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## January Presentation & Speaker

by Mike Rubush

### Our Rivers and Our Fish

#### John Gouker: Guide with D Loop Outfitters, Michigan

**T**his talk will cover our local Michigan rivers (the Manistee, Pine, Little Manistee and Bear Creek) and the fish (trout, steelhead, smallmouth bass and salmon). I will also discuss the techniques we use (streamers, topwater, nymphing and swinging).



I have been a professional fly-fishing guide and instructor in Northern Michigan for the past 15 years. Some of my favorite fishing techniques are throwing poppers for smallmouth bass, stripping streamers for trout and swinging flies for steelhead. I live in Irons Michigan with my wife Chas, my son Ajae and my Chesapeake Bay Retriever Baylor.

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## Stripping Finger Guards

by Cari Vota

**N**o time to "build some calluses"? Save your fingers from getting burned or cut by textured or thin fly line with a stripping finger guard. It protects the fingers from the small cuts that come from a long day on the water.

You may already have your favorite method. But if not, you might consider trying one of these.



- 🐟 **Lycra® stripping guard** slips onto your finger easily and prevents friction of line against your skin due to the extra stretchiness and not-even-there feel. One guard lasts at least a month or two of hard fishing. Drawback – finding it in the bottom of your gear bag.
- 🐟 **Stripping gloves**, can probably last for several years. Efficient and comfortable, if you are used to wearing gloves. Also, may be used as sun protection on your hands.
- 🐟 **Nexcare Absolute Waterproof Tape**, available in the 1st Aid section. A roll goes a long ways.
- 🐟 **Buy some neoprene-gloves and hack the fingers off.** Cut those into sections that fit where you need them and store in a plastic bag.
- 🐟 **Cloth-like version of Band-Aids.** They work great when you put them on dry hands, but they suck when you put them on wet hands. Make sure to put them on before you leave the car. If you put them on dry they stay put even if you dunk your hands.
- 🐟 **Rigger's tape** works well. It's made to be around water.
- 🐟 **Flexx-Rap Stripping Finger Protection** This heavy-duty, waterproof wrap is a cross between a miniature elastic bandage and a stretchy, fabric-like surgical tape. A little harder to find and not inexpensive.



## Greater Cincinnati Fly Show – Coming Up Soon!

by Bob Gustafson

<b>Pre-Show Events</b>	<b>Tying Workshops</b> (reservations required) – Oasis Conference Center, Loveland  <b>Thursday, 2/1/18</b> , Mike Schmidt’s Signature Streamers: 2:00-4:00 & 5:00-7:00  <b>Friday, 2/2/18</b> , Ed Engle’s Signature Small Flies 10:00-12:00 emergers; 1:30-3:30 tricos; 4:30-6:30 midges  <b>Prices:</b> 1 workshop \$30; two \$50; three \$70; four \$90; five \$110. Make reservations online at <a href="http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com">www.buckeyeflyfishers.com</a>
<b>Show Details</b>	<b>Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show</b> , Saturday, 2/3/18 – Oasis Conference Center, Loveland 9:00-4:00

**T**he 2018 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is shaping up once again to be the best ever with an expanded offering of fly tying workshops and skill building presentations. If you want to learn more about fly tying and/or improve your fishing skills, this show is for you!

The show’s featured presenter, Ed Engle, is arguably fly fishing’s most sought after expert on small fly tying and fishing. In addition to leading Friday’s tying workshops, Ed will make two presentations (***Fishing Small Flies*** and ***Catching Difficult***



***Trout***) and a fly tying demonstration during the show. In addition, Ed will have copies of some of his popular book titles for sale at the show.

Other presentations at the show will cover ***How TFO Fly Rods Are Made*** (Ray Schmidt, TFO), ***Fishing the***

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**Watauga and Holston Rivers in Tennessee**, (Brown Hobson), and **Streamer Fishing for Smallmouth Bass and Trout** (Mike Schmidt). BUFF certified casting instructors will be on hand to present casting demos and instruction and there will be fly tying demonstrations by Mike Schmidt and Glenn Weisner.

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! Most all past show favorite vendors are booked again and we are excited to welcome several great new exhibitors to Cincy (hint: be sure to check out Son Tao's booth in Fly Tying Alley).

## SHOW PRESENTATIONS

### Ed Engle

"Fishing Small Flies" & "Catching Difficult Trout"

### Ray Schmidt

"How TFO Fly Rods are Manufactured"

### Brown Hobson

"Fishing the Watauga & Holston Rivers in Tennessee"

### Mike Schmidt

"Streamer Fishing for Smallmouth Bass and Trout"

## TYING WORKSHOPS/DEMOS

### Tying Workshops

Mike Schmidt

Ed Engle

### Tying Demos

Ed Engle

Mike Schmidt

Glenn Weisner



Ed Engle



Ray Schmidt



Mike Schmidt



Brown Hobson



Glenn Weisner



Mike Schmidt



## 2018 Buckeye United Fly Fishers Banquet

by Bryon Tudor

Our annual banquet is fast approaching and it is the time where we get together to enjoy each other's company and have fun bidding on various prizes. We also recognize those members who volunteered in 2017. There will be chances to win trips and prizes via general raffle, grand raffle and silent auction. Our banquet is 6-9 pm Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at Ronald Reagan Lodge in Voice of America Park. Our banquet is our only fundraiser which allows us to provide various activities such as: Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, fishing with kids at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods, and tying flies with veterans at the VA Hospital.

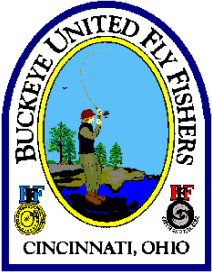


Meal tickets are \$25 per person, grand raffle tickets are \$10 and general raffle tickets are \$5. Go online to R.S.V.P.

Look forward to seeing you there!

## Greater Cincinnati Fly Show Shots





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