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2001: A Cabin Fever Relief Banquet & Sportshow To Remember

Jim LeBlond

We just had a fabulous Sportshow and Banquet. Many, many, many thanks to all of those who worked so hard to make this event such a success. This event's success was truly the cumulative effect of many people's work. First and foremost, we need to thank Mike Bryant who began working on the event before last year's event was even over. Mike traveled to several different Sportshows across the Midwest to recruit new exhibitors and talent. Mike's efforts paid off. We had more diverse and unique exhibitors than in any past shows that I can remember. We had fly tiers from near and far, we had graphite and bamboo rod builders, we had departments of wildlife from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Fly Logic came with a beautiful full scale trade show booth. We had guides and fly shops from near and far too, some from as far away as Louisiana. Believe it or not, this year you could have even bought all the rod building supplies you'd ever need right there at the show.

Scott Ruprecht and Todd Adrien started us off with a litany of vital information that anyone should know before they schedule their next trip. The importance of packing in soft sided luggage, carry back up equipment, and have duplicate copies of all of your important paperwork. I learned things

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The Odyssey Continues – 2001 Spring Trout Trip

Bob Ireton

The time sure passes quickly! It doesn't seem very long ago that I first fished the Nantahala in 1998. Since that first time, I have logged over thirty days on the delayed harvest section of the Nantahala River, in the mountains of western North Carolina. I have had more fun there than I could have ever imagined! And I have made good friends and memories that will last a lifetime!

The scenery is absolutely beautiful in any season, and I have experienced about any kind of weather there you can imagine. I have fished in hot sun, bitter cold, rain and snow. But most of the time, the weather is perfect! And the fish! I have caught many hundreds of trout! Everyone I have taken on the Nantahala trip has caught trout. It is an excellent stream to learn trout fishing. It can also test the skill of the more experienced trout fly fishers. Rainbows, Brookies, and Browns! From 6" to 24", and I have lost trout bigger than that! The average size is around 10" to 14" inches. Most of the fish are stockers, and usually lots of them, but there are holdover and wild fish there, including an occasional wild Appalachian Brook Trout! Sometimes the fish seem very cooperative, and you can have an exceptional day. Other times, they can be difficult to catch.

The river? I have never fished any stream anywhere that I liked better than the Nantahala. To me, it is the perfect trout

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March Meeting Program

Entomology 101

Joe Fondacaro, Sr. and his son, Joe (owner of Anglers Outfitters in Milford, Ohio) will present a class on entomology and how to mimic bugs with your flies. If you have been wondering what's crawling around in our streams and on the bottom of rocks, make sure you come to this meeting!!! Also, make sure you check out the Nantahala Trout and Michigan Steelhead trips in this issue.

Adventures From The Reel World

Don't Stand Behind Bonna May

Norv Webb

Sometime ago Stephen Buchholz, a reporter for the Rapid City Journal, wrote an article for one of the sports magazines entitled "In The Shadow of Presidents" (a copy of which was sent to me by Tom Frank after having bent his ear all the way to Michigan and back about, the good trout fishing in the Black Hills). Quoting from the article "If you're looking for a true Black Hills fishing challenge, try one of the area's many smaller streams, which require you to sneak along the bank and cast from your knees or you may as well stay at home. Small streams like Little Spearfish hold hearty, finicky wild brook trout that won't even look at your fly if your approach and presentations are not perfect." From personal experience, Little Spearfish creek holds many brown trout as well.

My fly fishing learning process started in 1953 on the Little Spearfish. The first summer (after completing my first nine month contract at South Dakota State College School of Pharmacy) was spent doing relief pharmacy work in Lead and Deadwood. After helping Bonna with our first infant son, my spare time was spent on the streams and many impoundments learning the sport. As a family we have spent many happy times in the 'Hills' fishing, camping and exploring. This is really our second home and to avoid homesickness we have made it a practice to return at least every five years. The last time was in 1996 so we are due. Maybe the next time I will be able to talk Bonna into dry-fly fishing since she has a brand new rod that I built for her last spring.

