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The President's Notes

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Lane (Stocker, BOD member),

I am glad I got your email. I received your pictures from your first time out in Singapore. So much color packed in such a tight spot. The detail of the sculpture was impressive. I hope you get all the time you need to get out and see the area. Of course, work will get in the way, but that is why they send you over.

You asked about how fishing was here at home. I wrote about the first North Carolina trip in my last President's Message. I hope that will continue to be an annual event. I was home about ten days and then left to go back to North Carolina. I went down to Townsend, TN, to fish Brook trout water with Mike Bryant. I got in one day on Meig's Creek that empties into the Little River by the Sinks. It was about a forty minute uphill walk to get to the creek. The fishing was good. As Mike says, "the fish were happy". I left the next day for the Hazel Creek trip with Bill Schroeder and Tom Knapke. The fishing started strong but then a storm came in that night and the waters became stained and higher. Tom fished with Steve Claxton and Bill and I hiked up the creek about six miles past Sawmill and Sugar Fork to fish around Bone valley. I caught some brookies in the side creeks, while Bill hit the right time and place on the Hazel. We fished around camp the next two days. As you remember, Steve and Becky served some fine meals and one night we had fresh caught trout and walleye. Coming out to the boat ramp the motor broke down, and we had to go the rest of the way in reverse. I am sure the rest of the boats on the lake thought we were nuts. It was a great time. Bill put together a good trip, it was a shame that so many people dropped out. I'm glad Steve agreed to have the trip anyway. I went back to Townsend and fished with Mike another two days. He is sure getting to know those waters!

I am now in State College, PA. We are going to start the PA phase of the WV-PA trip. Randy and I left last Monday for Kumbrabow State Forest (WV) and fished for brookies for three days. We rented a cabin which was pretty inexpensive with a senior discount. The brookies were "happy". We had to travel a good portion of the stream to find our spots because of a rain on Monday, but the fishing was good. We left Kumbrabow and drove about a half hour to Elk Spring Resort. Lee and Rodney divided us up among three cabins. The only planned meal was a lunch for us to get together and tell stories. In our cabin we got together by email and divided up the meals. Randy, Pete Moore, and Steve Alexander took the lead in the preparation. Dave French and I supplied some adult beverages and other odds and ends. I fished the main

Mill pool and did well with Sulfurs and midges. They like the real small ones like 26 to 32. The next day, Randy and I went to the Williams River about an hour away. The drive over was spectacular. I think you fished it with Randy the first year the West Virginia trip was done. It is a great river, but the wading was a little tough. The rocks were slick. The Sulfur spinner fall wasn't as strong as years past, but most everyone caught fish. The fishing is more technical than North Carolina, but that does help us learn. Now it is time to take on the challenge of PA.

I will look into the motels in Livingston for that trip when I get back home.

Jeff

Above is a response to Lane, who has a work assignment in Singapore. She keeps up with what is going on through emails and reading the web site.

On all fishing trips, it takes a lot of things to go right for a good trip. If they don't go as you wish, you need to be able to shift gears and work out what will work (like backing the boat across the lake to the ramp). In the case of rain, you fish streamers or you look for higher elevation or different water to be able to fish. On all trips, the meals are where the rubber meets the road. We could have eaten out at the restaurants, but we chose to fix our own. We communicated what our plans were, we provided what was needed in food stuffs and preparation tools, prepared the meal, and cleaned up. Appreciation was extended to the cooks (should I say "chefs"?).

As a club, we are taking on a number of tasks. There are trips to be discovered and led, river cleanup and conservation projects to be worked on, education events to help out on, Parky's Farm, working with the Vets with Dave Jones and Project Healing Waters, CFR, and many more. For these activities to be what we wish them to be, we need to become part of the ones we have interest in. If more of us do a little, no one has to do a lot. In the past, we have allowed some members to get overloaded and burned out. They have stepped back or in some cases left. Prevention is the best way to keep things going. Also, I have found that the more that I am involved in, the more I get out of the club. Good thing I decided to retire.

Now it is time to go check out the fish in Spring Creek.

Jeff

BUFF June 2012 Program

Dan Armitage is a full time outdoors and travel writer, radio show host and kids fishing program leader.

Program: Dan will cover two subjects for BUFF members: "Ten Tips for Teaching Kids (of any age) to Fish" and "Fish Pix 101", on how to take better photos of your catch with common "point-and-shoot" cameras.

