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President's Corner

Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com)

Membership news – I'm sad to report the death of Red Lose on February 15, 2003, at the age of 86. Red was an avid fly fisher who taught many, and was an instrumental leader in the formative days of B.U.F.F. and TU-Madmen. Though I only had the privilege of meeting Red a couple of times, he was always a gentleman. Red loved the Mad River, and was an established presence on the river. In Red's memory, B.U.F.F. will be making a donation to the TU-Madmen in support of the Mad River restoration programs.

Bob Goldsberry is recovering at home from surgery to repair a broken shoulder after slipping on ice. And Mike Arnold (NKFF) is also recovering at home from surgery. Please keep Red's family, Bob and Mike in your thoughts and prayers.

I'm not sure how you feel, but I have never been more ready for spring. Maybe it's my age, but I've had enough of the cold, snow and ice. My thoughts are increasingly turning to fishing. Though the weather wasn't very kind to us at the Gr. Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, we were blessed that the snow and ice stopped falling by mid-morning. The weather definitely impacted the size of the crowd, but by all other measures the Show was a success. Around 300 brave souls attended the Show, and all but a small handful of vendors were able to make it. The Fly Tying Island, Fly Tying Demo's and Kid's Corner were big hits, and presentations by Terry and Wendy Gunn, Bruce Wankel, and Glenn Weisner both educated and entertained the crowd. All of the comments about The Receptions facility were positive, so we will most likely return next year.

Well, even after a busy winter season of banquets, fly fishing shows, the Hart show, various other shows/expo's, rod building classes, net building classes, everyone is gearing up for spring. With spring come even more activities for you to consider: fishing trips, fly tying, and casting lessons are all planned. Check for the times in the Buffer and look to our website (www.buckeyeflyfishers.com) for all the details. Make sure you take the time to check out all the great fishing trips listed and described on the website, you will be pleasantly surprised at the number of options. Our goal is provide you as many opportunities to learn and enjoy the great sport of fly fishing. Now it's up to you to take advantage of these opportunities. As always, if you have a question, idea or comment, please call or write (mjbryant@email.com). Be safe and go fishing! ➔

March Meeting Program

Tom Allen with the Ohio EPA, the Mad Men Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and the Mad River Steering Committee, will present a slide presentation on habitat improvements on the Mad River, river pictures and some nice FISH, of course! Come and learn a lot more about our closest cold water fishery, and how this river is improving through conservation. ➔

Adventures From the Reel World

In Memorial

Edward (Red) Lose, a Life Member of BUFF and a member since the second year of the existence of BUFF, died 15 February, 2003. "Red", as he was known to all, was a passionate fly fisherman who thoroughly enjoyed the sport. What follows are excerpts from an article Red wrote for the Buffer in September 2000, entitled "The Pretty Girl Sings".

I grew up in a farming community in northeastern Indiana. It was flatter than Kansas, hotter than Phoenix, colder than Alaska, and wetter than Seattle. Every spring, the fields were flooded because the ditches, creeks and rivers could not carry the excess water away fast enough. This resulted in a monumental silting of topsoil that muddied the waters making their visibility about two inches at best, ever. I had seen pictures of sparkling clean water and men fishing for trout that could be seen deep in the waters. It became my dream that someday I could experience what those pictures suggested.

My first try at trout fishing was a small stream small enough to step over called Bloody Run in northern Indiana. One day I drove there, but I found it to have more rattlesnakes than trout, and never wet a line. Next I tried Cedar Creek near Ft. Wayne where the state had started an experimental planting of trout. Visibility here was about a foot. I caught no trout, but I did take home several smallmouth bass.....

.....At the next BUFF meeting I was telling Ike Hayes about my disappointing trout trip. Ike advised me to next try the Holy Waters of the Ausable near Grayling, Michigan. That's where I went the next summer. It was like walking thru the gates of heaven to find a river so beautiful, so clear, so "just as I had hoped for". There was only one lodge on the twenty mile stretch and I was fortunate to manage to get a room for a week there..... I have been returning there a couple times each year for the past twenty years. Once in the spring to fish and once in October to enjoy the beauty of the hardwood tree leaves that line the banks.

Meantime the club had discovered the Mad River, and, because of its proximity, fished that place religiously for several years before managing to get to the western rivers. The western rivers are fun. You can catch a lot of fish with less effort, so little that sometimes it borders on the monotonous. My biggest objection to the elite streams is that they seem to be getting too expensive for my retirement income. I was just recalling how many places that trout fishing has taken me. I counted six different states and twenty-six different rivers, and I am not ready to "hang it up" yet.

