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## The President's Fly Box

The 2022 year closed out with steelhead fishing. Unfortunately, our club steelhead trip was cancelled due to illness. However, another BUFF group fished the next weekend and landed over 40 steelhead. This was a great fishing trip! I do believe that the best fishing in Ohio is in the Lake Erie watershed system. We should probably plan on more than one or two trips a year for fishing this region.

Our last membership meeting of 2022 was a scheduled Zoom presentation. Unfortunately, due to Zoom connection issues beyond our knowledge, the program was not presented. It is the first time in my nine years with the club, that a program was not presented. We believed it was related to an unexpected second meeting under the same conference number. We have never seen this before and will take steps to ensure Zoom works for us each time going forward. In the future we'll have a backup computer system to cover this type of situation. I apologize for this unexpected difficulty. Our speaker, Brad Petzke, graciously agreed to reschedule. His talk about fishing in the Michigan UP is of high interest to many members. I am looking forward to it and I love Brad's motto: "***Fight the Fish, Not the Crowds***".

As 2023 begins, BUFF is looking forward to the February 4<sup>th</sup> Fly Fishing Show. It is a great opportunity to learn from experts, see equipment and guides, and to connect with others. We also look forward to the addition of many new members that typically occurs at the show. As always, BUFF is looking for ways to improve the value of our club for all members and especially for new members. If you have any suggestions for the new year, please let me know or use the forum.

As the year begins, we will be scheduling activities such as trips, education and family events, monthly speakers, and volunteering with outside organizations. An initial list is typically available by the time of the Fly Fishing Show. I'm sure the list will be impressive. Participation and leadership from members always makes our activities a success. In January, we will vote for the 2023 Board of Directors. We currently have two vacant spots, Webmaster and Director-at-Large, and are seeking individuals to take on these responsibilities. Please consider joining the Board. Please call me if you have any questions.

I wish everyone a great 2023 and may you have a bent rod most of your fishing season.

Hugh O'Donnell,  
BUFF President  
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## **BUFF January Meeting – Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

Our January meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, the business meeting and announcements starts at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation will start at 7:45 PM. *The January Meeting will be an in-person presentation, so there will not be a Zoom link.*

### **January Speaker – Jason Brownknight, Executive Director, Little Miami Conservancy – “Bringing Life Back to the Little Miami State & National Scenic River”**

Jason Brownknight, the Executive Director of the Little Miami Conservancy, has an extensive background, both as a hands-on ecologist and conservationist, and as an organizational leader. He has worked locally for the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District, the Cincinnati Nature Center, and then established Brownknight EcoResource LLC, a company devoted to land and water conservation. Jason is passionate about the Little Miami Conservancy organization, furthering the goal of a 'win-win' position with local stakeholders including local and state governments, and developers to ensure the Little Miami National Wild and Scenic River continues to provide a healthy environment for all fish and wildlife. In doing so, the river adds to the beauty of its surrounding communities, who continue to benefit from it has to offer.



**On-line registration closes on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to join us for dinner, the cost is \$20. You do not need to purchase dinner to attend, but if joining us for dinner, please register by the close of on-line registration.**

#### **January Dinner Menu –**

- Chef's Choice Salad
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Lemon Herb Chicken – sauteed grilled chicken breast with lemon and herbs
- Wild Rice Blend
- California Vegetable Blend
- Coffee and Iced Tea
- Chef's Choice Dessert

## New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we've added 5 new members –

**Marck McKimmins**, Utica, OH

**Christopher Muia**, Clarksville, OH

**Gregory Williams**, Versailles, KY

**Cameron Layer**, Cincinnati, OH

**Carson Wells**, Middletown, 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!

## Long-Time Club Members!

By Cari Vota

At the beginning of the year, we try to remember to congratulate those with 10, 15, 20, 25, or more years membership in the club.

40 years	James Stern	
25 years	James (Greg) Johnson	
20 years	Jim & Debbi Hampton Phil Pursley Jerry Schatzman	Timothy B Findley Sr. Gary Cummins George & Eileen Hupp
15 years	Dan & Rita Lamping Thomas Agin Mike Rubush	Beverly Benzing Dave & Kathy LaDow
10 years	Pat Schleitweiler Christopher Moore Donald Kail	Bill Bross Josh Morrow

**Congratulations to all!**

# 2022 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – January Update

The Cincinnati Fly Show team continues working on the 2022 show. **The date is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## Headline Presenter – George Daniel –

As most of us are aware, George Daniel will be our headliner at the 2023 show. George has been chasing anything that swims with his fly rod since age 6 and still has the same passion 37 years later. He has competed at a high level for Fly Fishing Team USA, earning individual back-to-back US National Fly Fishing Championship titles and ranked as high as 5th in World Competition, and won other regional and national fly fishing competitions over the years. George has also served as captain for Fly Fishing Team USA and Coach for the US Youth Fly Fishing Team.



