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The President's Notes

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I have just gotten back from fishing in West Virginia at Elk Springs Resort. Lee and Rodney put together a great trip again. There are a couple of things we do need to work on, however. I understand that the first year, the weather was perfect, but the last two we had water in the air and a little too much in the rivers. While we are looking for some of the other jobs to be filled in BUFF, would you guys find a new Physical Arrangements in Charge of Weather for next year? The water was high, but it continued to get better each day. The Management allowed us to fish in the Trophy Waters again this year and we all took good advantage of it. I heard of several 20 inch fish taken and released. I think everyone took at least an 18 inch fish. This was the first time I was able to fish the sulfur spinner fall. It was amazing to see a cloud so thick drop down from high in the trees to the water's surface. The trout churned the surface. Outside of the small fact that I managed to find a hole that put the water up to my arm pits, things went quite well. There is a lot of good water in the area and I am looking forward to next year and put me on the list. Thanks again for a great trip!

Speaking of trips, the June Forks of the Elk Horn (sure all a lot of Elks, where did they go?) in Kentucky is next on the list. This trip has always been one of the most popular in the year. It's not a far drive, close to Frankfort, KY. We get a chance to camp, float in boats (pontoon, belly, kayak, or canoe), and wade for smallmouth bass. Saturday evening Marty and Charlie are having a spaghetti dinner, and I hear there will be Dutch oven desserts. If you haven't been able to sign up, look to the BUFF website for more information and give Charlie or Marty a call.

Start looking at your gear. In July, we are having a joint meeting with our sister club Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, and it will be also a Swap Meet.

Jeff

BUFF June 2011 Program

Long-time BUFF member, Tony Kalbli will present:

“SALT IS GOOD FOR YOU”

An exploration through pictures and narration of many different options and opportunities for salt water fly fishing based on his personal experiences in this fascinating “other” fishing world.

THE SUNNYBOOK EXPERIENCE FOR THE SPRING OF MMXI

Lee Chambers

Don't call me Ishmael, but, even so, mayhap you will like this tale of three days. It certainly was cool and breezy for a time, but never did we wonder, though the weather be bleak and dreary, not a man was weary – at least not the first day. Challenging weather could not keep either the likes of Montgomery, Schobel, Backscheider, Chambers, Dixon, Haynes, Clark, Alexander, Pursley, McElravy, Gustafson, Voshefski, Fraley, Bryant nor even our fly tying sage in residence, Weisner, from their stated mission to bring to hand the creatures of the cold spring creek stream in large numbers across the five specie variations gathered there. These creatures being called the Brookie, the Rainbow, the Brown, the Golden and the silver white Steelhead, collectively known by three as a “Slam” but the “Super Grand Slam” for all five. By chance could any of these youngish (in heart) lads have achieved this prodigious Super Grand Slam?

Those who were called and gathered by Capt. Dixon (decidedly not an Ahab) to Sunnybrook, were guests in the 10 bedroom grand Farrell House, where upon arrival were greeted by Peg the House Event Planner, skilled server and surely the Grand Mistress of the House for those three days. Each then were assigned to a more than adequate quarters for the two night sojourn in that merry month of April. Greg, the master chef, treated all to meals both delicious and sufficient and worth writing home about. The Sunnybrook Trout Club proprietor, Doug, was also around and about, to aid as he saw fit. And in the bar of that facility, did each by his honor and desire attend to his thirst.

Wind Gusts of high velocity (20 – 35 mph) ‘played hob’ with many who rigged for more than single flies. So, wooly buggers were often the choice for many and most throughout the time. Nonetheless, fishing was, for the most part, productive for all the fishers. In short, all caught fish though totally barbless was the order of the day and wading was neither required nor permitted. With more than two miles of shore line from which to angle, you would seldom be so close as to engage a tangle with others, but yet one had to be wary of the willows and their ilk. Netting and releasing the catch could be a challenge for some, as the grassy banks were slick after all the Spring rain but there were no reports of immersions in the cold stream by any of the esteemed Buffers save but one Charlie M who did dampen his foot in his virtuous assistance to Sir Pursley. Even the night fishing by one Randy Clark brought no report of even wet feet though these exploits did yield him a quiet sufficient twenty-two inch Brown via his valiant mousing efforts.