Kidfest Volunteers Requested

Ed Jones, Education Co-Director

Our sister organization from across the river (NKFF) has requested volunteer assistance from BUFF members for the Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo (Kidfest) at Coney Island this June 21. NKFF and BUFF members will help youngsters catch hungry catfish from stocked pools using spin-fishing gear. Equipment will be provided, but volunteers will probably want to bring their own pliers and line nippers. Our main contribution is likely to be netting fish, untangling mono, and safely removing hooks from fish. The kids range in age from about 6-12 years. Approximately half are from the inner city, and most have never before caught a fish. We will work with about 25 at-a-time for periods of 20 minutes or so. There will be two shifts, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Volunteers may help with either or both sessions – whichever works best for them. NKFF will provide bottled water, soft drinks and a pizza lunch.

An area will be set aside to teach spin casting, and the Foundation of Ohio River Education will conduct sessions on critters that live in the river. A trailer-mounted aquarium may be near the fishing site. BUFF members who would like to participate should contact Craig Troescher, 513-604-6754, or craigtr@fuse.net to volunteer or ask questions. Craig is hoping 10-12 BUFFers will help with this very rewarding and worthwhile experience.

New! Summer Fishing Program at Parky's Farm

Parky's Farm is having a children's fishing program from 9-10 a.m. on the following Fridays: June 8, 15, and 29; July 6, 13, 20 and 27. They have asked us to help them if at all possible. Parky's will supply all the fishing equipment. As usual we can fish before and after helping out. You do not have to contact any BUFF member if you are going to help out. All you have to do is show up at Parky's Farm before 9 a.m.

Directions

Follow I-275 to Exit 39, the Winton Rd. exit. Take Winton Rd. south approximately 3.5 miles. After crossing the lake, turn right at the light onto Southshore Dr., which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

Or

Traveling east on Ronald Reagan Cross County Highway take the Winton Road exit (traveling west, take the Galbraith Rd. exit and turn right onto Winton Rd.). Follow Winton Rd. north for approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Southshore Drive, which dead-ends at the Parky's Farm entrance.

On June 12, 1996, the insects called Canadian Soldiers caused a brownout over much of Northwestern Ohio when hordes of them, after being attracted to the lights of an electrical substation, settled on the equipment and shorted the current across the insulators.

The specie of Mayfly, *Hexagenia Limbata*, virtually disappeared from Lake Erie in the mid-1950s due to the nutrient load coming into the Lake that led to a huge growth of algae. The algae would rain down upon the bottom and its decomposition would deplete all the oxygen causing the demise of the bottom dwellers like the *Hexagenia* nymphs. The clean water act of 1972 led to a better Lake Erie and the *Hexagenia* began to recover. Then In the late 1980s, western Lake Erie was colonized by zebra mussels, and soon afterward the population of *Hexagenia* exploded. Every June the adults appear and without any functional mouth parts and a digestion system filled with air, they have only about three days to live, just time enough to mate. Beginning at dusk the males congregate in huge swarms that attract the females. After conjoining with a male, the female deposits up to 8,000 eggs on the lake surface, then her life ends. The eggs sink to the bottom and after several days up to several months, depending on water temperature, they hatch into nymphs that can reach a density of nearly 500 per square foot. They form a U-shaped burrow in the silt and stay there for a couple of years feeding on particulate matter in the lake sediment and circulating water through their burrow by undulating their abdominal gills. As they grow, they molt as many as 30 times before eventually leaving their burrow to swim precariously to the surface. Many fall prey to schools of hungry Yellow Perch whose population and growth rate have shot up considerably with the return of the *Hexagenia*. Once on the surface, their exoskeleton splits and the fully winged subimago insect emerges. After alighting on a solid object they molt one last time, and the fun begins.

Steve Lilly



Lee Chambers was talking about large hatches and that brought to mind the situation along the shores of Lake Erie. If anyone has an idea for a future article, or would like to submit one of their own, please contact Steve Lilly at sjlilly@fuse.net or Jon Kennard at jonkennard@fuse.net

BUFF 2012 Calendar

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 2012

- Jun 3 **BUFF Fly Casting Class** Cottell Park, Gary Begley, **Prior Sign-Up Required**
- Jun 8 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jun 7-10 **Elkhorn River Trip** Marty Foltz and Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 10 **BUFF Fly Casting Class** Cottell Park, Gary Begley, **Prior Sign-Up Required**
- Jun 12 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Jun 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jun 15 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jun 15 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jun 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jun 23 **Paddlefest** , Float on Ohio River, Coney Island to downtown Cincinnati
- Jun 24 **BUFF Fly Casting Class** Cottell Park, Gary Begley, **Prior Sign-Up Required**
- Jun 25 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
- Jun 26-28 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Jun 29 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jun 27-30 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey



July 2012

- Jul 5 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Jul 6 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 10 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Jul 11 **Joint Meeting BUFF/NKFF/MVFF** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jul 13 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 14 **Sporting Women Day** - Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club
- Jul 14 **Crazy Cardboard Regatta** - VOA Park
- Jul 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jul 19 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
- Jul 20 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 20 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Jul 27 **Parky's Farm**, 9 am
- Jul 30 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

