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The President's Notes

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Life is good! As I contemplated writing this message, I am in process of the West Virginia trip. Randy and I have for the last few years started our trip a few days early at Kumbrabow State Park. The Mill Creek runs through this park and has some beautifully colored Brook trout. The stream runs from about six to eight feet at its smallest to twenty something with runs and deep holes spotted between pocket water and riffles. They have six cabins that sleep between three to eight persons. They have wood burning fireplaces and stoves and a generous wood shed stocked with split wood. The lighting in the cabins is propane based. The drinking and cooking water is found at one of several hand pumps not too far from the cabins. The sanitary facilities offer silent no hands flushing. The cabins were built by the WPA and CCC and are very well maintained. We stayed there three nights and fished for four days. The Bookies are very fast and ranged from four to seven inches. A trophy fish measured in at eight inches. Great fishing with a two to four weight rods. The canopy was open enough to use a full length rod in most of the stream, but some of it needed a seven footer or so. I did well this year, but not quite as good as last year. Randy had some outstanding fishing, and I think he told me he had a thirty fish day. Sitting at the table eating dinner fixed on a wood stove, watching a fire in the fire place after a good day of fishing, is the best. The weather ran the gambit, from a few snowflakes on the jacket and a chilly night on Monday, to a little rain here and there, to a sunny short sleeve day at the end. Life is good!

Thursday we left and went to the other spectrum of convenience, Elk River Springs. We shared a cabin on an island with three other BUFF members Gene and Dixie Gaffney and Jeff Messerly. Electric power and lights, a working kitchen, and two full baths. A large gathering room and a great front porch were part of the package. We decided to forego cooking and ate at the dining room on the meal plan. The food was very good, and there was more than I could eat. A full service fly shop was upstairs of the dining room with all the tiny flies (28s anyone?) and 7X and 8X tippet you could want. March brown in 14 and Sulfurs in 16 were hatching in the afternoon and evening. Close to dark the spinner fall was just starting. Good timing by our trip leaders Rodney and Steve. The fish that I caught and the ones that I saw were all good size and heavy, some very heavy. I was using both a four and mostly five weight fly rods and the fish put a real bow in both of them. I think everyone caught fish, even the first time new members. The last night on the spinner fall I lost count of the fish I caught and the smallest was about 16 and the largest was just under 20. Randy did better than I did

and had a larger fish break him off before he could get it to the net. Earlier in the day, I saw a 26 inch fish caught in the Mill hole by the Fly Shop. Life is good!

I really enjoy going on the fishing trips with BUFF. It is the time that you get to know the people behind the faces you see at the meetings. You get to share what each of you has learned no matter the level of experience. Sometimes the eagerness of the new members ferret out information we haven't heard of or have long forgotten. When we return to places we have fished for a few years, it's interesting to see how they have changed along with us. The gathering at dinner, in a great room, on a porch, or around a campfire is some of the best parts of the trips. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Jeff

BUFF May 2013 Program

Muskies On A Fly

Come learn a little about the tackle, gear, and flies used to catch ESOX MASQUINONGY ... AKA the "water wolf" ... AKA muskellunge or "muskie" for short. At least those that inhabit the lakes and rivers in Kentucky and Tennessee. Mike Arnold has been fishing for these toothy critters since 1991, while bass fishing at Cave Run Lake in central Kentucky, and, a small one decided Mike's bass fly was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Ever since, he's been making at least one or two trips a year to his favorite waters and so far has accumulated about five "legal" muskies (36" in KY now) and twenty-some less than legal (ten at 32" which used to be "legal"). So far, he hasn't cracked the 20-pounder goal he set for himself years ago, and he attributes his lack of success to not being able to cast planer boards and cannon-ball down-riggers with his 9-weight outfit.

OVERVIEW

- **Muskie Fly Gear**
- **Rods, Reels and Lines, Leaders & Tippetts, Flies**
- **Other Tackle**
- **Past Trips & Trip Pictures**
- **Cave Run Lake Info**
- **Other Muskie Waters info**

The smallest Mayfly in North America is the Tricorythodes Minutus, their common name is Trico, and among fly fishers they are often called “the white-winged curse”.

