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President's Corner

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The spring rains have continued into early summer, playing havoc on our streams and our moods. But the weather is like fly fishing. There's never a guarantee, and it can be challenging, but there's also hope for tomorrow. But while you are waiting for the rain to stop and the streams to clear, take the time to working on your casting, tying flies and teaching our sport to someone new.

We had one of our larger turnouts at the June dinner meeting. Debbie Hampton and Dottie Crowley provided the crowd some insight into the Casting For Recovery program aimed at helping women recovering from breast cancer. It's a wonderful program that presents a great opportunity for our club to help improve the lives of others through fly fishing. Bill Schroeder did an excellent job of outing the efforts in Warren County to improve the parks and streams, particularly Twin Creek. Folks who have ventured up to Twin Creek are praising the beauty and water quality of this stream. When the clouds finally clear, take the time to visit this fishery, I think you be pleasantly surprised.

Summer Meetings

The July and August meetings will be our only two outdoor meetings of the year. **The July meeting will be held at the East Fork Tailwater shelter**. I mistakenly told everyone at the June meeting the wrong location. It will be at the East Fork Tailwater shelter. We will hold our annual swap meet, so this is your opportunity to clear out some of your fly fishing gear and fly tying equipment. Or if you are new to the sport, it's a time to come look for a bargain. In addition to the swap meet, we will be providing casting demo's/lessons and a chance to win some prizes. Or bring your rods and fishing the East Fork before and after dinner. We'll have a cookout and the cost of dinner will only be \$5. A swap meet, casting demo's, fishing the East Fork, good food at a great price, and a good time. Make sure to make your reservations for the July meeting!

The August meeting will be our family picnic on Saturday, August 9. Check out the article from Debbie Hampton in this issue for more details.

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July Meeting Program

The July program will consist of our annual Swap Meet, along with Casting Demos, and East Fork Fishing !!!

Adventures From the Reel World

Bass Pro Brookville Fishing Tournament

Bob Mackey

A great time was had by all as Bass Pro Shops held their first trout fishing tournament Saturday, May 31st at the Brookville tailwaters. Eight people were divided into two man teams fishing from 7:30 to 2:00. Prizes were given for the longest Rainbow (Buff's Bob Mackey 13 in), longest Brown (Buff's Larry Hake 14 3/4 in) and most inches of fish caught, Mackey and partner came in 2nd with 188 inches. A total of 68 fish were caught amongst all fishermen. Nice door prizes were given out to all who entered. Needless to say, our sponsors Tom Herr and George Francis did an excellent job coordinating the day's events and were there to cheer us on, and to take a few pictures. Tom indicated there will be a number 2, to be announced, and is looking for a better turnout -- especially from BUFF. Thanks Bass Pro Shops and Tom and George for a fun day of fishing.

Kiser Lake- June 20-22

Joe Panfalone

To the disappointment of 20 or so Buff members, the Elkhorn trip was cancelled due to high water. The weather forecast was picture perfect and the river was falling fast, but not fast enough in time for the trip. Five Buff members and one NKFF member, Keith Haungs, took advantage of the great weather and changed their plans to fish Kiser Lake located half way between Piqua and Urbana, Ohio.

Randy Clark and Joe Panfalone set up camp Friday night. They were joined early Saturday morning by Roger Corrado, Jeff McElravy, and Nick Rizzo. They had to roust Randy and Joe out of bed; seems like they stayed up little too late sitting around the campfire.

The campsites were located right on the lake. Everyone pumped up their pontoon boats and float tubes and headed out to sea. It was a gorgeous day if for nothing else than to paddle around the lake. Kiser is a 385 acre lake with miles of shoreline. Joe must have got carried away with the moment because the last time we saw him, he was just over the horizon headed towards the other end of the lake.

Fishing was good. The group caught quite a few nice sized bluegill, a perch, a couple of crappie, and a bass. Nick Rizzo expertly fillet the bounty and Joe Panfalone demonstrated how to steam cook them with a special court bouillon recipe he picked up a couple of decades ago. The fish fillets in themselves would have been a meal to befit a king, but it was only a prelude to cuisine extraordinaire!

