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President's Corner

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Having Fun

This is my favorite time of the year. The earth is full of color and life. The lakes and streams are full of hungry fish. After a long winter hibernation from fly fishing, I've been hitting the lakes and streams with enthusiasm. I have worked the rough spots out of my casts, tried some new knots that Lou Haynes taught us, found my balance again wading through streams, and have a renewed energy about life. I do not know about you, but I always seem to have this natural high and joy after a great day of fly fishing.

Two of our annual spring club trips are now history and both again were very successful. The Nantahala Trip included over thirty Buffers and seems everyone caught fish and had a great time. We are blessed to have beautiful trout streams like the Nantahala within an easy drive of home. Many thanks to Randy Clark and Jeff McElravy for leading another great event. The Spring Rockwell Trout Club / Fly Tying weekend was a big success as well. Linda Roederer, Lee Chambers, Dirk Commendeur and I traveled to northern Ohio for this year's event. We fished, or I should say we froze our tails off, on Friday and Saturday. Despite the miserable cold, windy, snowy, icy conditions the trout were still anxious to take our flies. On Sunday, we spend the day at Whitetail Fly Tying Supplies (Chris Helms' fly tying shop) learning how to tie an epoxy streamer pattern, a braided or woven caddis fly, a crippled spinner pattern, the Thunder Creek Minnow, and others.

Tony Kalbli provided a great presentation on fly fishing in Florida at the May dinner meeting. Saltwater fishing, especially with a fly rod, is a different and unique experience. These fish are big and have an attitude. The fishing can be both exhilarating and humbling, but it is worth the time if you ever have the opportunity.

Education

B.U.F.F. is sponsoring a great fly tying seminar with Shane Stalcup on Saturday, June 25. Shane is one of the top fly tiers in the country. This is a great opportunity to learn from one of the best. Shane will teach a morning class from 9:00am – 1:00pm featuring **caddis fly patterns** and an afternoon class from 2:00 – 6:00pm featuring **mayfly**

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June Meeting Program

Tim Chadwell will be discussing fishing options in the Southeastern Ohio region. He is a fishing guide based out of Marietta, Ohio, on the Ohio River and its tributaries. The fishing options in these areas are numerous, but often overlooked. He also will be discussing the Muskingum watershed lakes and various lodging options in the area. He hopes to entice you to visit his beautiful part of the state and try out some of the successful fishing areas.

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patterns. The cost is \$60 / class (either morning or afternoon). Lunch will be provided in between the classes. This is a unique opportunity to learn from one of the best without leaving home. If you are interested, please contact Tom Baker (513-697-7342) or myself (513-697-9576; mjbryant@email.com).

At the May dinner meeting, Dave Uckotter acknowledged four Buffer's who completed the B.U.F.F. Intermediate Casting Course and successfully passed the casting test. Dirk Commendeur, Tom Scheer, Steve Lilly and Greg Cummins are now recognized as B.U.F.F. Casting Instructors. Congratulations!!

Both B.U.F.F. Beginner's Casting Classes are now full. But Jim LeBlond will conduct another Intermediate Casting course starting in July. If you can already throw a fairly good, controlled loop and want to improve your casting ability to another level, consider taking this course. Call Jim LeBlond at 513-561-8957.

Giving Back

The planning and fundraising efforts for the 2005 Ohio Casting For Recovery Retreat are in full swing. This year's retreat will be held at Murphin Ridge Inn in West Union, Ohio on September 30 – October 2. To ensure this year's CFR a success, we need your support both in donations and time.

I would also like to recognize Debbie Hampton, Patti Howell and Jeannie LeBlond. They have nominated for the Josling Haggart Yelser Unsung Hero Award recognizing their contributions and leadership for last year's CFR retreat. The Unsung Hero Awards are meant to call the public's attention not simply to the individuals receiving the Awards but more importantly to the countless acts of heroism that occur each day throughout our community in the lives of cancer patients, their families and medical teams. Debbie, Patti and Jeannie are 3 of the 52 nominees. The winners will be announced at a May recognition dinner at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Great stuff! We're very proud of you!

I hope you are counting the blessings of Spring and have the opportunity to fly fish and experience nature. Spring will be gone before you know it and we will all be complaining about the heat and humidity! As in the past, if you have any comments or questions, please feel free to call or email me.