Back to Little Spearfish - Bonna also learned to fish for trout on this stream. Since she has always been, and sometimes had to be, the meat hunter of the family, she developed her own

'chuck and duck' method which consists of a Colorado spinner and a lively red worm dangled over the weeds into the stream and under the edge of the bank. The least little strike sent the unsuspecting brownie or brookie airborne over the shoulder and into the next county-a very effective if not sporting method. When we were there in '96, having advanced in age to the point that fishing alone could be downright dangerous, we outfitted ourselves with walkie-talkies, diligently practicing their use before making the trip. Late one afternoon while fishing what we call the upper meadow area of Little Spearfish, I lost track of Bonna and tried to call her on the W-T. No answer. ("Why didn't you answer"? The reply, "I didn't want to be interrupted and I didn't want to run down the batteries.") (Dumb, dumb, dumb). Anyway, walking the path alongside the stream I caught sight of the tip of a flyrod sticking up above a weed patch. About that time the brookie whizzed over my shoulder there was no doubt that she hadn't broken a leg, had a heart attach or lapsed into a diabetic coma.

In fairness to Little Spearfish, there are many places alongside its six or eight miles where one can let it all hang out and cast a dry fly forty or fifty feet without snagging a pine tree or a bush. The nearly fifty years I have been fishing the Black Hills the only dry fly I used was the Grizzly Adams and its female counter part simply because someone told me that this would be a good fly to start out with, and it has never failed me. B.U.F.F. has greatly widened my horizons, however, so this coming September I'll be trying some of those neat flies I've learned to tie in our fly tying classes. Who knows, I might even be tempted to try a nymph or two as soon as someone tells me how to fish the damn things.

If any Buffers would like to go along with us the first week in September you would be most welcome. Since this will be mostly after Labor Day most of the tourists

Deja Vu Micro Alaska

Bob Simmons

{Editor's Note: After Bob passed away several months ago, his wife, Judy found an article he had written, but had not submitted to The Buffer. Judy was gracious enough to pass on Bob's article.}

Four years ago I wrote about a flyfishing shore excursion off a cruise ship in Juneau. It was the 4th of July, 1996 and we were catching coastal Dolly Vardens in a stream running into the main channel to the Pacific. Fishing was great but we had problems with increasing wind and waves and had to be rescued by helicopter when our floatplane refused to land.

This time I was trying to hit the coho (silver) salmon season on the 16th of August, 2000. The chums were finishing up and the pinks, 5 to 8 pounds, were peaking but 3 weeks late. Some areas of Alaska were getting early coho. Juneau was not. I was told they run Sept 1 to Sept 30, peaking on the 15th. This would be a real crapshoot off a cruise ship as it is the beginning of the rainy season and they cancel half of their floatplane trips because of fog. Even if you come up and spend a week you may only go out three days with rain, fog, and cabin fever- not good for your better half on a family vacation. You do not want to camp or keep the fish because all these streams have black and brown (grizzly) bears. My idea is to fly in the thirty or forty miles, fish and have a Lake Cumberland style house boat come down and meet you. Anchor off shore and use a skiff to ferry in and out and make 4 or 5 days of it and maybe even move and try several streams- I just need money!

We took off from Juneau and flew 30 miles south along the west side of Admiralty Island. We spiraled in making several circles checking for floating logs, wind direction, and streamside bears. We

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stream. The delayed harvest section starts out fairly easy to fish. There are lots of typical riffle, run, pool areas. As you progress upstream, the gradient increases rapidly. Starting out at 2000 feet, you climb to 2500 feet by the time you reach the upper limit of the delayed harvest section four miles upstream. This translates into a drop of 125 feet per mile! As you progress upstream, the water becomes more riffle, run, rapid, and pocket water. The water is usually 'gin' clear, so what looks like 12 inches, can really be 2 feet deep, and what looks a couple feet deep, can be over your head! This river is very rocky, and can sometimes be very swift. I think most everyone can fish this river, but one does need to exercise caution, and good judgement! The road runs alongside the river the entire four miles, with many places to pull off and park. Some places, the river is very easy to reach, while other places are impossible, with everything in between. Sometimes there can be a lot of people fishing, but there is a lot of room to spread out. Most people like to wade the river, but a lot of fishing can be done from the streamside. The Cherokee Indians called this river 'Nantahala', which translates to 'Land of the Noon Day Sun', and for good reason. Some areas along the river, the gorge is so steep and high, that the sun shines on the water only at mid-day!