August 2012

- Aug 2 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
- Aug 4 **BUFF River Clean Up** Donn Rubingh
- Aug 8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Aug 14 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
- Aug 15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Aug 17 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
- Aug 25-Sep 1 **Au Sable River Trip** Steve Bailey
- Aug 27 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

September 2012

- Sep 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Sep 7 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 8 **Project Healing Waters**, Trip to Castalia Hatchery, Tom Scheer
Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Sep 12 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
Sep 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Sep 14 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 16-20 **Pere Marquette River Fall Salmon Trip** Joe Guenther
Sep 17 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm
Sep 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Sep 21 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Sep 21-23 **Castling For Recovery Retreat**, Indian Bear Lodge, Debbie Hampton
Sep 23-29 **Catskills Trip, 5 Rivers in 5 Days, Claryville, NY** Steve Bailey
Sep 25 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Sep 28 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Sep 28-30 **Sunny Brook Trout Club Trip** Ken Dixon

October 2012

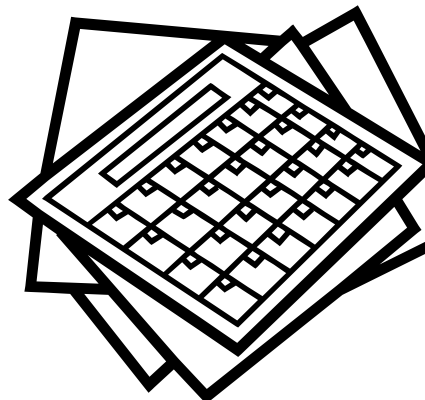
- Oct 4 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Oct 5 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Oct 11-14 **Smoky Mountains Trout Trip, Bryson City, NC** Jerry Schatzman
Oct 12 **Parky's Farm**, 10 am – 2 pm
Oct 16 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Oct 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Oct 18-21 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip** Bill Schroeder
Oct 19 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Oct 29 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer

November 2012

- Nov 1 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Nov 2-4 **Fall Steelhead Trip** Tom Herr
Nov 6 **Project Healing Waters** 9 am – 4 pm, Parky's Farm, Tom Scheer
Nov 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Nov 16 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley
Nov 19 **Project Healing Waters** 2:30 – 4:30 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Nov 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Nov 26 **VA Fly Tying** Dave Jones 6:30-8:30 pm

December 2012

- Dec 3 **Project Healing Waters** 3-5 pm VA Auditorium, Tom Scheer
Dec 6 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Dave Jones
Dec 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
Dec 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
Dec 21 **Lie & Tie Bass Pro** 7-9 pm Gary Begley



June Menu

Meat Loaf with brown gravy

Herb Encrusted Chicken

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Waldorf Salad

Rolls and Butter

Dessert

German Chocolate Brownie

and

another dessert to be determined

2012 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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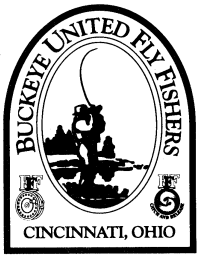
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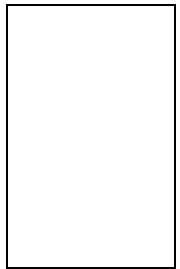


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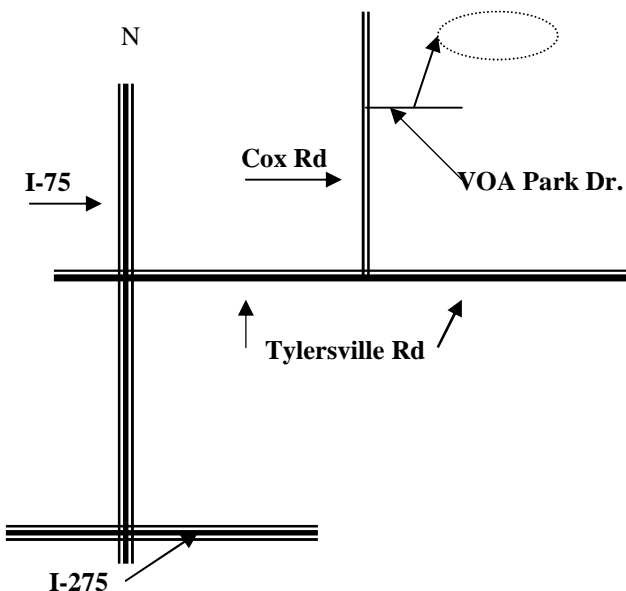
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NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a one time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – June 13

CALL 513 683 0286 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$15/PERSON FOR A MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED – DON'T WAIT – CALL NOW!



Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

From the Warren County area...

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