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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Summer has arrived and fishing is still good – one just needs to fish deep to score on the bass when the sun is high in the sky!

Summer also means the next two monthly meetings are outside. The July general meeting, our annual swap meet, will be held Wednesday the 12th at the Little Miami Canoe Rental campground pavilion in Morrow (directions below and on back page). This is your chance to trade, sell or just give away those extra fly fishing/fly tying items that are taking up space at home. Our club picnic is scheduled at the same site on Saturday August 19th. The campground is a great place to pitch a tent if you would like to camp out that weekend; if so, contact the Canoe Livery to reserve a camp site. Last year several members took a float trip on the Little Miami River in the morning prior to the picnic. Contact Joe Panfalone if you are interested in floating the river. He can provide you with details. If you don't have a float boat but would like to float the river, consider renting a canoe from the Little Miami Canoe Livery. Meals will be catered through Raffels for both of these events. Remember to reserve a meal. There are grills at the site for those who would like to grill out instead of reserving a catered meal. If you chose to grill out you will need to bring your own supplies.

Directions to the Little Miami Canoe Livery Campground: From I-275 take Montgomery Road (Route 22) northeast about 12 miles to Morrow. Turn left at the second light onto Route 123. Immediately before crossing the Little Miami River Bridge (about 200 yards) turn right onto the side road which leads to the campground and also the city park. Drive about 100 feet and turn left onto the campground lane. Follow the lane to the pavilion which is located on the river bank. BUFF signs will be posted at the bridge to assist you with final directions into the campground.

Other events this month include a knot tying class on Sunday July 9th (see separate article for details), the annual public Fly Fishing Workshop hosted jointly by Little Miami Inc. and BUFF on Saturday July 22nd, and the monthly Tie & Lie West (July 6th) and Tie & Lie East (July 13th) fly tying sessions. The July Minnesota Boundary Waters Trip was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Donn Rubingh is our club coordinator for the July 22nd Fly Fishing Workshop which will be held at Nisbet Park in Loveland. He will need several instructors to staff the event. The workshop includes classes on casting, tying, equipment needs and aquatic insects. Call Donn if you would like to help (385-3943).

July Meeting Program

Giant Swap Meet!!

Bring your extra "good" stuff and trade, sell or just give it away!!

Knot Tying Class

Lou Haynes

A knot tying class is scheduled for Sunday July 9^h from 1 to 4 PM at the Atonement Lutheran Church located at 305 Cameron Road in Springdale. This will be a hands-on session with experts present to assist you with knot tying. Packets containing 14 knot tying diagrams will be provided. These knots cover all the ones needed to rig-up your system from the reel arbor to a dropper fly. The class is limited to 25 do to room space. Nineteen persons signed-up at the last club meeting so there are still a few spaces available. Call or e-mail me if you have questions or would like to participate: 777-4854; bdhaynes@one.net).

Directions to the church: Take I-275 to the Route 4 exit in Springdale. Go south on route 4 (past the Outback Restaurant). Proceed across Kemper Rd and Northland Blvd. Just after you pass Northland Blvd. you will see a small cemetery on the right. As you pass the cemetery turn right onto Cameron Rd. which runs along the south side of the cemetery. The church is about two blocks on the left. Park in the side parking lot and come in the side door.

BUFF Local Outings on the Great Miami River

Joseph D. Cornwall

<http://www.flyfishohio.com>

Here is a tentative schedule of local trips to sections of the Great Miami River. Due to the popularity of the event last year on the Stillwater River, where we had 31 participants (!), I will be limiting these events to the first 12 people to sign up. This will make logistics much easier to handle. Here are the remaining proposed trips and dates:

Saturday, September 30, Great Miami River

We will fish the big water below the first low-head dam in Hamilton all the way to Dravo Park. Plenty of wading and plenty to float. This is big water and we'll be fishing for white bass and hybrids, smallmouth and spots, carp and panfish.

Saturday, October 28, Ohio River

We will end the season on the big water with an outing to the Meldahl Locks and Dam. This is wading and shore fishing ONLY unless you've got a really big boat! Get your double-haul in order, we will be chasing white bass, stripers and hybrids in a spectacular setting. This is an early trip, prepare to be there at sunrise!

All trips are subject to change due to local river and weather conditions! I will post updates on the BUFF message board as we near the dates.



