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President's Notes

Jeff McElravy (jmcelravysr@cinci.rr.com)

The Fly Show was an outstanding success. I don't know which one of the Bobs was in charge of the weather, but he did a fine job. I think we had more persons attending than we ever have had before. We had a waiting list for vendors wanting to come. We had a good mix of vendors, both new and old and a variety of subjects. The ones that I spoke with were very happy with the crowd and the location. I think they were happy with the income too. The Bobs (Co Chairs), the Bobs and Kens (Exec Com) and the Fly Show Committee are to be congratulated on a fine job and setting the base standard for next year.

Our Banquet is March 8. If you haven't made your reservation yet, you may be too late. Try I hope you can, but if you can't you can still buy raffle tickets and have someone tend them for you. You can also directly donate to BUFF through the Banquet. This is our fund raiser for the year and will determine what we will be able to do.

The March General Meeting is the last time to pay your dues. If you haven't paid, you will be dropped from membership. We still have a fair number out there and they were really due the end of the year.

In the last three years, we have gone through a lot of changes. The first one that comes to mind is the move of meeting location from Raffle's to VOA Metro Park. It wasn't one we were looking for, but when we felt we were pressed, I think it turned out very well for us. We have a larger and better facility for our meetings and a new partner in part of our mission. Our Fly Show and Banquet have changed venues also. These changes have been to make our programs better for us and the public. The Web site has made a lot of changes thanks to Ken Foltz and Don Kail. They continue to make additions that help if our communications and information. The latest addition is the ability to sign up and find out information electronically on the website. You will still have to mail checks or pay cash for things that need funds but the rest of the administration can be done on line. There are some other things in the works too. I didn't do these things. Members of the Board of Directors and various committees have done the heavy lifting.

I would like to thank Mike Bryant, Lou Haynes, and Roger Corrado for their help, advice and encouragement in the last three years. It was reassuring that I had a sounding board to bounce things off of. I would also like to thank to Board of Directors and Officers for the last three years for working with me to set the plans and goals, and working towards achieving them. There are a lot of things that go on behind the scenes that take some time to make it happen. I also want to thank the membership for your support. The last person I would like to thank is our Vice President, Randy Clark. In some ways this was a Co Presidency. He was always there and willing to take on the tasks I wasn't able to get

someone else to accept. He would remind me when I was getting behind on something. But best of all, he sometimes let me catch more fish on a given day.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as your club president.

Jeff

Ohio River Shrimp

Steve Lilly (sjlilly@fuse.net)

The Ohio River Shrimp (*Macrobrachium Ohioan*) is the best-known of all North American freshwater shrimp

The American Midland Naturalist



At one time, the specie known as the Ohio River Shrimp thrived in the River as far upstream as Wheeling. Their numbers were large and they were a food source for the people living along the river as well as the wildlife in the River. They were migratory and as the water warmed the females would carry masses of their orange colored eggs to the mouth of the Mississippi where the salinity of the water was high enough for their larval offspring to molt. Upon reaching adulthood, and with the water warming again, the young shrimp would begin the reverse migration and hordes of them would make the journey upstream. The females can grow up to four inches long and the males are smaller; both sexes have front claws with one claw much larger than the other. They are probably closer to the crayfish than they are to shrimp and can crawl out of the water to get past an obstacle. However the dams and other structures that the Corps of Engineers have in place prove to be too much for these migratory shrimp. Now instead of making it all the way to Wheeling, they are seldom found above Memphis. However, in the lower Mississippi and the Atchafalaya River in Louisiana they are the most abundant life form in the stream where they serve as a crucial food source for birds and fish.

Steve Lilly

Website Updates

Don Kail (drkail@yahoo.com)

Look and Feel

Ken Foltz and I have been busy updating the website recently. We hope you like the new cleaner, less-crowded layout and updated graphics, with function buttons for frequently-used features like the calendar, monthly meetings, and the Buffer. We will gradually be converting all other pages to match the home page theme over the next few months as time permits.

Calendar

The redesigned Buff calendar is now a complete consolidation of ALL club activities. The consolidated calendar is much easier for us to manage accurately. By eliminating the multiple calendars that were kept on other pages in the past, we can better avoid discrepancies and catch mistakes and conflicts. Just recently we've added a way for you to filter the calendar by event categories, to help you find items of particular interest more quickly.

Online Registration

We are excited to announce the launch of a new Online Registration system within the website this month. You will find a new button on the home page labelled "Online Registration for Trips and Activities" to access the system, and once you log in with your email address, you will find a list of trips and other activities that you can sign up for, as well as those you are already signed up for. The event organizers will be able to immediately see your registration and you will be able to see who else is registered. The system is designed to assist with ride-sharing arrangements, permits wait-listing, allows the organizers to register non-Buff individuals, and simplifies email communications within the group. Online help is available on several pages to explain what to do. Although this registration system was designed with the club's fishing trips in mind, it easily lends itself to other types of events where sign-ups are necessary. Ken and I will be adding new trips and events to the system at the organizers' request.

