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## Notes from the President

Ken Dixon ([krgjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krgjdix@outlook.com))

I hope this finds you doing well and having had a wonderful holiday period. My wife and I had the good fortune of having our children and grandchildren with us for the holidays. As we move into a new year, please accept my wishes for a prosperous, healthy and happy 2016 with many wonderful, safe and productive fishing trips.

Speaking of fishing trips, please be sure to read Steve Bailey's article in this issue of the BUFFER regarding trip leaders. These are the folks that pull everything together to make our many Club trips possible. We need some help here and I hope to see a few volunteer to become trip leaders. I want to add a special thanks to all our trip leaders (past, present and future) for all their fine work.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the Voice of America Lodge, our **January Meeting** will be **held on** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, **January 20, 2016**. The Board of Directors Meeting will be on January 13 at the Springdale Community Center. Both meetings will resume their normal schedules in February.

The 2016 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is fast approaching. If you have not already volunteered to help with the Show, please do so. This is the largest undertaking we have each year.

Associated with the Show are two days of fly tying workshops. On Thursday, Feb. 4, Mike Schmidt will host workshops at 2:00 PM and at 6:00 PM. In Session 1, he will be showing us how to tie his Maraceiver, Double Deceiver & Red Rocket. In Session 2, he will be tying his Drunk and Disorderly and Modern Deceiver. On Friday, February 5, Kelly Galloup will host three Workshops at 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM & 4:00 PM. In Session 1, he do his Cougar, in Session 2, the Sex Dungeon and in Session 3, the Nancy P. All materials other than thread will be provided. You will need to bring your vise, light, magnifier (if desired), tools and thread. To participate in these workshops, you should be a solid intermediate level tier with good basic knowledge of tying tools, techniques and handling materials. Cost for the Clinics are: Mike Schmidt: \$30 for one Session / \$50 for two Sessions, and for Kelly Galloup: \$30 for one Session / \$50 for two Sessions / \$75 for three Sessions. There are also options available to just audit the sessions at a lower cost. To enroll for the sessions, go to the BUFFER Website and click on the link

[Click Here to Sign Up for Tying Workshops](#)  
[Featuring Kelly Galloup and Mike Schmidt](#)  
[February 4-5, 2016](#)

You can submit your payment by sending your check, payable to Buckeye United Fly Fishers, to:

Buckeye United Fly Fishers  
P.O. Box 42614  
Cincinnati, OH 45242

Or, give your check to Ken Dixon at the January BUFF meeting.

Remember that we will be holding elections for Officers and Directors for 2016 as well as for the Fly Fisher of the Year, our Club's most prestigious award, at our January meeting. The slate of the Officers and Directors for 2016 is presented later in this issue of the BUFFER. I hope to see you at the meeting.

## 2016 Banquet

Todd McGarvey ([tmcgarvey@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tmcgarvey@cinci.rr.com))

**Mark your Calendar! The Annual Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual Cabin Fever Relief Banquet is on!**

**Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Mill Race Golf Club  
1515 West Sharon Road  
Cincinnati OH 45213  
(513) 825-3770

Banquet Reservations	\$25.00
Raffle tickets	\$5.00
Grand Raffle tickets	\$10.00

6:00 Social Hour with Appetizers, Music and Cash Bar

7:30 Program Begins

10:00 Banquet Ends

The Banquet will mirror last year's event, however open seating. Please get your registration form to Jim and Cari Vota.

Hope to see you all there!

# An epiphany of leaves

Steve Coomer ([stevecoomer@mail.com](mailto:stevecoomer@mail.com))

## An epiphany of leaves

We own a bit of hunting property out in that band of hilly, unglaciated, country in southeastern Ohio. Edge of Appalachia, where half the population raises hell on Saturday night while half spends Sunday morning in a little church they probably built themselves. On the winding road leading to the property stands one of those little churches. Across the road is a bend pool of a small creek. Complete with a set of wooden benches built so the congregation can watch baptisms. In the creek.

Parking the truck and eating a ham sandwich if I remember right and just looking around, I wander down to the creek. The kind of thing you sometimes do when just killing time waiting to go out and climb into a tree stand that evening. I had on my rubber knee boots that I often wear in early bow season before it gets too cold. I stepped down to get a closer look at the little pool before me. You could see every grain of sand, every stone on the bottom thru the gin clear water.

