

The BUFFER

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The President's Notes

Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Just a reminder, the July general meeting (referred to as the annual club swap meet) is schedule for Wednesday, July 11th at the Little Miami Canoe Campground in Morrow. Details will be provided in the BUFFER next month. Also note, there is “no” general meeting held in the month of August; The club picnic, scheduled for Saturday, August 18 takes its' place. The picnic will also be held at the campground in Morrow. Picnic details will be provided in the August BUFFER. Be sure to note these changes on your calendar.

Some of the club classes scheduled near term are listed below. Take advantage of one or more of these classes to improve your fly fishing skills. 1) Women's Only Fly Fishing Class on June 23. Contact Patti Howell (513-683-7138; phowell@fuse.net) for details or check the information on the website. 2) Beginners Casting Class on June 2, 10 and 23. Contact Gary Begley (513-932-4205; gary_ff@yahoo.com) or visit the website for details. This class is limited to 12 students and may be full at this time. 3) Knot Tying Class on July 8th. This is a great chance to improve your knot tying skills! If you did not sign-up at the May meeting and would like to take this class, contact me (513-777-4854; bdhaynes@one.net) or sign-up at the June general meeting.

The spring segment of the Parkys Farm Kids Fishing Program is now finished. Fishing was awesome with many bluegills over 8' caught by the BUFF volunteers and the kids. This program will resume on Friday September 7th and continue through the last Friday in October. Ken West is the contact person.

Finally, Beth Statt, one of our new members, is a member of the Cincinnati Casting Club. Her club will be hosting the 99th American Casting Association (ACA) National Casting Tournament in the Greater Cincinnati Area July 30 through August 4, 2007. Some of the top casters from the US and Canada will be competing. Look for details in the BUFFER and on our website. This is an excellent opportunity for us to see how the best casters in the continent execute single-handed casts of over 200 ft. and two-handed casts of over 300 feet. Take advantage of this opportunity to watch the best!

June Meeting Program

Lew Kornman who has been working nearly 30 years with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource will be providing a slide presentation showing many of the duties involved with being Regional Coordinator for the 23 county Northeast Fishery District. Among other things, he will discuss the trout program within his district and will try to answer any questions regarding that program. Lew has an undergraduate degree from Tennessee Tech Univ. and a graduate degree from Eastern Kentucky Univ. The BUFF members who have participated in stocking the streams in the Red River Gorge have are already met Lew.

Fishing on the Elkhorn

Al & Chris Turnwald

After a nice day on the river on Saturday, some good catches, a wonderful steak dinner, a lot of great fellowship, some fish stories and then a good nights sleep, we are up and at them with great anticipation of catching the "Big One" on Sunday.

The weather is outstanding again on Sunday on the Elkhorn River, sunny, just a slight breeze, and a nice flow to the river. Things started out very slow around 8:30AM with only a few small catches of 6 to 7 inch Smallmouth Bass and Bluegill. We try nearly everything in our arsenal of flies from Poppers to Streamers to Brown and Black Spiders and trailers of the infamous Don Hogue taught Red Fox Squirrels, to flies we don't yet remember the names. Something had to give as I just felt something had to be in one of our so called "honey holes". It is almost noon now, the back is getting a little tired, the legs a little wearier, and the hopes of catching the Big One today is beginning to fade. Oh, what the heck, I think I will try a Black Wooly Bugger, something I just do not seem to have much luck with, so I add a Red Fox Squirrel trailer. First cast and boom, something major league has hit, it dives and runs, and I play it for about ten minutes, finally realizing it is a pretty nice size Catfish. Yes, I am going to finally get to use my Fly Fishing Net that I made at the Paul Feldman net building class. Thank God I was using the 7 weight Shelbyville Rod I purchased at the BUFF Fly Fishing Show, and not my 5 weight that I built at John Doscher's class. I hit into a Catfish last year with the 5 weight, and probably due to lack of experience, immediately snapped it in two places and had to rebuild it. Chris hears me hooting it up and comes to my rescue, grabbing my beautiful walnut and ash handmade net and after some additional maneuvering we finally net it. It was big, it was fat, and it measured slightly over 24 inches. It swallowed the Red Fox Squirrel (Sorry Don, it was not retrievable) and the Black Wooly Bugger was well entrenched in his mouth. After a bit of a struggle getting the fly out and a re-measure just to be sure of its length, we released it for someone else to have a nice fight on another day.

