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## Notes from the President

Ken Dixon ([krgjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krgjdix@outlook.com))

Between Club sponsored Fishing Trips, Outside and Inside Education Events and other activities, June is shaping up to be another busy month for our Club.

June trips include the June Sunnybrook Trout Club Trip, and the Elkhorn Creek Trip. At the time of this writing the Sunnybrook trip still has 3 to 4 openings and the Elkhorn trip can still accept more enrollees. These are both great trips. If you have not been to Sunnybrook, it is a great place to refine your techniques as you do not have to wade and the water is usually crystal clear so you can see how the fish react to your presentation. The Elkhorn trip is one of our most popular trips that has been absent for a couple of years until George Fraley and Charlie Montgomery volunteered to be the Trip Leaders for this event – Thanks Guys !!! For details on these trips please check the BUFF website.

This is a really busy month for outside Education with a number of special events including helping kids catch their first fish at Parky's Farm and at Kid's Fest at Old Coney where we support our friends from Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers. We will also be helping at Lake Isabella's Fish Camps this month, and will have two booths plus casting demonstrations at the Cincinnati Museum Center BugFest. Thanks to the many volunteers that make these events the success they are and a tip of the fly hat to Ed Jones for coordinating all these activities.

For Club members we have our Fly Casting Classes on June 7 / 14 / 21. This is open to all skill levels from "I just bought a rod and have no idea how to cast it" to good casters that need to refine their technique.

The Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers will be holding their Warm Water Conclave on June 27 in Bellville, Ohio. There will be a few vendors, Club Tiers, and presentations along with some nice raffles. B.U.F.F. is a member of the Ohio Council. Please plan to make a trip to check out the Conclave. It is a fun, outdoor event. If you can, we need contributions of flies for a fly box that will be raffled off at the Conclave. Please pass along any flies you would like to donate at our June meeting.

Looking ahead to July, we will be hosting the joint meeting with our sister clubs, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers and Miami Valley Fly Fishers, on our regular meeting night at the VOA Lodge. We will have a Casting Golf Range set up, the Fly Casting Analyzer available, Swap Meet tables set up (bring your old stuff for sell or

trade), plus a presentation by Ray Schmidt from Temple Fork Outfitters on the making of graphite fly rods. This should be a great meeting. Hope to see you there.

As a reminder, BUFF members can get a special rate for fishing the lake at the Voice of America Park on our meeting nights. From 4:00 PM until the meeting you can fish the lake for a reduced rate of \$2.00. When you check in at the Wheel house (to the North side of the Lodge), you will need to show your BUFF membership badge to qualify for the reduced rate.

Enjoy the waters and be safe out there.

Tight Lines.

## Rock Snot

Steve Lilly ([sjlilly@fuse.net](mailto:sjlilly@fuse.net))

In North America *Didymosphenia Geminata* aka Didymo or Rock Snot is expanding its geographical range and in some streams is forming massive growths.

International Federation of Flyfishers



Until recently *Didymo* was found in only a few streams in the United States that were cold and low in nutrients and in those few streams it had to compete with other algal species, consequently it wasn't a problem. However in Northern China the *Didymo* has always been a terrible nuisance that would completely cover a stream bottom with a thick heavy growth. Then in the early 1990's, worldwide changes began to be seen in the *Didymo* population when more and more areas began showing larger, more extensive blooms particularly in New Zealand. In Colorado and parts of the West it has exploded, but not here although it has been identified in Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia. The algae produces a stalk that grows out from itself that can attach to rocks, plants, or other submerged surfaces. When the *didymo* cell divides the stalk divides also eventually forming a mass of branching stalks that remain long after the cell itself has died. Not much is known about this algae consequently there isn't an effective method for its elimination or control

and presently the only technique to stop its spread is by decontaminating anything that may have come in contact with it especially waders with felt soles, but just how this algae manages to propagate and spread is not well understood.