A striking yellow and red maple leaf floated down into the pool. At first gliding along smoothly and gracefully. Then it began to tumble and then slowly revolve horizontally, slowly turning a circle about the size of a Frisbee just off the bottom of the pool. Then it slid along and a couple feet further along began a slow spiral with each circle slightly tighter than the one before it. Finally just rocking in place as it gently came to rest on the pool's bottom.

I waded out into the six inch deep riffle and launched another leaf into the pool. Less soggy this one sped right over the spots where the other leaf faltered without missing a beat. Hmm...The more buoyant leaf rode higher in the water column in a different layer of current. One unaffected by the drag of contact with the bottom. Intrigued I launched another leaf that floated on top. This one jetted down the main flow but just before it left the pool the leaf got caught off to one side and slowed dramatically before slowly turning and creeping back up the bank three or four feet before turning and slowly curly curling back out to midstream. And so it went. In the gin clear water with hardly any discernable differences in flow every leaf followed a different path.

I hoped no one was watching as this fifty year old man launched leaf after into the tiny stream. Some sailed gently thru the pool while others spun like figure skaters while others tumbled along the bottom. Slowly their floats began to make sense as I reasoned out the invisible flow thru the pool. I thought about my two favorite streams, Forney creek in the GSMNP and the Little Miami. How wildly violent the path a leaf would take as Forney creek falls in one head high waterfall and cascade after another. Or a leaf slowly making a thirty yard circle around a smallmouth wintering hole on the Little Miami.

And how the current must seem to a trout in the creek or a smallmouth in the river. As much as I try, I have such a hard time comprehending how thru its lateral line a fish can feel the current. Sure I can feel the force of the water against me as I wade and can intellectually grasp the idea of a lateral line. But just I can grasp intellectually the idea of a bat navigating thru its world by hearing the sound of the clicks it makes bounce off things I can't even begin to imagine what either must be like. To the smallmouth or to the bat. The bat seemingly hears where there is a space to fly thru, forming a 3-D image in it' mind of where to fly. Which is how it must be to the bass, science tells me the bass feels the currents that flow the stream. The entire pool filled with mental "leaves" all floating simultaneously by at once.

Laminar flows sliding one atop the other at different velocities, gentle eddies, swirling tornadic vortices, soft pillowy resting lies, and defined seams. Even the tiny pool I was standing beside much provide a rich tapestry of information to a fish. While a pool in the river must be like a surreal, speeded up version of a McDonald's play land, full of tiny rooms and slides and passageways all stacked one on top of the other. Okay, see that sounds crazy, there's just no way to put into words a fish's world. In many ways an astronaut walking on the surface of the moon is much easier to understand than the world of the fish in the streams in our own backyards.

I do know that when I keep this concept in mind, that there's more there than meets the eye, I fish better. Or at least feel that I do. I find myself way too often looking at a section of stream in the 2-D manner of those drawings in fishing magazines. Here's a run, here's an eddy, here's the seam. All neatly labelled and drawn out in my head like an illustration. I forget that there's layers to this cake. That a river is a 3-D thing with an up and down that are as changing as the side to side is. Sometimes it's obvious, a hidden boulder creating a slick on the surface telling you it's there. But often it's like the invisible currents in my gin clear baptismal pool, unknown except to floating leaves, lateral lines and the power of your imagination.

# Slate of BOD officers for 2016

James Jackson ([bearcatjr@gmail.com](mailto:bearcatjr@gmail.com))

During our January general membership meeting, we will hold the election for the Fly Fisher of the Year Award as well as the election of Officers and Directors for 2016.

The slate to be presented is as follows: (see next page)

## Officers:

President: JR Jackson

Vice President: Paul Juszczak

Treasurer: Bob Gustafson & Co-Chair, Fly Show

Secretary: Hugh O'Donnell

## \* Board of Directors:

Tim Williamson: Club Education

Tom Abbruzzese: Communications - BUFFER

Ken Foltz: Communications – Website

Don Kail: Communications - Website

Mike Redmond: Fixed Assets & Liaison – Library

Bryan Tudor: Conservation

Jim Neckers: Fly Tying

Bob Miller: Historian & Co-Chair, Fly Show

Jeff McElravy: Liaison – Project Healing Waters

Jim Boude: Membership

Mike Rubush: Program Co-Chair

Phil Pursley: Program Co-Chair

Ed Jones: Public Education

Jim Vota: Public Education Assistant

Jim Hampton: Raffles

Sue Jones: Women's Events & Liaison - CFR

Steve Bailey: Trips

## \*Directors at Large

Kari Vota

Ken Speicher

Jim Klosterman

Tim Minton

Joe Panfalone

# Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Preview

Bob Gustafson ([j.r.gustafson@att.net](mailto:j.r.gustafson@att.net))