This year, the Spring Nantahala Trout trip is Friday, May 4, through Sunday, May 6. Our base of operations will again be Bryson City, North Carolina. The cost of the trip is only your actual expenses, such as license, lodging, food, gas, etc. Those registered for the trip by the regular BUFF meeting in March, will receive a trip packet at the regular B.U.F.F. meeting on Wednesday, April 11, at Deerfield Park, unless they have made arrangements with me to have the packet mailed to them for a cost of \$2.00 to cover mailing. This packet contains probably everything you need to know, plus extras like a hatch/fly chart, information about the river, lists of lodging, restaurants, driving directions, license information, and more. Participants also will receive a nice laminated name badge. Most everyone has been to the Nantahala, so if you have any questions, ask around. Chances are, you won't have to look far. Or you may see me at a meeting, give me a call at 513-831-4930, or e-mail at rireton@fuse.net. //

The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of

Jeff Guenther

Folks this is it. **The Spring Steelhead Trip**. For me this dream starts with a bare hook in my vise, carefully selecting assorted furs and feathers to match a particular insect. I snip the thread and upon final examination my grin widens as I am convinced this is the one that will complete the dream. The Jeep is loaded with my gear, my list has been triple checked, a good luck kiss from my wife and I'm off. I pick up my companion who is just as anxious for this experience as I. We both show off our stuffed full fly boxes to each other, bragging and critiquing each others wares, convinced the other will beg for one of our flies because it's the one the stealthy steelhead cannot resist. Before we know it we are rolling into our destination. There we hook up with our other angling friends, old and new. Next, we go to the fly shop to top off everyone's fishing needs and prod the other anglers for fishing results of the day. That evening we all decide our plan for the early attack. After a sleepless night it is here, we arrive on the water, one of my secluded secret holes, light fog rising off the stream, the sun just rising over the horizon, the pecking of a busy redheaded woodpecker, a deep breath of fresh air, (are you with me so far?). I ease into the cold stream and decide my angle of attack. After a couple of adjustments, this is it, a drag free drift and a flash in the water. BANG, a bright silver steelhead slams my fly and shoots straight into the air. "Fish on", thrashing and head shaking trying to dislodge "the fly". The battle is on, the drag screaming from the world class initial run. In the background come my companions anxiously coaching and cheering. The fish is testing all my skill and equipment to the max. Several more jumps and runs later, the beautiful creature weakens and I contemplate landing. (Should I beach it, net it or tail it?) Then zing, one more run followed by a nasty head shake and my fly shoots back at me and drops between my legs (aaughh, ever had that feeling?). After a couple of high fives and "I should haves", we finish the day with a few more hook ups and a couple of landed fish. Anxiously we head back to share our experiences with our fellow fisherman over dinner. I go to bed reflecting on the day and anticipating tomorrow's thrills. A broad grin spills over

my face, this is so awesome it must be a dream. Tight lines and sometimes loose.

Joe Guenther

Folks, just like you, I love to flyfish. To me the best part is the whole experience, not just what the tape measure or scale reads. Before I first experienced Michigan steelheading, I did not know if I could be successful. It is definitely one of the most challenging, but to me the most rewarding. If you ever dreamed of going, take this opportunity and sign up to go on this trip April 8th through 11th. We will arrive Sunday the 8th for a four day experience of a lifetime. I have reserved three cabins at the Orvis Lodge. Cost is \$110.00 for four nights per person to be paid in advance before April 1st. Sign ups and information will also be at this months meeting. Everyone is invited young and old, rookies and vets. Limited guide service is available and recommended, but not necessary to have a good time. Don't let this one get away. Sign up today, call Jeff Guenther at 753-3407 or Joe Guenther at 724-6343 for details. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**

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that will even help me plan my next foreign trip (to Michigan). But, their descriptions and accounts made us all long for the adventures that await us in foreign lands. Then, Jerry Darkes took that stage to talk about smallmouth. Jerry's presentation was entertaining and informative and we had standing room only. Believe it or not, Jerry demonstrates that you can catch smallmouth off the bottom in 35 feet of water with sinking fly line. Jerry advocates smallmouth flies with more fluidity, frequently opting for large amounts of marabou in colors adjusted to hint of the unique colors of the crowd that are native to the waters your fishing.

