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## **Notes from the President**

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It's coming. THE BUFF FLY SHOW 2020! If this was Disney it would be the fly show on ice or the Little Mermaid meets Brad Pitt. It's not Disney, so it's only the 2020 Buckeye United Fly Show at the Oasis Center in Loveland Ohio. This show, however promises to be bigger and better than before. Gary Borger is our headliner. How could this get any better? Mr. Fly Fisher is coming to town. I'm not being cynical. Gary is one of, if not the most, knowledgeable fly fishers today.

Along with Gary we have a great cast of other speakers and presenters. We'll have Dale Collins from the Tuckaseegee Fly Shop talking about fly fishing the waters of North Carolina, Shannon Messer tying Appalachian fly patterns, Mike Schmidt doing his large fly patterns, Jeff McElravy tying parachute dry flies, Jason Ricketts from Loveland Canoe telling us about fishing from kayaks and canoes, and Ted Nicholson from Delamere and Hopkins here in Cincinnati talking about warm water fishing. Besides these presenters there will be the usual line up of vendors and guides. If you didn't get the fly rod you wanted for Christmas, you can surely find it here.

Every year our vendors tell us that this is the fly show they most like coming to. They get help moving in and taking out their displays. Each year, we hear how they are treated really well at our show and they appreciate it. Thanks to all of our members who make this happen. We have a great fly show staff and better volunteers who work to make sure things work as they should or even better than they should. It wouldn't happen without you.

There are plenty of jobs that need to be done to make the show successful. You can go online on the BUFF Website to see what they are and sign-up. Please sign up for whatever you feel you could help with, even if it's only for an hour or two. (Is this sounding like a public television fund raiser?) We need help setting up, tearing down, attending the casting pond, helping with the kid's booth, taking admissions at the door, manning the presentations, and much more. Please do what you can.

The benefits of the fly show are not always apparent. We do get a piece of the club's operating funds from this. In the past the show was a break-even proposition, maybe. We are a nonprofit, but we do need money to run the club. There are more expenses than you can imagine. Mostly the show helps us meet our stated goals of helping to promote and educate the public on the sport of fly fishing.

Let's come together to make this show a success.

El Prez.

Jim Vota

PS. I couldn't let things go by without thinking of a couple unusual occurrences this year. One with the club and one with personal fishing. The first happened recently to the club's web site. We were apparently hacked. I said OK let's get it fixed. No big deal. Don Kail handled this. However, a member mentioned that when he tried to log in to the site during the middle of this, he was redirected to a Viagra web site. Someone has a wicked sense of humor considering half the club is over 60.

The other was on a fishing trip to north east Ohio in November for pike. We're going along nicely when the guide says "oh-look, have you ever seen a caiman while fishing in Ohio?" Sure enough there were

the telltale eyes and snout sticking out of the water a heading up stream. A four-foot relative of the crocodile, looking for a meal or a warm place to hibernate.

What's next? I hope you all have a great new year. May it be better than the last. I'll see you at the January meeting.

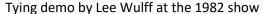
El Prez.

# A Brief History of the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show

By Bob Miller (bob.miller@alta-gila.com)

Prior to the BUFF hosting our regional fishing show, the main club event of each year was the banquet. One of the first speakers at the annual banquet was Lee Wolfe in 1982. In that year the banquet was held at the Holiday Inn. The first formal show was held in 1989 at the Kings Island Inn. At that time, the annual banquet and the show were held together, and this remained so for many years with the show occurring during the morning and the banquet taking over the same facility for the evening. These banquets were called "Cabin Fever Release Banquets". These dual events moved around a lot during the 1990s; six different locations were used! In 2003 the Banquet and Show were split into two events. The show was renamed the "Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show" by the show chairman, Mike Bryant. The show was held at Receptions in Fairfield from 2003 through 2012, and at the Oasis Conference Center from 2013 to the present. What began as a gathering of a group of friends, has grown over the years to become one of the largest fly fishing shows in the Midwest. We now feature over 70 vendors and attract almost 900 visitors to the event!







