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Notes from the President

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It's not even June but it seems like July. Memorial Day and its well over 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Cari and I are spending Memorial Day weekend on the main branch of the Au Sable in Michigan and the Michigan state bird (mosquito) is sucking on a vein in my leg. Remind me why we do this?

Actually, we shouldn't be out here. It's raining cats and dogs and there's thunder and lightning. Not even enough sense to put the rods down. Then I remind myself that I could be home cutting the grass or changing the oil in the car.

We torture ourselves to do this sport by doing things like tying itsy bitsy dry flies. If that's not bad enough we then have to tie them on the leader. Occasionally we even have to pull them out of our own body parts when we make a mistake. You drip blood and that brings the state bird back like firemen to a fire.

It was a great trip. We caught fish and saw things along a wonderful river that I'll remember for a long time. By now I'm sure many of you have been out and had adventures. Some locally and some not so close. Why do we do it? Think about that. I find pleasure in the sport. Fishing has always done that for me. Why? I think that's something to ponder. Many people, many reasons.

For now, get out there and do something you enjoy. I'm enjoying a single malt Scotch from Islay now.

A couple things before I leave you to enjoy fishing this summer.

If only I can still wade fish when I'm 91 – like the person Spey casting for salmon in Scotland in this video link: <https://www.facebook.com/roger.fielden.3/videos/2026424627606533/?t=218>



Yes, that's the trophy waters of the Au Sable

May Meeting

Speaker: Derrick Filkins, Owner of FlyMasters Fly Shop in Indianapolis, IN

Phil Pursley – phil.pursley@hotmail.com

Derrick's Bio –

Derrick Filkins grew up fishing in the great trout streams of Northern Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. It is still his favorite place to fish. He now fishes the smallmouth streams of Indiana and the great steelhead tributaries of the Great Lakes. Derrick does many guided trips for smallmouth during the warm months and steelhead and salmon when they are running. He loves to go striper fishing in the Northeast every fall, and can't wait for ice out in the Saulte to fish for Coho, Kings, and Northern Pike. Derrick still does a small amount of Marriage and Family Therapy but now prefers recreational therapy in the form of taking novice fly fishermen on their first fly fishing trip.



Derrick's Presentation: "No Boundaries Fishing" –

"No Boundaries Fishing" will be the theme of Derrick's presentation. The first spinnerbait was made and fished on a fly rod was in 1892 in Logansport, Indiana. The first pattern for a rubber-worm was made in the 1860's in England. This topic will also cover how to use knowledge from all forms of fishing to get more bites on a fly rod. Fly fishing has gotten a bit snooty over the past few years, as a result it is counter-productive to growing the sport of fly fishing. Sixty percent of anglers have a fly rod. Less than one percent use it.

What to Expect at the June BUFF Meeting:

1. I will tie a fly that uses an offset worm bass hook which we use for fishing heavy cover for bass or other species.
2. I will show how to fish soft plastics on a fly rod.
3. Show spinner baits we use on our fly rods.
4. Show you the best, less expensive strike indicator every used and how to adjust it.
5. Tie a popper with a treble hook and tell you why it works better.
6. Everyone who comes to the meeting will get our new "Fly Masters Magazine". Full of articles and new fly patterns



FlyMasters Fly Shop

FlyMasters of Indianapolis first opened our doors in 1990. Our goal is not only to provide quality products for the fly fishing community, but to bring the best service and expertise possible to our customers. We are a full-service shop and have fully qualified staff to assist you in all aspects of fly fishing. We offer instruction in fishing techniques, fly tying and rod building, and carry the largest selection of fly tying materials in the Midwest. Indiana offers some excellent fly fishing. If you would like to catch smallmouth or largemouth bass, stripers, white bass, catfish, steelhead, trout, and carp we can give you advice on where, when and how to catch them. We can also help you plan a trip to many of our country's premier fly fishing destinations. Check us out at www.flymasters.com, or even better, drop by to visit the shop (location and hours are on the website).

