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## Notes from the President

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If you haven't been fishing this winter and are getting anxious to get out on the streams and lakes (when it warms up a bit), it is the time to make sure your gear is ready to go. Check your waders for leaks. Make sure your boots are clean and the laces or BOAS are in good shape. Inspect your fly rods for flaws and inspect the ferrules. Clean your fly reels and replace any backing that's been on there for a long time. Fly lines are a never ending maintenance issue. They need to be cleaned often but now is the time to inspect for cracks and the connections at the backing and leader. If you take the time now to make sure your gear is ready, there won't be any surprises when you head to the stream.

I am preparing for a busy year. Last year I wasn't able to put the effort into the President's position that it deserves. Things have improved and we've been coming up with a lot of ideas for areas to help club members. Hugh O'Donnell is starting a new member group to work on areas where we can work to help new fly fishers on their journey with the sport. This could mean more classes and new member fishing outings. We've come up with a list of topics for the BUFFER, and classes for the general membership. While not all can be implemented this year, many of them will be, and it offers possible direction for the future. Look for a 'Did you know?' section in the BUFFER. As always, when you have lots of time on your hands it generally tends to fill up.

The Women's Forum at the fly show was a success. Over 30 women participated. This shows there is interest and we should see continued growth in this sector. For all you guys with wives that don't fish, see if you can coax them out on the water. There will be several opportunities for women events this year. The spring women's trip to Clearfork – Mohican State Park is coming up (April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>). Three cabins were rented, with room for 18, and the trip is full! If any of our women members are still interested, they can make it a day trip to fish with the campers. Talk to Cari at the meeting if you are interested.

Tom Scheer is promoting the Fly Fishing International (FFI) Casting Challenge program. It's a great way to work to improve your casting. As we all know, your fishing will improve as your skills with the fly rod increase. At the May through September general meetings (weather Permitting) we will have casting learning sessions based on the FFI program. These will be fun, no pressure sessions for all skill levels. Casting instruction will be based on the skills in the FFI Casting Challenge.

The banquet is coming up on March 11<sup>th</sup>. You need to sign up in advance, so be sure to do so. This is our major fund raiser for BUFF. As usual there will be the raffles and silent auctions. The Banquet is also

where we announce the winners of our annual awards and swear in the 2020 members for our Board of Directors. Signup ends on March 4.

For all of the new members don't forget to sign up for the Fly Fishing 101 class at the Springdale Community Center that takes place through March. Sign up online in the trips and activities area on the BUFF website. Tim Williamson teaches this class. It's always entertaining. Speaking of entertaining, don't forget that Jenn Ripple is April's monthly meeting speaker. She will also be holding 2 casting clinics prior to the meeting.

For now, I'm reading Mac Brown's book Casting Angles. It's not for the faint of heart. If you ever wanted to know why loops form, this is the book for you. It's also a great cure for insomnia. You will find it in the BUFF library as soon as I finish wadding through it.

Until next month remember, "all men are equal in the eyes of fish" – Herbert Hoover.

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Jim Vota

## **BUFF 2020 Banquet – Registration Deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>**

The 2020 Buckeye United Fly Fishers Banquet is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6 – 9 PM at the Ronald Reagan Lodge in VOA Park (our normal monthly meeting venue). The banquet is the club's major fundraiser. Attendees must register in advance. Banquet/meal tickets are \$35 per person, and you can register online from the BUFF website, or download and print a registration and mail your payment.

The banquet committee has obtained a great collection of items for auctions and raffles. Raffle tickets are \$10 for grand raffle items and \$5 for general raffle items. You can buy raffle tickets on-line when you register, and they will be sold at the Banquet as well.