Lee Wulff -1982 Banquet Speaker

Over the years the club has worked to regularly feature world-renowned fly-fishing speakers at the show. In the years prior to 2013, these speakers included Tom Rosenbauer, Gary Borger, Roger Lowe, Bob Clouser, Dave Whitlock (twice!), Mike Lawson, Jim Teeny, Lefty Kreh, Matt Supinski, and Dr. Carl Richards, among others.

Following is a list of our show speakers from 2013 to the present:

2013 – Skip Morris

2014 – A.K. Best

2015 - Tom Rosenbauer

2016 - Kelly Galloup

2017 - Ian & Charity Rutter

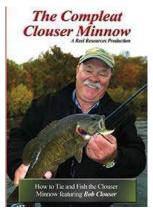
2018 – Ed Engle

2019 – Dave Hughes

2020 – Gary Borger (for the second time!)

## The 2020 show should go down as the best in our history!

## **Some Earlier Fly Show Headliners**



**Bob Clouser** 



Roger Lowe



Lefty Kreh



Dave Whitlock

## **Recent Show Headliners**



Skip Morris, our 2013 Headliner



A.K Best at 2014 Show



Tom Rosenbauer, 2015 Headliner



Kelly Galloup – 2016 Headliner



lan and Charity Rutter at the 2017 Show



Ed Engle – 2018 Show Headliner



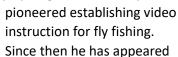
Dave Hughes, at our 2019 Show

## **2020 Show Presenters**

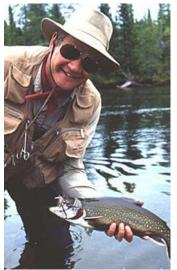
By Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

## **Gary Borger**

Gary Borger is one of the world's foremost fly fishing educators. He has been a fly fisher since 1955, and since 1972 has taught classes and lectured internationally on all aspects of fly fishing for trout and salmon. A free-lance writer and photographer, Gary is a contributing editor for Fly Fisherman Magazine, and editor at large for the Virtual Fly Shop. He has also written ten best-selling books on fly fishing, some of which we are hoping he will bring to the show to autograph and sell. Besides being a teacher and author, with his release of "Nymphing" in 1982, Gary







in numerous teaching videos, and his own production company has produced 17 internationally acclaimed videos as part of the "Skills of Fly Fishing Series." This production work has earned him a listing in "Who's Who in Entertainment." Gary was also a consultant on Robert Redford's acclaimed movie "A River Runs Through It." Besides video production, Gary recorded an award-winning CD/cassette tape, "My Madison," in which he pioneered the concept of combining fly fishing with naturemusic audios.

In addition to his teaching activities, Gary has been involved in the design of many fly fishing products and unique fly designs. He is a founding

board member of the River Alliance of Wisconsin, a founding member of the Board of Governors of the Federation of Fly Fisher's fly casting instructor certification program, a member of The Order of the Jungle Cock, Trout Unlimited, United Fly Tyers, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and other conservation organizations. He is a recipient of the Ross Allen Merigold Complete Angler Memorial Award, the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award, The Buz Buszek Memorial Fly Tying Award, The Federation of Fly Fisher's Lifetime Achievement in Fly Casting Instruction Award, the VFS Fly Fisherman Readers Poll Hall of Fame Award, the Joan and Lee Wullf Conservation award, and is internationally recognized for his conservation efforts; in recognition of this work he received the first Lew Jewett Memorial Life Membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers in 1979.

In 2013, Gary was named one of the top seven most influential fly fishers of the last 50 years by Canada's Fly Fusion Magazine. In collaboration with his son Jason, Gary is currently working on a 20 book series entitled "Fly Fishing".

At the show, Gary will give two presentations, "Strategies for Consistent Angling Success" and "Sight Fishing Nymphs from Top to Bottom". He will also be doing a casting demonstration at our casting pond.

