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Notes from the President

Paul Juszczuk, President

My name is Paul Juszczuk, and it is a pleasure to serve as the next president of BUFF!

Fly fishing has been a passion of mine for many years. In fact, I sold my bass boat four years ago and took the proceeds to Orvis in Kenwood. There, I bought my first 5 weight 9 foot fly rod. What an adventure it has been! My family and I have enjoyed some beautiful vacations in pursuit the elusive monster brown trout.

My wife, Beth, and I live in Mason, Ohio. We have been married for 23 years and three great kids: Eva, Samuel and Avery. The newest member of our family is Hudson, a Havanese puppy. I am a chiropractor and have two offices: one in Lebanon, Ohio and the other in Mason, Ohio. I enjoy all kinds of outside activities, including camping, hiking and – of course - fly fishing. It's all great family time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who helped make this years' 2017 fly fishing show a huge success. The show's committee put together a menu of great speakers, vendors and tiers. The result was a record for attendance this year. WAY TO GO!!

Finally, please mark your calendars for March 24th. It is BUFF's Annual Fly Fish Banquet. It runs from 6-10 pm. There will be many ways to win prizes and lots of great giveaways. However, to ensure your spot, I encourage to make your reservation ASAP. The deadline is March 15. I look forward to seeing you there.

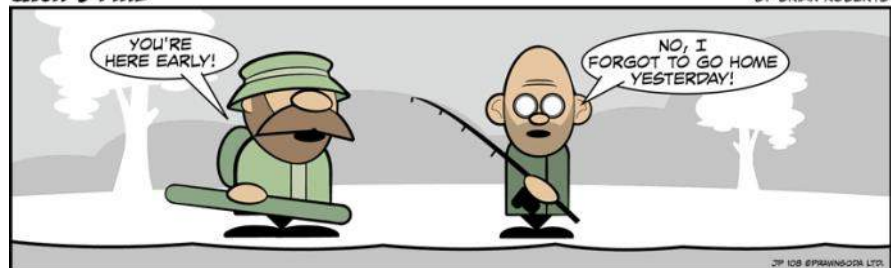
For now, though, it's time to go out and catch the small mouths on the Little Miami River. Until we meet again, remember to keep you flies dry and your line tight. ➔

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JACK'S PIKE

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March Presentation & Speaker

Jerry Yates—"Fly Fishing with Floatants"

Mike Rubush, Program Co-Chair



Jerry Yates is the owner and operator of Footeloose Products of Oxford, Ohio. He is the creator of the famous "Frog's Fanny Fly Treatment." If you have been wondering about all of the different types of floatants out there. Jerry is going to give us useful insights about each type of product. He will help us understand exactly which type of



floatant to use under different conditions to achieve maximum results (catching more FISH).

Don't miss this presentation to learn more Fly Fishing with Floatants.

Presidents Day Celebration (*I had the day off, so I hit the water*)

Tom Abbruzzese, BUFFER Editor

I went up stream in the 62.5 degree crystal clear water. Casting here. Casting there. The 5 wt line carried the tandem rig across the water and dropped it on target to perfection. Drift, drift, bump, what?? It was too good to be true. The perfect pair of flies dancing a waltz. A little too much, actually. They tangled and twisted. Really, that's what they did. I climbed the bank. It was a short climb, maybe three feet. The ground was soft and covered with tall dried grass the color of straw, limp from a cold winter. It was a perfect place to sit and untangle the dancers. It was a peaceful place to rest. I wished for a drink. But I persevered. Eventually, the twisted pair won. I cut the tippet at the ring and started over. I stepped



back into the water and marveled at my roll cast. Did I really do that? I'm nearly out of space here, so I shall not continue impressing you with my prose because I want to show off my catch of the day. A thin brute of a brown. ➔

Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show Recollections and a Look Ahead...

Bob Gustafson, Treasurer

Another Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show has now come and gone. As usual, there have been lots of memories created and lots of satisfaction (relief?) that the show went off smoothly once again. Many thanks to the fly show leadership team of Bob Miller, Don Kail, Ken Dixon, Jim Neckers, Tim Williamson, Jeff Georgin, Dave Jones, Steve Alexander, Wendy Gustafson, Jeff McElravy, Kathy LaDow, J R Jackson, and Bob Gustafson. And thanks to the 80+ BUFF volunteers who turned out and helped make the show a success.

Please forgive me while I brag a bit about this team... .the team has handled the past 5 shows, since it was moved to the Oasis Conference Center. It's an excellent team—one of the best I have ever served on. You can be proud of the hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm these BUFFERS bring to the task. The team lives and breathes fly show for months leading up to the event. Every year the team meets right after the show to debrief on what went well, what didn't, and to figure out what could we do to make the show better next year.

The team has signed on again for next year and, after a brief pause, is ready to start planning the 2018 show. However, we realize that one of the responsible things a healthy team does is plan for its eventual replacement. This team has accumulated a lot of “institutional learnings” about how to run the show and it is prudent to begin to pass along those learnings to potential new leaders for future shows. ←



We invite BUFF members interested in joining the fly show team to let Bob Miller or Bob Gustafson know. We can probably accept 4-6 new team members this year. The expectations will be to work alongside current team members in assigned areas, learn the drill, meet monthly beginning in April to help plan the upcoming show, and to bring energy and ideas to the team. Contact information:

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March Calendar

3/7	PHW Fly Tying
3/7	Intermediate Fly Tying Jim Neckers
3/8	BUFF Monthly Meeting
3/15	Intermediate Fly Tying Jim Neckers
3/17	Tie & Lie Gary Begley
3/21	PHW Fly Tying Brent Miller
3/21	Intermediate Fly Tying Jim Neckers
3/28	Intermediate Fly Tying Jim Neckers

HEY YOU! Yes you! Got something to say? Send it in to be featured in the **BUFFER newsletter.**



Fishing Licenses—When to Renew

Cari Vota, Director at Large

Fishing licenses - When to Renew

All of these States have on-line new/renewal fishing license websites.