### **Banquet Menu:**

**Appetizers:** Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Vegetable Platter with with crackers, hummus and vegetable dip  
BBQ Meatballs

**Main Courses:** Carved Top Round with Horseradish Sauce;  
Chicken Mushroom Marsala;  
Field Greens Salad with Blue Cheese and salad dressings  
Herb Tossed Roasted Red Skin Potatoes;  
Green Beans with Bacon and Onion  
Italian Vegetable Medley

**Desserts:** Crème Brulee Style NY Cheesecake  
Chocolate Fudge Cake with Caramel Sauce

**Beverages:** Coffee, tea, and cash bar

## 2020 Fly Fishing Show – A SUCCESS

The 2020 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is done, and was a great success. This year's attendance again set a record – 896 people attended the show! This slightly exceeds last year's show attendance. The show was also profitable, returning a small gain which goes toward supporting future BUFF club activities.

The show committee extends our sincere thanks to all of our club volunteers who helped at the show. Without you this show would not be a success. We had many positive comments from attendees and importantly our exhibitors and vendors. Several have already requested space for the 2021 show. Most vendors also comment about how grateful they are for the support they receive from our volunteers. The presentations by Gary Borger, our show headliner, were fully attended, as were the fly casting and fly tying classes he presented on the Friday prior to the show. All the books that Gary brought to the show sold as well! Presentations by Dale Collins, Jason Ricketts, and Ted Nicolson, and the fly tying demonstrations Shannon Messer, Mike Schmidt and Jeff McElravy were well attended. The Women's Forum hosted by Cari Vota, and the Fly Fishing 101 session led by Jim Vota were also well attended and received positive feedback. They will become part of future shows.



Gary Borger



Gary Borger Book Signing







Kid's Fly Tying



More Kid's Activities



Jason Ricketts – Kayak Fishing



Mike Schmidt - Tying Demonstration



Fly Fishing 101



Casting Demonstration



Trying out a Tenkara Rod



Shannon Messer – Tying Demonstration



**More photos from this year's show are on the BUFF website!**

## Did You Know???

*We'll add this as a frequent, and short item of interest to the BUFFER  
Thanks to Cari Vota for providing a good list to start with!*

Leaving your waders stored in the garage invites mice to chew and nest in them which is obviously something you want to avoid. In fact, all gear should be stored somewhere that's dry and relatively climate-controlled. You want to avoid storing gear in a place which can experience wide swings in temperature. Storing in an inside closet is not a bad idea!

Coming back to waders –

- If you have a zip front wader, it is best to ROLL the waders up, starting at the feet, to store properly. You never want to bend the wader zipper any other way as the zipper may come off of its track.
- If you have breathable waders, it is best to store them by hanging them on a hanger. Hang by draping them over a hanger, allowing air to circulate all around them, not by hanging from straps or boots/feet. This way, you don't stress the suspenders or where the wader and boot material are joined.

## Save Some Dates –

- **April Meeting** – Our speaker for the April meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> will be Jen Ripple. She will be doing a casting clinics prior to the meeting. Keep an eye out for a sign-up announcement to register for the casting class.
- **June Meeting** – The June meeting will include a 'swap meet'. Watch for announcements. Also, as we prepare for fishing season, now may not be a bad time to start going through excess or unused equipment that you may want to bring to the swap meet in June.

## Fly Casting Skills Challenge

By Tom Scheer, VP for Casting, Ohio Council FFI ([rtscheerdds@aol.com](mailto:rtscheerdds@aol.com))

Fly Fishers International has long recognized the importance of the fly-casting skill component of enjoying fly fishing. A recent addition to FFI's educational offerings is the **"FLY-CASTING SKILLS CHALLENGE"**. The program is designed to be a fun way to comfortably and methodically advance one's casting skills.

BUFF fly-casting instructors are offering BUFF members facilitation and testing for the program and recognition of success in the casting corner of our website. Certificates and pins are available on the FFI website. By using the fly -casting skills challenge levels (bronze, silver, and gold) as study guides,



members can proceed at a pace that they find comfortable. BUFF casting instructors will offer workshops for demonstrations and assistance with the tasks.



This program is in addition to BUFF's other casting program offerings, and provides another way to improve casting skills. Importantly, our members proceed through the program at their own pace throughout the year. This differs from the annual BUFF Casting Course, which is a more comprehensive program, presented on three Sundays for 3-4 hours per session.