Now the catch by the lads was quite astounding: more than half were in double digits, with Sir Alexander at 43. Nine of the lads registered fish of 19 inches or greater in length with Sir Clark's 22 inch being the best of the lot. But to even the greatest comes humility for Sir Randy also garnered the honor of bringing out the smallest fish with a four inch stream bred Brookie. This feat surely deserves a trip title So, let's try “Little Slam”. It must be noted in this record that Sir Fraley's big ‘Bow bested Sir Montgomery's by a slight but significant ¼”!

Sirs Fraley and Haynes landed fish of three species (‘Bow, Brown, and Steelie) for a Slam whiles Sirs Clark and Gustafson were Grand Slammers this trip by including the Brookie as well in their catches. Nice going guys!! Rumor has it that one of our intrepid anglers may have attained the Super Grand Slam but, if so, has not stepped forth to claim the honor.

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Variations of the wooly bugger, mostly in brown or black, turned out to be the favorite fly but other effective ones included the Silver Copper John, Prince Nymph, Gold Rib Hares Ear, Lou's Articulated Streamer and, of course, the Dover ice and Pink Brittany.

The two tying sessions so ably led by Glenn Weisner were well received by the Group. Flies tied included the Disco Beetle, Bead Back Scud, Caddis Green Halo Pupa, Bead Bubble Caddis Emerger and Foam Back Mayfly Emerger. As is his wont, Sir Weisner introduced new materials and wondrous techniques while testing the abilities of all.

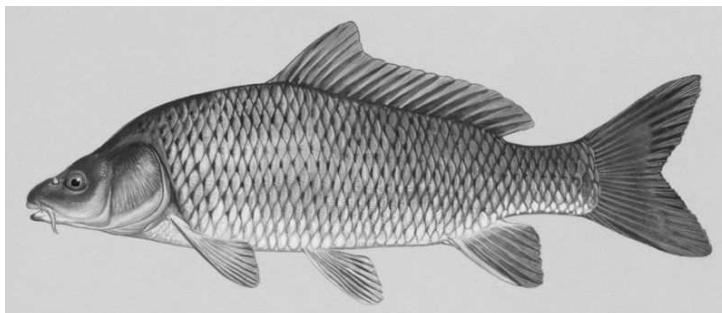
Feedback from the group about the trip was most complimentary of the great facilities, claiming Sunnybrook to be a wonderful place to visit and fish. All will be looking forward to another trip in the future if for no other reason but to learn more about the tales of the "cowboy way"!

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Humans will never fully understand everything that happens in Nature.

Our local Mill Creek may not be regarded as a blue ribbon stream, but it has a large population of very big carp (Cyprinus Carpio), usually eighteen inches or over, but for some reason there are not any small carp. The female carp is fertile and will produce over a million eggs in a year; however the eggs once spawned are on their own. They don't have a nest or any adults to look after them, and they often fall victim to bacteria, fungi, and the vast array of tiny insects and other predators. Perhaps those million eggs produce such an abundance of food in a relatively barren environment that the predators focus on them until they are all gone. The few eggs that survive and reach the juvenile stage are preyed upon by other fish including their own sibling's and adult carp as well as birds and mammals. The survival of a young carp appears to be density dependent. In other words, those that reach adulthood are dependant upon the number of existing adults. An alternative to density dependency would be a stream full of stunted carp and that isn't the case with the Mill Creek. During a typical twelve year lifetime, a carp never stops growing and along with size, their nervous system, including the brain, continues to grow and develop, and they become more intelligent.

To catch them an angler must be smarter than carp.



Fly Fishing at Briarwood Sporting Club

Steve Horgan

Chris and Kristy Daniels generous donation to the BUFF Banquet of a day's fishing for four led to a unique fishing experience for Lou Haynes, Bob Mackey, Steve Walker and I on May 10th. The Club, which sits adjacent to Bellefontaine, Ohio, about 100 miles from Cincinnati, features stream fishing for trout, lake fishing for largemouth bass and bluegills, and hunting for trophy whitetail deer. Chris Daniels met us on arrival and gave us a driving tour of their beautiful 440 acre property, with enough past history thrown in to have us itching to cast flies.