Of all of these places, however, I would consider the Mad River to be my favorite stream. That's probably because it's the quickest for me to get to, and I know the holes and runs better. I don't always catch fish, but there's so much more to fishing than just fish.

Goodbye, Red, and tight lines always! 🐟

Learn and Fish Central Pennsylvania With Joe Humphreys and Greg Hoover

Joe Guenther

There are many things BUFF has to offer its members. One of the most spectacular is a chance to go on some of the wonderful trips we arrange. With some planning and coordinating, we are pleased to announce that we have been able to establish a date on May 8, 2003, with the legendary Joe Humphreys, and the world's foremost entomology authority, Greg Hoover.

Joe Humphreys has been fly fishing since he was six years old, and is presently 74! He has written several books, and has made many instructional videos on fly fishing. He has followed George Harvey's footsteps at Penn State University, and is a great educator. He has instructed several presidents on the sport.

Greg Hoover is currently working at Penn State, and is considered by most to be the best in the world in entomology. Don't be intimidated by lacking a lesson in Latin, because Greg's approach is easy to understand.

I am very pleased to announce that we will have both of these gentlemen for the entire day. Joe will be doing an on-stream demonstration/instruction. This will be a great opportunity to learn some of the secrets from the legendary Humphreys in the best classroom setting – the stream!

Along with great instruction, Greg will not only be helping Joe throughout the day, but he will also present a program on the super hatches of Pennsylvania. Both men will be available for fly tying instruction and book signing. Last year we had to cancel the trip due to severe weather, but this year, the trip will continue rain or shine!

If you want to sharpen your fly fishing skills and fish the pristine waters of central PA, then don't miss this opportunity to learn from the best!

Trip Info: Dates: May 7-10; Accommodations: Autoport, State College, PA; Phone #: 1-800-932-7678
We have a block of rooms reserved at a special BUFF rate of \$45 for single or \$50 for double occupancy.

We will arrive on Wednesday, May 7, have a day with Joe and Greg and an evening banquet on the 8th, and two days of fishing Pennsylvania's magnificent limestone streams with our new found tactics and knowledge on the 9th and 10th.

The day with Humphreys and Hoover will cost \$75.00 and the banquet price is \$17.00.

This is an excellent opportunity offered to you by BUFF. It will be a rare treat to be in the presence of two of fly fishing's legends. More information will be available at the March BUFF meeting as well as a sign-up sheet. Contact Joe Guenther at 513-724-6343. ←

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Trout Magic Nantahala River Trout Trip North Carolina May 2-4, 2003

Randy Clark – Jeff McElravy

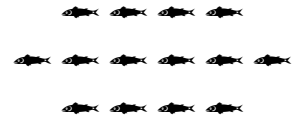
Sign up began at the February BUFF meeting. Already 19 people have signed up. Last year over 30 attended – everyone caught fish and many caught over 50!!

This has been one of the more popular BUFF trips, and this trip, if anything like previous ones, will again be great. **It will be Magic.** The river is beautiful; it has been said to be the perfect trout stream. The cold clear water has riffles, runs, rapids and pockets. The scenery this time of year will be absolutely fantastic. The town of Bryson City has a special charm, and the people of this area are the friendliest you will ever find. This will be a great trip for experienced fly fishers and perfect for beginners.

Please call one of the trip coordinators to sign up, or simply sign up at our web site. Also, on our web site you can see the entire official trip packet with **all** the information including how to get there, where to stay and what to bring. Every one who signs up will have a reserved place at one of the dinner tables at our March meeting to talk with others who are going or have gone before.

Trip Coordinators: **Randy Clark, 513-741-8273 & Jeff McElravy, 513-221-2298**

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Elkhorn Small Mouth Trip. June 19, 20, & 21 2003.

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or call 231-4852

Pick up a registration form at the March meeting.

See the web site: **Elkhorn Trip.**

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Relationship Between Watershed Protection and the Health of the Trout Fishery on the Mad River

By Tom Allen

On Saturday, November 16, Miami Valley Flyfishers (MVFF) and the Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Madmen) held the first Mad River Fishing Tournament/Survey. Phil Granato of MVFF and Mark Blauvelt, President of Madmen organized the event. Twenty-seven people participated. Though it was run like a contest, it provided a "snapshot" survey of the health of the fishery. Prizes were awarded for catching the biggest trout and the most trout over 9-inches. The watershed strategic plan has established an objective of having more and bigger trout available for the enjoyment of anglers. So, during the tournament participants counted and measured only those trout that have been in the river at least a year (9 inches or longer). Teams of two or three were assigned to fish twelve different areas of the river. Nine of the twelve teams caught forty trout over 9-inches. The winners for the largest trout caught were Phil Martin for catching a fifteen-inch brown trout, and Rob Messick for catching a twelve and one quarter inch brown trout. Several others caught browns over 12 inches. Participants measured and released all of the trout carefully and quickly.