FFF News

Mike Bryant

Things are beginning to change with the Federation of Fly Fishers. After many years struggling to meet its promise of being an influential voice in the world of fly fishing and conservation, the leadership of FFF has been restructured and a renewed sense of energy is emerging.

The FFF website (www.fedflyfishers.org) has been totally revamped and now includes sections on coldwater, warm water, saltwater and international fly fishing. There are dedicated sections on education, conservation, and the certified casting instructors program. Future improvements will include a members only section and a guide association (guide database). Check it out! You can find a link to the FFF website from B.U.F.F.'s website (under the Links section).

There is a new membership incentive program in place now. Anyone who joins FFF (\$29 / year individual membership; \$35 / year family membership) will receive a grab bag containing at least \$50 worth of fly fishing materials. If you decide to join FFF to support our national and regional efforts, please call or email me for application form.

The 40th Annual International Fly Fishing Show and Conclave will be held on August 11-13, 2005 in Livingston, Montana. It's an excellent educational conclave full of classes on casting, fly tying and fly fishing. I will be there attending the National BOD Meetings, so I'm taking advantage of a casting class, fly tying class, and a day of fishing on the famed DePuy's Spring Creek. Check out the FFF website for more information or reach me (I have an additional show guide).

A little closer to home, the FFF – Great Lakes Council Fly Fishing School & Conclave will be held on June 17-19, 2005 in Roscommon, MI. Programs include the Beginning Fly Fishing School, fly tying workshops and fly casting instructor workshops. For more information, check out the GLC website (www.fffglc.org).

Aquatic Insect Study and the Fly Fisher

E.T. Eckstein

Many people do not realize the close correlation of fly-fishing and insect study (or entomology). When you go fly-fishing you use a rod, reel, line and the all-important fly to lure a fish to strike. The fly is most often designed to mimic an insect or its larvae. But to make a fly that will catch a fish it must be accurately made to fit the description of the insect larvae it is meant to portray.

This is where entomology comes in. You can make flies that *somewhat* mimic a larva; but to catch a fish the fly has to look good enough for a fish to eat it. And that can sometimes be very difficult! Insects come in a myriad of shapes, colors, and sizes. They've inhabited almost every habitat in the world: deserts, jungles, snow plains, forests, fresh and even saltwater. Therefore, to accurately portray an insect in the form of a lure some study is needed to accustom yourself with its habitat, behavior and life cycle.

To do this you're going to have to go on a field trip to find the little critters that you may have some questions about. But wait! First you're going to need a few things. You'll need to collect equipment for the habitat you're going to visit. Let's say that you're a little curious about stonefly larvae; they live in freshwater streams. So you should bring waders, a dipnet, a notebook, a camera, a thermometer, an identification guide, and a couple jars.

So now what? What do you do with this stuff? Well, put on your waders and I'll explain what to do next. Got them on? Good. Okay, wade out to that riffle and start turning over rocks, scooping with the net underneath them as you go. Now take the stuff you get and dump it into a jar full of water. If you're lucky there will be some stonefly larvae inside.

Use your ID guide to identify what kind (or *species*) of stonefly that the larvae are. Now jot down in your notebook details such as these: where you found it, when, what part of the habitat you found it in, behavior, coloration, appearance and the air and water temperature. Now take a picture of your stonefly larvae and release them back into the stream. Now you know *for sure* what a stonefly larva looks like, how it behaves in its habitat and where that habitat is.

You can also use these same recording techniques to study adult stoneflies. All you would need to change is the equipment needed. Bring a large butterfly net to catch the adults and plastic bags or envelopes to place them in for study.

Now that you've learned all about stoneflies, you know what to look out for when buying (or making) flies for your tackle box. So next time you go fishing you can count on having the best most realistic flies. And when you're flies look right to you; they're going to look delicious to the fish!

Editor's Note: Ethan is 15, and a 4H member for the last ten years. Ethan's bug display that was at the BUFF show, won a Blue Ribbon at the Butler County Fair as well as at the Ohio State Fair in 2004. His collection of bugs was accumulated over the last 5 years. He is very knowledgeable about all kinds of bugs and their life cycles, and enjoys the outdoors and exploring all wildlife.