Randy and Joe demonstrated their culinary skills using their Dutch ovens. Randy cooked a Cornish hen and Joe baked up some apple crisp. Nick treated the group with his homemade venison Italian sausage and Jeff roasted ears of corn over the coals. To complete the meal we had a garden salad and a bottle of wine. All eyes were on us from nearby campers. We could overhear the wives talking among themselves and watched their husbands throw their arms in the air and walk away with beer in hand.

With fully distended stomachs, we could hardly move, so we watched a magnificent sunset over the lake. With about another hour or so of daylight left after sunset, we donned our waders and headed out to the lake and wade fished the edges of the lily pads. There was a lot of bug activity coming ff the water. Nymphs were the ticket for more bluegill action.

New Club Capabilities

The new website dinner reservations was very successful in June. To use it, simply click on the "Dinner Reservations" button in the lower left side of the home page. It's simple, efficient and convenient. Many thanks to Debbie Hampton and Joe Panfalone for making this happen.

Our membership listing will go online this month. I believe it will be an important new communication tool for our members. Check out the home page for this new feature.

David French has volunteered to be the Brookville Tailwater Coordinator for B.U.F.F. This will be an important new club capability for an increasingly popular stream. David will be our liaison with other clubs and government agencies, and keep our membership updated on upcoming news and issues. David is also leading a stocking fundraiser for Brookville. It's a novel new approach – you can learn more on how to support this fundraiser on page 6.

The rains will stop, the streams will clear, and the fishing will improve. That's my promise. Just don't hold me to a date!!! Enjoy the summer!

BUFF FAMILY PICNIC

Debbie Hampton

Mark your calendars for the **August BUFF meeting** which is the **annual picnic**. This year the picnic will be held at the Little Miami Canoe Rental in Morrow, OH, starting at 11 a.m. A map will be included in the August Buffer.

You can expect FOOD - FUN - FRIENDS, and I am certain there may be a little **fishing** going on! We have some fun kid activities planned (you may want to bring a towel and extra clothes, just in case someone gets wet), and some games for the young and the young at heart. The club will provide the meat and soft drinks. As this is a potluck dinner we ask that each family bring a dish based on where your last name falls in the list below:

A-J	Veggie Dish	You may want to bring a few recipe cards
K-T	Salad Dish	as many times people want to know how
U-Z	Dessert	you made the dish. So break out those old recipes.

We will be eating dinner at 5 p.m. and have some wonderful grillers lined up to take care of the meat preparation. You still need to make a reservation as normal so that we can get the correct amount of meat/drinks.

If anyone has some great ideas for the event or would like to help with the set up please contact Debbie Hampton. I'm looking for any game suggestions or items you may have that we could use.

It will be a fun filled day and it will be a great time for everyone, so be sure and bring out the whole family and enjoy the day. I look forward to seeing everyone there!!

HOW TO CATCH MORE FISH AND SPEND MORE TIME FISHING

(FFF ClubWire). How much potential fishing time does an average homeowner spend keeping their lawn, bushes, shrubs and flowers green and manicured? Four hours a week? More? Do you have a riding lawnmower, a blower for leaves, weed wacker, yards of hoses and several sprinklers to keep it all as perfect as Mr. Jones across the street? And what is the cost for our little (or perhaps not so little) park-like setting? Unfortunately, while the glorious shapes and colors that greet us in our yards give pleasure, the natural world (including our air and water) suffers as a result.

Lawns and yards are a major source of polluted runoff (previously called non-point source pollution) and this is one reason why urban lakes and ponds are overloaded with nutrients and get icky green and weedy as the summer wears on. The shorter and neater you keep your lawn, the more water runs off, often directly into the lakes and rivers, also increasing their water temperature (unnaturally) and impairing the capability of native insects and fish to survive and reproduce. But the impact of our yard mania is more than just runoff. Increasingly toxicologists are finding that the acres and miles of park-like lands that stretch from house to house are the source of deadly chemicals, applied by homeowners and commercial lawnkeepers alike, basically without reading the fine print. Americans put on an annual 6 million applications of pesticides that can impair reproductive systems of most humans, animals and fish. Most of these materials are highly volatile, and can drift up to five miles at warm summer day temperatures.