And, of course Mike Lawson lived up to his billing. His pictures from Yellowstone and Idaho really brought out the beauty of several of our counties most famous streams. Not only did we see plenty of fish, we also got an education. One of Mike's pointers was to spend more time studying the stream before you enter. Many a time, an angler will unintentionally step directly into the best fishing hole as they enter the stream. We should spend more time up on the bank, at a slightly higher elevation and watch for the telltale shadows or signs of feeding fish. It's not always what you throw, often it's more where you throw it. You need to be in size first, and color second, but most importantly you've got to present your fly to where the fish are located.

After Mike, and by popular request, we had Bob Fountain step up and do an impromptu casting class in the main auditorium. Bob is a natural, and he knows how to work an audience. He presented his method in very easy to understand terms. And, Bob's enthusiasm is contagious. He had both raw beginners and more experienced casters casting in front of the audience, both showing dramatic improvements in just a few minutes of instruction. If we hadn't run out of time, I'm sure we could have gone on for hours all learning something more along the way.

Brett Billings is clearly a speaker you can't afford to miss. He captivated us and showed us how truly beautiful and

productive the Cumberland Tailwaters can be. Brett takes a more scientific approach in his fishing, showing results from both stream sampling and stomach samplings throughout the year. Brett taught us a little entomology too. The colors of some caddis flies can vary dramatically based upon the amount of time elapsed from the hatch. Varying from pale yellow to dark brown in a matter of hours. The difference in color of this shade loving creature is truly remarkable. I can't wait to give this tailwater a try during the B.U.F.F. trip in August.

Mike Lawson and Jerry Darkes both taught some first-class tying classes. Mike focused on prince nymphs and trout flies while Jerry focused on his unique smallmouth flies. This year Lou Haynes, Mike Bryant and Joe Panfalone really went all out to advertise. Our members diligently distributed fliers throughout the region, and we drew quite a crowd. At last count, we had more than 380 paid admissions at the show. We drew people from Cleveland, Indianapolis, Lexington and Louisville. At many times throughout the day, you could barely walk down the aisles. This year, Mike and his crew have really taken this show to the big leagues. And we all need to thank everyone for their efforts.

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet Recap

We all had a great time at the banquet. The theme this year was "The Family of B.U.F.F." This is the one time during the year when we can look back and celebrate our accomplishments and the good times we had. We got to recognize this past year's board and we welcomed our new board. We thanked our presenters. I also thanked my family for all their support throughout the year.

Mike Bryant and crew blew everyone away with a fabulous Sportshow (see article above). In recognition of this outstanding effort, and Mike's tireless dedication to the editorship of the Buffer throughout the year, Mike was presented with the President's Award for Outstanding Effort during the year. We also had another President's award this year, and that was "The Rookie of the Year." This award went to none other than Joe Guenther. Joe has really taken the board by a storm. He has brought new ideas and enthusiasm, and brought new life to the director of trips position. He's

organized, and created new trips. He's even helped to improve our old favorites. He was single handedly responsible for recruiting many of this year's best and most unique raffle prizes. He's brought a new excitement to the board and to B.U.F.F.

We also got the opportunity to recognize Joe Panfalone for all his efforts. Joe has served faithfully as vice president over the last two years. He's built a web page from scratch, turning a concept into reality. A reality that averaged nearly 200 hits a day during February. He sent out over 1,500 emails to promote our show. He's provided an avenue for other clubs without the resources to post their information on ours. He's really given 110% throughout the year for BUFF and we are all grateful for his efforts.

This year we also got to recognize two of our longer term members. Lifetime membership was awarded to Bill Fischer and Roy Matthews. Both gentlemen have been strong supporters of B.U.F.F. and served on our Board. Roy has taught classes, assisted with stream monitoring, and even claims to have caught a Bluegill that was 12 inches, between the eyes. Bill has conducted trips, and I'd be hard pressed to think of three board meetings he's missed in the last three years.