#### Gary Borger Fly Tying and Casting Classes – Friday, January 31st

On Friday, January  $31^{st}$ , the day prior to the show, Gary will lead two hands on fly tying classes and a casting clinic. These will be at the Oasis Center, and registration is available on the BUFF website. While the casting class, scheduled from 9:00-11:30 AM, is fully subscribed, one can sign up for a 'wait list'. Some seats remain for the two tying classes which are scheduled from 1:30-3:30 PM and 4:00-6:00 PM, respectively. If interested, please register as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

## Dale Collins, Bryson City, NC

Dale is a guide and the co-owner of Tuckaseegee Fly Shops in Bryson City and Sylva, NC. He came to Western Carolina University in 2001 where his fly fishing story begins. After a short career in teaching and coaching, Dale has taken his pursuits to sharing the beautiful waters of Western NC with others. Indeed, these waters offer some of the best fly fishing in the Southeast. The areas Dale guides include the mountain rivers and streams of Western North



Carolina, Eastern Tennessee, North Georgia and the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. He also can be heard regularly on the fly fishing podcast, "The Articulate Fly". Dale's preferred style of fishing is streamer fishing from a drift boat.

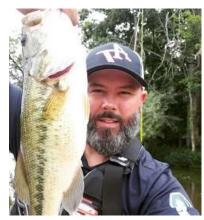
The topic of Dale's presentation at the 2020 show is "Western North Carolina Fly Fishing". Check out his presentation and take the opportunity to chat with Dale about his guide services if interested in fishing that area.

#### Jason Ricketts, Milford, OH

Jason is from Loveland Canoe and Kayak. He has done some 'unofficial' guiding and is an avid river fisherman. Jason has held several positions with fishing organizations, including Regional Fishing Team Member for Jackson Kayak, Regional Fishing Team Member for Blue Sky Boatworks, Team Manager for Loveland Canoe and Kayak, Fishing Ambassador for Loveland Canoe and Kayak, Co-Host of the Paddle-N-Fin Podcast, Prostaff for Power Pole and



American Tackle, and Brand Ambassador for Coyote Polarized Sunglasses.



Currently, Jason spends the majority of his time at work teaching people about kayak fishing, and getting them properly outfitted and started in the sport. He provides tips and instruction on proper rigging techniques, teaches about how to read our local rivers while kayaking, and importantly, how to operate a kayak safely. His presentation "So You Want to Be a Kayak Angler", will provide information on how to choose, outfit and rig the proper kayak for fly fishing, and do's and don'ts on the river when kayak angling.

#### Ted Nicholson, Cincinnati, OH

Ted Nicholson is the store manager for Delamere & Hopkins Outfitters in Cincinnati, and their head guide and instructor. He was born and raised in Cincinnati Ohio. Ted has extensive knowledge of pursuing fish locally on the fly, and spends most of time chasing all warmwater species in the greater Cincinnati area. However, Ted's main passion is saltwater flats fishing and he hosts several trips a year to the Bahamas and Belize.

Ted loves showing people the warm water fishing that the Cincinnati area has to offer on guide trips and enjoys introducing new people to the sport of fly fishing! His goal is to make fly fishing super approachable for anyone that has interest.

Ted's presentation at the show will be "Warm Water Fly Fishing". It will be from 1:00-2:00 PM. Check it out and catch up with Ted at the show.





Here's one of Ted's catches from a Bahama's trip!

#### Mike Schmidt, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Mike Schmidt is a regular participant at our show, and we are happy to welcome him back again. His tying demonstration at the show, "Streamers for Big Trout and Bass", will be from 11:00AM – Noon. Mike is a full-time commercial tyer, and his company, Anglers Choice



Flies has been producing flies for over 15 years. Through Anglers Choice Flies, Mike strives to push the limits of materials on the market to create the 'next generation' of



flies. Every pattern that he designs is thoroughly water tested to ensure it performs as designed before being made available.

Throughout the year Mike teaches fly tying and fishing techniques at clubs, fishing shows and retail locations throughout the United States and Europe.

Known these days for streamers Mike is well rounded at the vise which enables him to take most flies from concept to reality, and to be able to teach those skills to others. Mike is an Orvis Signature Tyer as well as on the pro staffs for Regal Engineering, Vedavoo, and SmithFly.