Ohio

Licenses effective March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. A fishing license is not required of persons who are less than 16 years of age. Free Licenses for Ohio residents born on or before December 31, 1937.



Kentucky

Licenses effective March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. Trout fishermen must also have a trout permit.

Indiana

All annual licenses and stamp privileges are valid from April 1 of the current year through March 31 of the following year. To fish for trout/salmon, the trout/salmon stamp is required in addition to a fishing license.

Michigan

Licenses effective March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. A fishing license is not required of persons who are less than 17 years of age.

North Carolina

Unless otherwise specified, privilege licenses are valid for 12 months from the date of purchase. Trout Fishing Privilege licenses must be obtained in addition to the appropriate basic license.

Pennsylvania

Annual licenses are valid from Dec. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2017. While fishing, your license must be signed in ink and must be displayed on an outer garment. Trout/Salmon Permit required in addition to a fishing license.

New York

Annual License is valid one full year (365 days) from the date of purchase. Open Season for Trout (brook, brown and rainbow trout and hybrids of these species; and splake) is April 1 through Oct 15. A person may not fish for a species (even if immediately released) during the closed season for that species on given water.



Gear Prep for a New Fishing Season

Cari Vota, Director at Large

In February we set our Goals for this new Fishing Season. But will you be ready? It's easy to put off checking your gear and equipment. There are fishing magazines to read, trip sites to check out, and day dreams of fighting fish. Checking your gear and equipment now will make for more enjoyable trips later on.

1. Find a large enough place to lay it all out with good lighting.

2. Organize your effort around what you have – equipment (rods/reels/lines), gear (bags/wader/jackets), and flies/fly boxes.

3. Equipment – Now is the time to thorough-

ly clean your rods, checking for loose guides, check Grips and reel seats, etc. Don't forget to clean your lines. Check for nicks and breaks in each line and replace as needed. Backing should be replaced every couple years if used regularly. Clean your reel of sand, etc. and grease/oil it.

4. Gear – Check waders for leaks, fix or buy new (NOW, not the day before you need them). Look at your boots – soles worn, missing studs, needs new laces? Is your gear bag or vest up to snuff? Be sure you empty everything out of it before you inspect it. All the seams still good? Maybe now is the time to try a Sling pack or a Hip bag. Or get a lanyard for the local pond trips. Is your rain jacket keeping you dry? Most of the new fly fishing rain jackets are shorter for wearing with waders or sitting in a kayak, and have longer bills on the hood to keep your glasses dry.

5. As you put everything back in your bag/vest and gear bag, inspect and replace items that are worn or missing. Don't forget to inspect your 1st aid kit. What! No 1st aid kit? Now is the time to get that together too. The two most used items in any kit are head ache/pain meds and Band-Aids. Sun tan lotion does expire (it becomes less effective). If it wasn't new last year, replace it.

6. Flies need inspection too. Spread out some paper and empty all of your boxes. Day boxes (the one you take with you for just that day) can be a mish-mash by the end of the season. Wipe out all the boxes of sand and dirt. Look at each fly for wear and tear before putting them back into a box. Consider how you organize your fly boxes so getting what you need by trip is easier. By type – nymphs, streams, poppers? By size or color – very small, small, medium, large flies? By species – bass flies, trout, pan fish? Make a list of the flies that need replacing so you have it for tying or buying new.

If you begin now, you will be ready when the weather turns and the fish come calling. This could be your most enjoyable year yet! ➔

Git-R-Done!

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), plus a one-time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com for more information.

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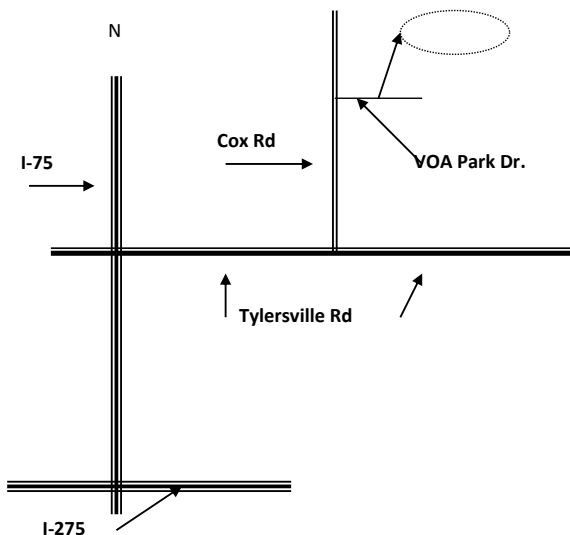
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Meeting Location & Directions

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

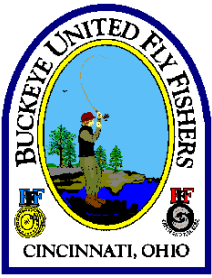


Directions:

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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