Well, I figured even though we had really wrestled with this one and thrashed up the water a bit, I figured I would cast again into the same hole with just the Black Wooly Bugger. Wham, I hit another nice fish, this time a solid 13" Smallmouth Bass that had some nice fight in it. Yes, I got to use my net again, and now I am even more elated as I actually got a Bass in the net.

What the heck, I may as well cast in again. One strip of the line and whack, another fish hits. This time I see it pretty quick, it is another feisty Catfish. It tugs, dives, runs, and rolls like crazy. Apparently there was something in that Wooly Bugger it just did not like. After a nice tussle, we net it. It is a solid 14" and provided lots of fun.

We can hardly believe that we pulled three fish out of the same hole in such a short period of time. After I let the hole settle for awhile, I try again, but I think we have stirred that "honey hole" up enough for today. Chris is obviously as excited as I am, although just a little envious as her catches were limited to some smaller Bass and Bluegill, although again she saw some nice size Bass. She will recount the numerous varieties of birds and the sounds they made which always gives her lots of enjoyment on a day on the river. We move on with a little less luck, but with some great memories again of the Don/Doug sponsored Elkhorn River Trip.

Thanks again for all you do to make this such a memorable trip!

WOMEN'S INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING CLASS

Patti Howell

Our Women's Fly Fishing Class will be held on Saturday, June 23rd 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 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 13th general meeting

Here are directions to the **Island Recreation Clubhouse in Landen:**

Clubhouse Phone # 513-677-8692

Patti Howell Phone # 513-683-7138

Take 71 North to Exit 24 - Western Row Rd./Kings Island Dr.

Turn **right** off the exit, and make an **immediate right** on to Columbia Dr.

Continue south on Columbia Dr. for approximately 1.8 miles, passing 3 traffic lights (lake will be on the left)

Turn **left** on Simpson's Trace (large flag pole) into the Landen Development

Turn **left** on Island Drive (the 4th street down on the left) Look for the Island Recreation Clubhouse sign.

Park as far down as you can along the right side of the road. (Visitors Parking)

The Clubhouse is at the end of the road over the foot bridge.

Editor's Note: This was posted on Dr. Todd's web blog (<http://fishinghistory.blogspot.com>) after he made his presentation at the last BUFF meeting. Thought you'd like to see it.

Cincinnati's Buckeye United Fly Fishing Club Thursday, May 10, 2007

Last evening I had the great pleasure of addressing the members of the Cincinnati-based Buckeye United Fly Fishing Club. The title of my talk was "Professional Fly Tying in the Victorian Era," a subject I am particularly interested in and have seriously researched. Of course, in around 35 minutes, there is only so much information one can hope to get across, but from the many nice comments I received after the presentation, I think it wasn't too disappointing. I truly believe we must understand where we come from as fishermen and women if we want to truly appreciate the outdoors, and I hope my small contribution helped all the many fly tiers in attendance better appreciate their craft.

The Buckeye United Fly Fishing Club (BUFF) is one of the largest and most vibrant fly fishing clubs in America, and has hundreds of dedicated members who hold regular trips all around the country. It is a model of how such an organization should be run; I've been to two meetings and I have to say, having attended many meetings in the past for Trout Unlimited and other organizations, I don't believe I've ever been to one where the members laughed as much as at the BUFF meetings. They are truly having a blast promoting their passion, and best of all, they have not forgotten the joy of simply *fishing*. If you are from the Cincinnati area, join the club. If you aren't, check out their great website at

www.buckeyeflyfishers.com

You'll find lots of information on fishing, fishing history, and fly tying. In particular, check out the Fly of the Month from Joe Cornwall.

Special thanks go out to Mary and Paul Barber, Lee Chambers, Steve Lilly, Randy Clark, and Lou Haynes for their tremendous hospitality.

--Dr. Todd

Editor's Note: This report from the Nantahala by Frank Layher is from a new member, A native German, and a UC Student who caught his first trout on this trip (with a fly he tied himself) He retired that fly, and it is now attached to his fishing hat!!

BUFF Trout Magic 2007 – Spring Nantahala River Trip

Frank Layher

It was an early sunny morning in a small café in Bryson City, North Carolina, as 40 BUFF members came together to listen to Randy Clark's instruction about how to fish the Nantahala this year. The day before some BUFF's had caught up to 20 trout and they shared their secrets about the patterns they have used with us. So, packed with good advices and a great breakfast we entered the Nantahala National Forrest and drove up the very steep and narrow valley to catch a lot of big trouts.