In Search of the Perfect Cast

Jim LeBlond

Imagine being alone on a trout stream and seeing a 22" Brown Trout lightly sipping flies forty feet off to your left, in a little eddy, just under a slightly overhanging tree. Only the perfect cast will land your quarry. Imagine if you felt confident that you could make that cast with consistency...There is a unique grace and satisfaction that comes with being able to throw the perfect cast when you want to. In time you can gain these skills if you have the commitment to practice and have the tools to take your game to the next level. With this in mind, you should seriously consider the upcoming Intermediate Casting Classes. You need a strong desire to improve your cast. You'll be asked to practice for a minimum of 20 minutes to one hour a day for a period of six weeks. There is a \$40 fee for text and materials. Classes will be held at Cotell Park in Mason on Sundays (August 20, 27, September 10, 17, & 24). Right now, eleven of the twelve slots are open. To sign up contact Jim LeBlond at jimleb@fuse.net, or at the next meeting. We need a lot of help from all of our casting instructors, so please come to as many sessions as you can! All past intermediate students are also welcome to attend any session free of charge, but no materials will be provided.

2007 BANQUET COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

It may seem a little early to be talking about the next Buff Cabin Fever Relief Banquet, however March 2007 will be here before you know it! The banquet is our single largest source of funding for club activities during the year, as well as being one of the few occasions during the year for which many of us are willing to get dressed up! We are currently pulling together a committee of people to begin work on the '07 banquet. Our first committee meeting will be held in July to discuss dates and options related to fundraising and entertainment activities. We've received a lot of suggestions regarding what you've liked and haven't liked about past banquets. What we really need are folks willing to donate some time over the next 9 months to bring these ideas to life! We promise to make participation on this committee a fun activity. If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Bob Miller via phone at (513) 271-2129 or via email at flyfission@earthlink.net.

Tiny Tungsten Split Shot vs Sink Putty

by Don Hogue

Spring break, when I took my grandson to delayed-harvest waters off the French Broad River in western North Carolina, I was very impressed by the split shot that the guide used. They were about 1 millimeter (mm) in diameter. I asked him if he had them in his shop? He said "No! I get them from Europe. But I am going to try and get them from a supplier in Europe."

I was in Delamere & Hopkins Fly Shop in Hyde Park to pick up some things for Buff's Smallmouth Elkhorn camping trip near Frankfort Kentucky. I selected three 6x leaders. I don't use fluoride leaders because they tend to sink when using poppers. (I like to present poppers within three inches of the bank, weeds, logs and rocks.) I selected 4 bumble bee and 2 blue poppers, with legs. I chose 5 plastic strike indicators. They didn't have any sink putty. I have some, but it's a year old and a little hard, but usable.

I'm looking to see if they had any BB size split shots, and, lo and behold, they had several choices of mini-tungsten split shots. For \$3.95, I chose a container 1-1/2"o.d. x 3/4" thick. It had four differing sizes of split shots; .9mm, 1.2mm, 1.5mm and 1.8mm. BB split shot are about 3mm (1/8"). I poured 1 size of the mini sinkers into my hand and there had to be over 100 of each size. There is a hole in the container which could be used with a vest hanger. It would have to be a hanger with an easy release, because the hole is also the hole from which the shot emanate the holder. The hole is in a revolving radial plastic cover with a race which collects the sinkers. Should more than one sinker come out, it is easy to guide the excess back into the container. Forceps are a must in handling these little guys. Don't drop these little fellows, because they will be a lost ball in the high weeds, or deep water.

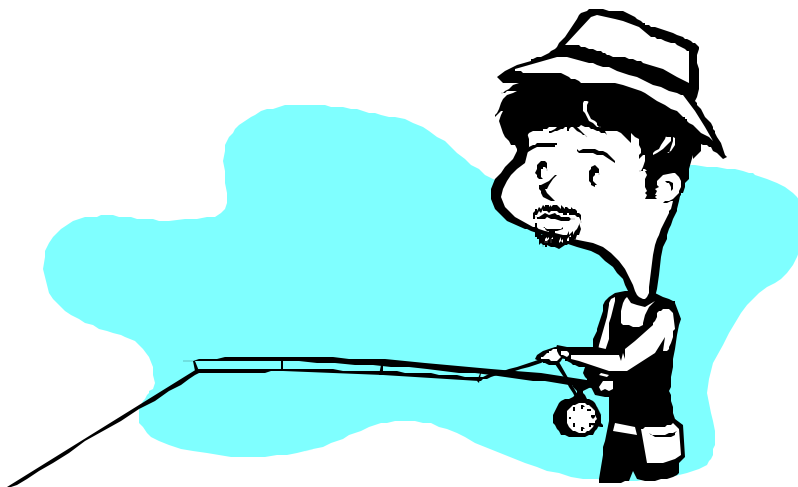
I like to use sink putty because it has good cast ability and just comes off when wedged between rocks, thus saving your fly. It also needs to be replenished every 30 minutes because of the rigors of casting. The mini split shot create a bit of casting drag and will hang up in between rocks (which is where the fish are).