Tune Up That Cast!

Edward Jones (jonesee@miamioh.edu)

I can't think of a time when my casting arm felt so kinked up, rusty, and in need of some serious TLC. The length and intensity of the winter season has my whole casting attitude in a funk! If you have similar afflictions, please join Gary Begley and our bevy of dedicated casting instructors for the annual Spring Casting Tune-up Monday, April 7. We have reserved the auxiliary gym at the Springdale Recreation Center from 7-8:30 PM. So, come on out! Your level of casting ability really doesn't matter. You can get in a little practice, receive friendly feedback or encouragement if you want it, or have your cast computer analyzed. If the weather is nice and the ground dry, we may move outdoors for room to make those long double haul casts. For more information contact Gary Begley at 932-4205 or loopdude1@hotmail.com.

Fly Tying Update

Ken Dixon (krgjdix@outlook.com)

January and February have been busy months for Club tiers. In January, a number of our members worked with Bob Weckman's advertising group doing tying demonstrations at Bass Pro to promote the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. A few members also did tying demonstrations at the North Coast Fly Tying Expo and at the Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show. January ended up with the two Fly Tying Workshops by AK Best. If you were one of the lucky few that were able to attend the workshops, I hope you enjoyed them as much as I.



February started off with a bang with the Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show where we enjoyed some great tying presentations by AK Best, Mike Schmidt and Kevin Compton, as well as getting to visit with other feature tiers Erik Austin, Jerry Drake, Lance Kekel, and BUFF's own Rick Landis. We also spent time with members from Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Mohican Fly Fishers, Miami Valley Fly Fishers and North Coast Fly Fishers who were doing tying demonstrations in Fly Tying Alley. I want to thank all these folks for appearing at our Show along with our members that worked the BUFF Tying Booth and the Kid's Tying Area.

February also saw the start of our Advanced Fly Tying Classes. Mother Nature however, after giving us a wonderful day for the Show, decided to turn ugly and delayed the start of the classes for a week. But we were able to resume our schedule the following week and are now in full bloom (hint - we are ready for spring). So far we have tied large articulated streamers, had a technical discussion on feathers and took on tying small flies. In March, we will be tying parasol flies, doing a night of scuds & nymphs, and tying terrestrials. Classes are being held at the Springdale Community Center from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on March 4, 11 & 18. Space is limited but we do have some room left – if interested contact Ken Dixon.



As you know, BUFF is a member club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers and the Ohio Council thereof. You may want to check out The Tying Group, which is a subset of the IFFF much as is the Casting Group. For more information, you can go to the IFFF website (<http://fedflyfishers.org/Tying>). I will pass along more information on this group in a future article.

For those who want to get started in fly tying but can't wait until our fall Beginner Fly Tying Classes, we will have a one night Introduction to Fly Tying Class at the Springdale Community Center, 5:30 to 8:30 PM on March 25. This class will cover the basics of tying, introduce you to the tools used in tying and you will tie your very first flies. BUFF will provide

all the necessary tools, vise and materials. Space is limited so please signup using our new on-line registration system which should be available on the BUFF website by March 3.

In March, I will be leaving my current position of Director- Fly Tying as I move on to my new position. I am leaving you in good hands as Jim Neckers will be taking over the tying programs for the Club. I want to give a huge thank you to all the people that have helped me over the last few years as helpers and/or class leaders. Your selfless dedication to the program is outstanding and is what makes BUFF such a successful organization. And finally, thanks to those that have attended the many classes and workshops over the last three years. Your interest and participation is what drives the Club to be as good as it is.

BUFF Program for March 12, 2014 - Fly Fishing for Small Mouth Bass in Ohio by Matt Parker

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Fly fishing for small mouth bass in Ohio is sort of a lost art but is slowly gaining popularity. Fly fishing for smallmouth can be challenging but very rewarding. A completely different mindset is required than that required for fly fishing for trout. Bass will produce some of the greatest little battles on the Ohio creeks and rivers, and the best part is there is plenty of water.

As a biologist, my studies included understanding the biology components of smallmouth and how to make our rivers cleaner and more natural for generations to experience. But ultimately, it allowed me to understand what they eat, how they feed, and where to target these bronze-backs.

Fishing has been the way of life for me since I was 3 years old. I contribute my passion to my father, who still enjoys hooking up on the local smallmouth from which I grew up on. Now that I am 29, my passion has turned into a dream come true by becoming a professional fly fishing guide and General Manager of ReelFlyRod Outfitters and Sugar Creek Fly Shop in Dayton, Ohio. I grew up all my life in Beavercreek, Ohio and graduated from Ohio University. I then became a Wildlife Biologist for 7 years for the Five Rivers Metro Park County Park system in Dayton, Ohio. I am currently pursuing an MPA in Public Administration. As a collegiate Hockey player and semi-professional skateboarder, nothing has pushed me harder than understanding fishing.

Fishing has taken me all around the world from the Bonefish in the Bahamas, to the giant Pike in Saskatchewan, to Sailfish in the Pacific. I have fly fished in 45 states, and I still want to explore what North America and beyond still has to offer.

