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Notes from the President

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Wow, I've been so busy fishing for the past month that I can't believe it's time to sit down and write notes for a June BUFFER already! Had a great trip up to Sunnybrook early in the month of May, where Ken Dixon landed a beautiful brown trout, I landed a rogue steelhead, and Jeff McElravy caught every other fish in the water (as usual... nice to have you back among us, Jeff). I had the pleasure of riding up to Sunnybrook with George Hupp and his granddaughter Avery, as well as watching the joy that a grandfather takes in sharing his passion and knowledge of our sport with a grandchild who was willing and eager to learn.

Bob Gustafson's White Bass trips were an annual hit, and the second day of the trip netted over 300 fish for the group overall, including an impressive 109 fish landed by Boon Keck in a single day of fishing. I think that was one for the record books. Boon continued his streak of success by catching and naming every fish residing in the Nantahala River on our North Carolina trip, where we had mostly great weather and great companionship for the duration of the trip. Special thanks to Tom Bachey for his willingness to help me organize and run the trip, despite only having been a BUFF member for a short time. Don Kail and I spent time exploring several wild streams in the park, including Deep Creek, Bradley Fork, Noland Creek, and an off-road adventure to Cataloochee Creek on the easternmost side of the park. For those who haven't been to Cataloochee, the scenery is magnificent, but make sure you have a vehicle with decent suspension as the "road" to the area is unpaved and very rough for several miles.

Locally, the fishing action is starting to heat up as well. In addition to the rainbow trout stocked at Brookville last month, the river has also welcomed 3,000 new resident brown trout in the past couple of weeks, and the fishing action has really picked up. I landed several rainbows on a size 14 Parachute Adams last week, who took the fly with an exciting porpoising rise on nearly every take. Our warm-



water fishing is also in the earliest stages of picking up, as I made my first designated warm water trip of the season to the Stillwater River with Tim "Aquaman" Williamson this past weekend. Tim landed several rock bass, and I landed a nice 13 inch smallie. Funny thing, on the cast where I landed the smallie, I forgot to mend my line. Weird.

Well, I think that's enough of my ramblings for another month. Take a look at the BUFF Calendar on our website, there are lots of things going on in June to get involved in. This is the time of year where being a fly fisherman really gets fun, both in opportunities to fish and also to teach. Get out there and have fun. ➡

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June Presentation & Speaker (June 8, 2016)

Pike on the Fly, Josh McQueen

Phil Pursley (phil.pursley@hotmail.com)

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he June BUFF meeting will feature guide and angler Josh McQueen out of Mad River Outfitters. He will be talking to us about how to catch pike on a fly rod, and yes he will discuss doing this in




Ohio streams. This will be a new and exciting topic for us to hear about. Register for the June meeting and round up your notebook for some tips on this kind of fishing that will be new to most of us.

Josh Grew up in central Ohio chasing smallmouth bass on the Kokosing River. He also went on his first trip to Lake Erie at age 11 and has been hooked on the fishery ever since. He has been fishing with a fly rod since age 14 and after catching a bowfin at East Harbor on a wooly bugger, his love and passion for fish on the fly has never stopped growing.

At age 24, Josh began guiding and teaching folks the art of fly fishing and has been guiding now for many seasons. He guides for steelhead and smallmouth but his real claim to fame is that he is the 1st "Pike on the Fly" guide in Ohio. He owns a jet boat and can get you into places where you will see more bald eagles than other anglers. ↔

June Calendar

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| June 2 | Elkhorn Creek Trip George Fraley |
| June 4 | Mad River Day Trip J.R. Jackson |
| June 4 | Cincinnati BugFest Jim Vota |
| June 7 | PHW Fishing Brent Miller |
| June 10 | Family Fishing Fever Ed Jones |
| June 11 | BUFF Monthly Meeting |
| June 11 | Warm Water Conclave See Home Page of Web-Site for Details |
| June 14 |  Flag Day |
| June 18 | Ladies Small Stream Trip Sue Jones |
| June 19 | Father's Day |
| June 20 | June Solstice |
| June 21 | PHW Fishing Brent Miller |
| June 28 | Sunnybrook June Trip Ken Dixon |