The Trico dun refers to a subimago stage of metamorphosis unique to Mayflies that occurs between the nymph and adult stages during which the reproductive system is developed. The male duns emerge from the water in early evening and make it to the streamside vegetation where by dawn they have transformed into adult spinners. The female duns emerge at dawn and immediately change into spinners. The males will swarm over a riffle in the stream followed by the females. Together they form what appears to be a dense cloud. The top third of the cloud are males, the middle third are males and females, the bottom third are fertilized females. Shortly after joining the swarm the female is mated and the male, fully spent, falls. Meanwhile the female flies to some nearby vegetation where the fertilized egg is pumped from her abdomen to an egg sac. She then flies back to the stream to deposit the egg sack after which she falls fully spent into the water. The eggs hatch into nymphs in a few days and quickly grow while shedding their skin several times. In about seven weeks the cycle starts over with the males emerging once again and the females follow. The eggs from this second emergence don't hatch right away, instead, they go into diapause until next year.

Steve Lilly



A Trico Cloud

Much of the material on Tricos was gleaned from excerpts of the book “Great Rivers Great Hatches” by Charles Meck and Greg Hoover.

Brookville Tail Waters TRICOS

The tricos (tricorythodes), the only predictable mayfly hatch on the BTW, usually start emerging in late July and can continue on a daily basis until early October. Watch for the mating swarm high above the water at first, then descending closer to the water. Keep an eye out for rises and spent spinners on the surface. Hook size tends to diminish from #22 to as small as #26 as the season goes on. Small caloric return from these little fellows usually finds the fish keying in on slower water to minimize energy expenditure. I was spotting one morning from the 252 bridge, and the mating swarm engulfed me. I had them in nose and mouth, but never have had a better look at the imago stage before they fall as spinners. Long leaders and perfect dead drifts do yield results, but fill your vest with patience before you head over.

Tom Scheer

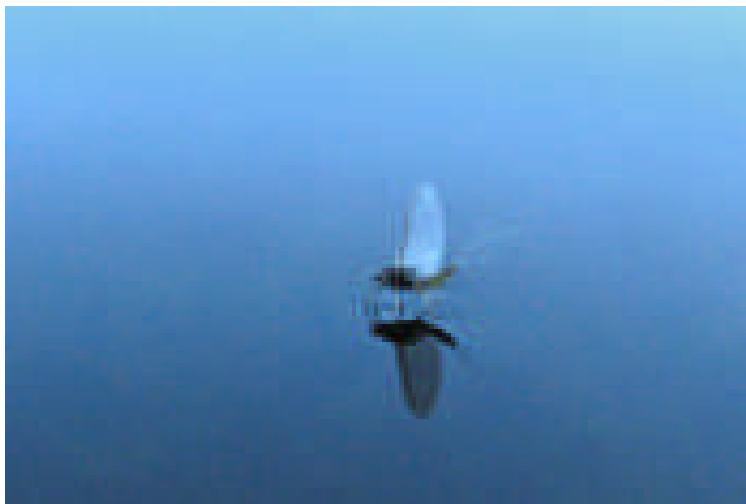


image by David French

Bio. for Mike Arnold:

Mike Arnold is a member of Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers and he started fly fishing in 1980 after running into some folks from Buckeye United Fly Fishers. It didn't take long for him to be completely hooked (in a tree of course) and to fall (face-first into 6-inches of water) completely in love with the sport. In 1987 Mike lead a handful of northern Kentucky and southeast Indiana fly-fishers to form Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers as an outgrowth of the BUFF club. In 2002, Mike retired after 38 years in "EDP/IT/telecommunications". Mike now spends most of his non-fishing time helping to raise their adopted daughter who currently is ten (going on thirty), a 5th grader (doing 10th grade reading and 8th grade math) who loves volleyball, swimming, piano & guitar (playing and now composing) and singing as well as most computer games. His wife, Gayle and he work at their daughter's school and have been honored within the overall school district for their volunteerism. Mike still gets to fish twenty or thirty days a year ... but also still thinks this is not enough time spent on the water.

Meet Jerry Snider

Long time BUFF member Dr. Jerry Snider has served BUFF in many ways. He is a past editor of The BUFFer, treasurer, and a leader of initial club fishing trips to North Carolina. He has twice been recognized by the club as Fly Fisher of the Year (1995 & 1998). His modest, affable manner has helped bring many folks into the sport of fly fishing and build BUFF as a premier fly fishing club.

