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Seven Basic Laws of Fishing

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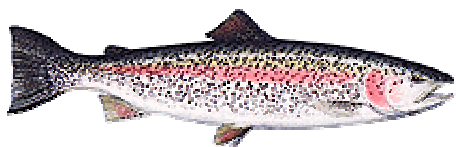
1. Results are proportional to time spent. That doesn't mean that if you fish more than I do, you will catch more than I do. It simply means, the more you fish, the more you will catch.
2. The best time to go fishing is whenever you get the chance. Remember the results of rule #1.
3. The sun sets faster when fishing than at any other time. Another way to say this is as often we see on car bumpers – “the worst day fishing beats the best day working”.
4. Don't practice when fishing. You can practice at home. Don't waste time when fishing. Remember rule #1.
5. The best fishing is often done in the telling. Who wants a great day fishing if you can't tell someone about it from time to time.
6. Fish are caught when your fly is in/on the water. Don't spend time fishing "not fishing”.
7. The single, most effective technique in fishing is "one more cast, just one more cast”.

So go fishing often, stay late. Don't stop because the weather is bad, it will get better soon. Don't stop because you're hungry, eat while you keep on fishing. Don't stop because they're not biting, that will change soon, so keep on fishing. Finally, when you can't see, your friends have left, your spouse has disappeared, your dog is gone, remember there is always time for "one more cast, just one more cast.”

June Meeting Program

Jerry Snider will present a program entitled :”**Alaska: Fly Fishing for Grayling Above the Artic Circle**”. He will discuss his experiences as part of a research project in the far north. Come and learn about a place that few get to experience, and a fish that you can't catch just anywhere!!

Brood XXVIII Nantahala Trip



Dave Jones

April 29, 2004 saw the hatch of Brood XXVIII of BUFFers and their migration to the Nantahala River in Bryson City, NC. The brood was made of the following:

Randy Clark	Jeff McElravy	Jim Boude
Tom Dressman	Steve Walker	Jerry Brothers
Phil Pursley	Bruce James	Ken Foltz
Dave Jones	Mile Sheehan	Angela Sheehan
Roger Corrado	Tom Warren	Nan Shirley
Don Balsly	Fran Balsly	Pat Hider
Bob McLoone	Jerry Schatzman	Tim Finley
Keith Armstrong	George Fraley	Dennis Wiethorn
Bob Muro	Terry Lynch	Bob Miller
Sharron King		

There were several early emergers that made the trip on April 28 and they survived the hazards of the trip to scout out the best locations

All met on Friday morning at the Family Restaurant, once known as Ma Bakers for breakfast, the 7:30 orientation and the pairing of the first timers. This was the first day of fishing and record keeping for the prizes to be awarded later.

Friday night's dinner was prepared by the owners of the Deep Creek Campground where most of the brood stayed. It was barbecued ribs, baked beans, cold slaw, chips, cornbread muffins, chocolate mousse and banana pudding. After the good and filling meal, we moved out to the bonfire to brag, stretch the truth and award prizes. The list of winners follows:

First fish caught – Randy Clark 8:44 AM

Smallest fish caught – Phil Pursley 4 Inches

Most fish caught – Jerry Schatzman 14

Two Fish at a time – Roger Corrado (Don't ask the location of the hook on the one fish)

Largest Rainbow – Jim Boude, Jerry Schatzman and Ken Foltz 15 inches

Largest Brown – Bob McLoone 14 Inches

Largest Brook – Bruce James (we know it was larger than 4 inches and less than 15 inches)

Best Story – Roger Corrado lost out on the best fish story to Tom Dressman, since he had already won. Tom was fishing on White Oak Creek when he spotted a promising location and dropped a fly in for a float through it. A very L-A-R-G-E trout showed its broad silvery side, inhaled the fly and headed for parts unknown. There was a snap and the tip section no longer had a beautiful and heart stopping arc in it. That rogue trout swam away with another trophy fly and was free to destroy another rod.

If you are going steelhead fishing anytime soon, Roger will tell you the correct fly to take along.

Jeff McElravy had some success using a size 20 Blue Wing Olive. He was offering his last one for \$5.00, but like the trout, he had no takers.

This year's trout had photographic memory; they would rise or swim out to your fly. You either had a strike, a hook up, or a reject. That was the last time he/she gave your fly a look. This trip took a lot of hard work and thought to catch fish, but why would you make the trip if it was easy. The fish we did catch, the scenery and the friendship made the trip well worth it. For those who haven't made this trip, don't pass up an opportunity the next time a trip is planned.

Rain, rain, go away....come again some other day...

By Joe Flyrod

I hate that rhyme.... But that should be the jingle for the Fishing Has No Boundaries event. Every year its rain or cold...or both. This year our club supported this event through a donation (\$ 250) and volunteers (8).