June Dinner Menu

- 🐟 Pasta Station (Self-Serve) - Bowtie and Penne Pasta with Alfredo/Marinara sauce, Chicken/Meatballs, and cheeseHouse Recipe Cole Slaw
- 🐟 Mixed Greens with Goat Cheese, Strawberries, Candied Pecans, and Balsamic Vinaigrette Wild Mushroom Risotto Marinated Wild Mushrooms in Creamy Risotto
- 🐟 Fresh cut green beans with seasoning, mushroom and onion
- 🐟 Tomato Bruschetta - House Made, with Baguette Chips
- 🐟 **Dessert:** Tiramisu

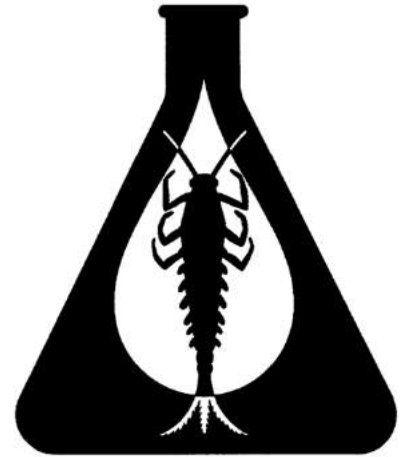


Our 1st BUFF SQM of 2016

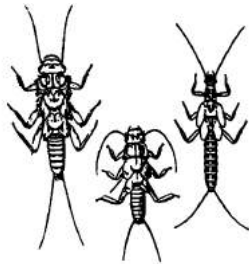
Cari Vota, Bass Island SQM Team Captain (vota@zoomtown.com)

The **Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM)** Project monitors the health of scenic rivers by assessing the aquatic life found in the stream. BUFF has volunteered to monitor (2) sites on the Little Miami River – near Caesar Creek, and at Bass Island near Newtown. We will be doing this three times a year, from May to October.

Safety on the water is critical and with the amount of rain and fast/high water so far this spring, it has been challenging to get out. Our 1st date in May was rained out. Our rain date, 5/19, started out not looking much better. The Milford gauge was at about 600 cfs on Friday evening, but by 10 AM Saturday morning, it was 1200 cfs and raising vertical on the chart. The Caesar Creek crew did get out, but only to see the water raise about a FOOT in the time they were in the water. Our Bass Island crew decided (wisely) to wait for lower water levels. We went out Tuesday evening (5/24) with a Milford river gauge at 875cfs. This was still faster than most of us were comfortable with and did not wade out very far, due to the speed and volume of the river flow. So we did the best we could. We lost a lot of potential bugs simply lifting the net out of the water due to the fast flow.



Water Quality Volunteer



Not surprisingly, we found lots of large Stonefly Larva, from larges one about 3/4" with brilliant patterns to immature ones about 1/4" to 3/8". These were yellow/gold colored. There were a few Mayfly Nymphs, but not as many as we found last year. We found several large Caddisfly larvae, about 3/8" to 1/2" long in olive green. We also had a very few Caddisfly larvae that were small and yellow/gold. In smaller quantities, we found Water Penny larvae, Riffle Beetle adults, Gilled Snail (shells), Cranefly larvae, Sowbugs, and at least one good size Planaria!

Overall, from the presence of the stoneflies it appears that the Little Miami River is in good health. We will be doing this two more times this year, July 9 and September 17 at both Bass Island and Caesar Creek. There's always room for more so come on out and get a first-hand look at our local scenic river treasure. ➔



Little Yellow Sloan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_qUf7LNVS8

Lets Tie One On!

Here's a yellow stonefly to tie and try.

Click the link to watch the video.

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Fly Show Flies Auction!

Jim Neckers

We have a Fishpond Sushi Roll for storing streamers and saltwater flies up for auction along with flies tied by Kelly Galloup, Mike Schmidt, Kevin Howell, and Glenn Weisner.



