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The President's Notes

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Spring is here, local fishing is good, and reports from the Nantahala Trout Trippers were awesome. If you were not at the last meeting and missed the story of the trip, ask Bob Rohrbach about his experience standing under a bridge on the Nantahala when the stocking truck stopped on the bridge and began dumping fish in the pool he was fishing. Can you believe that!!! What more can one ask for!

Several events are coming up this month. Fishing trips include the Elkhorn River smallmouth and the Greater Miami River (north of Troy, Ohio) float ventures. Check the club calendar in the latest issue of the BUFFER for the most current information. Note: The initial club calendar is typically set-up in November of the proceeding year. Some of the dates and events are not available then (for example, the Day Trips schedule) so the calendar is updated periodically during the year as the information is obtained. Always check the latest issue of the BUFFER for the most up-to-date calendar information.

The second largest yearly expense category (\$3000) in the recently approved 2006/2007 budget is for printing and mailing of the BUFFER. The club currently has 289 active memberships or 405 individual members when considering the family memberships. Currently, 139 memberships receive the BUFFER electronically via e-mail and 150 receive hard copies by mail. The cost of printing and mailing each BUFFER is about \$1.30 per month whereas sending by e-mail is free. The Board of Directors asks members who now get BUFFERS mailed to them monthly and have the computer capability to receive electronic versions to consider the e-mail option. Each membership receiving the BUFFER electronically saves the club about \$150 per year. Tim Findley, our membership chair, sends out an e-mail notice each month to members receiving the electronic version as soon as the BUFFER is available to be read. He also includes an internet link in the notice that members can use to go directly to the BUFFER from the e-mail message. In addition, all BUFFERS since May 2000, with two exceptions, are archived on our website and are available to review at any time. So please consider switching to the electronic version if you can. Contact Jim Findley to make the switch (e-mail: fin9695A@yahoo.com; phone: 513-673-8673).

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June Meeting Program

A Brief History of the Ohio River

Chris Lorentz, Director of the Center for Ohio River Research & Education, and Biology Professor at Thomas More College, will present an overview of the Ohio River. Chris has spent the last 10 years collecting fish, mussels and chemical data from the River and nearby tributaries. He will discuss the unique fishes of the region and place an emphasize on water quality issues.

Finally, remember to make your dinner reservations if you know you are attending the upcoming meetings. Raffle's makes a small overage of food to cover a few extras (6 to 7). However, at the last two meetings several members -15 one month and 10 the other month - came without reserving a meal. Just a reminder.



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, July 8, Stillwater River

One of only six blue-ribbon smallmouth bass rivers in the state, the Stillwater is one of the 32 tributaries to the Great Miami River. In deference to our focus on the GMR, this outing will focus on the lower Stillwater below the Englewood preserve. Great smallmouth fishing, carp fishing and panfishing is available. You also have a good chance at a largemouth or Kentucky spot. This is a float trip, but there is good wading available.

This section is best floated with canoes and pontoon boats. As with the first trip, you will get out to wade the best spots. This is an easy flow and is much more amendable to the novice boater. If you're concerned the GMR is more than you want to bite off, the Stillwater is an ideal introduction to the local river systems. We will meet at the park off Rte 55 at 7AM. I need volunteers to bring a coffee urn and donuts!

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.

NANTAHALA TRIP

Bill Huber

We left Cincinnati, Thursday, May 4th 9:05 AM, and made good time (4 1/2 hours) to Sevierville, TN. Then we hit construction in Sevierville, slowed down, then made good time through Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg By-Pass. More construction after Newfound Gap - repaving and repairing ditches - and finally made it to Cherokee, NC.

We stopped and bought licenses at Simons, outside of Bryson City, and, on to Deep Creek Campground, where we arrived at about 4:00 PM.

We set-up camp and rigged up. On to the first bridge above Deep Creek- I tried a Caddis with Copper John dropper - no luck; switched to Hares Ear dropper - same results - I guess this is going to be, for me, like last year. Well, as Scarlet said "Tomorrow is Another Day".

Friday morning 7:00 - we went to "Ma Barkers Family Restaurant" and met with the other BUFF Members for breakfast. After eating, the group went outside for instructions - it was 7:27AM!! Randy Clark and Jeff McElravy asked if anyone needed assistance in fishing, at this point we heard a screech of brakes and a car door open, and slam shut, someone, whom asked to remain nameless (Pat Hider), had overslept - 7:21 AM!! A group picture was then taken.