Its two days of fishing and fun for handicapped individuals and their care helpers.... Some folks are physically challenged, while others have mental problems.

It's a massive undertaking and the folks that organize and run it are saints..

I love to participate in it because it puts my life into focus, if only for that short time... The hugs, the kisses, the hi 5's and the "thanks you's" will make you misty eyed...

Kids and adults, men and women, girls and boys were there to wet a line and hopefully catch a few fish... and most did. One fisherman, his name is Ira and he's there every year, caught a muskee ... how many of us have a muskee on our lifetime list... Ira's a damn good fisherman and probably can out fish me!!!

Saturday about 100 handicapped participants and their care providers showed up to fish in the cold and rain. These anglers were going fishing and a little bad weather wasn't keeping them down... It's great to see someone with a serious "Fishin Jones"...

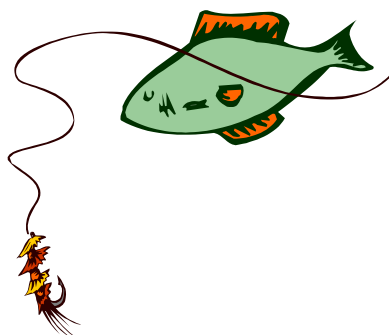
Remember that time you were going fishing and when you woke up it was raining?? Bet you hit the snooze alarm, rolled over and caught more Z's, than fish that day...

Not these guys.. nooo way... They were probably up all night putting new line on their reels and making sure their hooks were sharp... You could tell they were looking forward to this all year and a few raindrops weren't spoiling their fun... or mine.

About 40 folks went out on boats and the rest fished from the bank... lots of fish were caught, lunch was served and awards were given... Sunday's weather was better and Lou Haynes reports that day went well too..

Many folks volunteered their time...please pat them on their back when you see them.

When this event rolls around next year please consider helping out..



Fly Swaps



Joe Panfalone

The Internet has given birth to a fun activity called a fly swap, which is somewhat like a cookie exchange. Groups are formed by someone taking the initiative to post a call for participants on a message board, newsgroup, or website devoted to this sort of activity.

Groups are formed usually between 5 and 25 participants. Each ties a fly of his own choosing, one for each in the group, then sends it to the organizer of the swap. When all the submissions are in, the organizer arranges them into assortments and mails them back to the participants. It is a great way to fill your fly box, meet tiers from around the world, and to share fly tying techniques.

We have two swaps in progress. One for smallmouth flies organized by Joe Cornwall, and one for trout flies organized by Roger Corrado. Check the club's message board for details. If there is enough interest in fly swaps, I will devote a section on our website to support your activities. Next month: *How to organize a Fly Swap*.

How to organize a fly swap

Decide on the size of the group. Keep in mind that the larger the group the more flies each participant has to tie and the longer it will take to complete the swap.

Set a deadline for all the submissions to be sent in. At some point in time you are going to have to mail out everyone's collection of flies at which time it will be too late for any "*Johnny-Come-Lately*". Having a set deadline will avoid hard feelings by those who are tardy and do not receive flies from the others.

When setting a deadline, take into consideration;

The size of the group (number of flies required to tie)

Complexity of the flies being tied.

Geographic's of the group. International mail will take longer.

Provide an address for the participants to send their flies to. Have them include a self-addressed, stamped envelope/container large enough to ship their return flies without crushing them. You might suggest to them that they send their submissions in a sturdy plastic container which you will ship back with their assortment.

Have your participants attach a "toe tag" to each of their flies. This is return address label slipped through the point of the hook with their name, e-mail address/ phone number. This will enable others in the group to contact them to ask questions as to how they completed their tie or seek advice with problems that they are having with that tie.

Select a theme for the swap

Flies for a particular species - trout, bass, panfish, fresh or salt water

Style of fly - dry, wet, streamer, nymph or even variations of a particular pattern

Material type - rabbit strip, deer hair, bucktail, soft hackle, etc.

- Qualify your participants. If you have an open forum, which will include all levels of tying experience, then you may want to select a theme with an easy tie. For more intricate ties such as dry flies, you may want to qualify the experience level of your participants. There may be some reticence on the part of the more experienced tiers of receiving flies with incorrect proportions tied by beginners. On the other hand, you could make it an educational forum and the more advanced tiers can offer their constructive critiques.

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Monthly Raffles

Jim Hampton

Once again I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to those who donate items to use in the monthly raffle drawings. These generous donations are truly appreciated. As I've said before everyone is a winner when you support the club through the monthly raffles.

Our May monthly raffle winners were:

Grand prizewinner –Bill Fischer (no this isn't a typo, he won again!) chose the net, walking stick, Orvis box, tool necklace and banladeer.