Details of this new program can be found on the FFI website using the following link:

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting/Casting-Skills-challenge>

One option for our members who want advance their casting skills is to find a casting Study Buddy and work together. The BUFF website forum is great place to start in finding a Study Buddy. If you would like to participate, or have any questions, please contact Tom Scheer, [rtscheerdds@aol.com](mailto:rtscheerdds@aol.com), 513 317 4996

### **Fly Casting Skills Challenge Workshops –**

From March through September, before each monthly BUFF meeting, BUFF casting instructors and a casting course will be set up on the lawn near the Ronald Reagan lodge in the VOA park. We'll be there to answer questions, demonstrate the tasks, observe your efforts at learning the tasks, and offer suggestions and support. Certification testing will also be available. Look for us standing around the course – a 70 ft tape with orange cones on it, waving nine-foot pointy things in the air, and join in the fun!

## **2020 Fishing Licenses – When to Renew & Costs**

By Cari Vota ([vota@zoomtown.com](mailto:vota@zoomtown.com))

### **Ohio –**

- Annual license is valid for 1 year from date of purchase
- OH resident annual license fees: 1 year, \$25.00; 3-year, \$54.08, Senior (age 66 and older) 1 year, \$10.00; and Senior 3 year, 28.60.
- There are no additional charges, such as for trout permits.

- OH fishing licenses can be purchased in local sporting goods stores, such as Bass Pro, and other stores such as WalMart and Meijer. They can also be purchased online from the ODNR ([www.ohiodnr.gov](http://www.ohiodnr.gov)).

#### **Kentucky –**

- Annual license is valid from March 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup> of the following year
- A ‘trout permit’ is required, if fishing for trout. Cost is \$10 in addition to license fees
- KY resident annual license fee is \$23.00
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$55.00; 1-day license, \$15.00, 7-day license, \$35.00
- License can be purchased online from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources ([www.fw.ky.gov](http://www.fw.ky.gov)), or locally at KY sporting goods stores (such as Dick’s), or at Meijer or WalMart.

#### **Indiana –**

- Annual license is valid from April 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year
- A ‘trout/salmon permit’ is required, if fishing for trout or salmon. Cost is \$11 in addition to license fees
- IN resident annual license fee is \$17.00
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$35.00; 1-day license, \$9.00 (includes a 1-day trout permit)
- License can be purchased online from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources ([www.in.gov/dnr/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/)). There are local stores, including WalMart, which sell licenses directly.

#### **Michigan –**

- Annual license is valid from March 1<sup>st</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup> of the following year
- There is no required ‘trout permit’ fee; however, there non-residents need to purchase a ‘sport card’ in addition to their license. Cost is \$1.00
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$76.00; 1-day license, \$10.00; 7-day license, \$30.00
- Purchase license online from Michigan Department of Natural Resources ([www.mighican.gov/dnr/](http://www.mighican.gov/dnr/))

#### **North Carolina –**

- Annual license is valid for 1 year from date of purchase
- Inland fishing includes all trout waters.
- Online license purchase requires a \$2.00 transaction fee
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$45.00; 10-day license, \$23.00. *There is not a 1-day or 1-week option.*
- Purchase license online from North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission ([www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org))

#### **Tennessee –**

- Annual license is valid from date of purchase to last day of the following February
- Fees vary depending on whether you include fishing for trout or not.
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$50.00 (no trout fishing), or \$99 with trout license; 3-day license, \$20.50 (no trout fishing), or \$40.50 with trout license; 10-day license, \$30.50 (no trout fishing), or \$61.50 with trout license.