Upcoming Women's Day Trip – Fishing the Mad River with the Ladies of MVFF – July 7th

Cari Vota – vota@zoomtown.com

Want to meet other women with similar interest in fly fishing? Come fish with us on the Mad River, Saturday July 7th. We are planning a joint BUFF-MVFF trip. Meet and greet in the morning; lunch together; some may wish to meet up afterwards for dinner? We're still in the planning stages. Several MVFF ladies have joined BUFF – some for the reason that we have ladies trips!

Due to the summer date for this trip, we will meet up at 6:30 AM – very early. Trout don't sleep; why should we? Some of us may find local lodging the night before... let me know if you are interested in joining me.

So many different locations on the Mad to fish; all very wadeable. Every bridge has parking and access to the river. So there is room to spread out. Fish one location by morning, another by afternoon.

Mad River Facts and a little History –

- Mad River flows 66 miles through 4 counties, from Logan County to downtown Dayton where it meets the Great Miami River.
- Mad River is fed by many tributaries, with Buck Creek being the largest.
- Mad River is unusually cold because of water from an underground aquifer. It is one of only 2 rivers in Ohio cold enough to support stocked trout well.
- The Mad River was the first river in Ohio to be stocked which started in 1880s. Today it continues to be stocked with 10,500 per year each fall of 6" to 8" brown trout by the ODNR Division of Wildlife. These stocked trout supplement the browns and the few brook trout that are naturally reproduced.
- The Mad River was one of the Great Miami River tributaries that flooded during the Great Dayton Flood of 1913, resulting in the creation of the Miami Conservancy District.
- The river derives its name from its mad, broken and rapid current. Historically, the stream has also been known by the names Mad Creek and Tiber River, respectively.
- 275-acre Estel Wenrick Wetlands along Mad River is home to the endangered Eastern Prairie White-fringed Orchid, 270 other native plants, & 2 heron rookeries.
- The mink was probably common in Ohio before settlement and today it occurs in every county in Ohio. Because of its preference for small streams cluttered with vegetation or wooded banks, the Mad River is home to many mink these days.

Dinner & Dessert Menu for the June Meeting:

Mixed Greens with Bleu, Cranberries, Walnuts, Vinaigrette
Rolls/Butter
Braised Beef and Orzo
Teriyaki Pork Stir-Fry
Herb Roasted Red Skin Potatoes
Green Beans with Bacon and Onion
Strawberry Short Cake

Spring North Carolina Trout Quest

A few photos from the BUFF trip to Bryson City, NC in mid-May





Sunnybrook Spring Trip

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May 4th – 6th marked the annual spring trip by BUFF to Sunnybrook Trout Club in Sandusky, OH. BUFF has 3 trips a year to fish this incredible stream. The club has about 2 miles of incredible trout fishing – rainbow, brown, and brook trout - on Cold Creek, a cold water fishery which arises about 5 miles upstream from the famous Blue Hole spring. Often the water is crystal clear, providing an unusual opportunity to observe how fish react to one's fly. All fishing is from the bank; there is no wading allowed. Almost all of the stream bank is fishable, so there is no crowding. Our trips include two nights lodging at the Farrell House Lodge on the club property, and all meals from Friday lunch through Sunday lunch.

This year our spring group included Lee Chambers, Lynda and Jim Harvey, Sue and Ed Jones, Tony Kalbi, Ken Mandel, Jeff McElravy, Charlie Montgomery, Annie Potter (who joined us from Cleveland), Donna and Bill Schroeder, and Bob Weckman. A great group! Unfortunately, Ken Dixon, who was going to attend could not join us. Hope he can make the upcoming summer and fall trips!

While Cold Creek is often crystal clear, due to heavy rain earlier in the week, the water was cloudy on the first day, but continually cleared as the weekend progressed. Also, Sunnybrook has scheduled a club fishing event to honor one of their founding members, who was also a groundskeeper at the club, who passed away suddenly last year. For this event, they stocked a large number of very large fish the Thursday of the week we arrived. That made fishing even more fun, with several of our members catching some huge trout.

