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The President's Fly Box

The New Year is here, and it greets us with opportunities and challenges. For BUFF, these opportunities include fishing trips: both local and travel trips. We also look forward to improving the Brookville tailwater fishery via coordination with other interested groups and the governing bodies. We anticipate that this discussion will begin as soon as a new state biologist is hired. The conditions of local fishing streams are always of high value to our members.

Everyone knows we still have the challenges of COVID. As I write this, the headlines say that the while the Omnicron variant may pose lower risk of severe illness, it is however highly contagious, and appears to spread more rapidly than the earlier variants. We all have choices to make to balance living our lives versus protecting from infection. BUFF recognizes this balance is needed. For the upcoming Fly Show, the show committee will monitor conditions and government guidelines. They will shift as needed to follow guidelines. For BUFF membership meetings, we take several steps to manage risk. First, we continue to limit table seating to maintain spacing between people. Second, we ask all to follow mask recommendations, and please wear a mask when self-serving in the buffet line. BUFF will maintain the ability to shift any event if warranted by conditions and government guidelines.

With positive anticipation that all activities will resume this year, our members are preparing a long list of fishing, education, and conservation events. Please reach out and help. Here are ideas of how you can help and enjoy the benefit that comes when working with a good group &/or for a good cause:

- Cohost a local fishing trip, especially where you fish often. This trip can be weeknight or on a weekend. Your help in sharing knowledge of local fishing by guiding others on-stream is important. Furthermore, being out on the water remains a socially distanced activity.
- Cohost a travel trip. If you are experienced in areas like Michigan, Kentucky, or other places, your willingness to be a trip host or leader, will help restore these trips to the BUFF travel agenda. Trip housing can be modified to minimize large group exposure by using facilities like hotels or camping versus large group houses. Steve Bailey, the BUFF Trip Director can be very helpful in providing guidance on hosting or leading such trips.
- Link a high school teacher with our education efforts so that more kids and educators are exposed to the art and benefit of fly fishing. This is often an outdoor activity.

- Become involved in one of the many groups that uses fly fishing to reach the hearts and minds of people. These groups include Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, and The Mayfly Project.
- Spend a Saturday morning with our local aquatic bugs. The Stream Quality Monitoring Program is an excellent opportunity to support conservation while learning how to find and identify the bugs that trout, bluegill, baitfish, and bass eat, and which form the basis for the fly patterns we tie. Consider bringing one of your older children so they learn too.

We anticipate that 2022 will be a year of renewed opportunity. We hope that you will stay involved in this sport and BUFF. Let us all benefit from the fun, relaxation, and joy of the outdoors in this coming year.

Hugh O'Donnell.

BUFF January Meeting – Wednesday, January December 12th

The December meeting will be both an in-person meeting at the Oasis Conference center, and also available through Zoom. The in-person meeting will start at 6 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30, the meeting called to order at about 7:15 and the program presentation will start at 7:45 PM.

Registration deadline for the in-person meeting is Sunday, January 9th. Dinner cost is \$20. *Check out the menu below!*

January Speaker – Ted Nicholson - “Taking Advantage of Local Fishing Opportunities”

In-Person Presentation!

Ted is the Store Manager and Head Guide at Delamere & Hopkins. He was born and raised in Cincinnati Ohio. He has extensive knowledge of pursuing fish locally, and enjoys chasing all warmwater species in the greater Cincinnati area. Another of Ted's passions, is saltwater flats fishing and he leads several trips a year to the Bahamas and Belize for this angling.

Ted loves introducing new people to the sport of fly fishing and showing people the excellent warm water fishing that the Cincinnati area has to offer on guide



trips. His goal is to make fly fishing super-accessible for anyone who is interested.

Ted's presentation will review the different fish species present in our local water. He will share where to find them and cover the equipment, flies, and techniques best suited to bring fish to the net.