Flies tied by Kelly Galloup are the Zoo Cougar and the Sex Dungeon. Flies tied by Mike Schmidt are the Maraceiver, Red Rocket, Drunk and Disorderly, and a Modern Deceiver. Flies tied By Kevin Howell include Sheep flies and Bill's Provider. A Fish Skull Sculpin Helmet fly and a parachute dry fly are also included.



ODNR Mad River Creel Survey

During 2016, the ODNR Division of Wildlife will be conducting a creel survey on the Mad River to learn more about anglers fishing the river, their catches, and their opinions on topics related to stream trout fishing in Ohio. The survey will take place from

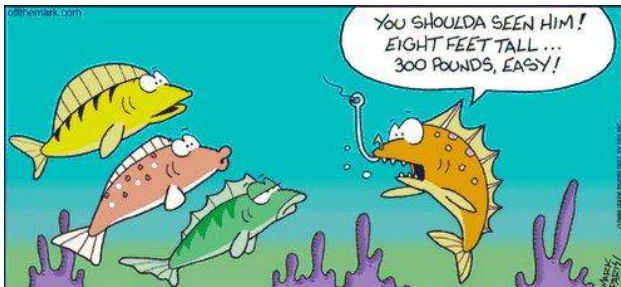


April through early November 2016 with interviews of anglers taking place primarily on weekends, but also on some weekdays. The creel clerks conducting interviews will be driving a Division of Wildlife truck with decals reading "Angler Survey." The clerks will stop at bridge crossings to count and interview anglers, but may also approach anglers in the stream. Since the survey will mainly be on weekends we will also be passing out postcards for anglers to fill out and return to us after they have completed a trip. This type of information is very important for the Division of Wildlife to better understand the Mad River brown trout fishery and the interests of inland trout anglers.

Ohio is at the southern extent of the northern pike native range so populations are localized and mostly restricted to Lake Erie and northern rivers. Historically, the Division of Wildlife stocked northern pike into lakes across Ohio, but in 1991, the northern pike stocking program ended so all northern pike fisheries are now maintained by natural reproduction.



Visit the ODNR website for more Northern Pike information including Pike Waters. <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/fishing/fishing-tips-by-species/northern-pike#tabr3>



More Information...

BUFFER Newsletter

The BUFFER Newsletter is published monthly and can be downloaded from the BUFF website. Back issues are available for download too.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of each month. Check the website for details, including guest speaker & presentation, buffet menu, and calendar updates.

Annual Dues

Annual 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 www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com for more information.

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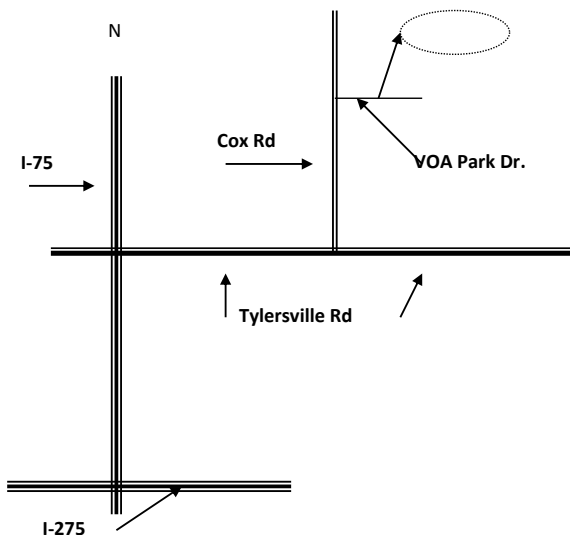
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Meeting Location & Directions

Meetings are held at Voice of America Park in the Ronald Reagan Lodge. [Please register online if you would like to attend.](#)

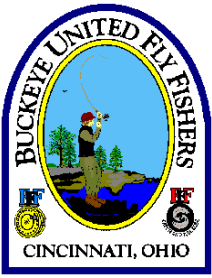


Directions:

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 Mason, Ohio 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.



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