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Notes from the President

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The fly show is complete. We had record attendance this year at 890. Remarkable! This was possible because of the membership who are able to step up and help. Thank you for making the show a success.

Next up is our annual banquet in March. As usual there will be the raffles and silent auctions. The banquet team has been working hard to come up with items that will be sure to please. At the banquet we will also vote on and swear in the new BOD officers. The final items of business will be the annual awards for Fly Fisher of the Year and the Board of Directors Award. This year we are adding 2 new award to recognize club members. One of the new awards is for conservation and the other for education activities. The evening should be fun.

We have approximately 30 new members since the end of January. I would suggest that they take advantage of Tim Williamson's excellent Fly Fishing 101 class in March and April. Sign up and details are on the BUFF website.

I hope you have all had a good and healthy winter. It's not over and the year is already looking like another doozy. I think we're in the wash, rinse, repeat cycle again in Cincinnati. Oh well, dig in and tie some flies or travel to a destination to fish. Fishing has to be good somewhere.

Jim Vota
El Presidente

March BUFF Banquet

By Bryan Tudor

Only few days left to register for the annual BUFF banquet, which is Wednesday March 13th at 6 PM at Ronald Reagan Lodge in Voice of America Park. The banquet is in place of our normal monthly meeting.

The banquet is the time where we get together to enjoy each other's company and have fun bidding on various prizes. There will be chances to win trips and prizes via general raffle, grand raffle and silent auction. There will be a variety prizes from guided trips, fishing gear, art, sporting tickets, wine, and

much more. We will also recognize those members who volunteered in 2018, and present annual club awards. Importantly, the banquet is the club's only fundraiser. Funds raised at this event allows us to support various activities such as: Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, fishing with kids at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods, and tying flies with veterans at the VA Hospital.

Dinner and banquet dinner tickets are \$35 per person, grand raffle tickets are \$10, and general raffle tickets are \$5. If you have a dietary need, please get in touch with Brian Tudor, so arrangement can be made with the caterer to provide an alternative meal for you. You can register and pay for the meal and raffle tickets on the BUFF website, or can print and mail your registration and payment. We will also be selling grand and general raffle tickets at the banquet. **Last day to register is March 6th.**

Banquet Menu

Appetizers

Fresh Fruit, Cheese
Vegetable Display with Crackers and Dips
Chilled Crab with Baguette
BBQ meatballs

Dinner

Mixed greens with Artichokes, mozzarella, roasted peppers, lemon thyme vinaigrette
Thinly Sliced Brisket with Au Jus
Slow Roasted Turkey with Gravy
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Maple Glazed Carrots
Asparagus Medley
Rolls and butter

Dessert

Caramelized NY Cheesecake and chocolate cake with caramel drizzle

We have some great prizes up for auction and raffle. Some of the items to be won:

Guided trip with Ripple Guide Service
Guided trip with Davidson Outfitters
Orvis Field Jacket
Coffee & Wine Basket
Reds Tickets
Kings Island Tickets
10-ft, 4-wt rod by Midwest Custom Fly Rod
Fly Tying Benches
Hand crafted wood bowls
Restaurants gift cards

Space is limited, so make your reservations today, and don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. There are plenty of prizes and raffle items to bid on, both related and unrelated to fly fishing.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Bryan Tudor
Banquet Chair

Fly Fishing Show a Resounding Success

The Fly Fishing show held the first Saturday in February was a great success. We had record attendance; 890 people attended, almost 5% growth from the 2018 show. About 25 attendees joined BUFF at the show, and we had another 6 new members attend and join during the February club meeting. The show was also profitable for the club, raising about \$3,600 which will be used to support other club activities in the coming year. Tickets for both of the raffle items, Jerry Snider's bamboo rod and the Orvis travel bag sold out early in the day. The fly tying workshops held on Thursday and Friday prior to the show were well attended and successful.