## Mike Schmidt Fly Tying Classes – Thursday, January 30th

In addition to his tying demo during the show, Mike will lead two hands on fly tying classes tying some of his signature streamer flies. The classes are scheduled from 2:00-4:00 PM and 4:30-6:30 PM, Thursday January  $30^{th}$  at the Oasis Center. Register on the BUFF website. Please register as soon as possible to avoid missing out on this opportunity.



Some of Mike's patterns





## Shannon Messer, Bryson City, NC

A native of Haywood County, Shannon had the bug for fly fishing at an early age. After four years of service to our country in the U.S. Navy, Shannon returned home to continue scouring the waters of the Cataloochee Valley and the Great Smoky Mountains. Shannon started tying traditional mountain patterns years ago, honing his skills using traditional mountain patterns that the Messer family is synonymous for. He now has developed some of his own patterns that have taken trout from North Carolina to Montana. Shannon enjoys hiking in, focusing, and throwing dries to wild trout in our picturesque mountain streams, but he will adjust to fit any situation.



When not on the water or the vise, Shannon enjoys giving back to the community volunteering as a baseball coach and helping with Trout Unlimited projects. Shannon enjoys fishing with his two sons and hanging out in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Shannon will be conducting a fly tying demonstration from 1:00 - 2:00 PM during the show on February  $1^{st}$ . It is titled, "Appalachian Flies", and below are a few photos of some of his patterns. Hopefully he will tie a couple during the demonstration. It is a presentation that I do not want to miss, and I hope some of you will agree with me.

#### Some of Shannon Messer's Appalachian-Style Flies











## Jeff McElravy, Cincinnati OH

Jeff McElravy, a past-president of BUFF and current president of the Ohio Council of Fly Fishers International, will conduct a tying demonstration – "Tying Parachute Dry Flies", from Noon – 1:00 PM during the show. Jeff greatly enjoys sharing his knowledge of fly fishing techniques and fly tying. More importantly, he is an excellent teacher! This is certain to be an excellent and enjoyable session during the show.



# 2020 Fly Show Exhibitors

By Bob Gustafson (j.r.gustafson@att.net)

A highlight of the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show every year is the diverse collection of world-class fly fishing industry exhibitors. The Cincy show attracts some of the best exhibitors from 6 states due to the large show attendance, the venue and location, and the enthusiastic support from BUFF volunteers assisting in load in and load out. Our show is unique in our volunteer assistance to exhibitors and the opportunity to showcase their business to 1000 anglers in a single day. We are known as "the friendly show" to exhibitors and they reward us by returning year after year to the show.

The fly show team is careful to keep the show faithful to its purpose and maximize its appeal by restricting booth rentals to established, well-known fly fishing merchants, outfitters, guides, lodges, and fly fishing clubs. A limited number of booths are reserved for related non-profits and invited fly tiers. All exhibits must be related to fly fishing. There will not be jams and jellies, t-shirts, driveway sealers, etc., at the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. We are proud to announce the 2020 show exhibitors (as of publication date):

	Bed & Breakfasts	Books	Canoes & Kayaks
	Fuller's North Branch Outing Club	Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co.	Loveland Canoe & Kayak
			Roads, Rivers, & Trails
	<b>Conservation Organizations</b>	Fishing Guides	Flies for Sale
	Little Miami Conservancy	Cumberland Bottom Ticklers	Eggman Flies
	Trout Unlimited – Madmen Chapter	Mountain Troutfitters	The Fly Guy Fly Shop
		Musk-E Fly Adventures	
		Ripple Guide Service	
		Knee Deep Expeditions	
		Rocky Top Anglers	