We had a tremendous slate of Fly Fisher of the Year nominations. Nominees were: Joe Guenther, Jorge Villares, Mike Sue, Mike Bryant and myself. Ultimately, this year's fly fisher of the year award went to Mike Suo. Mike has given a lot to our club over the years. He's taught many of us how to fish for Steelhead and Salmon, how to build rods and how to tie flies. Mike was unable to attend this year's banquet, but I was able to deliver the award to Mike afterwards. Mike wanted to thank the club for this award. Mike looks good, is in good spirits, and I hope we see him at a meeting real soon.

Perhaps one of the highlights of the evening is when we recognized the entire family of B.U.F.F. We asked all current and past board members and officers to stand. We asked all the past Fly Fisher's of the Year to stand. We

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had the guide and five flyfishers. Besides myself, the group included Ken from Atlanta who regularly fishes the Chattahoochee, Hiwassee, and Natahala, Tom from Phoenix who is retired and has a summer home at Lee's Ferry, and a couple about 75 who had never been fishing but wanted some adventure before it was too late. The guide spent most of his time with them, not that I needed or wanted any help, but it would have been nice to get a few more pictures of me grinning with a big fish in my hands.

Bald Eagles galore, brown bear tracks the size of dinner plates, and the guide with a shoulder bolstered .44 and a 12 gauge in a sling. We first fished the pool when the tide was coming in and I managed a 12 pound chum and a 20 inch Dolly. The tide pushed us upstream and we started picking up 5 - 8 pound pinks, we then moved out of the wind and up to the 4 to 5 foot grass, but stayed out of the woods. The grassy banks were all pushed down, not my hundreds of flyfishers but a few broad shouldered brown bears. I was at the foot of the pool and picking up pinks and chums, but if I let the streamer run down the downstream riffle, there were crazy, leaping 16 - 20 inch Dolly Vardens. We ended up down where the high tide had peaked. I was behind a little in the count with the other experienced flyfishers. Then I got a little help as two harbor seals started up the 100 by 20 yard tidal pool. They did not come real close but they did push a large number of salmon to the head of the pool. I caught up in count because the density of salmon increased. My count for the afternoon was two 12 lb. chums, ten 5 - 8 lb. pinks, and ten 16 - 20 inch Dolly Vardens. It always helps to have a few friends even if they are not human. //

Beginnings Fly Tying Class on **Friday, April 6th** at the Madeira Municipal. Room still available for attendees; instructors still needed. Call Jim LeBlond.
Deerfield Township Park Day, May 19 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Please come and help us with fly tying, casting lessons and general conservation and education activities.

Letter to B.U.F.F.

I want the membership of B.U.F.F. to know that I appreciate the lifetime membership award given to me at the dinner on the February 24th. The plaque is mounted on the wall of my bedroom where I will see it several times each day. Each time I will be reminded of the honor that you have bestowed on me. B.U.F.F. has become an important part of my life. It has given me much pleasure and provided me with many experiences on which to reflect in my leisure time. I look forward to attending the meetings and functions of B.U.F.F. The trips on which I have gone have been fabulous and great fun.

The greatest thing that B.U.F.F. has given me is the fellowship that I have had with so many wonderful people. I have become friends with many of the members and look forward to making more. The social life of the organization is as important as the expressed reasons of education and conservation. I am not certain that I have earned this award because I have gotten so much more from the organization that I have given. However, I do appreciate the recognition that they award represents. Thanks sincerely,

Roy D. Matthews

Many Thanks!!

Mike Bryant

I would like to re-enforce Jim LeBlond's note of thanks to everyone who helped make the Sports Show and Banquet such a success this year. Thanks to everyone who helped plan and run the events. Many thanks to everyone who made a donation to the club. We will provide a complete list of contributors in the April Buffer. I would also like to extend my thanks to the four fly shops who continue to support us with their time and donations - Adrien Fly Fishing Outfitters, Anglers Outfitters, Delamere and Hopkins, and Mad River Outfitters. Please continue to support our local / regional shops. The Show was a lot of fun, making all the hard work worth the effort. We're already have ideas to improve next year's Show.