Comments from our exhibitors and visitors were extremely positive, and we already have commitments from several exhibitors who wish to return for next year's show. Finally, the show would never be a success without the support of our club membership, and the help by over 80 club members on the days of the show was greatly appreciated. The show team thanks everyone for their participation and support.

Some photos from the show –







**Mark your calendars now –
the 2020 is Saturday,
February 1st, 2020!**

Fly Fishing in Adams County

By Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

Tom Cross, the Executive Director of the Adams County Travel and Visitors Bureau was our speaker at the February BUFF meeting. He gave an excellent presentation of outdoor activities available in Adams County, focusing on fishing opportunities on Ohio Brush Creek. This stream has many public access points. Tom's discussion focused on a few, but Adams County Travel and Visitors website (www.adamscountytravel.org) provides a map listing all public access on this waterway. Just click on the light green "Outdoors" icon on the left side of the home page, and then on "Hunting & Fishing/Public Lands" on the menu which opens up. Scroll down to the section on "Ohio Brush Creek public access" and click on the website for public access at the bottom of the descriptor. This opens a map and listing of all public access points on Brush Creek. To simplify things, I've copied the information into this month's BUFFER, below.

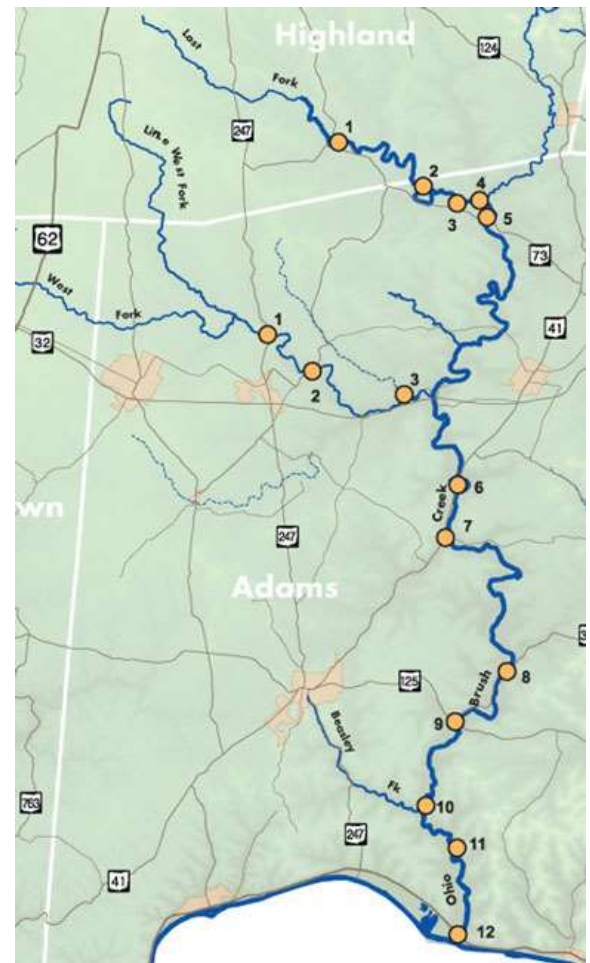
Ohio Brush Creek Access Points Shown on the Map

Lost Fork Access –

1. SR 73 Bridge south of Belfast, roadside access river left *(in Highland County)*
2. Williamson Road Bridge west of Loudon, access river right
3. Heron Road stream crossing, access river right or left
4. Loudon Road Bridge west of Serpent Mound, access river right
5. SR 73 Bridge east of Loudon, roadside access river right & left

West Fork Access –

1. SR 247 Bridge north of Seaman, closed road access river right
2. SR 770 Bridge at intersection with McCreight Rd, access river right
3. Nichols Ridge Road at the confluence of Big Run Creek into the West Fork west of Lawshe, access river left



Ohio Brush Creek Access –

6. SR 41 Bridge between West Union & Peebles, roadside access river right
7. SR 41/Fawcett Road Bridge north of Dunkinsville, roadside access river left
8. SR 348 Bridge southwest of Cedar Mills, roadside access river right
9. SR 348/125 Bridge west of Lynx, roadside access river right
10. Beasley Fork Road Bridge southwest of Lynx north of the confluence of Ohio Brush Creek & Beasley Fork, access river right.
11. Ohio Brush Creek Campground off Waggoner Riffle Road between Beasley Fork Road & Abner Hollow Road, roadside access river left

Happy Fishing. If you want more specific information on the sites, type of fishing likely available at the sites, wadeable or strictly boat access, etc., I am sure that Tom would be a wealth of information (tomcross@adamscountytravel.org).