Saying that, the guide took off with my grandson, and I lost my source of mini-shot. With the shot I still had, I caught 4 trout within 60 minutes. With the sink putty, I caught 5 trout the rest of the day, using an orange & yellow Y2K.

It takes the same amount of time to mold sink putty onto the leader as it does to crimp on a mini-shot. It is easier to adjust the sink putty to differing distances above the fly.

I am anxious to try some of the silicone powder, that I purchased at our February Fly Show. It should work well on my nylon yarn strike indicators as well as on my poppers.

Here it is Saturday morning and I was lying in bed mulling over the thoughts of those bronzebacks calling from the Elkhorn down, at the edge of the bluegrass. Five more days and we start our trek.



Buff Elkhorn Trip 2006 (Wine - Smallmouth & Song)

Don Hogue

“Bronzeback 2006” had beautiful 75 - 80 degree weather. Don Hogue welcomed arrivals with a cold soft drink or frosty.

The creeks were beautiful, although about 3" low for canoeing. Canoeist Roger Corrado, Dirk Commandeur and Donn Rubingh had to drag their canoe and pontoon over 800 yards of riffle. They arrived at camp a little bit past supper time, with Dirk pulling in after dark. Thanks to Nick Rizzo for going a bit upstream from camp to pick him up. Thank goodness Jim Agin had his cell phone w/ Dirk's number, and was able to make contact while Dirk was 45 minutes up river from camp...in the dark. That could not have been fun!

Al and Chris Turnwald enjoyed their first Buff trip catching numerous fish. Al had a popper and a red squirrel nymph, and had a two-bronzeback hook-up which was the trip's most exciting catch. Randy Clark and Jeff McElravy caught dozens of fish. The Boy Scout leaders; Charlie Montgomery, Jim Boude, Jeff McElravy, George Fraley and Randy Clark produced their Culinary Dutch Oven dinners, and thrilled the camp with their renditions of Dutch oven cake at the Saturday night dinner.

Mike Davis was at the fish hatchery on Saturday, which was closed. A workman offered a good turn and drove Mike to the creek. However, Mike's new Winston rod tip did not clear the door and!! Mike brought along John Elliott, a friend from Michigan, to join our group. He also brought a truck load of “off-falls”. (firewood)

Doug Mowell made his famous tossed salad with 3 boiled eggs, an onion, a tomato and a bottle of Ranch dressing. Don Hogue fried corn and some lousy corn bread, and, Mike Buncher baked the potatoes in the fire while Doug grilled 13 Oz sirloins. The dutch oven marauders finished the meal off with their multiplicity of culinary cakes.

Breakfast, which was slated for 8:00 a.m., was bounced up to 7:00 a.m by the hungry campers. Doug Mowell fried sausage and Don fried the eggs and made the grits. Campers poured their own coffee and orange juice. We forgot about the motel people who showed up at 8:00, as directed! The sausage was a bithard, but the motelers were very patient. Chris Turnwald even fried the eggs.

We were glad that Roger Corrado and Don Rubingh were able to join us as well as John Doscher and George Hupp. John and George went to the palisades twice and both caught fish. It was a get-a way and R & R for George Hupp who was able to unwind a bit.

Steve Walker caught a few fish and pitched in around the campsight.

Chas Montgomery taught Nick Rizzo's daughters a few cork and card tricks. You give him an audience and.....tread softly away!

As for Elkhorn 2007: Don Hogue noticed that Dirk Commandeur looked at those two little (large)eggs with a bit of disappointment. Next Year we will offer three eggs of one's choice...and maybe four to Dirk. Lot a man to fill there. Apologies to George Fraley who was ridiculed when he requested his eggs..... poached! Next year we might just have a pan of boiling “crick water” handy, and poach those suckers for Georgie boy!