Second place prizewinner –Ken Dixon won the creel desk clock, Ohio Gazetter and the wood pen with fish clip donated by Gary Cummins. Ken told my wife he was using the creek clock to collect donations for CFR. Way to go Ken!

Third place prizewinner –Jerry Schatzman won the fly fishing picture frame. Hope you catch a whopper to put in the frame Jerry!

Hatch of the Month

The May meeting Hatch of the Month was very successful; once again! I think everyone is enjoying bringing in those flies they tie to share with others. Those who don't tie are enjoying the opportunity to get such a great selection of flies if they win.

Congratulations to Dirk Commandeur Our Hatch of the Month Winner! Dirk won all 63 flies and half the money! Dirk donated his share of the Hatch of the month money to the Casting For Recovery fund. Thanks for your generosity Dirk.

I hope that everyone brings a few flies to next months meeting for The Hatch of the Month drawing. If you don't tie flies don't forget that it only takes a dollar or two to be a part of the fun.

Casting For Recovery Raffle

At the May meeting we started the raffle for a Sage Fly Rod. The rod has the BUFF emblem on it and is "quite a catch". This raffle will be going on through the summer with the final drawing at the July outdoor meeting. You can check the rod out at the June meeting. Tickets are \$2 each and you do not need to be present to win.

Casting For Recovery News

Debbie Hampton

WOW! We gave the membership a simple letter to provide to their employer or co-workers to ask for their support of the upcoming CFR retreat, and many of you took it and ran.

Some approached their employer thinking that maybe they would get \$50 or so. Well Great American Insurance made a donation of \$250. And others simply spread the word amongst their co-workers (put a container and info by the time clock) and ended up with \$150 in donations. Thanks to all those who contributed from Amelia Village!

~~There were others as well. Some individuals presented the CFR information to places of business they frequent. One was Two Women and a Brush who were very generous in their giving. Many thanks to them.~~ The BUFFER 5

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We are moving toward are goal as we are at about \$4000 to date, with a few verbal commitments still to come through in the next few weeks.

As you can see from those mentioned above it simply takes providing the information to business and individuals to gain their support. I would ask that everyone consider at least approaching one group or business to enlist their support for the August CFR retreat. If each club member were able to raise \$50 from business' or co-workers we would easily obtain our goal of \$10,500.

Remember this isn't just about raising money, it's about helping women join together with other women to share their experiences, laugh, cry and rejuvenate and learn the sport of fly fishing! We currently have 20 women in the database who are interested in attending the retreat. I anticipate this number to rise as we had flyers in all 500 survivor's bags at the Walk for a Cure in Cincinnati.

If anyone needs help with filling out paperwork please let me know. You can find all the current information, including the support letter on the website under Casting For Recovery.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

“Life's most important question is; what are we doing for others?”

Martin Luther King

CONGRATULATIONS – May Casting Class!

Congratulations for a job well done by the students of our May casting class... We just completed our class and every one made great progress and improved their casting techniques. The students were: Dick Lee, Richard Smith, Bruce James, Ray Laubenthal, Chad Steffen, Bob Paxton, Bob Muro, Russell Hall, Ken Dixon, Mark Johnson, and Paul Barber. A lot of hard work and practice paid off. Keep those loops tight and practice, practice, practice. My thanks to Gary Begley, Steve Walker and Jim LeBlond for giving of their time to teach this class so our guys could improve their casting skills and enjoy our sport even more than before. Thanks again, Dave Uckotter

More Casting Classes!! -- In July

We will be holding our second session of casting classes on **Sunday, July 11, 18 and 27th**. The classes will be held at Cottell Park on the corner on Snider Rd. and Irwin Simpson Rd. These classes are sequential, so it's important that you attend all three. If you can't attend these three classes you might want to attend the classes in the spring. We will begin the classes at 10AM and finish up about 1PM. This class fills up very quickly so sign up ASAP. We will be holding these classes for BUFF members only, and we can only accommodate 12 students, We will require a \$25.00 refundable deposit at sign up. Your deposit will be returned after completion of the third class. Things to bring to class: rod and reel, 7 1/2 foot leader, hat, water, sun screen, chair, Buff name tag, and a snack.