Request Meeting Attendees Wear a Face Mask While in the Buffet Serving Line

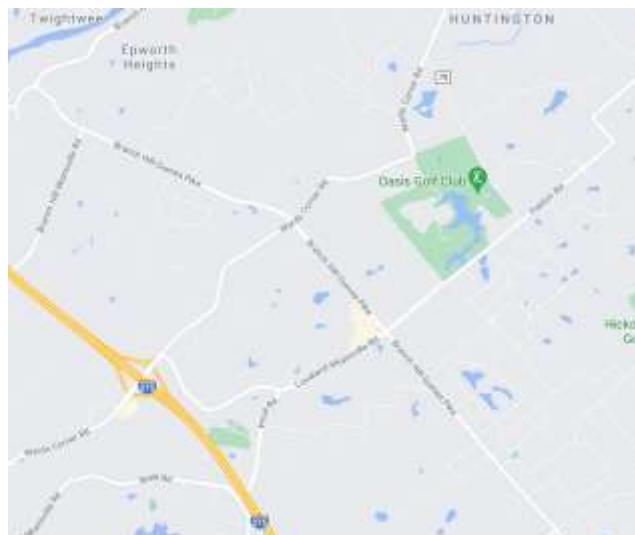
We are asking all persons who will dine with us at the monthly meeting to wear a face mask while in the buffet serving line. We are asking for your cooperation on this matter for the following two reasons:

- Many of our members are older and some have chronic health issues. We want to protect all of our members, but especially this group.
- Unlike restaurants, Oasis does not provide plexiglass covers or other shielding over the buffet serving area. This absence of a guard means that we should take a simple step to guard against potential transmission of COVID.

So, masking while serving at the buffet is a courtesy, and helps to protect everyone.

Directions to Oasis -

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.



- **Registration is required for the in-person meeting, whether you plan to eat dinner with us or not. Register on the BUFF Website. Registration deadline for the in-person meeting at Oasis is Sunday, January 9th.**
- **No registration required to attend the meeting via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on the BUFF website on the calendar and 'monthly meeting registration' pages.**

January Dinner Menu –

- House Salad with dressings
- Slow Roasted Top Round of Beef Au Jus
- Oven Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
- Green Beans Almondine
- Dinner Rolls
- Coffee & Tea
- Chef's Choice Dessert

New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we've added 2 new members –

James Kinder, Mason, OH

Frank Mancuso, Loveland, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon! Also, check out activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some! Finally, you can use the Forum page in the BUFF website to reach out to club members for information, or even if you are just looking for someone to get out with and go fishing!

2022 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – January Update

The Cincinnati Fly Show team continues working on the 2022 show. **The date is Saturday, February 5th, 2022.** Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Presentation Topics –

As a reminder, here are the speaker presentations and times –

- *“Streamer Fishing Tactics”*, presented by George Daniel at 10 AM
- *“How to Fish Like a Pro”*, presented by Dustin Harley at 11 AM
- *“So You're Getting Into Fly Fishing, Now What?”*, presented by Katie Johnstone at Noon
- *“Euro Nymphing Essentials”*, presented by George Daniel at 1 PM
- *“Kentucky Kayaking – Fly Fishing and Sightseeing”*, presented by Canoe Kentucky at 2 PM



We also have fly tying presentations –

- *“Stimulator & Articulated Monster Bugger”*, presented by Son Tao at 11 AM
- *“Panfish & Bass Flies”*, presented by Glen Weisner at Noon
- *“Exoexasaurus – Flies for Pike”*, presented by Lance Kekel at 2 PM

Casting Pond –

Finally, don’t forget the casting pond!

There will be casting demonstrations by Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters at 11 AM, George Daniel at Noon, and BUFF FFI-Certified Casting Instructors at 1 PM.

‘Open Casting’ times are available outside of these programs, so you can try out that new rod you may be thinking of purchasing.