A native of southern Illinois, Jerry has had a lifelong love of the great outdoors. From farm ponds in Illinois and Texas, to the Alaskan tundra, he has honed his fly fishing skills to expert status. He has also pursued outdoor studies professionally, earning a PhD from Duke University and serving as professor in the Department of Biologic Sciences at the University of Cincinnati, specializing in the studies of algae, fungi, lichens, and bryophytes. He has been published in numerous scientific journals and has mentored graduate students as faculty advisor for their pursuit of advanced degrees. He is married to Linda and lives in Colerain Township.

Since retiring from U.C., Jerry kicked his love of fly fishing into high gear, teaching fly tying classes in local fly fishing shops and converting the basement of his home into a first rate bamboo rod making shop. Over the years, Jerry has produced dozens of fly rods and developed self-taught skills and methods in rod building, machining, and finishing. He is constantly tinkering in the shop, improving the operations and experimenting with new methods. He has contributed rod building learnings to rod enthusiast journals and forums and is well known in the rod building fraternity. Though his rods compare with the best, Jerry is not interested in building rods for sale, preferring instead to teach others how to build rods. He has taught about a dozen BUFF members to build bamboo rods and currently has 5 BUFFers working in his shop. Jerry's teaching skills are very apparent, as is his encouragement and enthusiasm for the hobby. He charges students a modest fee, mainly to cover materials and shop consumables.

Jerry has been generous to BUFF over the years, contributing bamboo rods as raffle prizes for club banquets and the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. The raffle sales for his rods always sell out, owing to the obvious quality of the workmanship and fishability. The value of rods contributed by Jerry over the years approaches \$20,000. Beyond the rod donations, he has participated in BUFF fly shows by showcasing a rod building booth and making presentations on bamboo rod building.

These days you'll find Jerry fishing with friends and students in Indiana (trout, bass, bluegill, white bass) depending on the season. He will catch twice as many fish than you do, but claim a few less than you.

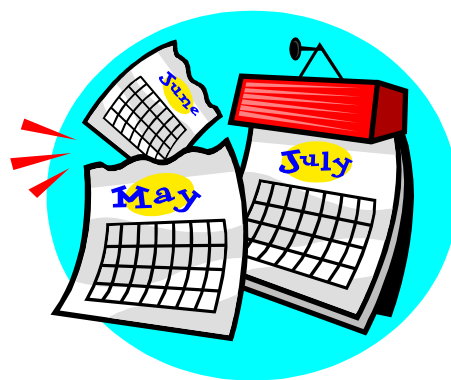


In Appreciation to Jerry Snider – Otter Creek Bamboo Rods

Complimentary 2013 BUFF Membership

Thanks Jerry!

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



BUFF 2013 Calendar

June 2013

- June 2 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park 1 – 4 pm Gary Begley loopdude1@hotmail.com (**Prior sign-up required**)
- Jun 2-6 **Hazel Creek Back-Packing Trip**, Bill Schroeder
- Jun 3-7 **Spring Creek Trip**, Phil Pursley
- Jun 6 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Jun 6-9 **Hazel Creek Camping Trip**, Bill Schroeder
- Jun 6-9 **Elkhorn Creek Trip**, Marty Foltz/Charlie Montgomery
- Jun 9 **BUFF Casting Class** Cottell Park 1 – 4 pm Gary Begley loopdude1@hotmail.com (**Prior sign-up required**)
- Jun 11 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Jun 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jun 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jun 20 **NKFF Kids Fest at Old Coney** 9 am – noon; 1 – 4 pm
- Jun 21 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pn Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Jun 24 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- Jun 25-27 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon
- Jun 26 **Fly Fishing Youth Class with Green Acres**
- Jun 28 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 10 am – 3 pm CRC demonstration Tom Scheer

July 2013

- Jul 4 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Jul 9 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Jul 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Jul 13 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh
- Jul 13 **Sporting Women Program** 9:15 – 10:45 Eastern Hills Rod & Gun Club, Gary Begley
- Jul 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Jul 18 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr. 7pm D. Jones
- Jul 19 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pn Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Jul 20 **VOA Regatta** Fly Tying, Fly Casting/Fishing (no contact person yet)
- Jul 22 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