Many of the watershed protection priority objectives, such as establishing buffers, improving the riparian areas, protecting ground and surface water quality are important elements in assuring the health and vitality of the fishery. Our current in-stream habitat improvement efforts have made a difference. Fly fishing clubs and Trout Unlimited have supported the Mad River Steering Committee in creating model projects at SR 36 and the Roger Watson property on Sullivan Road. These projects exemplify all of the key elements necessary for protecting the watershed.

We are privileged to have this resource. If we want to keep it, we all have an obligation to respect the rights of landowners and support the watershed protection efforts. 🐟

2003 Photo Calendars

Don Prince

B.U.F.F. photo calendars for 2003 are now available! This is the 1st time we have produced this kind of club calendar. They look terrific, and will make a great addition to your office or tying bench. My calendar has already drawn several nice compliments at work. All major club events are listed, along with the name of the event coordinator, and there is plenty of room left to pencil in personal appointments!

More importantly, each month features one or more great looking fly fishing photos. Many are of club members with their favorite catch of the year. Also shown are several of the "Fly of the Month" photos as featured on our website.

We are making the calendars available for only \$10 each. This is truly a great buy! The calendar sale is a part of this year's fund raising effort. Please help support the club by purchasing one for yourself and one for a fly fishing friend. They will be on sale at the March meeting. 🐟



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BUFF Lending Library

Bob Mackey

BUFF is in the process of setting up a library for the membership. In the near future we hope to provide many informative, educational, and instructional materials to which each member will have access for his or her own personal use. One of our main goals is to feature our traveling library at the BUFF monthly meetings where you will be able to take home your favorite video, book or magazines.

We are asking for your help in collecting this material, so if you have any fishing videos, magazines, books or other information that you would like to donate or share, please contact Bob Mackey at 831-4180 or e-mail rmackey@cinci.rr.com.

As this will be an ongoing project, BUFF will also be purchasing new and updated videos and magazines. Your input is welcomed. Our first contribution was from our February guest speaker, Dennis Potter, who donated three of his videos, "Durable Flies for Catching Trout". Thanks Dennis!

Further information on what is available and how we will manage the distribution of this material will be announced at one of our upcoming meetings. In the meantime we will collect and inventory items for at least the next two to three months. Call your fishing buddies and anyone you think might have and be willing to donate to the cause. Keep in mind that you may want to "just lend" a video or book to the club which is great for the library. We will accept those on a "loan type basis", to be returned to you. ➔

2004 Photo Contest

Don Prince

We are running a photo contest from now until the October 2003 meeting. Photos submitted will be eligible for inclusion in the 2004 B.U.F.F. Photo Calendar, so start carrying a camera in your fishing vest!

We would like to have photos that represent all seasons of the year, show B.U.F.F. sponsored events, display the variety of species that we catch, and showcase our local waters as well as those locations to which we travel.

Photos may be of any fly-fishing related subject, but preference will be given to shots of current B.U.F.F. members fishing or holding fish. You may submit as many entries as you like!

Photos submitted must be in electronic format, preferably "jpeg". That is, either taken with a digital camera or a traditional photo scanned and saved into a computer file. You can have your photos scanned at Walgreen or Wal-Mart in store photo counters. Entries can be turned in on a disk, or CD to any board member, or via email to rxp46@hotmail.com. Please include with the entry any pertinent data, such as, angler's name, fish size, body of water where caught, time of year, time of day, what fly was used, etc. ➔



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2003 Calendar of Events

MARCH

- March 6 **Tie and Lie West** 7pm-9pm
General fly tying and story telling
Springdale Community Center
- March 7 **Beginners Fly Tying Class** 7pm-9pm
Madeira Municipal Bldg
- March 8 Mad River Trip – Nick Rizzo
- March 8-9 **Michigan Fly Fishing Show**
Southfield, MI
- March 12 **BUFF monthly meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
- March 14 **Beginners Fly Tying Class** 7pm-9pm
Madeira Municipal Bldg.
- March 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Outdoor World Members welcome
- March 20 **Lie and Tie East**, at TBD, 7pm-9 pm
- March 21 **Beginners Fly Tying Class** 7pm-9pm
Madeira Municipal Building
- March 28 **Beginners Fly Tying Class** 7pm-9pm
Madeira Municipal Bldg.
- TBD **East Fork Stream Monitoring**