However, it was tougher than everyone expected. The trout were shy and the trees were so close that we not only almost lost our patience, but also almost lost all our flies. Nevertheless, we continued varying patterns and adjusting tippetts, and in the end everyone had great success or at least was able to change patterns blind. After such a hard day of fishing everyone looked forward for our joint dinner in the Deep Creek Campground Pavilion with the setting sun on the horizon and a cold beer in our hands. Great ribs, beans and excellent cakes topped the perfect day off.

Then a fire was lighted and the traditional ultimate contest started. The disciplines were: "Best Fishing Story", "First Fish", "Largest Fish", "Smallest Fish" and "Most Fish". Again it was a hard fight and the judges had a lot of work, because the overall champion in 3 of 5 categories, David French, was restricted to attend only in one category. He decided to focus on the "Most Fish Award" and won it with an amount of 15 trout on Friday (his total of the weekend was 44!). Furthermore he was very happy to receive an artificial trout trophy, after he had to release his 22 inches brown trout which he had caught this day. Jerry Schatzmann followed the approach "The early fisherman catches the fish" and so he won in the category "First Fish". The "Best Fish Story" was told by Tom Warren in the eyes of the auditorium after a lot of applause. He almost lost his friend's remote control, but luckily he caught it back with his net. The category "Size" was decided between Bob Miller and Charlie Montgomery whereas Bob had won the award for the "Smallest Fish"; only twice the length of his fly, and Charlie had won the "Largest" prize for his 16 inch trout. Furthermore, two new BUFF members caught their first trout; one of them won the privilege of writing this article.

After the ceremony, Randy Clark unfortunately pronounced that he and his assistants will retire after this trip. They made a really good job in the last few years – thanks again from all BUFF members which ever had great fishing days through your perfect organization. In the next years Keith Armstrong and his assistant Tim Findley will organize the Nantahala trip.

The nights were short, but again the weather was perfect on the remaining days of the weekend and so every one of us had great fun out in the water. Some of us went out to other spots, but again one had to work hard to catch an in demand trout. To wrap the trip up, it was a great organized weekend with lots of trouts, sun and especially fun.

2007 NATIONAL CASTING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN GREATER CINCINNATI, OHIO

Many incredible casts, in terms of distances or accuracy, will be made by some of the world's finest casters, but no fish will be caught for this is a tournament that will decide the 2007 North American casting champions.

The 99th American Casting Association (ACA) National Casting Tournament will take place in Greater Cincinnati, Ohio July 30 through August 4, 2007 and will be hosted by the Cincinnati Casting Club.

Casters will come from all over the United States and Canada to compete for trophies, medals and prizes in distance and accuracy events in the traditional ACA competition that dates back to the mid 1800s.

Several of the champs can cast a fly cast more than 200 feet using specialized equipment. That's two-thirds of a football field! One of the most incredible distance casting accomplishments was when Steve Rajeff cast a 1/4 oz. weight 325 feet with a spinning outfit at the 2002 National! A ¼ ounce is equivalent to the weight of 1½ sheets of 8.5" x 11" stationery paper.

For the accuracy events, 30-inch floating targets are placed at various distances. It often takes a perfect score, or close to it, to win some events at a National. For the plug-accuracy games, targets are placed 40 to 80 feet. In the fly-accuracy events the targets are from 20 to 50 feet. The Bass Bug targets are from 20 to 70 feet.

The accuracy games will be held at Cincinnati Central Turners Lake, whereas the distance events will take place at Lebanon Sports Complex. The Kirkwood Inn at Mason, OH is the host hotel.

The schedule is as follows:

July 30 – Practice Day.

July 31 and August 1 –Distance Events.

August 2, 3 and 4 –Accuracy Games.

August 4 (evening) –Awards Banquet at the Houston Inn.

Many of today's tackle advancements and casting techniques can be directly attributed to tournament casting. It was the tournament casters who developed aluminum spools for casting reels, weight-forward fly line tapers, shooting lines, the double-haul fly casting method, feathering an open-face spinning reel for pinpoint accuracy, the fly line calibration system, hook size standards and many other features that are commonly used by anglers today.