So what is the answer? Well we simply could fish more and tend our lawns less. As pointed out by one expert, the idea that a weed-free lawn is a healthy lawn is as misguided as thinking that a person with a dark suntan is a healthy person. Lawn scientists now tell us that our lawns will be more healthy if we the grass grow longer - 3 inches or higher - this in itself means more time fishing. One recent article asked, "What do we value more, the health of the world or the appearance of our lawns? If we change the way we keep American artificially green, our waters will get cleaner and the fishing will get better as well. Spend the 15 hours a month fishing rather than mowing and trimming. Likewise, rather than buying a new lawn tractor next year, consider a new drift boat or a trip to Montana. Anyone having difficulty with these priorities? Oh, and don't forget to share this report with your neighbors.

HOW MANY FLY LINES DOES IT TAKE?

(FFF ClubWire). If you were asked how many different fly lines are being manufactured and sold what would be your guess? How about 100 or so? Wrong by a factor or 10! According to Fly Tackle Dealer magazine, Scientific Anglers alone produces around 450 separate lines. Cortland has another 400 lines, with lessor companies (like Royal Wulff, Teeny, McKenzie, RIO and Airflo) adding at least another 50-100. Kinda reminds us of what has happened to brands and models of automobiles or cigarettes over the last 25 years. Just how many sport utility vehicles does General Motors now sell? Is this explosion of available lines just for marketing purposes or is a service being provided? The answer is probably both.

Obviously the technology for making lines has advanced to the point where all kinds of special purpose variations are possible. The marketing wisdom seems to be that if a new gadget comes along that might help them fly fishers catch more fish, they will buy it. The line specialization is amazing. There is a line for every fish, every water, every weather condition, perhaps for every kind of fly and more. The names of the lines sort of tell the story; Ultra3, Bass, Mastery, QD (Quick Descent), Windmaster, Bugtaper, Windcutter, Clear Creek, Still Water, Depth Charge, Accelerator, Pike, Bluewater, Versitip, Bonefish, Spey Taper, Uniform Sink, etc.

But there is another way of looking at the bewildering number of fly lines. Compare fly fishing to golf for a moment. Would a golfer just take a putter and a driver to play a round of serious golf? Why then would a fly fisher think that only one line would be sufficient for a day's fishing? Likewise, who would limit themselves to just one fly pattern. Obviously, with more fly lines, fly rods and fly reels available, each of us will need to expand our inventory to remain on the cutting edge. Sounds expensive, and certainly not keeping with the minimalist philosophy that appeals to many fly fishers.

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Salmon Run Sure is Fun!

Joe Guenther

We are planning our annual salmon fishing trip on the Pere Marquette River in Michigan again this fall. This is one of our most popular trips and with good reason.

The King Salmon makes it's annual fall spawning run up the rivers off the coast of Lake Michigan every year at this time. The Pere Marquette River has some of the best spawning ground for the salmon in the state. Not only does the Pere Marquette River accomodate the salmon with it's nearly perfect seven mile stretch of flies only section, but it is also one of the most beautiful rivers that you'll ever see. Wading is fairly easy in this river with pretty good access to different points and stretches. These fish move into these waters to go through their annual spawning ritual and sometimes it is just cool to watch the fish behaviors and processes. I guess the real reason though why people come up here is to hook and land one of these monster fish. Even though the King Salmon is not the prettiest fish in the world, you wouldn't expect it to be. After battling its way up the river, fighting its way across gravel bars, then puts up an awesome fight at the end of your rod, it just wouldn't seem right for it to look like a mountain brook trout. They are ferocious fighters and true warriors of the water. They look the part because they are and they will make a believer out of you. So I guess you've got to see the beauty in that. These are big fish ranging from 12-30 pounds and are in the river in great numbers. This is without a doubt some of the best salmon fishing anywhere in the world and that is not joke! There is no question that some anglers will experience some of the best big fish days they have ever had.

The main focus of this trip is fun and the groups that go always have a good time. The accommodations are first rate and the catered meals in the evenings are fantastic and make for some of the best fishing stories that you will ever hear. If you have never been on this trip before consider going this year. This is one of our most popular trips and fills up quickly. People have already been calling the house with phone with phone in reservations. Feel free to do so yourself. There will be a sign up sheet at the July meeting. Trip particulars are as follow:

Dates: Accomodations	Tuesday,September 23-25th - Checking out Friday the 26th at 1:00 p.m. Barothy Lodge private resort with two plus miles of private water. Can accomodate up to twenty anglers. Cabins have refrigerators, stove, microwave, coffee pot, and etc. It also has a hot tub, pool table and are the best accomodations on the river.
Meals:	Dinners will be catered to our lodge nightly from the Osceola Inn.
Price:	Price will include lodging and meals, and is \$210.00. The price must be paid in full by July 15. Barothy has a policy that accomodations must be paid in full before 60 days before the designated time. This is non-refundable. If you are unable to go for some reason you may sell your slot to someone wanting to go, if this is possible.
Equipment:	8 or 9 weight rod, disc drag reel, amnesia running line, polarized sunglasses, light weight waders,
Flies:	egg patterns (various colors), cattis larvae, black stones, streamer patterns, eggsucking leach, and etc Flies should be tied on heavy hooks, diachi 1530.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the July meeting. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the trip call **Joe Guenther at 724-6343**. Also, look on the website for a sign-up sheet. Anyone that is new to this trip and would like additional information, I have trip packets available.

If you have been on this trip you know how great these meals are. If you have never been on this trip ask someone who has, the meals alone are worth it. Breakfast and lunch are on your own.

How To Save Fish Hooks

(FFF ClubWire) Last year I was fishing the long pool below Cook's Falls on the Beaverkill, using my own version of the Dickey Fly tied on a No. 6 3X-long Allcock's Model Perfect hook. This is a freak hook, and even when Allcock's hooks were plentiful it was hard to find. If I hadn't cadged a few from Walt Dette, the Roscoe flytier, I'd have been out of them.

I hooked a twelve-inch brown at the head of the pool, and since I didn't want the fish I brought him in close and reached down to twitch the fly out of his jaw. Somehow I got my hand messed up in the slack leader, and the fish broke off and swam away with the Dickey Fly hanging on his jaw.

I tied on a new fly and was just about to start fishing again when I noticed something flash in the water nearby, and saw it was the same fish, lying on his side in a foot-deep riffle and rubbing his jaw against a rock to dislodge the hook. Because I wanted the hook back, I unslung my landing net, tiptoed slowly and carefully up behind the fish and slammed the net down on the water. It made a fine, big splash, but when I looked there was no fish in the net.

In a minute I saw the fish about twenty feet away, still trying to rub off the fly. Again I snuck up behind him, as cautiously as I could, and slapped the net down on him, and again he ducked away.

When the fish and I had repeated this routine three more times I heard voices, looked up and saw that six carloads of fishermen had stopped and were watching me. "It was bad enough when they brought in their spinning rods," one of them was saying. "This goofy xxxxx don't even use a rod!"

I thought of wading across the river and explaining the whole thing, but it seemed simpler just to throw rocks at the cars until they went away, so I did.

Old Fishing Gear to Support Brookville Stocking

David French

When I asked the BUFF board to consider a new approach to help support the Brookville tail water Brown trout stocking program, the board said YES!

Indiana Trout Unlimited has raised money for the stocking of brown trout for two years. Their efforts have paid off with several large browns holding over each year. Indiana TU stocks about 3000 browns each year. The cost is about \$1100 and they are looking for donations.

My idea is to sell old fishing gear on EBAY. I will donate my time for this. Any member and non member who would like to donate any old fishing gear for this program should contact me, David French. 513-829-1226, david@david-french.com. I will

evaluate your old lures, reels, rods,(heddon, Pflueger, Shakespear, Southbend) knives etc., and place some or all on EBAY. The success rate for selling on EBAY is fantastic. All profits will go to the Indiana TU for the Brookville stocking program. Many of our members are using this great fishery each year. It's time we help too. If you don't have any old stuff to donate and you would just like to give some monetary support that would be great too. To start things off I will donate the first \$100.00 in sold gear on ebay!

How many Fly Lines.....Continued from page 4

But.... finally,,, the most critical question. What feature is the most important factor in buying a new fly line? The answer tells us that anglers are still pretty basic - the number one feature is line color! A lot of money could be saved if we adopted Henry Ford's color choices in making the Model T. But those days are past, and we have been spoiled by the chartreuse, the blaze oranges and the other out-of-this world colors. There is no going back!