Randy said those of us needing help should meet Jeff and him between the first and second bridge above the Power Generating Plant. Randy took three of us upstream to the second bridge. After demonstrating how to cast and use a strike indicator (dry fly & floatant) he then turned us loose - this was about 9:05. At 9:14, I had my first trout (8" Rainbow), 9:20 second, 9:30 third. In the first hour I landed eight fish - all on the same fly (# 14 Copper John variations -Yellow Wire). Life is good!

At about 11:00 AM, we switched spots on the stream. Jeff had taken Walt Leap and Steve Alexander to a long pool above the first bridge. We spread out along this area. I made a cast up and across, drifting down passing under an over hanging tree with two logs in the water. The Elk Hair Cadis danced and went under. Setting the hook, the line grew tight, and I thought, "this must be a monster"! - wrong - it was a snag! I lowered the rod and pulled the fly line to free the fly and, much to my surprise, the fly came loose. Others had been a victim of the same snag, and there were five nymphs and tippets in a small cluster that I recovered. This was my second time for the Nantahala trip. What a day - twenty one trout!! Can life get any better!?!?

Here's one for the books! Bob Rohrbach was fishing under bridge # 4, when a truck stopped, and the hatchery attendant began dropping trout over the railing. Bob was not fast enough to unhook his net to catch any, and the fish were stunned, so Bob was unable to land any for an hour! (but, he did know were to look!).

Randy, during his instruction, reminded us about C & R (catch and release) and CR (controlled release). Point the fish up stream letting it regain strength and swim away. I was told by others my method of ER (early release) was less stressful on the trout, as soon as the fish is hooked, I release it ?!!!!.

Later that afternoon, Pat Hider, Frank Skufca, and another member showed up, and since I had success, they fished this area. At 2:15 Pat caught her fist fish. At the same time Pat got her fish, another BUFF member, up stream, had one on, and, down stream, Frank also had one hooked - three fish with in 50 yards - this was a great trip. Rain came about 4PM. With 21 fish C&R, and twice as many ER, decided to go back to Deep Creek.

The BUFFERS met at the shelter for a meal of pulled pork, pork ribs, three BAR-B-Q sauces, cole slaw, "Whistle Berries" (Baked Beans), rolls, iced tea and assorted cakes & pies. After this delicious meal, the camp fire was started, and also the fish stories (lies) began.

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There were 38 members and/or guests were in attendance - six of us camped - Ben Berry, Bill Huber, Toby Spencer, Tim Findley, his son & Keith. Deep Creek Camp Ground was very clean and well maintained.

The following are the Winning Awards in the Men's Division :

First Fish	Tim Findley
First Fish Runner-	Dave Jones (The Younger)
Smallest Fish	Walt Leap
Smallest Fish Runner-up	Tim O'Melia
Most Fish	Jerry Schatzman (32)
Most Fish Runner-up	Roger Corrado (27)
Largest Fish	Jim Frecker (18")

The following are the Winning Awards in the Women's Division:

First Fish	Pat Hider
Smallest Fish	Pat Hider
Most Fish	Pat Hider (2)
Largest Fish	Pat Hider

The following are the Winning Award in the Open Division (Men and Women)

Best Fish Story	Pat Hider
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Did I forget to write? - Pat Hider was the only woman to show up -- what happened to the others? The Club's trips are for all members, so plan on going on the trips - be they Day Trips or Travel Trips. Someone will be willing to assist and/or help.

The next day we went to the Tuckasegee River, outside of Sylva, NC. We used an Elk Hair Cadis with a # 16 Tellico dropper, and caught and released six Brookies. They were better fighters than the Browns and Rainbows at the Nantahala. Five of them were on the Tellico and One on the Cadis.

We saw Roger Corrado, Bob Mackey and Bruce James, and watched Roger catch over twenty in one spot with a Tube Bait Fly. I wonder if he had chummed this spot Friday night. He was showing off some **"TROUT PELLETS"**!!

Randy and Jeff did a wonderful job on this trip - they had the stream stocked on Wednesday! The weather was beautiful - high's in the mid 70's, low's in the mid 50's with very little rain until Sunday. When, on Sunday, we woke up to rain, we broke camp and headed home -- with a stop at the new Bass Pro!

I can not wait for next year's trip.

Thanks again to Randy and Jeff for a well organized club trip.