## Marion the Librarian

George Hupp ([hupp23@zoontown.com](mailto:hupp23@zoontown.com))

Please express your gratitude to Bob Miller for using his professional skill and personal talents to design and execute the recent Library Survey. 51 members participated and provided their feedback on issues that concerned them. Thank you to all who gave us affirmation and ideas for improvement. Below is a summary of the main issues.

### How can the library be of service to you?

- Introduction to the basics of fly fishing
- Introduction to and advancement in tying
- Improvement in casting
- Materials relevant to the upcoming club trips

### What would you like to have in the library that is not now available?

- Specific travel information
- Rod and Net building
- How to tie articulated flies
- Information on stream access points
- Info on the best guides
- Info on clothing for different weather conditions

### What books or DVDs would you like to have added to the library?

- Czech and Spanish nymphing
- Fishing with Tankara

### In what way could the library better serve you?

- Post the NEW purchases
- Replace the dated material with updated publications
- Could we benefit from multiple copies of the most popular material?
- Provide for mail return of resources.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Six respondents specifically asked for the library to catalogue by subject and display the resources by subject to make them easier to find.

Notes: A request was made for Digital reproductions of books / an ebook system;  
Several members have suggestions for purchase and encourage the solicitation of funds to provide those purchases.

# May B.U.F.F. Trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club

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The Spring B.U.F.F. trip to the Sunnybrook Trout Club was held on May 1 through May 3 with 15 members in attendance. The weather was great and the fish were plentiful and hungry. On Friday night we were joined by Glenn Weisner, owner of Glenn River Fly Tying, who put on a tying workshop.



As always, the facilities were wonderful and the food was delicious.



The next trip to Sunnybrook is June 23 through the 25<sup>th</sup>. As of this time, there are still openings available. For details, check out the on-line registration on the B.U.F.F. website.

## Buff Fly Casting Class

Gary Begley ([loopdude1@hotmail.com](mailto:loopdude1@hotmail.com))



Sundays—June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> -- 1:00-4:00 PM

Cottell Park, Deerfield Township

(We meet in front of the white house on the park grounds.)

The BUFF website offers a map to the park.

Go to

*Contact Us/Maps and Directions/Cottell Park*

[www.buckeyeflyfishers.com](http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com)

## Bring to Class List

- Your BUFF name badge
- Your rod, reel & fly line; (5, 6 or 7 weight, floating line)
- Stiff leader OX or 1X 7 ½ feet long
- Yarn for a practice fly, (3/4 inch maximum length, visible color)
- Sunglasses?
- Hat?
- Bottled water
- Folding chair

Before class day, please mark your fly line 30 feet from the tip end with a 6 inch long mark that goes all the way around the line. A permanent marker such as a black *Sharpie* is recommended.

(Caution!! let the ink dry completely before reeling the fly line back on to the reel)



## PHWFF fishing at Parky's Farm, June 2

D Brent Miller ([DBrent@dbrent.com](mailto:DBrent@dbrent.com))

Greetings Project Healing Waters Veterans and Volunteers!

We'll be fishing at Parky's Farm Tuesday, June 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plan to bring your own lunch this time.

Let me know if you're coming.

## June Meeting Program – Fly Fishing Kentucky

Pete Moore ([petem@outlook.com](mailto:petem@outlook.com))

**Meeting Date, Wed. June 10, 2015**

Speakers – Tom Schrodt and Valerie Askren

James Thomas Schrodt, professor emeritus of chemical engineering at the University of Kentucky gave up his tennis playing and took up fly fishing for cold and salt water fish in 1985. This pursuit has carried him into over a hundred waters including rivers in New Zealand, Alaska, British Columbia, the lochs of Ireland and occasionally the salty flats off the Florida coasts. His most exciting river catches include a 22 inch Cutthroat out of the Bitterroot in Montana, a 35 inch Steelhead out of the Thorne in the Isle Prince of Wales and a 30 inch Rainbow out of the Copper River flowing into Alaska's Lake Iliamna. He has brought a few small Tarpon to boat, but is still looking to land that trophy. Tom's three sons are also avid fly fishing anglers and when their time allows they gather together for some serious fishing. In 2012 Tom began teaching fly fishing in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the University of Kentucky Discovery Program. He and Valerie became acquainted in 2012 while fishing the East Fork of Indian Creek in the Daniel Boone National Forest and shortly thereafter committed themselves to writing "Fly Fishing Kentucky". Tom lives with his wife Rita in Lexington, Kentucky.