- July 6 Todd Fork Day Trip
- July 9 BUFF Outdoors Meeting and Swap Meet East Fork Tail Waters 7pm-9pm
- July 11-13 Cumberland Tail Waters Trip July 16 BUFF Board Meeting 7pm-9pm
- Outdoor World Members welcome July 17 Lie and Tie West 7pm-9pm
- General fly tying and story telling Bass Pro July 23 Lie and Tie East

at Presbyterian Ch. in Batavia 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling Bob Goldsberry

July 26. **Read The River**- East Fork tail waters In the park at Low Bridge 9am-4pm Drinks furnished. Bring your lunch

AUGUST

- Aug. 4-9 FFF Annual Conclave, Idaho Falls, ID
- Aug.7. Lie & Tie West 7 pm-9 pm Bass Pro
- Aug.9 **BUFF Picnic** Little Miami Canoe Rental Meat and drinks are furnished the rest is potluck
- Aug 10 Fly tying demo. at Cinti Museum Center 1pm-5pm Lou Haynes
- Aug.20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm Out Door World Members welcome
- Aug.27 Lie and Tie at Presbyterian Ch in Batavia General fly tying and story telling 7pm - 9 pm Bob Goldsberry

SEPTEMBER

- Sept.4 Lie and Tie West 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling Bass Pro
- Sept.5 Sport Show and Banquet Meeting Location and time TBD
- Sept.10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm Raffel's on Reading Road Social hour 6pm-7pm Sept.17 **BUFF Board meeting** Out Door World 7pm-9pm Members welcome
- Sept.24 Lie and Tie at Batavia Presbyterian Church 7 pm – 9 pm General fly tying and story telling Bob Goldsberry
- Sept.23-26 Fall Salmon Trip on the Pere Pere Marquette. Baldwin, MI Stay at Brothy Lodge.

OCTOBER

- Oct.2 Lie and Tie West 7pm-9pm General fly tying and story telling Bass Pro
- Oct.3 Advanced Fly Tying Classes 7pm-9pm Beginners class a prerequsite Madiera Municipal Building
- Oct.8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm Raffel's on Reading Road Social hour 6pm-7pm Officer and board nominations
- Oct.11 Mad River Day Trip
- Oct.12 Fly Tying Demo Cinti. Natural History Museum 1pm-5pm Lou Haynes
- Oct.15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm Bass Pro Out Door World Members Welcome

2003 Calendar of Events

The BUFFER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact **The BUFFER** editor.

October Calendar cont....

- Oct.17 Advanced Fly Tying Class 7pm-9pm Beginners Class a prerequisite Madeira Municipal Building
- Oct.17-19 West Virginia Trout Trip on the Elk River -- Joe Guenther
- Oct. 22 Lie and Tie Batavia Presbyterian Ch. 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling Bob Goldsberry
- Oct.24 Advanced Fly Tying Class 7pm-9pm Beginners class a prerequisite Madiera Municipal Building
- TBD **Calendar Meeting**. Time and place TBD
- TBD Stream monitoring of the East Fork

07/2003 B.U.F.F. Financial Report			
(rounded to dollar amou	unt)		
Beginning Balance	\$13971		
Deposits			
Monthly Dinner	\$ 890		
Membership	\$335		
Raffle	\$330		
Bank Interest	\$8		
Casting Class	\$120		
Deposit Total	\$1683		
Expenses			
Little Miami –Aug Meet.	\$100		
Membership Supplies	\$92		
Raffle Prizes	\$207		
Ladies Only Casting	\$14		
Har Show Pre Regist.	\$100		
Network Solutions – Webb	\$75		
Raffel's – May Dinner	\$780		
Raffel's – June Dinner	\$920		
Bank Charge	\$5		
Expenses Total	\$2587		
Ending Balance	\$13067		
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June

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Assorted Picnic Fare

Special Price

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Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- July 9

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CALL <u>779-4489</u> OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT <u>WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM</u> FOR <u>DINNER</u> <u>RESERVATIONS</u> NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. JULY DINNERS ARE \$5.00 / PERSON FOR A PICNIC MEAL. Since this is a state park – no alcohol is allowed!!! SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE ENOUGH FOOD! - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!



Directions:

From Eastgate: From SR 275, go East on SR 32, to the Batavia Main St. Exit. In Batavia (cross the bridge) turn right (south) on SR 222. Go about 4 miles to Slade Rd. Turn left, and follow signs to the Picnic Shelter at the Tailwaters.

From Beechmont Ave (SR 125): Go East on SR 125, thru Amelia, to SR 222, north. Turn left and go to Slade Rd. Turn right, and follow signs to the Picnic Shelter at the Tailwaters.