2006 BUFF Calendar

June

- Jun 1 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
- Jun 3 **Day Trip** – Great Miami River Float
- Jun 3-4 **Fishing Has No Boundaries** – Cowan Lake
- Jun 4 **Beginning Casting Class**
- Jun 8-11 **Elkhorn Fishing Trip** - Don Hogue
- Jun 11 **Beginning Casting Class**
- Jun 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm
- Jun 15 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
- Jun 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome

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
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, 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 13 **Wader Safety Day** – TBD
- Aug 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7-9 pm
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, 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**
- TBD**
- Clermont Co. Days Fly Fishing Workshop**

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
Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, 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
- 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**
- TBD**
- Great Miami River Days**
- 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
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- 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 Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity 334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, 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 Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity 334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH Members welcome



A FLY TYING BEAD STORAGE HINT

Dave Jones

It's frustrating - chasing and rotating a bead between your fingers in order to put it on the hook. This is how I solved that problem.

Select a needle that will pass through the sized bead you are going to prepare for storage. Now thread the needle with some thread and double the length to about 7 inches. Next tie a loop knot in the end and thread a small button on to the thread. Next loop the threaded needle through some of the holes in the button. You should now have the following: needle, thread, button and the loop in that order. Empty the beads into a small dish and begin threading the beads on the needle by passing the needle/thread through the large hole on the beads. Create a label with the size of the beads and hook sizes that can use this size bead. Affix the label with scotch tape to the loop and store.

When you need a bead, put the hook in the vice barb up. Now slide a bead up on the needle and place the point of the needle on the barb and slid the bead on the hook.

MONTANA TRIP RAFFLE

Dave Blackburn of **Kootenai Angler** in Libby, **Montana** has donated a full-day of guided fly fishing on the Kootenai River to be used during the 2006 season. (value \$350) Dave gave a wonderful presentation about fishing Montana at our January dinner meeting. The Kootenai River, located in northwest Montana, is home to all-native rainbow, bull and cutthroat trout. Check it out at www.montana-flyfishing.com.

Raffle tickets for this guided trip will be **sold and drawn** at the June 14th monthly dinner meeting at Raffel's. A raffle ticket will cost \$10 with all proceeds going to BUFF programs such as Conservation, Education, Outreach Programs, Communications, etc.

If you cannot make the June meeting...have a buddy buy tickets for you! Your odds are GREAT – so take a chance to fish Montana and support your Buckeye United Fly Fishers!!!

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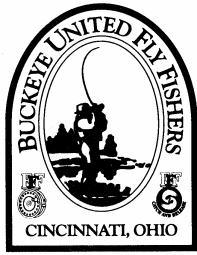
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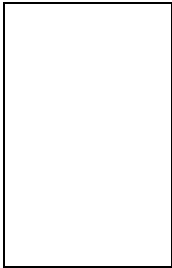
June Menu

Trout with Almonds
 Marinated Char Grilled Chicken Breast
 Red Skinned Mashed Potatoes and
 Gravy
 Broccoli with Cheese
 Tossed Salad with Dressings
 Rolls and Butter
 Assorted Cakes





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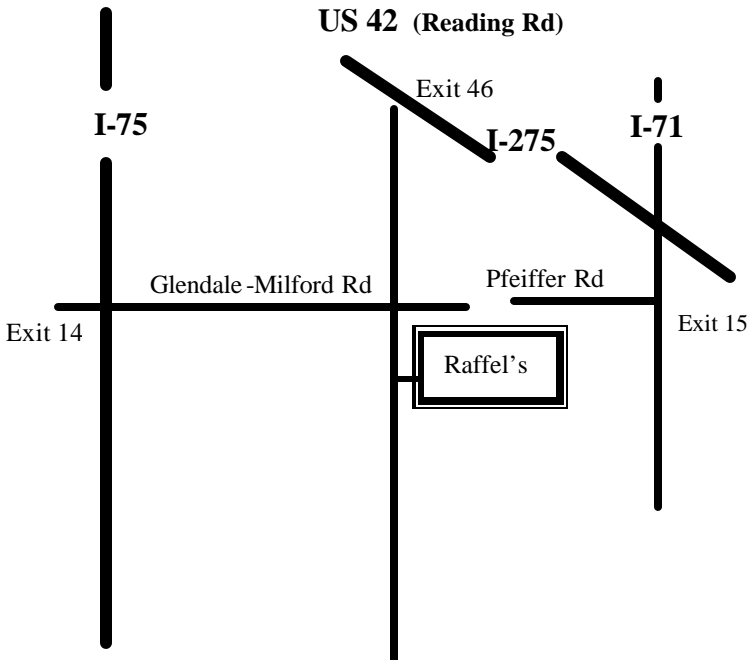
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – June 14

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