Fly Fishing Clubs	Fly Fishing Education	Fly Fishing Products
Derby City Fly Fishers	Gary Borger	Float Master Products
Miami Valley Fly Fishers		FlyMasters of Indianapolis
Mohican Fly Fishers  North Coast Fly Fishers		Footloose Products (Frog's Fanny)
Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers		River Tactical Flies
Kentuckiana Fly Tyers		River Traditions
Three Rivers Fly Fishers		Hog Creek Furled Leaders
Fly Rods	Fly Tying	Manufacturer's Reps
Semper Fly Rods	Angler's Choice Flies	Angling Consulting Services
Temple Fork Outfitters	Frankenfly	
	Glenn River Fly Co., LTD	
	Great Lakes Fly	
	Jerry's Custom Tackle	
	Joel Stansbury	
	Kevin Ramsey & Cheryl Scherf	
	Lance Kekel	
	Larree Newer	
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# 2020 Raffle Items

By Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

We have two special raffle items which will be awarded at the end of the show – a Winston Air Fly Rod Outfit and a Bauer SST Fly Reel with line. The rod outfit is valued at over \$1500 and the Bauer reel at over \$600. Raffle ticket are \$20 and \$10 each for the respective items, and only 100 tickets will be sold for each prize.

Raffle tickets are being, and have been sold at since November at the monthly BUFF meetings, and the last chance to get 'first dibs' on these items will be at the upcoming meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

• The Winston Air rod is an ultra lightweight, ultra performance 4-piece rod. Winston advertises it as the 'Swiss Army Knife' of rods with a progressive action and very quick and easy loading. The rod construction is advanced carbon fiber combined with a SuperSilica lightweight resin. It is hand made and assembled at the Winston factory in Twin Bridges, Montana.

The rod outfit offered in the Raffle includes a 5-wt, 9-ft rod together with an Orvis Mirage LT III reel, Orvis Pro 5-wt WF fly line and a Winston premium aluminum rod tube and rod sock. The 5-wt rod is capable of doing it all, from casting small flies on light tippet, fishing hoppers and smaller streamers on short leaders, or fishing for larger fish at any time.



 The Bauer SST reel was introduced in 2017. The reel combines striking design with superb performance. The reel features a narrow profile frame, and a fully sealed carbon fiber drag system using Bauer's star drag knob operation.

The reel offered in the Raffle is an SST 5 reel. It has a silver/clear anodized aluminum frame with a black star dial for the drag control. The reel comes with a 5-wt Orvis Pro WF Line. However, Bauer reels can also accommodate fly lines one weight greater or lower than the reel specification.



# Fly Tying Alley at the 2020 Show

By Ken Dixon (krgjdix@outlook.com)

Fly Tying Alley will be well populated again this year. We will have representatives from many area fly fishing clubs tying traditional as well as popular regional flies. Clubs represented include: Miami Valley Fly Fishers – Dayton, Derby City Fly Fishers – Louisville, North Coast Fly Fishers – Cleveland, Three Rivers Fly Fishers – Fort Wayne, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers from the south side of the Ohio River, and Mohican Fly Fishers of Ohio – Mansfield. We will also have several professional fly tiers joining us, including: Jerry Drake of Jerry's Custom



Tackle in Fort Wayne, Kevin Ramsey and Cheryl Scherf from Central Ohio, Mike Schmidt of Angler's Choice Flies in New Smyrna Beach Florida, Lance Kekel from Northern Ohio, BUFF's own Joel Stansbury, Dan Jackman of Kentuckiana Fly Tiers, Eli Berant of Great Lakes Fly, and Paul Beel of Frankenfly. Come by and watch these tiers and maybe pick up a few tips and tricks. Extra chairs will be provided so you can sit to watch the flies be tied. Most of the Pro Tiers will have flies and fly tying products that may be purchased as well.

# Women's Fly Fishing Open Forum

By Cari Vota (vota@zoomtown.com)

Although it is still the case that fly-fishing is male dominated, more women are becoming interested in the sport. One of the barriers to women joining the contingent of fly-fishers is lack of knowledge. Fear of the unknown and lack of fly-fishing opportunities have been issues in the past.

Recently, women across the U.S. are organizing retreats, outings, educational seminars, youth outreach programs and other events to build a community of women anglers. Many women are more comfortable learning this new sport from and with other women.