I'm also entering my second year as editor of The Buffer. Many thanks to all of you who have provided articles; please continue to do so. Thanks to the folks as Adrien Fly Fishing Outfitters for labeling and mailing The Buffer every month. Thanks to Don Prince for providing the labels and the Goldsberry's for providing stamps every month. And a big thanks to my wife, Jan, for the many times she has picked up The Buffer from the printer when I've been away on business travel. Thanks again and I'm looking forward to another great year. //



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MAD RIVER REPORT

Steve Groome

This will be my last Mad River Report as Mad River Conservation Chair before passing the torch to Bill Riehle and taking on duties as a Program Director next year. Overall, 2000 was a banner year for the Mad! New regulations were passed into law, habitat work was not only in full swing, but the results were positively measured through electroshocking by the State and increased numbers of stocked fish were put in by the State (ODNR).

These things do not come about without hard work on behalf of grass root organizations such as Fly Fishing Clubs and Trout Unlimited! In addition, Stream Monitoring and Clean Ups were also scheduled and attended. I must say; this "new" Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited under the direction of Mark Blauvelt of Beaver Creek, Ohio has done more for this river in just a few years than anyone has done since it was channeled around the turn of the century! And I hope more people from our club will become involved in helping TU next year in preserving and protecting Ohio's most treasured cold waterfishery.

Those members who did substantially contribute to the conservation of the Mad in the year 2000 and received The Mad River Conservation Award at the BUFF Banquet were: Jorge Villares, Bill Riehle, Joe Guenther and myself. I would certainly like to see a longer list of contributors next year. If you take something from the river, please try to give something back so our children and their children may continue to enjoy it. Even if it is just enjoying a sunny afternoon weekend wading for a few hours in it's cold clear waters. So don't take it for granted, and help preserve it for the future.

As far as fishing goes, this time of year can offer a "mixed bag" of results. But if the timing is right, you can catch a lot of fish. When the air temperature rises to around 50 and brings the water temperature up a bit, you will see Midge hatches which can really get the trout feeding. Also, start looking for increased activity of the Hendrickson Nymph which is our first big mayfly hatch of the season. The imitation can be a size 14 or 16 PT or size 14 or 16 Hendrickson. If the water and air is cold, I would use an Olive WB or Sculpin pattern fished near the bottom. In late March or April when the water temperature reaches the mid 50's, you better have some Hendrickson dries on you in a size 14. (The thorax pattern works best.) Below is an interesting fishing report from a friend of mine from Columbus:

Tom Allen February 20, 2001:
TIMING ON THE MAD IS EVERYTHING. Tuesday on my way home from Fairborn I swung by the river to fish a couple of hours. I arrived about 3:30p.m. and the outside temperature was about 50 degrees and the river was 44 degrees and full of midges and when I started out I put a split shot above my nymph speculating that the fish would be down because of the chilling water temperatures. But after catching a few stockers on the swing and observing risers I removed the split shot. To make a long story short by the time I quit at 5:30p.m. I covered about 1/4 mile of stream and landed 15 browns including a 11 inch, 12 inch and 18 inch fish. The 18 inch brown was very hefty and I estimate went 3-1/2

to 4 lbs. The conditions were perfect the fish were looking up and responding to the midge hatch, so I just had to get the fly in front of their nose. I caught ALL of the fish on a size 16 bead head pheasant tail.

So there you have it. What a great year for the Mad! Please try and get involved with conservation and if you're up fishing, Good Luck and I hope to see you on the river! //

Mark your calendars for the April B.U.F.F. The program is on the famous Pelee Island Club on Lake Erie: A History, Fishing the Island, Guest Visits & Membership Opportunities. Bob Hellebush will be the speaker.

For Sale

- Cabela's 9' 6" # 9/10 2 pc., Moderate action. Brown blank, nickel silver reel seat w/wood insert. Very pretty rod, looks like a Sage. Excellent cond. Great big bass, salmon/steelhead starter or backup rod. Comes with brand new Cabela's black alum. tube & sock. Rod only sold new @ \$235. First \$125 gets it.
- Fenwick Eagle 9', 5 wt., 2pc., moderate action. Good Cond. Alum. tube & sock. \$35.
- SA System 2. 8/9. Several years old, non-ported frame. Brand new, never had a line on it. \$115.