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For complete details log on to The ACA website: www.americancastingassoc.org/



2007 BUFF Calendar

JUNE

- Jun 2-3** **Fishing Has No Boundaries** Cowan Lake
Jun 3 **Beginning Casting Class** Cottell Park
Jun 7 **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Jun 9 **Ladies Only Fly Fishing Class**
Jun 10 **Beginning Casting Class** Cottell Park
Jun 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
Jun 19 **Batavia Lie & Tie** Riverside Coffee Mill in Batavia
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Jun 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Jun 21 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
Jun 24 **Beginning Casting Class** Cottell Park
Jun TBD **Middletown Kids Fishing Day**

JULY

- Jul 5** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Jul 8 **Knot Tying Class**
Jul 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** Little Miami Canoe
campground in Morrow Social hour 6 pm.
Jul 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Jul 22 **Intermediate Casting Class**
Jul 29 **Intermediate Casting Class**
Jul TBD **Little Miami Inc. Workshop**– Nisbet Park

AUGUST

- Aug 2** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Aug 5 **Intermediate Casting Class**
Aug 12 **Intermediate Casting Class**
Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Aug 18 **BUFF Annual Picnic** Little Miami Canoe
Campground in Morrow
Aug 19 **Intermediate Casting Class**
Aug TBD **Clermont Co. Days Fly Fishing Workshop**
Aug TBD **Wader Safety Day**

SEPTEMBER

- Sep 6** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Sep 7 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
Sep 8-9 **Casting For Recovery Event** – Indian Bear Lodge
Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm

- Sep 14** **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
Sep 16-21 **PM Salmon Trip (Michigan)**
Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Sep 20 **Tie & Lie East** 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Buffalo Mt. Coffee
Shop, Dillonvale
Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
Sep 23 **Great Miami Weekend**
Sep 28 **Parky's Farm** 10 am -2 pm
Sep 28-30 **Rockwell Springs Fall Trip**
Sep TBD **Day Trip**

OCTOBER

- Oct 4** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Oct 5 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
Oct 5 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
Oct 12 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
Oct 12 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 13-16 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip**
Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Oct 19 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 19 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
Oct 26 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
Oct 26 **Parky's Farm** 10 am –2 pm
Oct TBD **Day Trip**
Oct TBD **Indian Hills Fly Tying & Casting**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Nov 2 **Beginning Fly Tying Class** 7 – 9 pm
Nov 10-17 **Arkansas Little Red Trip**
Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
Nov 28 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH
Nov TBD **Northern Ohio Steelhead Trip**

DECEMBER

- Dec 6** **Tie & Lie West** 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling Bass Pro Outdoor
Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd
Social Hour 6 pm
Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd, Springdale, OH

2006 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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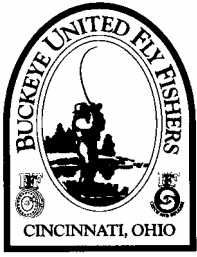
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June Menu *NEW PRICE \$11.00*

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



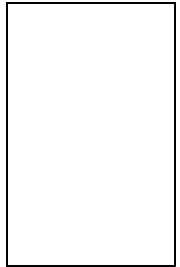


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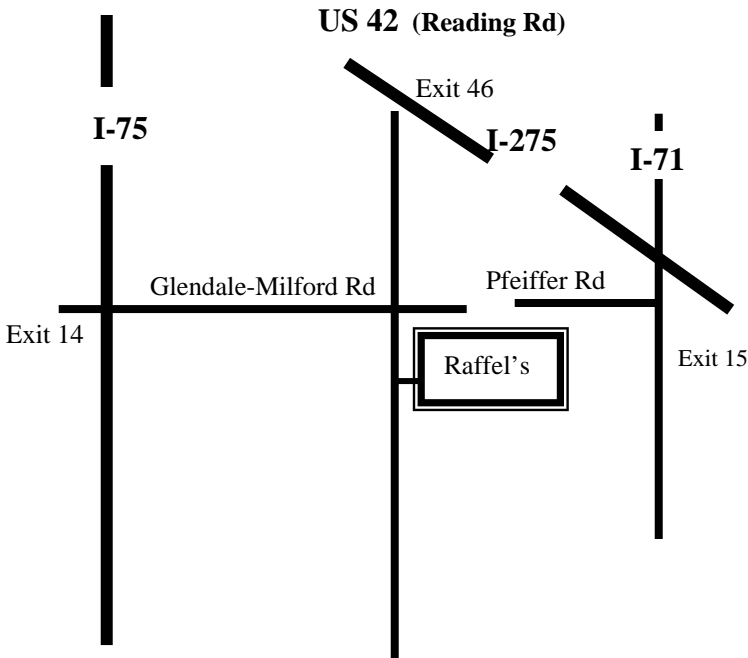
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – June 13

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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.

From I-75 -- Take Exit 14, east, on Glendale-Milford Rd. until the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd). Turn right (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.