Bass fishing for us featured four lakes (of their sixteen). Chris spent ample time pointing out the better spots to try. Four stream sets were available for trout fishing. The stream sets featured pools, which ended in a small central spillway, to a similar pool which was slightly lower. This configuration continued for 4-8 pools in each set. The shortest pools were around 50 yards long with the longest being in excess of 75 yards. Little current was evident in these pools so streamers seemed an obvious choice.

An established low pressure system was in place when we started. Bob and Steve headed for trout while Lou and I headed for the most recommended bass lake. We quickly established that catching bass was not going to be easy. It certainly wasn't due to a limited bass population. During the day we saw many bass over 5 pounds but none of them fell for our flies. After an hour or so I joined Bob and Steve on the closest stream set. Slowly stripping a chartreuse streamer, it wasn't long before I had landed a nice brown, followed by a brook trout and then a rainbow. By noon we had a high pressure system in place and the trout were less cooperative. That didn't stop Bob from hooking – and losing – the largest rainbow he had ever had a fly in. Lou subsequently hooked - and lost – an 8-10 lb. class rainbow that appeared to be feeding on crayfish. You'll have to ask Lou about the fly he sight casted to this giant. Bob was persistent, kept fishing the same pool, and hooked – and lost – another giant rainbow. Mid afternoon saw a low pressure system move in and fishing was at its toughest. Steve Walker had the best results during this time period. I spent a lot of time sight fishing to a golden trout with no hookup. I can do a lot of dreaming while casting to a species I have never hooked before.

Bug hatches were not evident. However, occasionally fish would smack – and I mean smack – the surface with considerable authority.

Individual and corporate memberships (you can form your own corporation of 5) are available at Briarwood Sporting Club. You can contact the Daniels at 937-593-8045, or visit www.BriarwoodClub.com for further information. Understandably, protecting the value of a Briarwood Sporting Club membership does not permit any fishing arrangement for nonmembers who are not fishing with a member.

We sincerely thank the Daniels for their generous donation and hospitality toward us. Enough large fish showed themselves to easily convince us of the trophy potential of their fishery

BUFF 2011 Calendar

June 2011

- June 4 **Ohio Council of FFF Warm Water Conclave**, Belleville, OH
9am – 4 pm Amer. Legion Pavilion at Clear Creek R.
- Jun 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Jun 9-12 **Elkhorn River Trip**, Marty Foltz, Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 14 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing,
Parky's Farm
- Jun 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jun29-Jul 2 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey

July 2011

- Jul 7 **BUFF-NKFF Picnic/Swap Meet - Replaces Monthly Meeting**
- Jul 9 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, John Cartwright
- Jul 12 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing,
Parky's Farm
- Jul 19 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Jul 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Jul 21 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

August 2011

- Aug 2 **Youth Fly Fishing Lessons**, Greenacres River Lab, Loveland
- Aug 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
TBD
- Aug 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Aug 31 – Sep 3 **Au Sable River Trip**, Steve Bailey,
Dolph Greenberg

September 2011

- Sep 9 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 14 **Little Miami River Clean Up Float Trip**, Steve Lilly
- Sep 16 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 18-23 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip**, Joe Guenther
- Sep 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sep 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm
- Sep 23 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Sep 27 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing,
Parky's Farm
- Sep 30 – Oct 2 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Sep 30 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm

October 2011

- Oct 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 5 – 9 **Smoky Mt. Trout Trip**, Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 11 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing,
Parky's Farm
- Oct 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
- Oct 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

November 2011

- Nov 1 **Healing Waters**, Tom Scheer, 10:30 am – 4 pm, Outing,
Parky's Farm
- Nov 4 – 6 **Fall Steelhead Trip**, Tom Herr
- Nov 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
- Nov 10 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Nov 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

December 2011

- Dec 1 **Healing Waters** Tom Scheer, 3-5 pm, VA Auditorium
- Dec 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- Dec 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** Atonement Lutheran
Church, 305 Cameron Rd. Springdale, OH 7 pm

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Please note that this calendar is only current as of the latest Buffer, and is accurate based on inputs from BUFF oprs. Efforts are made to ensure accuracy, but be sure to verify dates and times of those events that interest you. Ed.

June Menu
Price \$12

Scheduled to be!

