, rapids and pockets. The scenery this time of year will be absolutely breathtaking. The town of Bryson City has a special charm and the people of this area are the friendliest you will ever find. And you are almost guaranteed to catch trout. This will be a great trip for experienced fly fishers and perfect for beginners. Last year more than 35 people attended. **Sign-up begins at the February BUFF meeting** - information packets will be given to all who sign-up. Check out our web site to preview the information packet. Trip Coordinators: Randy Clark, 513-741-8273 & Jeff McElravy, 513-221-2298.

## Spring Casting Tune-Up

Do you have a tailing loop? Can you still hit a teacup at 30 feet? The **Spring Casting Tune-up** is going to be **Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at the Springdale Community Center in the old gym**. Jim LeBlond and Tom Scheer will be leading a team of instructors from 6:30 to about 9:15 that evening. Bring your rods and get ready for the spring season!

## The Education Corner

Lou Haynes

### Fly Fishing 101/Knot Course

After seeing the high interest for both a basic 101 and a knot course at the January meeting, I've decided to combine the two subjects into a five session course. The first three sessions will focus on rods, reels, lines, leaders, tippets, other equipment needs and casting basics; the final two sessions will focus on line cleaning and knots. The classes will be held from 7 to 9 PM on Thursday nights March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 in the Hopewell Junior High School cafeteria. The junior school is located in the Westchester area near the intersection of I-75 and Tylersville Road (close to the new Voice of America Park). The classes are free and open to all (and only) BUFF members. I'll have the course outline and directions to the school at the February and March meetings as well as listed on the BUFF website. Members are free to come to whichever classes are of interest to them. There will be a course sign-up sheet at the February and March meetings. Although pre sign-up is not necessary to attend any of the classes, if you plan to attend please sign the sheet so I can get a rough idea on how many copies of the class handouts to make.

### Tentative Course Structure:

March 9<sup>th</sup>: rods reels and lines

March 16<sup>th</sup>: casting basics

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: leaders, tippets and other equipment needs

March 30<sup>th</sup>: fly line cleaning and knots

April 6<sup>th</sup>: hands-on knot tying practice

# Proposed Club Trip to Montana

## Terry Lynch

Following Dave Blackburn's excellent talk about NW Montana trout fishing last month, we want to gauge the interest in putting together a club trip to the Kootenai/Glacier National Park area. Since this is a totally new trip for us, we'd like to plan it—dates, accommodations and fishing locations—in conjunction with the folks who want to go. If you are interested in meeting to discuss going on a Montana trip, please send me an email or sign the interest sheet with Patti Howell at the February meeting. Here's a brief overview of what the options for the trip might be:

Split the trip into two sections. Fly/drive into Kalispell. One part would be toward Libby (90 miles west of Kalispell) centered on the Kootenai River using Kootenai Anglers/Dave Blackburn as a main contact. Dave has confirmed a package deal of \$300 per day per person for a full day float trip on the Kootenai, lodging in one of his river-side cabins, and all meals (cont. breakfast, stream lunch, restaurant dinner.) The second part would be in and around Glacier National Park (35 miles east of Kalispell) staying at Apgar Village (nice cabins) within the Park.

### Fishing Options

#### Kootenai River Region

- Float trips on the Kootenai—Crystal clear water holding big rainbows, bull trout, and browns.
- Wading on the Kootenai—possible when flows are down in spring and fall.
- Bull River—some access on the last 2 miles. Some nice browns, commonly up to 18". Fish before mid-July.
- Yaak River—more public access than the Bull and is easily waded. Small brookies along with 'bows and 'cuts.
- Rogers Lake—awesome grayling fishing on dry flies possible but a canoe necessary. Best in May or June.
- Little Thompson River—Typical spring creek. Public access along an easy-to-drive dirt logging road.
- Thompson Chain of Lakes—don't know too much about these but reportedly good bass fishing.

#### Glacier Park Area

Guides for local waters available out of Columbia Falls. In general, wading can be done along all forks of the Flathead River. Belly/float boats needed for lake fishing.

- Duck Lake—on the north end of the park. Float fishing for browns. Need Indian reservation permit.
- Flathead River, North Fork—6-12" cuts in the runs and riffles on dries; deep pools holding big bulls and 'bows.
- Murray Lake—a nice, super-clear, smallish, secluded lake holding lots of rainbows. Need canoe or float tube.
- Flathead River, South Fork above Flathead Lake—Floating is recommended. Dirt road all along the river for access.
- Glacier Park—it's possible to fish almost anywhere in the park and there are great streams right along major roads, but the trick is to get in to more secluded areas for spectacular fishing. Float tubes are generally recommended and there are hikes of all difficulties available.