**Pre-Show Events**                      Thursday, 2/4/16 Mike Schmidt Tying Clinics (reservations required)  
Friday, 2/5/16 Kelly Galloup Tying Clinics (reservations required)

**Show Details**                              **Saturday, 2/6/16 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – Oasis  
Conference Center, Loveland 9:00-4:00**

The 2016 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is shaping up to be one of the best ever with an emphasis this year on streamers. If you want to learn more about streamer tying and improve your streamer fishing skills, this is the show for you! The show headliners, Kelly Galloup and Mike Schmidt, are renowned streamer fly designers and instructors. Mike and Kelly will be conducting fly tying clinics prior to the show and will present tying demonstrations during the show. As a special highlight of the show, Kelly Galloup will share his expertise in streamer fishing for trophy trout in an extended presentation on Saturday afternoon. Other world class presentations will cover bamboo rod building (Jerry Snider), musky fishing (Brian Meszaros), and salt water fly fishing (Brian Flechsig).

Dave Leonhard, of Orvis Streamside, will be back again to present his popular casting demonstrations on the Casting Pond and there will be a Tenkara fishing presentation on the pond by Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters. The pond will also be available for public rod testing from the numerous rod offerings at the show.

Whatever your fly fishing passion is, we've got it covered with over 60 exhibitors ranging from outfitters and guides, fly rods, fly tying supplies, kayaks, lodges, conservation groups, custom nets, flies, books, furred leaders, fly fishing tools and supplies, and much more!

## Show Presentations Schedule:

Kelly Galloup

- "Fishing with Nymphs"
- "Fishing for Trophy Trout with Streamers"

Jerry Snider – "Handcrafting Bamboo Rods"

Brian Meszaros – "Muskie on the Fly"

Brian Flechsig – "Fishing the Salt"



Kelly Galloup



Brian Flechsig

## Demonstrations Schedule:

### Tying Demonstrations:

- Kevin Howell
- Mike Schmidt (2)
- Kelly Galloup
- Glenn Weisner

### Casting Demonstrations:

- Dave Leonhard (2)
- Brian Flechsig



Mike Schmidt



Dave Leonhard

See you at the show!

## Trip Leaders Are a Critical Asset for BUFF Success

Steve Bailey ([chiefrsb@fuse.net](mailto:chiefrsb@fuse.net))

Organized trips for all BUFF members have been a key attraction for many years. The opportunities to explore and fish in new locations, to learn from more experienced fishers and to enjoy the comradery of fellow members is a big draw for new and continuing members. Each of those trips require someone to take the role of leader and organize the trip so others can participate.

Being a trip leader requires some organizational skills, but it is not as daunting as it might seem to neophytes. Help for planning trips is available both from me, the club Trips Coordinator, and from other experienced trip leaders as well. We have developed a trip planning outline that will guide anyone to asking the right questions and sharing the right information to offer a good trip experience for everyone. That outline can be seen in the Trip Information forms that are posted for each trip in the BUFF website.

The most important part of being a trip leader is having an idea about where and when to go fishing. Most trip leaders take us to place they have enjoyed fishing in the past. That's important too for understanding which season is best for fishing at that location. It also helps to know where the lodging and dining locations are to be found. The most basic level of knowledge about a location can easily be expanded with a search of the internet and asking about the location among other club members. Trips don't have to be long treks. While many people enjoy our multiple day trips to out of state locations, the single day trip nearby are just as popular.

Several of our more experienced trip leaders are "retiring" from that role. That means we need replacement trip leaders for some of the club's most popular destinations (Spring and Fall Steelhead Trips, Spring West Virginia Trip, Fall North Carolina Trip). The good news for a potential trip leader is that these trips have years of planning experience behind them. New leaders will be able to continue those trips as in the past, or to make some changes that offer improvements. This is a good way to start out as a trip leader since most of the work has already been completed.