Pan Fried Tilapia
Chicken Breast in Pesto Sauce
Red Skinned Mashed
Potatoes and Gravy
Broccoli with Cheese
Tossed Salad with Dressings
Rolls and Butter
Chef's Choice of Dessert

Little Miami Total River Cleanup

Donn Rubingh (Conservation Co-Chair)

A significant conservation event is planned for the weekend of July 9&10. It is the cleanup of the Little Miami River from John Bryan State Park near Yellow Spring Ohio to the Ohio River- a total of 85.6 river miles. A number of groups who enjoy the river have united to make this a success. BUFF is one of them.

The northern stretch, from John Bryan State Park to Fort Ancient, has been adopted for this event by the Little Miami River Keepers out of Dayton Ohio. Hope Taft, former Ohio first lady, has thrown her weight behind this project. According to an article in the Dayton News the Little Miami River Keepers plan to recruit 19 groups of volunteers to get their section done.

To clean up the southern stretch conservation groups like Little Miami Inc., Rivers Unlimited have joined forces with local canoe liveries and other groups interested in conservation. Bill Schroeder (a long time BUFF member and Little Miami River conservation leader) has spent a good deal of time and effort coordinating these various groups.

BUFF has agreed, through me, to take the section from the Morrow Canoe Livery to the South Lebanon Ball Field ramp. This is a distance of 5.2 river miles. I am hoping to get a number of you who are interested in conservation or the Little Miami River to join me on Saturday, July 9 to help. More detailed information will follow at the June BUFF meeting and in a subsequent BUFFER article, but if you already know you are interested shoot me an email drrubingh@gmail.com and I will start a list.

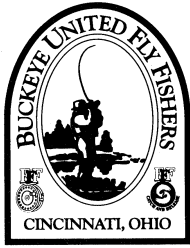
Hope to see a lot of you there. Donn

BUFF – NKFF Combined July Meeting and Swap Meet

Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers have invited BUFF members to join them at their July 7th Meeting and Swap Meet at Duck Creek Country Club in Kentucky. Duck Creek CC is not fancy, but has a small fishing lake, an outside covered patio, and an inside Tap room where the beer is always cold. Duck Creek CC is located near the NKU campus, and NKFF have had their Summer meetings there for several years (and they really like the place!). They will take care of grilling brats, hamburgers, corn, etc., as well as having salads and deserts for about \$10.00. The BUFF board of directors approved this invitation, and this event will take the place of the monthly BUFF indoor meeting. It will be a great opportunity to meet with others in our local fly fishing community. Reservations will be made as usual on the BUFF call in line. More details will be provided at the June BUFF meeting and in the July edition of the Buffer.

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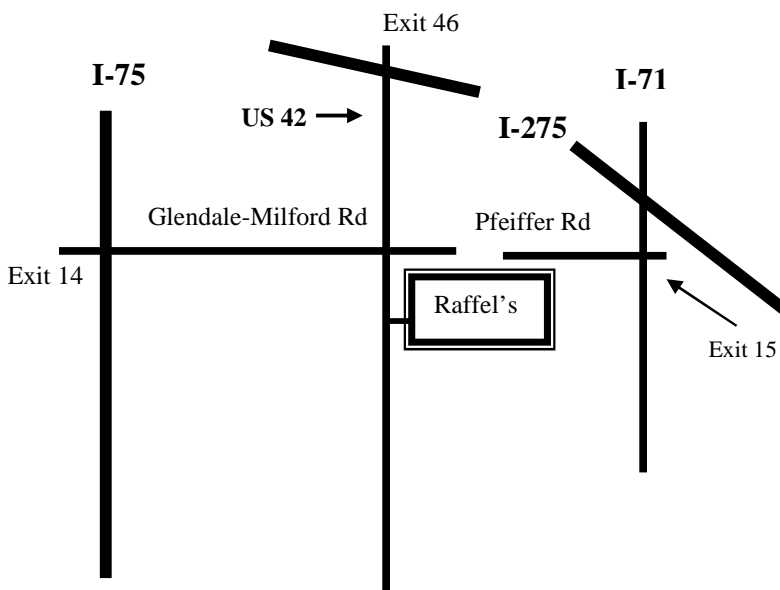
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday June 8

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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.

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