While no longer active at competitive fly fishing, George now focuses on what he enjoys most, teaching fly fishing, as he considers himself a teach first, and a fly fisher second. He has authored three best-selling fly fishing books, dozens of articles for fly fishing publications, and has numerous video presentations available on line. He travels to present at clubs and fly fishing shows, and conduct teaching workshops. He is an expert in Euro Nymphing, and that will be one of the topics he presents at our show.

## George Daniel's Presentations at the Show

George will give two presentations at the show –

- *"Streamer Fishing Tactics"*, presented at 10 AM
- *"Euro Nymphing Essentials"*, presented at 1 PM

In addition, he will be doing a casting demonstration at the indoor pond at Noon

## Other Show Presentations –

- *"How to Fish Like a Pro"*, presented by Dustin Harley at 11 AM
- *Fly Tying Demonstration* by Kevin Ramsey at 11 AM
- *Casting Demonstration* by Brian Flechsig
- *"So You're Getting Into Fly Fishing, Now What?"*, presented by Katie Johnstone at Noon



- *“Panfish and Bass Flies”* – tying demonstration by Glen Weisner at Noon
- *“Casting Fundamentals”* – Casting demonstration by BUFF Casting Instructors at 1 PM
- *“Kentucky Kayaking – Fly Fishing and Sightseeing”*, presented by Canoe Kentucky at 2 PM
- *“Esoexasaurus Flies for Pike”* – tying demonstration by Lance Kekel at 2 PM

## Fly Tying Workshops – Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>



On the Friday prior to the show, we have scheduled three, hands-on, fly-tying workshops, led by our headliner, George Daniel. 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

Each workshop is limited to 24 participants, and, at the time I am writing this, they are almost full. If interested check the BUFF website to determine what openings remain available. **Cost is \$30 for 1, \$50 for 2, and \$70 to register for all 3 workshops. Registration is on the BUFF website**

## Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers!!!!

The show cannot go on without the help of our dedicated club volunteers. We typically seek about 70 volunteers to cover needed activities. Activities include –

- Helping vendors and with load-in and load-out on the morning before the show starts and evening once the show closes
- Assisting with AV for presentations
- Helping at the BUFF membership booth, raffle sales booth, admissions area, etc.
- Helping with various kids activities and kids’ fly tying.

- Being available to sit a booth to give vendors a break.

**There is a volunteer sign up page on the BUFF website. Please sign up!! The show cannot be successful without our volunteers.**

## **2023 Banquet – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



**The 2023 BUFF Banquet is scheduled in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. Date is Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, so mark your calendars! The Banquet will be held at the Oasis Center, our regular meeting location. Time is 6:00 – 9:00 PM**

Registration and payment for the dinner is required to attend. Registration is on the BUFF Website. Watch the for an e-mail announcement indicating when registration opens, which should be around the beginning of the coming year.

### **Menu –**

The dinner entrée will offer a choice of chicken roulade or baked salmon with salad, rolls and butter, roasted potatoes and southern-style green beans. There will be appetizers served before the meal, and desserts and coffee. We will have a cash bar as well.

*Cost for the banquet meal is \$40 per person.*

### **The Banquet is BUFF’s Major Fund Raising Event – Need for Raffle Donations**

The Banquet is BUFF’s major fund raising event. Funds raised go to support many of the club’s outside and charitable activities. Funds are raised through the various silent auctions and raffles held at the event. Silent auctions items are most often fishing related, and usually include trips and guide services.

General Raffle and Grand Raffle items are often more diverse and are mostly donations from club members.

*Raffle tickets are priced at \$5/ticket for the General Raffle and \$10/ticket for the Grand Raffle items. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the time of registration and/or at the Banquet.*

It is vital to have a good number of items to raffle. While items can be fishing related, that is not a requirement, and having a diversity of items is preferable. Examples of non-fishing items include: hand-crafted items, artwork, home and personal services (e.g., housecleaning, photographic services), vouchers (e.g., restaurants, golf at a members course, store vouchers, etc.), or other items which club members can bid on. If you are a regular customer at a local business, you may want to contact them to see if they would donate a service as a raffle item. Many local businesses are happy to support these activities. Please consider offering a raffle item to the club for the Banquet.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Bob Cregge at [bcregg13@gmail.com](mailto:bcregg13@gmail.com) or by phone at 908-672-8483

## Open Board Positions & Opportunities

By Ken Mandel

As Hugh noted in his President's letter, the club will soon elect members to serve in various positions on our Board of Directors. We currently have one director, Don Kail, who will be stepping down, and we want to add an 'At-Large' member to the Board. Don's position has been to oversee and manage the club's Website, so that position requires skill with those activities. An At-Large member does not have a specific responsibility but is involved in input on Board decisions and club activities, can pick up or participate in different Board activities, and consider taking on future roles on the Board. Being an At-Large member is a great way introduction to a director's position.