After more than 20 years in academia, Valerie Askren traded the life of living in ivory towers to spend more time being close to nature. Her background in natural resource economics and love of the outdoors has translated into a second career of writing hiking guides, including "Hike the Bluegrass" and "Five Start Trails: Louisville and Southern Indiana". An avid outdoorswoman, Valerie has swum in Lake Malawi, climbed Mount Tai, sailed the coast of southern France, biked Nova Scotia, backpacked Canada and survived the biting cold of farm life in the Ukraine. Her honeymoon was spent kayaking the Grand Canyon with her husband, Ben. Now that Tom has opened her world to fly fishing, she has even more excuses to get outside. The mother of four, Valerie lives in Lexington, Kentucky and as soon as this book hits the shelf she hopes to be back out on the water

**"Fly Fishing Kentucky" will be available for purchase during the meeting**

## **Dinner Menu**

- Pork Short Ribs with Asian Ginger Sauce
- Bone-In Chicken Breast with AYS Signature BBQ Sauce
- Steamed Asparagus
- Herb Seasoned and Roasted Potatoes
- Home-style Macaroni and Cheese

## **Heart Healthy (Lo-Cal) Dinner Menu Option:**

>>> Select when registering <<<

- Baked Bone – In Chicken Breast, lightly seasoned
- Herb Seasoned and Roasted Potatoes
- Steamed Asparagus
- Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Vegetables with Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

## **Vegetarian Dinner Menu Option:**

>>> Select when registering <<<

- Vegetable Moussaka
- Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Vegetables Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

## **Dessert**

- Trio Plate of Mini Desserts – Fudge Brownie Bite, Lemon Bar and Granny Smith Apple

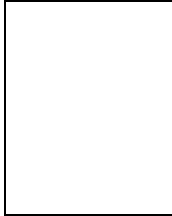


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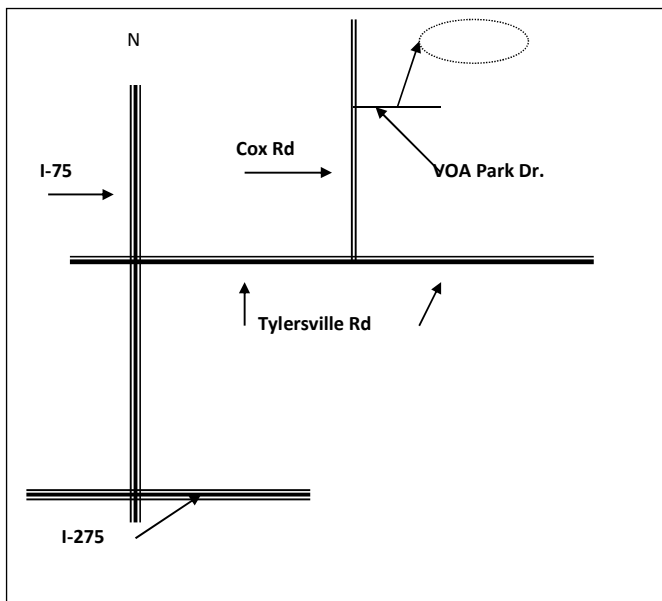
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 ( Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

### **Next Monthly Meeting – Wed. June 10, 2015**

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the November through the Sunday evening (12/14) before the monthly meeting!



#### **Directions:**

**From I-75 --** Follow 1-75 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...**

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right 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.