Whether you are willing to be a replacement trip leader, or are ready to introduce a new trip to the club, there are plenty of us ready to help and make sure you are successful. You can contact me by e-mail or phone to get started today. I look forward to hearing from you.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Trip</b>	<b>Leader</b>
January	PENDING	Day Trip? - TBA	TBD
February	PENDING	Day Trip? - TBA	TBD
March	<b>March 10 – 11 (Rain Date) March 17- 18</b>	<b>Otter Creek, KY</b>	<b>Randy Clark</b>
April	PENDING  <b>1 - Thurs 4/21 (Rain Date Mon 4/25) 2 - Sat 4/23 (Rain Date Sat 4/30)  April 29/30 + May 1 (Fr/Sa/Su)</b>	Spring Steelhead – Cleveland Area  <b>1 - White Bass - East Fork Whitewater River, IN 2 - White Bass - East Fork Whitewater River, IN  Sunnybrook Trout Club</b>	<b>NEW LEADER NEEDED</b>  <b>Bob Gustafson Bob Gustafson  Ken Dixon</b>
May	PENDING  PENDING  <b>May 27 (Rain Date May 28)</b>	Spring Trout Quest, Cashiers and Sylva, NC  Elk River , Elkins, West VA <b>NEW LOCATION?</b>  <b>Ladies Trip – Local Farm Pond TBA</b>	<b>NEW LEADER NEEDED</b>  <b>NEW LEADER NEEDED</b>  <b>Sue Jones</b>
June	<b>DATES PENDING</b>  <b>June 10 ( Rain Date June17)  June 28/29/30 (Tue/Wed/Thu)</b>	<b>Elkhorn Creek, Frankfort, KY</b>  <b>Ladies Trip – Local Small Stream TBA</b>  <b>Sunnybrook Trout Club</b>	<b>George Fraley &amp; Charlie Montgomery</b>  <b>Sue Jones</b>  <b>Ken Dixon</b>
July	PENDING	Day Trip? - TBA	TBD
August	PENDING	Day Trip? - TBA	TBD
September	<b>Sept. 10 (Rain Date Sept. 17)  Sept. 23/24/25 (Fr/Sa/Su)</b>	<b>Ladies Trip – Mad River</b>  <b>Sunnybrook Trout Club</b>	<b>Sue Jones</b>  <b>Ken Dixon</b>
October	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of October Exact Dates TBA</b>	<b>Fall Smoky Mountain Trout Trip, North Carolina</b>	<b>Cecil Osborne</b>
November	PENDING	Fall Steelhead Trip, Cleveland Area	<b>NEW LEADER NEEDED</b>
December	PENDING	Day Trip?	TBD



# January Meeting

**Meeting Date, Wed. Jan. 20, 2016**

January Speaker  
Ron Lewis

## Destination Mad River – A vacation in your back yard

Ron Lewis transplanted to the Dayton, Ohio area 17 years ago after living and working around the world. He has been fly-fishing the Mad River among other national rivers since his relocation back to the United States and here in Ohio with great success.

Converting from a solid spin fisherman who mostly fished still water in his 45 plus years of fishing,



Ron has been faced with numerous hurdles as he has attempted to master fly-fishing the waters of the Mad River.

After catching and landing most every Mad River tree he could find, with a little incentive, and a lot of help from local club members of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers, Ron set off on a mission to develop his own skill set and fishing techniques. Soon, he began witnessing positive results, and producing quality sized Mad River Brown Trout on a regular basis.

You are encouraged to subscribe to Ron's community oriented Facebook Group, Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter, and visit his Ohio Trophy Trout Hunter blog at, [www.ohiotrophytrouthunter.blogspot.com](http://www.ohiotrophytrouthunter.blogspot.com).

### **Dinner Menu:**

- ☐ Italian Chicken
- ☐ Beef tips with gravy, buttered noodles on side
- ☐ Tossed salad with Ranch and Italian
- ☐ Herb Tossed Roasted Red Skins Broccoli
- ☐ Seasoned fresh cut broccoli, cauliflower, carrots
- ☐ Rolls/Honey Butter

### **Dessert**

- ☐ • Chocolate Chip Cookies

# New Caterer Selected for Monthly BUFF Meetings

Phil Pursley ([phil.pursley@hotmail.com](mailto:phil.pursley@hotmail.com))

In order to make sure everyone is up to date on the change of caterer for our BUFF meetings, let me explain what has occurred. The BUFF board of directors were informed by the VOA/Metroparks of Butler County that only caterers from their approved list may be used in the up-coming years. We have been using the caterer "At Your Service" ever since we moved our monthly meetings to VOA Park. It turns out that for some details beyond our control "At Your Service" was not on the list of caterers. As a result, we found ourselves in need of selecting new caterer from the approved Butler County Parks list.

The BUFF Board of Directors appointed Ken Dixon, Sue and Ed Jones, Tom Smith, of course JR Jackson, Bob Gustafson, and Phil Pursley to the committee for selecting a new caterer. In the not too distant past a survey was completed to determine the most desired aspects of a food service for our club meetings, we felt that we had a pretty good pulse on what club members want for the monthly meal. For example, a cost of not more than \$15 per person, two entrees, one or two sides, bread, a salad if possible, and of course a desert item.