As a side adventure through the years, I developed a website specifically called The Pescado, (<http://thepescado.com/ohio-smallmouth-fly-fishing-report-10-8-13/>) which was designed to give our local anglers knowledge, education, and techniques for our local waterways in and around the Ohio region.



2014 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Recap

Bob Miller (bob.miller@alta-gila.com)

By all measures the 2014 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show was a tremendous success.

The show broke all previous attendance records; by our estimation more than 1,050 folks attended this year's event! While the outstanding weather and strong speaker line-up undoubtedly contributed to our record numbers, it was really the efforts of BUFF volunteers that made the show successful.

The show featured 73 vendors, presentations by fly fishing and/or fly tying experts (including A.K. Best, Kevin Howell, Mike Schmidt, Frank Willetts, Dane Law, Kevin Compton, John Ray, and Jerry Darkes).

Returning this year was our indoor casting pond. This is the second year for "BUFF Pond" and it has become a featured area of our show. During the day, there were special casting demonstrations by Dave Leonhard and Kevin Howell, as well as by our very competent BUFF casting instructors. "BUFF Pond" allowed some folks to learn how to cast, to try new rods, as well as providing Boy Scouts the opportunity to work on their casting skills and Fly Fishing Merit Badges. The 'kids areas' were once again a big success. Both the kid's activity area and the kid's fly tying areas were extremely busy throughout the event with educational and fun activities!

Our 2014 promotion with the local Boy Scouts of America was a terrific success. Attendance by the scouts was far in excess of anticipation and kept the Buffers running the merit badge program scrambling all day. We anticipate making adjustments to this program next year to allow for this tremendous growth. Thanks to all of the BUFF volunteers who spent the entire day working with the scouts and didn't get a chance to enjoy the show!

The BUFF membership desk also did well during the show, signing up 24 new members and providing all attendees with a valuable overview of the club's activities and events.

We are grateful for those club members, vendors, and attendees who provided feedback on our recent online show survey. Findings from these surveys, as well as from general comments from club members and members of the community, will be used to help insure the event keeps pace with the needs of the club and the regional fly fishing community.

Our special thanks to Jerry Snider and Mike McFarland for donating rods to be raffled at the show. Proceeds from these raffles are critical to making our show a financial success.

We are already working on next year's show. While the 2014 show was successful, we would like to make the 2015 show even better. We're currently in the process of looking at headline speaker, vendors, etc. for next year's show. If you have any ideas for speakers or vendors, please let us know!

Once again, the 2014 Fly Show Committee thanks our show visitors, exhibitors, and the many BUFF volunteers who made the show a success!

Notices and Reminders

Tom Smith (tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com)

2014 Club Banquet is March 8, 2014.

Fly Fishing 101. Save the dates! Our introductory fly fishing class will be on five consecutive Tuesday nights beginning March 18 at the Springdale Community Center



Buckeye United Fly Fishers
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, '14
Voice of America
6:00 pm- 9:00 pm
"A Little Luck of the Irish"

Sliced Corned Beef Brisket
Smoked Sausage and Kraut

Braised Cabbage

Boiled Parsley and Butter Potatoes

Sautéed and Seasoned
Yellow Squash and Zucchini and
Vegetable Medley

Assorted Rye Breads and Butter

Dessert

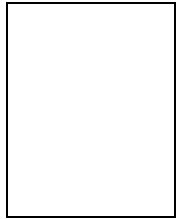
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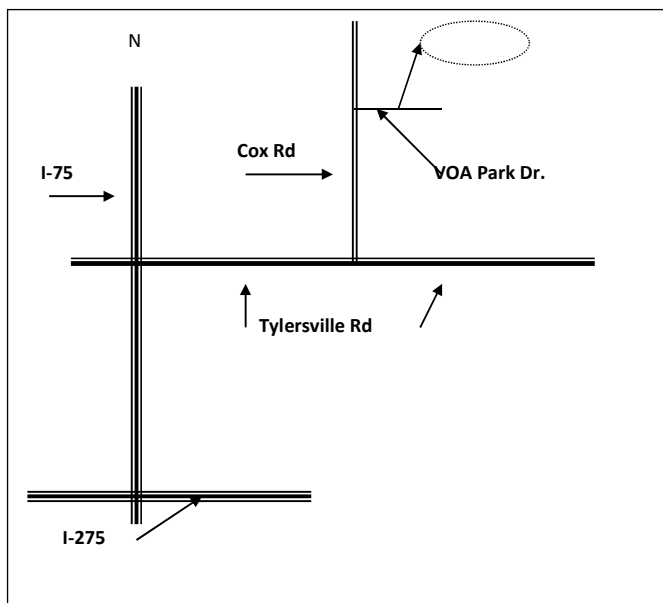
NOTICE: Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F.,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

Mailing Address

Next Monthly Meeting – March 12, 2014

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

Sign up from the 20th of the month through the Sunday evening before the monthly meeting!



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.