Join us for a panel discussion on the future of women anglers in the SW Ohio/NKY area at the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The panel will be hosted by Cari Vota, BUFF Director Women's Programs, Katie Johnstone, Trout Unlimited Madmen Chapter DI/WI Coordinator, Kerry Premec, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers Women's Outreach Director, and Paula Smith, Miami Valley Fly Fishers Past President. *The discussion will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 PM during the show.* 

Be a part of a women-centered conversation on a range of topics for and about women anglers in our area. Ask questions, network, swap stories with other anglers and fly fishing enthusiasts.

Mark Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 PM on your calendars and join us!

## **Other Activities**

#### **Kids Activities**

By Wendy Gustafson (wendygus1@msn.com)

Occupying prime real estate next to the concessions area at the Buckeye United Fly Fishers Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing show is the Kids Corner, a "must stop" spot for kids of all ages. Live fish donated by Jones Fish Hatchery in Newtown enjoy lazy loops in the aquarium set up each year by Jim Neckers. Displays show information on what fish eat. Kids can learn how to tie different knots by making a Knot Man out of cord. Crayons and coloring pages let kids decorate and design their own fish habitats. Kids will find paper crafts by Debra Leonard that are fun and easy to make and are a take-home extra from their Fly Show experience.

Our special offering at the Kids Corner for fish enthusiasts is making Fish Print bandannas using a Japanese art called Gyotaku. Gyotaku is the traditional Japanese method of





printing fish, a practice which dates back to the mid-1800s. This form of nature printing was used by fishermen to record their catch, but has become an art form of its own. With help from our great line

up of BUFF volunteers, kids can produce a wearable work of art on a bandanna they design themselves. Fish replicas provided by BUFF are used with ink and ideas to make these unique and personal reminders of a great Fly Fishing Show.

Finally, kids of all ages can try their hand at tying a fly — either for use in fishing or to use as a hat pin. If used for fishing they are guaranteed to catch fish! We will have a tying area set up in the first row of exhibits, near the main entrance, and provide all needed materials together with friendly, helpful, and skilled volunteers to show you how. Stop by yourself, and be sure to send your friends, to the Kids Corner and the fly tying area. Have fun and learn stuff.



## **Casting Pond**

Do not forget our indoor casting pond. While we will have demonstrations ongoing during the day, there is plenty of open time to try out that new rod you may be thinking of buying. Or, if not looking for a new rod, but rather seeking some advice on casting, BUFF casting instructors are around and will be happy to help. Another fun thing to do at the show!



# Fly Fishing 101

By Jim Vota (vota@zoomtown.com)

Fly shows bring in people of many different backgrounds and interests. Those who have been involved in the sport for a while, those relatively new to fly fishing and seeking to learn more, and those who are curious or who have nothing better to do that day. Our Fly Fishing 101 (FF101) session is geared for the beginners, those that come along wanting to get involved but have not had, or who have had only limited first hand experience with the sport.

They will come to the show looking for many things. A fly rod, other equipment, someone to help get them started, and much more. FF101 is an open, class participation-oriented session where we can provide hands on information to help the beginner. We will use the Fly Fishers International beginning fly fishing presentation as a guide to lead us through the session discussions. As an open forum, we will start there and see where it leads. We can adjust the session based on what participants want to know.

The session is 2 hours and will be handled by club members who will be on hand to help individuals with their questions. Last year, Steve Alexander and Jim Vota ran the session. This year we would like to like to have one or two more members on hand to help. We want a more open, class participation type session with a few experienced fly fishers on hand to help the beginners with their questions.

We will promote BUFF and the classes we have for the many aspects of fly-fishing, beginning with FF101 in the spring. The session will also help promote our vendors in the show and possibly make recommendations to the novice fly fishers as to who could likely help them based on their interests and where they live.

I hope to see some of you volunteer to be on hand at the session. It will be continuous through the 2-hour time slot. However, as people come in and possibly have repeat questions, we will gladly answer those. You can contact me at the e-mail above, sign up on line on the BUFF Website under volunteer sign up on the show page, or at the general meeting upcoming in January. Sign-ups are available for the full two hours or for a one-hour slot.