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Bob Bentley < Long-time Buff Member >

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MARCH

1.8. 22 Thurs **Rod Building Classes #3, #4 & #5** (Doscher)
 14 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**
 21 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
 15 Thurs/6:30 - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)
 18 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)

APRIL

6 Fri / 7pm - **Beginners Fly Tying** (Jim LeBlond) Madeira Municipal Bldg
 8-11 Sun - Thurs - **B.U.F.F. Michigan Steelhead Trip** (Jeff and Joe Guenther)
 11 Wed 4pm **Beginning Fly Casting Instruction** At Monthly Meeting from 4 pm to 5 pm), with videos & instruction Deerfield Township Park
 11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**
 18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
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2001 Calendar of Events

The BUFFER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUFFER editor. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2000.

MAY

4-6 Fri-Sun **Nantahala Trout Trip** (Bob Ireton)
 9 Mon/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**.
 16 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
 17 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)
 19 Sat /10:00am - 3:00pm - **Deerfield Township Park Day** (Jim LeBlond)
 24-26 Thurs - Sat - **B.U.F.F. Au Sable River Fishing Trip** (Joe Guenther)

JUNE

8-10 Fri-Sun - **Penns Creek, Pa Fishing Trip**
 13 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**
 17 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)
 20 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park**. Members encouraged to attend.
 21 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie**. General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

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asked everyone who had ever conducted a stream monitoring to stand. We asked everyone who ever lead a trip to stand. We asked everyone that ever took a trip to stand. We asked everyone who ever taught a class to stand. We asked everyone that ever took a class to stand. Then we asked everyone that ever taught someone about our sport to stand. By the end, virtually the entire room was on their feet. This ladies and gentlemen is the Family of B.U.F.F. Mike Lawson had a fabulous and entertaining show with a broad appeal for everyone.

We concluded the evening with raffles. We had many many fabulous prizes. Jorge won the Renzetti Vice, Bill Riehle won the Bauer, Bill Fischer won his very own Pontoon boat. Bill Riehle also won the Brian's custom Steelhead rod and the Orvis large arbor reel. There were many many other winners. But

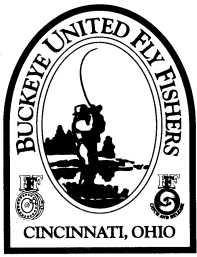
most of all B.U.F.F. won in the end, as the event was an overwhelming success. Please take a moment to thank all the donors, both corporate and individual. Without their support, this event would not have been possible. //

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will be gone and all of the kids will be back in school. In other words, we will have our favorite fishing spots pretty much to ourselves. We plan to fly into Rapid City and rent a car for the short drive to Cheyenne Crossing, where we will be staying at Wickiup Village, which is situated on big Spearfish Creek in Spearfish Canyon. Chances are we will be fishing this creek before sundown without even having to leave camp. If you happen to be with us just remember not to stand behind Bonna May! //

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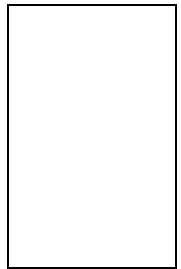


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CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNER IS \$1.00 EXTRA WITHOUT A RESERVATION - IF THERE'S ANY LEFT! WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO RUN OUT - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!

PROGRAM: Entomology 101 presented by Joe Fondacaro, Sr. and Joe Fondacaro, Jr.

WHERE: Deerfield Park (October through May meetings) 5847 Irwin-Simpson Rd., Deerfield Township, (southern Warren County). The Park is located on the southeast corner of the Irwin-Simpson / Snider Road intersection, approximately ½mile north, and ¾mile west of the Mason -Montgomery Rd./ I-71 interchange. We meet in the large white house.

DIRECTIONS: Following the directions below will help you avoid the traffic congestion at the Fields-Ertel / Mason-Montgomery / I-71 interchange.

From The East Side: Take I-275 West to the Montgomery Rd exit. Turn right (north) and get in the left lane. Turn left onto Cornell Rd. Turn right at the 1st light onto Snider Rd. Follow Snider Rd. for about 2 miles and turn right onto Irwin-Simpson Rd. The park is now on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

From the West Side: Take I-275 East to the Rt. 42 Exit. Turn left (north) and follow Rt. 42 for about 1 mile to Dimmick Rd. and turn right. When Dimmick Rd. crosses Butler Warren Rd. it turns into Irwin-Simpson Rd. When Irwin-Simpson Rd. crosses Snider Rd. the park is on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway after crossing Snider Rd. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