Fishing is Good For You!

By Tom Bachev (h2oguy@fuse.net)

A short article on the ODNR web site notes the numerous health benefits of fishing, as a low-stress, low-impact exercise activity. Walking to your favorite fishing spot or trudging through water in waders will get your heart rate up. Baiting hooks, casting, and reeling in fish will keep your fingers, shoulders, and arms flexible and activate muscles. Finally, it's no secret that fresh air is great for your lungs and body, and spending time in the sun raises levels of Vitamin D. The article can be found at the following link:

http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/stay-informed/online-articles-amp-features/your-wild-ohio-angler/post/health-benefits-of-fishing-2019?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+OdnrDivisionOfWildlife+%28ODNR+Division+of+Wildlife%29

The link also has connections to interactive fishing maps for Ohio's parks, lakes, river and streams, which are quite useful

Women's Monthly After-Work Outings

By Cari Vota (vota@zoomtown.com)

This is our 3rd year of offering Women's Monthly After-Work fishing outings. They are the 3rd Thursday of each month, April thru September. As these are after work, meeting up at about 6:00 pm, we can only fish until dark, just a couple hours at most. These are good opportunities to build basic skills, learn something new, and gain confidence. All outings will include Q&A time and mentors.

These are typically wading trips, unless we meet at a local pond. Some will be on the west-side of town and some on the east-side.

I have added a couple new local waters to our list this year. If some of these locations aren't posted on the BUFF Local Fishing post available to all members, they will be by the end of the season. No one should have an excuse they don't know where to FISH LOCAL.

Women's After-Work Outing Schedule

April 18	Miami Meadows Park, Milford, pond
May 16	Heritage Park, GMR west
June 20	Carl Rahe Park, LMR east
July 18	LMR at Lake Isabella Park, east
Aug 15	Heritage Park, GMR west, (or other GMR/Whitewater location)
Sept 19	LMR, downtown Milford, east

Signup's on the BUFF website will be available soon. Consider joining us. All questions welcome.

Little Miami River Spring Clean-Up – April 13th

By Tom Britton (starwoodtb@gmail.com)

On Saturday April 13th, we will be assisting Clermont County with their annual Spring Litter Clean-Up. We will be floating down a section of the Little Miami River, picking up trash along the banks. Canoes and PFD's will be provided. We will be getting in the water so bring waders. This is an opportunity to help take care of this beautiful stretch of water and fish afterwards if desired.

Time is 9 AM – Noon. We will be meeting at 8:30 AM at the Clermont County Park Maintenance Facility, 4435 State Route 222. Batavia Ohio 45103. To participate, please sign-up by registering on the Trips & Activities page on the BUFF Website. For more information, contact Tom Britton, BUFF's Conservation Director.

Fly Tying - Spinning Deer Hair

By Jim Neckers (jimneckers@gmail.com) & Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com)

A recent intermediate fly tying class, demonstrated and focused on the technique of stacking and spinning deer hair. These are both very useful technique for making a variety of flies. Spinning deer hair is the method used when the head of the fly head is formed from the hair material; flies such as muddlers, poppers, and mouse patterns, to name a few. These are excellent flies for fishing a variety of species.

Some ideas of flies using the technique of spinning deer hair are shown below –



Mouse Pattern



Muddler Minnow Pattern



Caddis Pattern

Jim Neckers, our fly tying instructor, did an up close demonstration, allowing everyone to both watch and listen as he described his technique. Watching someone skilled in this technique go through it step-by-step, was extremely helpful. The class participants then worked on the technique with a lot of coaching and individual attention from Jim and other volunteers who help out.