Fly Tying Workshops – Friday, February 4th



We have scheduled three, hands-on, fly-tying workshops, led by our headliner, George Daniel, on the Friday before the show. Each session will tie a different group of flies:

- **“Streamers”** – 9 AM – 11:30 AM. This workshop will tie a “Sculp Snack Jig”, Sparkle Minnow Jig”, and “Verlac Wedge Head” (single hook)” flies.
- **“Euro Nymphs”** – 1 PM – 3:30 PM. This workshop will tie a “Gasolina Jig”, “SOS Jig”, and “Sulpher/PMD Perdigon” flies.
- **“Conventional Nymphs”** – 4 PM – 6PM. This workshop will tie a “Tan Caddis CDC Pupa” and a “Simple Bead Head Pheasant Tail” flies.

While all tying materials are provided, participants need to bring their own vice, tools, and threads. Details on what tools and materials are suggested, and level of tying skill recommended for participation, are on the BUFF website under "2022 Fly Tying Workshops".

You can register for 1 or all 3 workshops. Registration is now open to anyone who wants to register, not just BUFF members. Openings are still available. **Cost is \$30 for 1, \$50 for 2, and \$70 to register for all 3 workshops. Registration is on the BUFF website**

Volunteer Sign Up for the Show

The show cannot go on without the help of our dedicated club volunteers. There is a volunteer sign up page on the BUFF website. You can sign up for different activities and areas where we will need your help. In addition, we will have sign-up forms at the January club meeting.

2022 Banquet Update

The BUFF banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at The Oasis Conference Center in Loveland. The Banquet program replaces the regular March meeting. It's a great time to get together, enjoy socializing, and have fun bidding on various prizes. There will be chances to win trips and prizes via raffles and a silent auction. In addition, the Banquet provides the occasion where we recognize those members who volunteered their time and talents during the prior year.



The BUFF banquet is the club's major fundraising event. The funds raised at the banquet support the club's charitable, educational, and environmental activities. These include:

- Volunteer support for our club's chapter of "Project Healing Waters". Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is a volunteer, non-profit organization that serves military personnel who have come home wounded or injured to aid their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying and by using and enjoying these skills on fishing outings and as lifelong recreation. BUFF members volunteer and work with veterans in this program for fly fishing and fly tying activities.

- Support for Casting for Recovery. Casting for recovery is a fly fishing program tailored for women who have or have had breast cancer. The program provides an annual retreat to participants at no cost. Funds raised at our banquet support this activity.
- BUFF volunteers teach students how to cast and tie flies in cooperation with local high schools.
- BUFF volunteers support Ohio's Stream Quality Management program on the Little Miami River.

Banquet Registration is Now Open!

Registration is now open, and you must register to attend. You can register directly on the BUFF website, or, you can print a paper registration form from the website, fill it in, and mail it to Cari Vota (address is on the form) with your payment.

Registration is \$40 per person and includes dinner. This year, dinner will be a served meal, rather than a buffet. You need to indicate your choice of entrée, which is chicken roulade or baked salmon at the time of registration. In addition, you can purchase raffle tickets at \$5 each and tickets for the Grand Raffle at \$10 each when you register. Raffle tickets will also be available at the banquet.

The Banquet Planning Team is Seeking Donation Items for the Banquet

The banquet committee is seeking and accepting donations for raffles and auctions. Types of items for donation include: fly fishing gear, dining, trip and lodging certificates, home decoration items, jewelry, artwork, wine or liquor, cash, and other miscellaneous items. If you would like to donate items for the banquet, please bring them to the January or February general meeting, or contact Bob Cregge or Prudence Hunt, the Banquet Committee Co-Chairs, to coordinate a time to meet. Their contact information is:



Bob Cregge - bcregg13@gmail.com

Prudence Hunt - prudencehunt@yahoo.com

Open Board Positions & Opportunities

By Ken Mandel

We have the following open positions on the BUFF Board of Directors.