Basic Casting Class

Dave Uckotter

Our Basic Casting Class finished up Sunday the 22nd, and everyone came away with a better understanding of the casting stroke, and the importance of a good tight loop. All of the participants did very well and will enjoy their fishing more than before. Those who took the class were: Jim Cochran, Ray Laubenthal, Dick Lee, Jerry Terlinden, Karen Terlinden, Steve Overbeck, Jerry Rutledge, Mike Davis, William Wolf, Julie Fatcher, And Carl Schmidt.

Thanks to the instructors who helped wit the class. They were: Gary Begely, Gary Cummins, Patti Howell, Lou Haynes, Dirk Commandeur, Steve Walker, and Dave Uckotter.

The Education Corner

Lou Haynes

Fly Line Cleaning: We will have a poster on the ‘Why, When and How to Clean Your Fly Lines’ at the June meeting. Stop by and take a peek.

Kids Fishing Day at Smith Park in Middletown: Abby Ison can use some help Saturday June 4th at the ‘Kids Fishing Derby’ at Smith Park in Middletown. Our club will have a fly tying booth to help kids tie flies. Abby needs people to help the kids who don’t know how to fish. If interested, call Abby at 513-594-2250 for specifics and directions.

‘Women in the Outdoors’ Program at Madison, Indiana: Charlie Svarda has agreed to help the organizers in Madison by providing a fly fishing class as part of the program options. If you can help him or are interested in attending as a participant call Charlie at 513-874-8165. The program will be held on Saturday June 11th.

WOMEN’S INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING CLASS

Patti Howell

Mark your calendar on Saturday, June 18th for our Women’s Fly Fishing Class being held at the Island Recreation Clubhouse on Landen Lake. (Directions to the Island Rec. Clubhouse on Landen Lake can be found on our BUFF website.) The class will start at 10:00 AM and be over around 2:00 PM. Bring your lunch, and drinks will be furnished. Patti Howell and Jayne Uckotter will conduct the class with the assistance of BUFF’s certified casting instructors.

The morning session will cover fly fishing gear, stream safety, rods, reels, line, leader and tippet, and you will learn to tie a few basic knots. After the lunch break we will spend the rest of the class time on casting, with the five essentials of the casting stroke and the application of those essentials in **your** casting stroke. If you do not have your own fly rod, tell Patti when you make your reservation and the club will provide one for you. The class will be limited to 12 students, so get your reservation in early. To make a reservation, contact Patti at 513-683-7138 or phowell@fuse.net. You may also sign up for the class at the June 8th general meeting.

New Members

Please welcome Earl Ward, Cincinnati, OH; Ken Speicher, Maineville, OH; Mike Brasel, Carlisle, OH; Tom & Mary Sander, Cincinnati, OH; Jamie Easter, Kettering, OH; Ross Easter, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; and Don Heap, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

SPRING CLEANING

Yes, that's right, ladies and gentleman, it is time once again to take inventory of the sport that has taken over your closet, garage or basement!

The BUFF Annual Swap Meeting is July 13th at the Little Miami Canoe Livery. For those of you who are new to the club, this event allows members to find good deals on used equipment. It is a great way for the experienced and beginner to find that perfect piece of equipment they have been looking for.

Simply bring your items and be prepared to trade, sell or buy!! See You There!!!

Casting For Recovery

Debbie Hampton

Casting For Recovery is a national non-profit organization that provides weekend retreats for breast cancer survivors to learn fly-fishing "a sport for life". BUFF is proud to be partnering with CFR for the OH retreat in 2005 once again. The September CFR Retreat is fast approaching, and the team is diligently working to make this years retreat even better than last year. We want to thank Slice Technologies out of Milford for allowing us the use of their office for our recent team meeting - your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

We currently have 26 ladies signed up and recently provided a 1000 flyers for the Columbus Race for a Cure, so this number should grow quickly. The deadline for registration is July 22nd.

Fundraising is also moving forward with over \$3100 raised to date. Our budget needs for 2005 are \$11,500, so there is still work to be done. I encourage you to check with your employer or business' that you frequent to see if they would want to support this year's retreat.

The CFR retreats are a wonderful way for BUFF to give back through the sport of fly-fishing and working with other clubs in the state. I believe we can provide these retreats for all survivors in our area.