There are lots of interesting places to fish in Montana. Supposedly there is nowhere in the state where you are more than six miles from fishable water.

If interested send me an email at [lynchrt@cinci.rr.com](mailto:lynchrt@cinci.rr.com), sign-up on the "members interested" sheet, or contact Patti Howell.

## **THANK YOU TO 2006 HART SHOW BUFF BOOTH WORKERS**

Jim Boude

Thanks to all the BUFFers who worked at the 2006 Hart Fishing and Hunting Show. The following persons worked at the BUFF booth: Randy Clark, George Fraley, Tim O'Melia, Tom Sander, Tom Klayer, Donn Rubingh, Roger Corrada, Ed Jones, Roy Matthews, Patti Howell, Jim Hampton, Debbie Hampton, Richard Binstadt, Bill Schobel, Lee Chambers, Bob Mackey, Terri Mackey, Bruce James, Bob Miller, Steve Bailey, Sharon Bailey, Tom Sander, and Dirk Commandeur.

# Notes From the Treasurer

## Don Hogue

+++ **Are you guilty??** At every monthly meeting, Buff has to pay for one or two dinners, for which we did not collect. Raffel's counts plates, and charges us accordingly. One plate used, one dinner billed, two plates used, --- you get the idea!

**Dinner Procedures**.....Pay for your dinner before we start serving. Receive a dinner ticket & write your name on the back of it. As you enter the buffet room, drop your ticket in the door prize can. Get your meal and dessert. **If you go back for seconds, Take your plate.** BUFF, (and, the treasurer) will appreciate it!!

+++ **Elkhorn Trip....."In search of the Bronzebacks"**

**The Elkhorn Bronze Back Trip has TENTATIVELY been scheduled for June 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2006.** I am waiting for confirmation from The Elkhorn Camp Ground, and should have it by the February monthly meeting. I say "tentatively" because the trip has been deluged with rain the last three years. Lets hope for decent weather in 2006!!!

**What to expect.** Good Canoeing, belly boat and pontoon boating water next to the camp ground. Plenty of fun and fishing..... (We will assign first timers to a mentor, so don't be afraid to attend even if you haven't developed developed your water reading skills or haven't been here before!) .....And great food!!

**How to get there:** Go south on I-75; West on Rout 60; Go through Georgetown; Continue almost to Frankfort. The Elkhorn Camp ground is on the left immediately before crossing Elkhorn Creek.

**Fishing licenses:** If you need a fishing license, go west on Turfway to Huston Road (Florence), and go to Walmart. It is easier than procuring a license in the Frankfort area. Should you be taking non-fishing family, stop at the rest stop just north of Georgetown, (on I -75).You can pick up numerous pamphlets on area attractions.

**Eats!** Up to 20 Breakfasts will be provided,by reservation, Saturday at 8:00 a.m. (Coffee, 2 Eggs, 3 sausages, grits, & orange juice for \$2.00.), and up to 20 Suppers, Saturday @ 7:00 p.m. by reservation. (Doug Mowell's famous Tossed Salad, grilled Sirloin Steak, Fried corn, fried corn bread, coffee, coke or a frosty.) See Don for your meal reservations.

**Where to stay:** We have pre-reserved 4 RV sites and 4 tent sites. YOU MUST reserve your camp site by May 1, 2006, by calling **1-(502)-695-9154**, and provide your credit card number. Sites are \$20 per night. If all 8 sites are reserved by May 1, the tent sites will be \$10.00 per night. Otherwise, tents sites will be \$20.00 each night.

**If you need a motel,** there is one in the area. Don can give you further information.

Contact Don Hogue, 5301 Aspenknoll Court (513)231-4852 [Thesputzer@fuse.net](mailto:Thesputzer@fuse.net)

Sign up for the trip at the monthly meetings, and Don will see that you get a packet of maps, shopping info. & a list of flies to take, Be sure to fill out and sign the mandatory **BUFF Trip Waver Form.** (Don has them.)