- Meetings & Speakers Co-Chair. This person will work with Dolph Greenberg, to contact and arrange for speakers at our monthly meetings.

- Director for Library & Fixed Assets. Mike Redmond, who is currently the club's librarian has indicated his decision to step down. This board position has responsibility for maintaining the club library and making it available to members are BUFF meetings.
- Finally, Don Kail is seeking a person to take on part of his communications responsibilities. This will be a new Board Position with responsibility to manage sharing of club communications and information through electronic communications, primarily website postings, and club e-mail distributions. This position will help Don with a significant portion of his workload.

If you have possible interest, please reach out to Dolph Greenberg (513-255-5062, greenbam@miamioh.edu), Mike Redmond (937-890-2900, redmond.michael.l@gmail.com), or Don Kail (513-218-1233, drkail@yahoo.com) who can provide you with more detail about what is involved in these positions.

Cari Vota has been the program leader for BUFF's 'After-Work' evening wade fishing activities. From spring through fall, she has organized and led two monthly evening outings for local wade fishing. One is a women's outing, and the other is open to all BUFF members. Cari is seeking a person to take over scheduling and leading the after-work event open to all BUFF members. It is a great way to get involved, and to share and learn more about where to fish on our local waters. If possibly interested, please reach out to Cari (513-476-7112, vota@zoomtown.com). She can give you details.

Getting involved in club activities is a great way to enjoy BUFF, and to contribute to the club. When I joined the club, several members emphasized that getting involved in club activities, even as a novice or inexperienced angler, is a fantastic way to get a lot out of the club. They were correct! Early on, I offered to help with the 40th Anniversary Banquet celebration. From the help I provided, I was then approached to take on the BUFFER, which I have been doing for a few years now. I can honestly say that participating in club activities, and on the board, has given me a lot more back than what I put in. Members make the club!

Please give consideration to taking on one of these opportunities.

First Glance at 2022 Club Activities

As part of the club information that we share during the show is a short pamphlet called the "New Member Quickstart Guide". We share this to show people possibly interested in joining BUFF what we have planned for at least the first half of the year. It lists programs, courses, trips, etc. It is great information for all of us. Take a look at the list and perhaps mark your calendars. As usual, sign-up for trips and programs will become available on the website and notices will be sent out via e-mail.

A few highlights –

- Our Intermediate Fly Tying class will start in mid-February and continue through March. It is a 7-week program of once weekly evening sessions.

- Fly Fishing 101, a great program for those new to fly fishing, will be held in March. The course covers equipment and basic techniques involved in the sport. There are 4 sessions held once a week in evenings during March.
- The club's casting class is scheduled for 3 Sundays (afternoons) in June. This is another excellent program for those new to fly fishing to learn basic casting technique and it taught by our club's FFI certified casting instructors.
- New for 2022 is a once-monthly evening casting workshop. This is an informal program to work on practicing casting skills that was start this past fall. The sessions are held at Cottell Park in Mason. In addition, there is an ongoing group of 'Casting Friends' who meeting Wednesday mornings, from 9 – 11 AM at Cottell Park. We work with the club's excellent casting instructors to learn and improve our casting skills using the FFI Casting Challenge program. It is an informal and friendly group and is open to all club members.
- Tentative dates for fishing trips and outings are also listed.

New Member Quickstart Guide

Welcome to **Buckeye United Fly Fishers!**

Here is a list of some activities available to you as a new member of BUFF to help you take advantage of your new membership. New activities are added all the time so be sure to check the BUFF website for calendar updates and announcements.

Education

February

2/15 Intermediate Fly Tying
2/22 Intermediate Fly Tying

March

3/01 Intermediate Fly Tying
3/07 Fly Fishing 101
3/08 Intermediate Fly Tying
3/14 Fly Fishing 101
3/15 Intermediate Fly Tying
3/21 Fly Fishing 101
3/22 Intermediate Fly Tying
3/28 Fly Fishing 101
3/29 Intermediate Fly Tying

April

4/05 Introduction to Fly Tying
4/06 Wed. Eve Casting Workshop (tent.)