Please consider taking on a Board position. 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 and inexperienced angler, was a fantastic way to get a lot out of the club. They were absolutely correct! Getting involved is the way to find mentors and learn more. It is also a way to contribute and keep our club going. Early on, I stepped in to help with the club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet celebration. Based on what I contributed, several members then asked if I would take on responsibility for the BUFFER as the person who was then doing that was stepping down. I agreed before I knew it put me on the Board. I've been enjoying managing the BUFFER for a few years now, and as being a Board member I have become more aware of the many activities of the club, have suggested new activities that we have taken on, and become much more involved. All of this has given me a lot more back than what I put in. Members make the club!

## 2023 Speaker Schedule

By Dolph Greenberg & Blayne Smith

Here is the preliminary list of speakers for our 2023 meeting schedule. We have an interesting and impressive line-up of speakers.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
11 January 2023	<b>Jason Brownknight</b> Executive Director, Little Miami Conservancy	<i>Protecting the Little Miami River</i>
8 February 2023	<b>Brad Petze,</b> Rivers North Guide Service	<i>Fly Fishing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula</i>
12 April 2023	<b>Robert DeMott,</b> Professor Emeritus of English, Ohio University	<i>TBA</i>
10 May 2023	<b>Kevin Feenstra,</b> Feenstra Guide Service	<i>Fly Fishing for Trout on the Muskegon</i>
14 June 2023	<b>Keith McCafferty,</b> Author of Fly Fishing Mysteries	<i>TBA</i>
9 August 2023	<b>Mac Brown,</b> Mac Brown Fly Fishing	<i>TBA</i>
13 September 2023	<b>Jim Sauerheber,</b> Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing	<i>Fly Fishing the Cumberland River</i>
11 October 2023	<b>Dr. Donna McCullom,</b> Stream Ecologist	<i>Macroinvertebrates and Water Quality</i>
8 November 2023	<b>Patty Leuken,</b> Patty Leuken Fly Fishing	<i>TBA</i>
13 December 2023	<b>Davy Wooton,</b> Davy Wooton Fly Fishing	<i>Fishing Wet Flies</i>



# Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show – Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Here is the program for the Kentuckiana Fly-Fishing Show. This show is hosted by Derby City Fly Fishers, the Louisville-area fly fishing club. Similar to other area clubs having booths at our show, BUFF will have a booth, and a couple of our members attending and doing tying demonstrations at this show.

Show location is: Parquet Springs Conference Center  
395 Parquet Springs Drive  
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Here is the program -



## 16th Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show



**Speakers / Presentations:**

Anthony Rodino- USACE Nashville District- *River Management*  
Lee McClellan – Kentucky Afield- *Blue Water Series*  
Bill Carman – Kentucky Wild LLC- *Fly Fishing Small Streams for Smallmouth Bass*  
Rocky Cox– Rocky Top Anglers- *Fishing the Clinch River*  
Shannon Young- Maggie Valley Fly Shop- *Euro Nymphing*  
Gerry McDaniel – Cumberland River Guide (45-years)- *Cumberland River Secrets*

### January 21, 2023

### 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Events:**

- Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- Education Seminars
- Retailers
- Guides & Outfitters
- Watercraft- Big Frank Outdoors
- Fly Casting Championship
- Fly Tying
- Kid's Corner
- Knott Tying
- Auction

**Auction/Sweepstakes:**

- Custom Fly Rod by W.Krupiczewicz
- Custom/Hand Made Fly Rod Box
- Six (6) Guide Trips
- Fly Rods
- Fly Reels

**Parquet Springs Conference Center**  
**395 Parquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, KY**  
Admission: \$10

## 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 &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
BUFF Monthly Meeting Oasis Golf Club, Loveland, OH	Wednesday, January 11 <sup>th</sup> 6 PM – 8:30 PM	
Board of Directors Meeting Springdale Community Ctr	Wednesday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Hugh O'Donnell
Tie & Lie Zoom Virtual Session	Friday, January 20 <sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM <i>Zoom link on Website</i>	Gary Begley
<b>Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show</b>	<b>Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	

*Happy New Year*