After the class we did a bit of on-line exploration and found a nice article in Fly Fisherman, a magazine with on-line access, which describes the method, along with helpful hints on proper tools to use. In addition, there are some excellent YouTube videos which demonstrate the technique. This column shares what I hope is helpful information

The article from Fly Fisherman magazine can be found at - <http://www.flyfisherman.com/editorial/deer-hair-fly-tying/152340>. Some of their pointers –

- Have a good pair of scissors designed for cutting hair. A scissors with a 3- 4" long blade is appropriate. One blade is usually serrated to help cut hair cleanly. In addition, having both a straight and curved hair scissor can be useful for trimming the hair once it is spun onto the hook. A curved scissor is useful when trimming hair to shape the fly. Cost depends on the size and quality of the steel blades. Double edge razor blades are also very useful for shaping the hair on

the fly. They can be hand-held and flexed, or there are tools designed to hold and bend the blades.

- A Brassie Hair Stacker is a very useful tool to compress the hair after it is spun, and is another important tool. These tools come in a series of sizes- designed to fit over hook shanks to push the hair bundle with smaller tools for smaller hooks and larger for larger hooks. The cost is very reasonable. Having a piece of thin plastic with a hole/slot cut into it can also be useful for clearing the fur back from the hook eye to tie things off at the end. Slip over the eye and onto the hook shank to form a space to tie in thread behind the hook eye.
- Use an appropriate thread that is strong enough to spin deer hair without breaking and without also cutting the hair fibers. In our tying class, Jim recommended using GSP (Gel Spun Polyethylene) thread. It is very strong and will not break when pulling it tight to spin the hair around the hook shank. The article in Fly Fisherman had the same recommendation. Also, it is important to learn to use the correct pressure, as the thread can cut through the hair, if pulled too tightly. Part of the learning process is to understand the proper tension that is adequate to spin and secure the hair without cutting it.
- General consensus appears to be that one should put down a thin and uniform thread base on the hook shank to which the hair is tied. Unless the thread base is thick and uneven, the hair will form and spin on it with no difficulty.
- Use appropriate deer hair. Hair should be somewhat stiff and about 2" long. Spinning hair usually involves sequential addition, spinning and packing of multiple clumps of hair. Each clump is usually about the width of a 1 standard pencil, working to be able to add up to 3 pencils worth of hair. Once a clump is cut from the hide, one needs to brush or comb out the underfur at the base of the fibers. Then trim off the tips of the fibers, so that the clump is fairly even. At this point the hair clump is ready to be tied onto the hook shank and spun around the shank.
- Rather than trying to describe the method for actually spinning and packing the hair, I suggest watching one or more of the on-line videos, listed here, as 'seeing is believing'. Hearing the instruction while watching the technique is the way to go!
 - INTHERIFFLE.com has a very good YouTube video demonstrating deer hair spinning and stacking techniques. It is about 12 min long. The web site is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0Wlqwz3iy0>
 - Kelly Galloup has a good video, also on YouTube showing this technique along with how to set a deer hair collar where the hair is only rotated around ½ of the hook shank. The two techniques are quite similar. The web site for this video is:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=237Od44Zc_4
 - A third YouTube video by Gunnar Brammer shows techniques for stacking deer hair to form a collar and then spinning hair to form a head. Gunnar's approach to spinning is to set the deer hair on the hook shank and then press down on the hair clump in front of the thread loops to move fibers around the shank prior to finally spinning the hair

around the hook shank. He uses this technique to get better uniformity when spinning the hair. Jim demonstrated this approach in our class. The web site for this video is:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZiCvL49EbM>

- Chris Helms: Chris passed away in November 2014, after battling cancer for some time. He has been missed, but always fondly remembered in the fly tying community as a master at tying deer hair. He was a good friend of BUFF and always participated in our fly fishing show. Chris was a wonder to watch as he instructed and tied deer hair bass bugs! We have some of Chris' instructional DVDs in the BUFF Library! A good reason to attend a BUFF meeting – come and check these out for your use. There are also several of his articles on the internet (search Chris Helms and fly tying in Google), including great articles on how to pick deer hair and use of different tying threads. There are a few YouTube videos as well, though much of Chris' instruction predates the explosive growth of YouTube videos.