May

5/04 Wed. Eve Casting Workshop

June

6/01 Wed. Eve Casting Workshop
6/05 Casting Class
6/12 Casting Class
6/19 Casting Class

Meetings, Trips, and Conservation Events

February

2/05 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show
2/09 BUFF Monthly Meeting

March

3/09 BUFF Banquet (no regular meeting)
3/26 Fly Fishing 101 @ Fairfield Library

April

4/13 BUFF Monthly Meeting
4/21-24 Spring Steelhead trip
4/23 East Fork Little Miami River Clean Up
4/26 White Bass Fishing Day Trip #1
4/27 White Bass Fishing Day Trip #2 4/28 White Bass Fishing Day Trip #3

May

5/02 White Bass Fishing Day Trip #4 (**New members only**)
5/07 *Women's Day Trip (local)*
5/11 BUFF Monthly Meeting
5/11-14 Spring North Carolina Trip
5/12 *Women's After Work Fishing (local)*
5/14 Stream Quality Monitoring LMR
5/19 Club After Work Wade Fishing (local)

June

6/04 *Women's Day Trip (local)*
6/08 BUFF Monthly Meeting
6/09 *Women's After Work Fishing (local)*
6/16 Club After Work Wade Fishing (local)
TBD Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip

Save These Dates

7/31-8/6 Buffalo Bill Camp, WY
10/5-9 Fall North Carolina Trip

Some Things to Check Out

By Ken Mandel

I found a short video by Tom Rosenbauer on the Orvis Fly Fishing Instruction site that discusses using tippet rings on one's leader. If you are new to fly fishing, or just have never considered using tippet rings, this is a good video to watch. It is only about 3 minutes long, and provides a lot of good information. Using a tippet ring allows one to cut tippet to change flies without continually shortening the remaining leader. Once the ring is tied to the leader, when one replaces tippet, such as when changing a fly, the leader is not altered as the new tippet is just tied to the ring. Tom makes the point that using a tippet ring greatly extends the life of the leader. He also gives an excellent tip on how to tie the ring first to the leader and to avoid dropping and losing them, especially if you are doing this on the water. The only knot needed is a clinch knot. It is used to tie the ring to the leader and the tippet to the ring. A final piece of good advice is to spend a bit more money and buy rings from reputable suppliers. Inexpensive tippet rings are often rough castings that can cut tippet and leader line. Better quality rings are finished and smooth and will not cut the line. The link to this informative and enjoyable video is - <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/video-lessons/toms-short-tips/1656-how-to-use-a-tippet-ring>

Tom has another short video on this site which discusses different types of floatant materials and how they are used to keep dry flies floating. Essentially, there are liquid or gel floatants and the powder materials, like Frog's Fanny, which our club seems to have in endless supply. Tom discusses types of dry flies that are better dressed with the powder versus gel floatants, such as flies tied with delicate CDC feathers. Using a gel on these flies will just mat the CDC barbs. He has some other points as well. Another nice 3 minute video - <https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/video-lessons/toms-short-tips/1655-how-to-treat-a-dry-fly>

Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details, or contact the trip or activity coordinator

In-person activities are Limited to BUFF Members, and require Registration (online on club Website) and signing the Club's Liability Waiver

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
BUFF Monthly Meeting Oasis Golf Club, Loveland, OH	Wednesday, January 12 th 6 PM – 9 PM Also on Zoom	
Board of Directors Meeting Springdale Community Ctr	Wednesday, January 19 th 6:30 – 8:30 PM	
Tie & Lie Zoom Virtual Session	Friday, January 21 st 6:30 PM <i>Zoom link on Website</i>	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 loopdude1@hotmail.com
Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show	Saturday, February 5th	

Happy New Year