APRIL

- April 3 **Lie and Tie West.** General fly tying
And story telling. Springdale Community
Center 7pm-9pm,
- April 5 **East Fork River clean up.** Sycamore Park
Batavia 8am-4pm - Bob Goldsberry
- April 9. **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
- April 16 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7 pm-9pm
Outdoor World Members welcome
- April 17 **Lie and Tie East** TBD
7pm-9pm General fly tying and
Story telling
Bob Goldsberry
- April 19 **Day Trip Brookville Tail Waters**
- April 26 **Earth Day** at Eastgate Mall - Bob
Goldsberry
- April 26, 27 **Rockwell Springs/Glen River Trip**
Fly Tying at Chris Helms' Fly Shop
- April 27 **Castig Class for BUFF Instructors**
Tony Kalbli – Cottell Twp. Park 1pm-4pm
- TBD **GLC Steelhead Trip**

MAY

- May 2-4, **Nantahaha Trout Trip**
Randy Clark/Jeff McElravy
- May 1 **Lie and Tie West** General fly tying
and story telling. Springdale Community
Center. 7pm-9pm
- May 7-10 **Penn State University Trout Trip**
Central Penn. Greg Hover and Joe Humphries
- May 10 **Castig Class For BUFF Instructors**
Cottell Park 1pm - 4pm - Tony Kalbli
- May 14 **BUFF monthly meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
- May 15 **Lie and Tie East** at TBD
General fly tying and story telling
Bob Goldsberry
Social hour 6pm-7pm
- May 18 **Castig Class For BUFF Instructors**
Cottell Park 1pm - 4pm Tony Kalbli
- TBD **Castig Class For BUFF Members**
Deerfield Park
- May 21 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Outdoor World Members welcome

*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.*

May continued.....

- May 24 **Ladies Only Introduction To Fly Fishing**
9am-3pm Sycamore Park, Batavia
Dave Uckotter Drinks furnished.
Bring your Lunch.
- May 25 **Castig Class For BUFF Instructors**
Cottell Park 1pm-4pm Tony Kalbli
- May 31 **Darby Creek Col. Oh. Day Trip**

March

Seafood Fettuccini

Roast Pork Loin
With Dressing

Vegetable Medley

Caesar Salad
With
Homemade Croutons

Garlic Bread

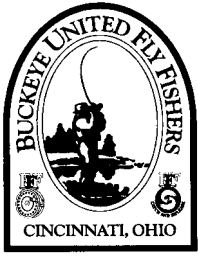
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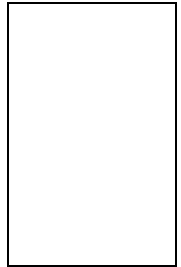


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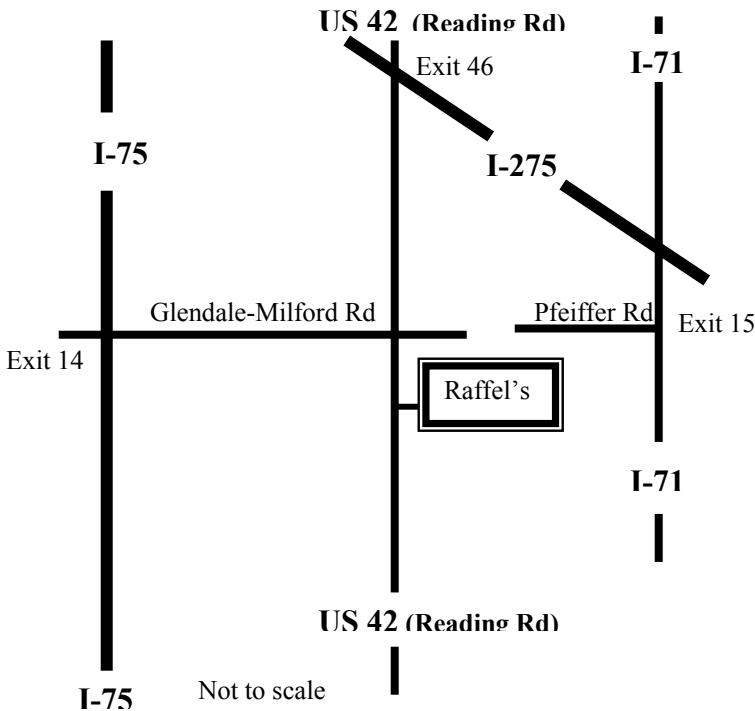
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- March 12

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