Good luck and good tying. Better, yet, sign up for one of the tying classes that BUFF offers. Even if you've taken the Intermediate Tying Class, feel free to take another, as the flies we tie and techniques taught will likely be different.

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>
Fly Fishing 101 Class Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Mondays, March 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , and 25 th 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Tim Williamson 513-255-6986 willtk@yahoo.com
Intermediate Fly Tying Class Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Tuesdays, March 5 th , 12 th , & 19 th 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Jim Neckers 513-863-3844 jimneckers@gmail.com
City Gospel Mission Kid's Fishing Derby Camp Kirkwood, Wilmington OH	Saturday, March 9 th 3 – 5 PM Partnering with NKFF who are organizers for event	Tom Bachey 513-543-4056 h2oguy@fuse.net
Miami Valley Fly Fishers Banquet Kettering, OH	Monday, March 11 th MVFF has extended invitation to BUFF members to join in their annual banquet	Contact Mike Wolford for registration and information 937-671-2780 toflyfsh@woh.rr.com Register by: March 7 th

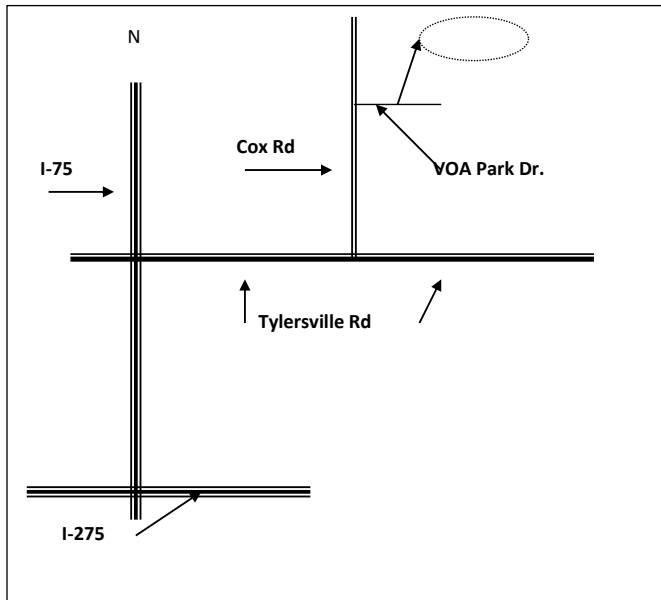
Upcoming BUFF Activities (continued)

BUFF Banquet VOA Park	Wednesday, March 13th 6:00 – 9:00 PM Register by March 6th	Bryan Tudor 513-827-5437 bryan.tudor@yahoo.com
Tie & Lie Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Friday, March 15 th 6:30 – 9:00 PM	Gary Begley 513-932-4205 loopdude1@hotmail.com
Introduction to Fly Tying Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Tuesday, April 2 nd 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Jim Neckers 513-863-3844 jimneckers@gmail.com
Spring Steelhead Trip Cleveland Area	Thursday, April 4 th – Sunday, April 7 th (3 nights)	Hugh O'Donnell 513-200-7869 odonnellhj@gmail.com
Little Miami River Spring Clean-Up Batavia, OH	Saturday, April 13 th 9 AM – Noon (meet at 8:30 AM)	Tom Britton 513-520-7862 starwoodtb@gmail.com
Women's Spring Trip Clear Fork River Mohican State Park, OH	Thursday, April 25 th – Sunday, April 28 th	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 vota@zoomtown.com

March Meeting – Wednesday, March 13th, 2019

ANNUAL BANQUET

6:00 – 9:00 PM at VOA Park



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.