We are very appreciative of our host, Doug Lamb, the owner the club, and Dan and Heidi, who run the lodge and provided our excellent meals.

For those BUFF members who have not taken the opportunity to participate in one of the Sunnybrook trips, it is an activity well worth considering. A fun time with great fishing and a great group of fellow BUFFERS.



The big one that didn't get away



Caught this one with my
Tenkara Rod

BUFF Membership

As a bit of club news, at the last board meeting Jim Boude updated us on our member numbers. We currently have 282 members, and the club is growing. We've added 32 new members since the beginning of this year, with 20 joining in February, mostly as a result of attending our fly fishing show.

Upcoming BUFF Activities

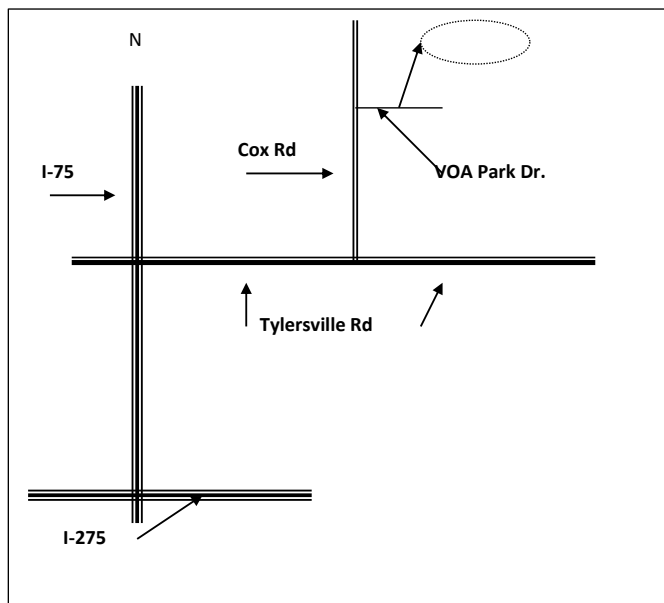
Please check the [BUFF Website](#) for availability and details, or contact the trip or activity coordinator

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Fishing With Families Parky's Farm	June 8th 9 AM – 12 PM	Ed Jones 513-523-6523 jonesee@miamioh.edu
Tie & Lie Springdale Community Ctr, Springdale, OH	June 15 th 6:30 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 loopdude1@hotmail.com
Warm Water (Pond) Clinic Triple Creek Park, Cincinnati, OH	June 16th	Tim Williamson 513-255-6986 willitk@yahoo.com
Local Stream Ecology Indian Creek Park, Reily, OH	June 16 th 9 – 11 AM	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 starwoodtb@gmail.com
June Twin Creek Day Trips Germantown, OH	June 19 th , <i>and</i> June 20 th	Steve Alexander 513-422-6906 spa5455@sbcglobal.net
Women's After Work Outing Carl Rahe Park	June 21 st	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com
Women's Daytrip – Caesar Creek Tailwaters Waynesville, OH	June 23 rd	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com
Sunnybrook Trout Club Sandusky, OH	June 26 th – June 28 th	Ken Dixon 513-787-2408 krjdix@fuse.net

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Women's Day Trip to Mad River Urbana, OH	July 7 th	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com
Stream Quality Monitoring Caeser's Creek	July 14 th (rain date – July 21 st)	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 bryan.tudor@yahoo.com
Stream Quality Monitoring Bass Island	July 14 th (rain date – July 21 st)	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 bryan.tudor@yahoo.com
Local Stream Ecology Dudley Woods Park, Liberty Township, OH	July 21 st 9 – 11 AM	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 starwoodtb@gmail.com

Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, June 13th, 2018

Register on line at WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM. Registration ends on May 6th. Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



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...

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.