If you can't make it to a meeting to sign up and pay your deposit, make you deposit check out to BUFF and mail to:
Dave Uckotter
631 Quail Run
Cincinnati, Oh. 45244

Questions? Call 513-831-4815

2004 Calendar of Events

JUNE

- Jun 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Jun 2 – 6 **Elkhorn Trip**
- Jun 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd. Social and education hour 6 pm
- Jun 12 **City of Mason Fishing Program**
- Jun 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome
- Jun 19 **Day Trip Ohio Brush Creek**
- Jun 23 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch. 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling
- Jun 26 **Parkey's Farm Fishing Program Family Day**
- TBD **The Wilds Trip**

JULY

- Jul 1 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Jul 10 **Day Trip Twin Creek**
- Jul 11 **Beginning Casting Class** Dave Uckotter
- Jul 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Little Miami Canoe Park Social and education hour 6 pm
- Jul 17 **Women in Outdoors w/Bass Pro - Colerain Twp.**
- Jul 18 **Beginning Casting Class** Dave Uckotter
- Jul 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome
- Jul 25 **Beginning Casting Class** Dave Uckotter
- Jul 28 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch. 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling

AUGUST

- Aug 5 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Aug 14 **BUFF Picnic** Little Miami Canoe Park
- Aug 14 **Day Trip** on Little Miami River
- Aug 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome
- Aug 21 **Little Miami Program** –Nisbet Park
- Aug 25 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch. 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling
- Aug 27 – 29 **Casting for Recovery Retreat**
- Aug 29 **Casting Instructor Class**

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Sep 3 **Parkey's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd. Social and education hour 6 pm
- Sep 10 **Parkey's Farm Field Day**
- Sep 11 **Parkey's Farm Fishing Program Family Day**
- Sep 12 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome
- Sep 17 **Parkey's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 18 **Day Trip Little Darby**
- Sep 19 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 22 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Church 7-9 p m General fly tying
- Sep 24 **Parkey's arm Field Trip Day**
- Sep 25 **Green Acres Foundation Family Day** On Little Miami River
- Sep 26 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Sep 29 – Oct 1 **Fall Salmon Trip**

OCTOBER

- Oct 3 **Casting Instructor Class**
- Oct 7 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Oct 8 – 10 **Roger Lowe Trout Trip**
- Oct 8 **Parkey's Farm Field Trip Day**
- Oct 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd. Social and education hour 6 pm
- Oct 15 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 16 **Day Trip Mad River**
- Oct 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome
- Oct 22 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 27 **Lie & Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Church 7-9 pm General fly tying and storytelling.
- Oct 29 **Advanced Tying Class**
- Oct 30-31 **Rockwell Springs fishing trip**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 4 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Nov 4 – 7 **Arkansas Red River Trip**
- Nov 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd Social hour 6 pm
- Nov 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome

DECEMBER

- Dec 2 **Lie & Tie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor World
- Dec 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** , 7-9 pm Raffel's on Reading Rd Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 – 9 pm Outdoor World Members welcome

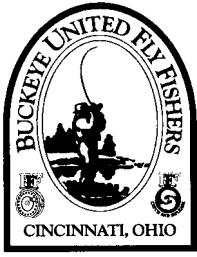


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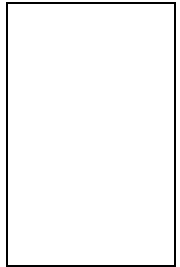


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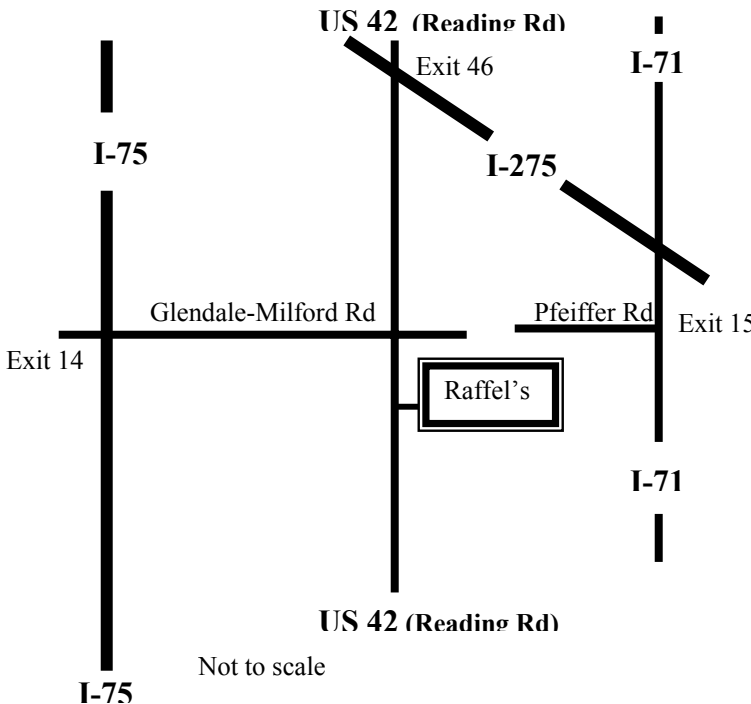
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- June 9

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 MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED A 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)



Directions:

From I-275 – Take Exit 46, (US 42), south for three miles to Glendale-Milford Rd. -- Continue south and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

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