It is a lot of fun, and a provides much sought and valuable help to those seeking to start in our sport.

## **Volunteers, Volunteers – Last Call!**

The fly fishing show cannot be accomplished without our volunteers. There are many activities for which volunteers are needed on the day of the show. Also, we are seeking volunteers to staff an information and fly tying demonstration booth that BUFF presents on Saturdays and Sundays throughout January at the Cincinnati Bass Pro store.

We will have more information and sign-up sheets for volunteers at the January BUFF meetings. Also, you can sign up on the BUFF Website. The link for that is on the main page, just below the show announcement. This success and reputation of this show greatly reflects the fantastic effort and support of the volunteers who help. Please step-up and help!

## and Finally.....Some Regular Information -

# **January Meeting**

Our first meeting of 2020 will be Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker this month is Cade Buchanan of Mountain Troutfitters Guide Service from North Carolina. Registration deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to register whether or not you plan to eat dinner with us.

# Cade Buchanan, "Fishing the High Country of Western North Carolina"

By Mike Rubush (<u>tenkaraguy1@yahoo.com</u>) & Jack Gormley (<u>jgormley@fuse.net</u>)

Cade Buchanan is the owner of Mountain Troutfitters Guide Service, which is located in Linville, North Carolina. Cade grew up around Plumtree N.C. where he spent most of his time fishing the North Toe River and surrounding small streams. Cade has been guiding for over 15 years for clients young and old. He fell in love with fly fishing because of the challenge, and of being outdoors. Cade enjoys guiding clients of all ages. He loves guiding kids, and has 2 of his own that enjoy flyfishing. While chasing big native brown trout is what he enjoys most, Cade also likes to float for smallmouth bass, carp and



musky in NC, TN and VA. If you're looking for a laid-back guide with a passion for helping others catch fish then you need to give him a call.

Cade will be speaking about "Fishing the High Country of Western North Carolina (Linville area). Much of the High-Country water doesn't get as much fishing pressure that some areas of North Carolina get. They have wild trout streams, delayed harvest water, smallmouth streams and access to private streams. He now has access to 5 miles of an exclusive private trout stream. He will talk about effective flies and techniques.

Mountain Troutfitters, is a fly-fishing guide service based out of Linville, North Carolina. They serve the areas of Boone, Blowing Rock, Spruce Pine, Banner Elk, Linville and Newland, NC, and have access to some of the best private fishing water in the state. Unlike most other private stretches of water, we do not charge any membership or rod fees on it. The water is home to massive NC brown, rainbow and brook trout. We also do float trips on the tailwaters of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. Our guides have many combined years of fly fishing guiding experience, and we will always do our best to help you have the fishing trip of a life time. For more information about Mountain Troutfitters, check out their website: <a href="http://mountaintroutfitters.com/">http://mountaintroutfitters.com/</a>

If you are looking for some new waters to fish in this coming year and a guide who will put you on fish, you won't want to miss this talk!

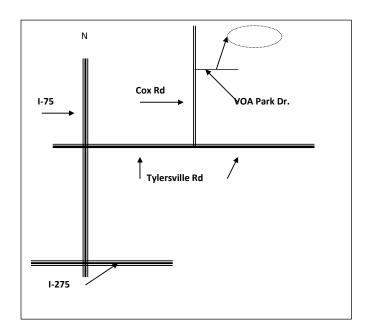
## January Dinner Menu -

Tossed Salad with Dressings
Hunter Chicken
Pork Tenderloin Au Jus
Green Beans with Bacon and Onion
Roasted Garlic and Parmesan Red Skin Potatoes
Rolls & Butter
Dessert – Fudge Brownies

## January Meeting - Wednesday, January 8th, 2020

6:00 - 9:00 PM at VOA Park - watch website for sign-up

Register on line at <u>WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM</u>. <u>Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us</u> (\$15/person) or not.



#### **Directions:**

From I-75 -- Follow 1-75 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.