August 2013

- Aug 1 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Aug 2 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 10 am – 3 pm CRC demonstration Tom Scheer
- Aug 14 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Aug 16 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pn Gary Begley
- Aug 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center

September 2013

- Sep 5 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Sep 7 **Project Healing Waters** ODNR Fish Hatchery, Castalia, OH 9 am – 3 pm
- Sep 10 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Sep 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Sep 11 **Little Miami River Day Float** Donn Rubingh (**NOT Confirmed**)
- Sep 16 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr. 7pm D. Jones
- Sep 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Sep 20 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7 – 9 pm Gary Begley tyer1@hotmail.com
- Sep 21 **Parky's Farm** 6 – 9 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Sep 23 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- Sep 27-29 **Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip**, Ken Dixon)
- Sep 28 **Great Outdoor Weekend**, IWLA Lodge, Loveland, time tbd

October 2013

- Oct 3 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Oct 4 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 8 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Oct 9 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Oct 11 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 9-13 **Smoky Mountain trip** Jerry Schatzman
- Oct 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Oct 18 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 17-20 **Hazel Creek Brown Trout Trip**, Bill Schroeder, (**NOT Confirmed**)
- Oct 22 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 25 **Parky's Farm** 10 am – 2 pm come early/stay late for more fishing
- Oct 28 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

November 2013

- Nov 5 **Project Healing Waters** Parky's Farm 9am – 4 pm Tom Scheer
- Nov 7 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Nov 13 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Nov 20 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Nov 25 **VA Tying** VA Medical Ctr. 7pm D. Jones
- Nov 25 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer

December 2013

- Dec 5 **Tie & Lie Bass Pro** 7-9pm D. Jones
- Dec 9 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer
- Dec 11 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 6:45 – 9 pm Voice of America park
- Dec 18 **BUFF Board Meeting** 6:30 pm-8 pm Springdale Community Center
- Dec 23 **Project Healing Waters** VAMC Auditorium 3-5 pm Tom Scheer



June Menu

Grill- Out Night
Gourmet All Beef Burgers
Bratts and Metts
Beef Hot Dogs

Accompanied by Buns, Sauerkraut,
Ketchup, Mustard, Lettuce,
Tomatoes, Onions, pickles and cheese

BBQ Baked Beans

Sour Cream Potato Salad

Creamy Macaroni Salad

Desserts

Fresh Baked Lemon Pound Cake
With Fresh Seasonal Berries
And whipped Cream

2013 B.U.F.F Officers/Board of Directors/Key Positions

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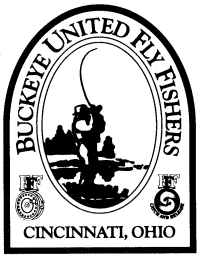
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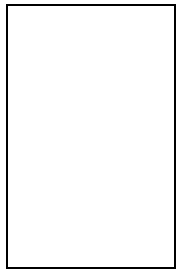


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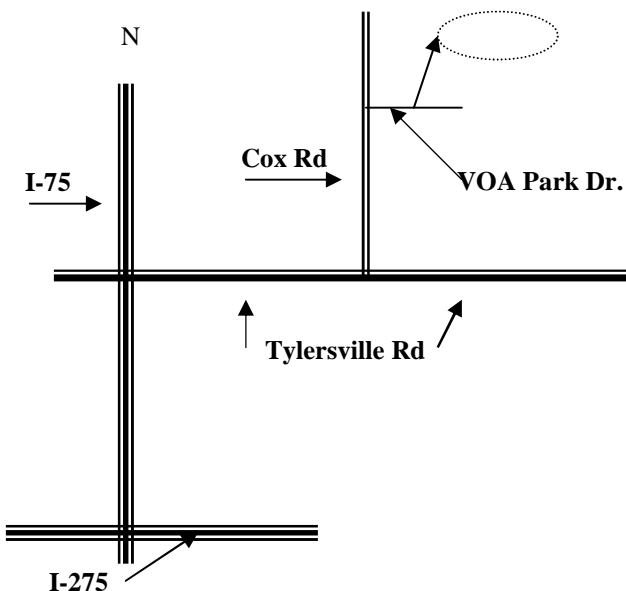
FIRST CLASS MAIL

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 – June 12

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Directions:

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