## New Members

Please welcome new members Greg Renaker, Cincinnati; Marvin & Peggy Sheets, Cincinnati; and Mark Smith, New Richmond, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

# The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™

Saturday, February 11, 2006

## Mike Bryant

The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ will be here before you know it. The Show will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2006. As in the past, the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show™ will continue its focus on providing both experienced 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 offer and familiarize attendees with available local, regional and national fly fishing resources. **To make sure everyone has the opportunity to attend, the price of admission is only \$5.00 per person and children 12 and under are still admitted free.** Included with your admission is attendance to all three presentations, both exhibitor halls, the fly tying island, fly tying demonstrations, and a chance to win some door prizes!! 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.

**Location: Receptions Conference Center, Fairfield, OH** (northern Cincinnati suburb)

**Date: Saturday, February 11, 2006**

**Time: 9:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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**"Fly Fishing for Trout in the Tailwaters & Mountain Streams of East Tennessee"** – Ian and Charity Rutter

East Tennessee has an incredible diversity of trout waters. Large tailwater rivers, tumbling mountain streams, and even a few lakes hold trout. Ian & Charity know just where to go and are happy to share their knowledge.

**"Introduction to Lake Fly Fishing"** – Bob Sheedy

Bob Sheedy's program will help unravel the mystery of fly fishing on lakes, showing how to isolate portions of any stillwater, how to read and work weedlines, and physical structures. Bob will cover flies, lines, rods and reels required to be a successful lake fly fisher. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this fast growing area of fly fishing.

**"Fly Fishing Michigan's No. Branch of the Au Sable River"** – Capt. Todd Fuller

Todd's program will provide a look at fly fishing on the famed North Branch of the Au Sable from its beginnings through today. Todd will share information on the river, the fly hatches, the gear, and the fly fishing techniques that will make your next trip to the Au Sable a successful fly fishing adventure.

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. 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. 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 11, 2006.

## 2006 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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Dinner Reservations/Administration	Debbie Hampton	513-779-4349	flyfisher@zoomtown.com
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### February Menu

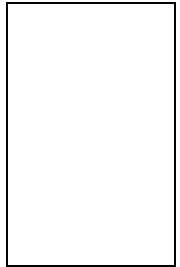
**Seared Tuna Filet**  
**Pork Chops with Apples**  
**Au Gratin Potatoes**  
**Buttered Corn**  
**Tossed Salad with Dressings**  
**Rolls and Butter**  
**Assorted Sheet Cakes**

### 1/2006 BUFF Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$11513
Total Receipts	\$4447
Total Disbursements	\$2666
Ending Balance	\$13294
Petty Cash	\$100
Trip Escrow	\$500
CD	\$5180



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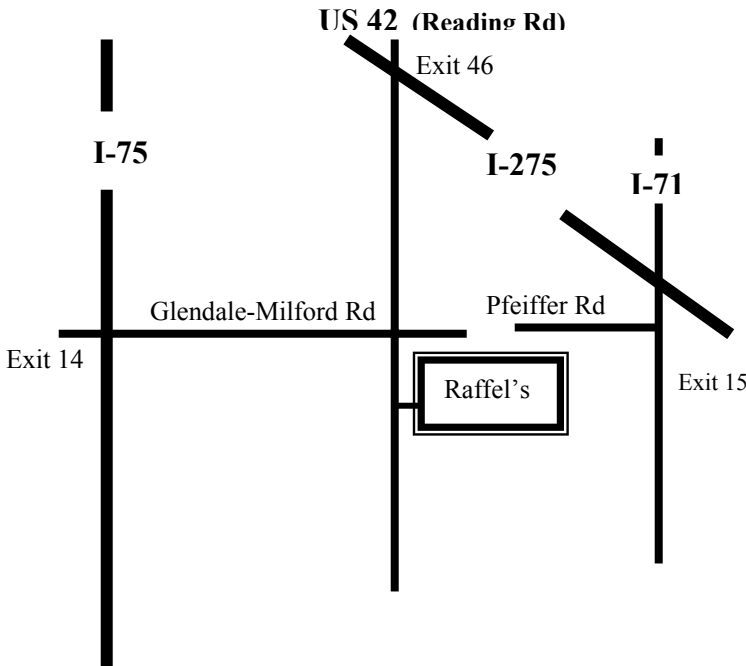
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**Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – February 8**

**CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON 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 A 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.**

**From I-75 -- Take Exit 14, east, on Glendale-Milford Rd. until the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd). Turn right (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.**

**From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.**