2006 BUFF Calendar

July

- Jul 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jul 8 **Day Trip** – Stillwater River
- Jul 9 **Knot Tying Class** 1-4 pm
- Jul 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Little Miami Canoe Campground
Morrow, OH
- Jul 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd,
Springdale, OH Members welcome
- Jul 20 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Jul 22 **Little Miami Inc. Workshop** Nisbet Park

August

- Aug 3 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Aug 5 **Clermont Co. Days Fly Fishing Workshop**
- Aug 13 **Wader Safety Day**
- Aug 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd,
Springdale, OH Members welcome
- Aug 17 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
- Aug 18 – 20 **CFR Indian Bear Lodge**, Walhonding, OH tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Aug 18 **Pre-Picnic Camp Out** – TBD
- Aug 19 **Buff Annual Picnic** Little Miami Canoe Campground
Morrow, OH
- Aug 20 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
- Aug 27 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**

September

- Sep 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Sep 8 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Sep 10 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
- Sep 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Sep 15 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Sep 17 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
- Sep 17-22 **PM Salmon Trip** (Michigan) – TB D
- Sep 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd.
Springdale, OH Members welcome
- Sep 21 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Sep 22 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Sep 24 **Intermediate Fly Casting Class**
- Sep 29 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Sep 30 **Day Trip** – Great Miami River Dravo Park
- TBD** **Great Miami River Days**
- TBD** **Green Acres Great Outdoors Weekend**



October

- Oct 5 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 5-8 **Rockwell Springs Trip** – TBD
- Oct 6 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Oct 10-12 **Roger Lowe NC Trip** - TBD
- Oct 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Oct 13 **Parky's Farm** 10 am-2 pm
- Oct 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd,
Springdale, OH Members welcome
- Oct 19 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Oct 28 **Day Trip** – Meldhal Locks and Dam
- Oct 26 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Oct 29-Nov 4 **Arkansas Little Red & White Rivers Trip**

November

- Nov 2 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 2 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Nov 9 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd,
Springdale, OH Members welcome
- Nov 15 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Nov 17-19 **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**
- Nov 30 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**

December

- Dec 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Atonement Lutheran Church, 305 Cameron Rd,
Springdale, OH Members welcome

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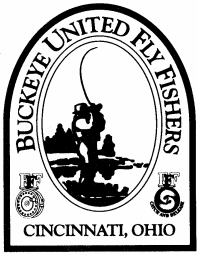
June Menu

Box lunch by Raffel's

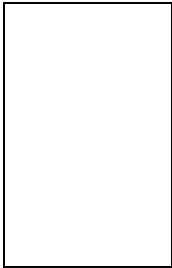
This month we will have box lunches prepared by Raffels. When making your reservation specify your choice of one of the following:

- Roast Beef
- Ham
- Turkey
- Chicken Salad





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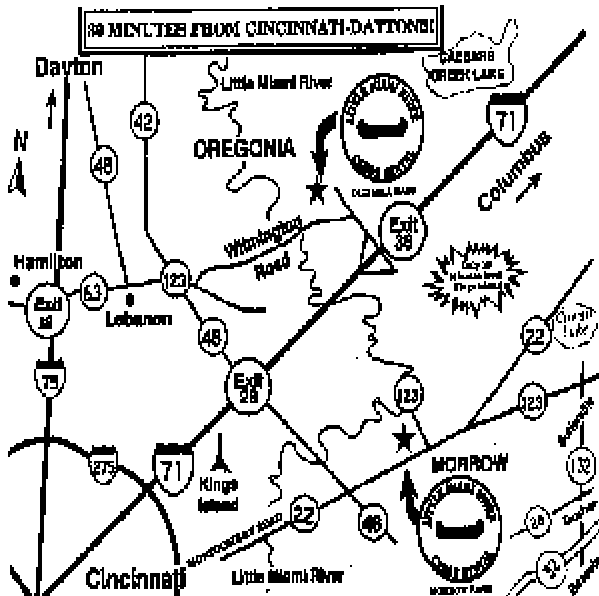
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – July 12

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00/PERSON FOR A CATERED BOX MEAL. COME TO THE CAMPGROUND ANYTIME – DINNER SERVED A 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!



From Cincinnati – I-71 North to Exit 28 (Lebanon/South Lebanon Exit). Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 48 to third traffic light (Rte. 22). Turn LEFT. Follow Rt. 22 (Montgomery Road) five minutes to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (State Route 123). Drive one block.

OR

I-275 to the Montgomery Rd Exit (Exit 50). Turn RIGHT off exit ramp and follow Montgomery Rd. to Morrow. In Morrow turn LEFT at second traffic light (State Rt. 123). Go one block.

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Follow signs to the shelter area along the river.