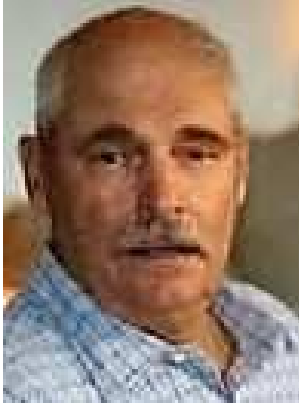
Bob Gustafson took the bull by the horns and sent these requirements out to the caterers on the approved list. Bob kept all committee members well informed with his communication. After hearing from three caterers who could meet the requirements (two could not meet the price threshold though) we set up a taste test for a meal with Jeannette's Delicacies at the Becket Ridge Country Club where Jeannette's prep kitchen is located. Four committee members were able to attend and enjoy a well prepared and tasty meal all in the order of doing what is best for BUFF. We all enjoyed a wonderful meal of fresh salad, chicken, roast beef, risotto, potatoes, a side dish, and a dessert.

A short meeting was convened after the meal. It was unanimous to offer Jeannette a contract for the 2016 calendar year for our meetings since her test food was very tasty and she could meet our price range while the other two caterers were in the \$20 range. Jeannette is able to provide us with a menu for the year in advance. We consider this a real benefit to all members who want to make the necessary dining plans for our meeting. Also, each meal will have some heart healthy and vegetarian choices from the buffet, eliminating the need for ordering special meals as we have done in the past.

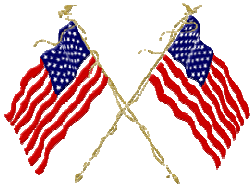
Jeannette is happy to have our business and is looking forward to providing our meals. Please consider registering for a meal at our January 20 meeting or at least in the early months of 2016. We think you will be pleased with our new caterer.

# In Memoriam

Ken Dixon ([krjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krjdix@outlook.com))



**Bob Goldsberry**



**Bob Goldsberry**, passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2015, at age 80. Bob was a 25 year member of BUFF where he was awarded a Life Membership in recognition of his dedication to and his activity within the Club. He was twice awarded the Club's most prestigious Award, Fly Fisher of the Year, first in 1994 and then again in 1999. Outside of BUFF, Bob earned his Divemaster certification and taught Scuba diving. He also enjoyed travel, fly tying, photography, bird watching and waterway conservation. Bob Served as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps aboard the carrier USS Roosevelt. He was a proud member of the Marine Corps League, Leatherneck 393 Detachment, serving as Sergeant-at-Arms, performing honor guards and raising honor flight funds for deserving veterans. Bob will be missed by all those lucky enough to have known him.

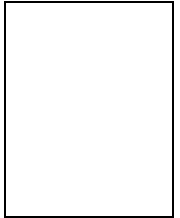


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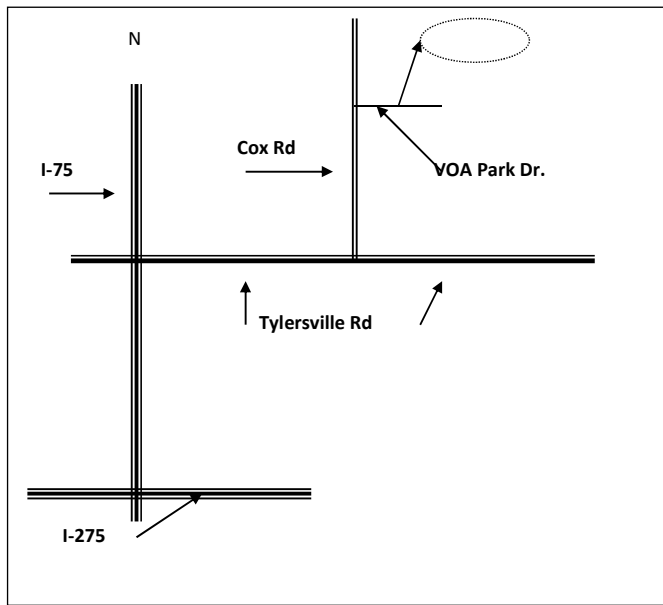
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

### **Next Monthly Meeting – Wed. Jan 20, 2016**

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

Sign up from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the December through the Sunday evening (1/17) 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.