Thanks to everyone for helping to spread the word about the program and helping in our fundraising efforts. To learn more about the program visit www.castingforrecovery.org or check out the BUFF website for more information as well.



Calendar of Events

June

- Jun 2 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jun 4 **Kids Fishing Day - Middletown Parks Dept.**
10am - 2pm
- Jun 5 **Intermediate Casting** 1-4pm TBD
- Jun 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Jun 9 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Jun 12 **Intermediate Casting** 1-4pm TBD
- Jun 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome
- Jun 18 **Day Trip** TBD
- Jun 19 **Intermediate Casting** 1-4pm TBD
- Jun 26 **Intermediate Casting** 1-4pm TBD

July

- Jul 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jul 10 **Intermediate Casting** 1-4pm TBD
- Jul 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm Social hour 6 pm
Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow, OH
- Jul 14 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Jul 16 **Day Trip** TBD
- Jul 16 Women in the Outdoors
- Jul 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH Members welcome
- Jul 23 **Little Miami Inc Workshop** Nesbit park. 9am
Loveland, OH

August

- Aug 4 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Aug 11 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH Members Welcome
- Aug 20 **BUFF Annual Picnic**
Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow, OH
- Aug 27 **Clermont Park District Workshop** Sycamore Pk.

September

- Sep 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Sep 8 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 17 **Day Trip** TBD
- Sep 20 -22 **Fall Salmon Trip**
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH. Members welcome
- Sep 23 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Sep 24 **Great Outdoors Weekend** 9am - 2pm
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm

October

- Oct 6 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Oct 7 -9 **Rockwell Springs Trip**
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Oct 13 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Oct 14 **Parky's Farm** 10am-2pm
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome
- Oct 27 - 30 **Roger Lowe Fishing Trip**
- Oct 28 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**

November

- Nov 3 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Nov 3 - 6 **Little Red River Trip**
- Nov 4 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
- Nov 10 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Nov 11 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome
- Nov 18 **Advanced Fly Tying Class**
- Nov TBD **St. Joe Trip** TBD

December

- Dec 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Dec 8 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

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5/2005 BUFF Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$12,918
Total Receipts	\$2,128
Total Disbursements	\$2,179
Ending Balance	\$12,887
Petty Cash	\$100
Trip Escrow	\$500
CD	\$5,110

June Menu

Trout with almonds

Marinated char-grilled chicken breast

Redskin mashed potatoes and gravy

Broccoli with cheese

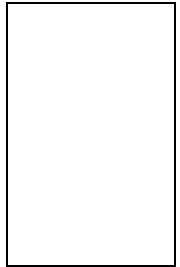
Tossed salad with dressings

Rolls and butter

Assorted cakes



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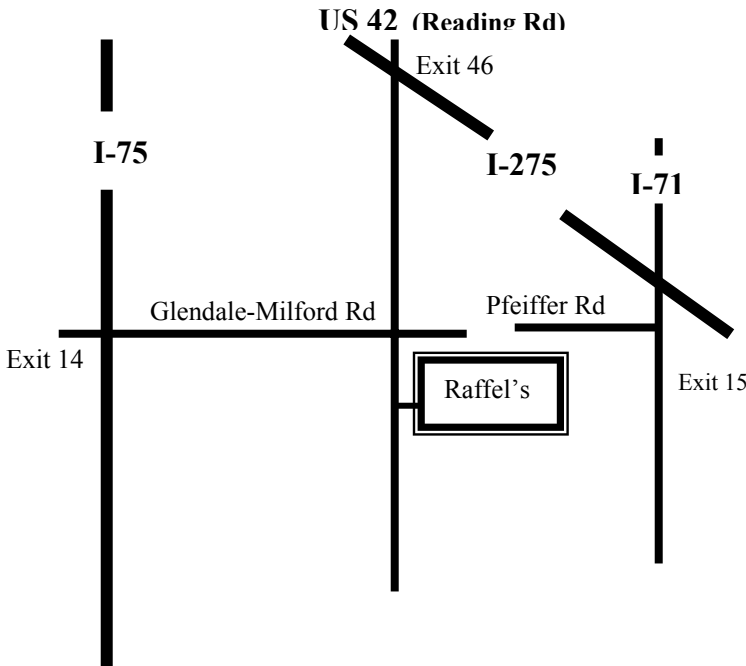
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – June 8

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)



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