- Purchase license on line from Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency ([www.tn.gov/content/tn/twra.html](http://www.tn.gov/content/tn/twra.html))

#### **Pennsylvania –**

- Annual license is valid from December 1<sup>st</sup> of prior year through December 31<sup>st</sup> of current year.
- A ‘trout permit’ is required at cost of \$9.90 for all but a 1-day non-resident license fee.
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$52.90; 1-day license, \$26.90 (includes 1-day trout permit fee); 3-day license, \$26.90; 7-day license, \$34.90.
- Purchase license on line from the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (<https://www.fishandboat.com>)

#### **New York –**

- Annual license is valid for 1 year from date of purchase.
- There is no ‘trout permit’ fee, but you should read up on trout open season in the state.
- Non-resident license fees: Annual, \$50.00; 1-day license, \$10.00; 7-day license, \$28.00.
- Purchase license on line from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (<https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/365.html>)

## **Nice Plug for BUFF from Brian Flechsig**

Jeff McElravy shared a recently posted video from Mad River Outfitters. Brian Flechsig, an “official Licensed Bear Etiquette Guy”, posted this video on their fly fishing trips, and an upcoming planned trip the Katmai Lodge in Alaska to fish Brooks Falls. The beginning to the video gives a nice plug for BUFF.

Check it out at –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7BhOIMnRXM&feature=em-uploademail>



## **Opportunity Knocks**

### **Nonprofit “iNaturalist” provides a free smart phone app which can be used for local fish identification**

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I first learned about the application, iNaturalist in the fall of 2017 when my wife and I took a 10 week course, exam, and completed 40 hours of volunteer service to become Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists. That course introduced us to iNaturalist, a free download to our smartphones. Right away, we had a lot more fun on hikes and trips taking pictures of a leaves, flowers, and bugs, and uploading the pictures to the iNaturalist database. We usually received a response (often within 30 seconds)

identifying what we had photographed and uploaded to their site. We began including and using iNaturalist in most of our hikes any outings. It is lots of fun.

But for some reason, I never expected to use iNaturalist for fish identification. Can you believe that? I guess I found it so easy to use, I never even bothered to explore what it is and what it is capable of doing. I did not know until recently that iNaturalist is a non-profit initiative of the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society. The world-wide database includes over 32 million captured observations of plants, animals, fish, reptiles, and insects. It has terrestrial and aquatic observations. Practically everything except the kitchen sink.

### **What does it offer for BUFFERS?**

Recently I realized there are other reasons we BUFFERS may be interested — perhaps even stimulated in the potential uses of iNaturalist. Its capabilities can be used to help identify and document the presence of fish and other aquatic species in our local waters, and provide what is called “citizen science” data to add to local, federal, state and other resources to help raise awareness of both the good news and the bad regarding our local waters. This could add to or supplement BUFF’s ongoing commitments to conservation through participating in river cleanups, and stream quality monitoring. It should be a surprise to none that a new high-tech program for fish identification could be appealing to many BUFF members.

### **How to check it out?**

Check out the iNaturalist website at [iNaturalist.org](https://www.inaturalist.org), it is freely accessible and easy to use. Since it is entirely volunteer based, anyone can check it out, join, and use it absolutely free. You can download the app free on your very first visit to the site, then step out of your home and start taking pictures in your own backyard or wherever you are traveling. Another thing you can do that is a fun way to get started is upload a picture or two of a nice fish you caught last summer and find out if iNaturalist can correctly identify it. But watch out, the accuracy of the results are only as good as the quality of the photograph. That said, most smartphones come with photo and photo editing capabilities that are up to the task.

### **Want to Learn More?**

If you want to learn more, there is a free seminar which will discuss and provide instruction on the features and uses of iNaturalist. It will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 2:30 pm at the Fort Ancient Historical Monument Park near Morgan’s Fort Ancient Canoe Livery. If you want to attend that, please email me at [bschroeder9999@gmail.com](mailto:bschroeder9999@gmail.com). Space is limited and I will need to add you to the guest list to attend.

### **What Lies Ahead?**

We at the Little Miami Conservancy have decided to initiate a one year fish identity survey of the Little Miami River. This will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and continue through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The timing coincides with the fiscal year for the ODNR. That is required, as the Little Miami Conservancy is applying for an ODNR AQUATIC EDUCATION GRANT REQUEST to secure funding to cover expenses for school participation, canoe rentals and other aspects of the survey. We welcome BUFFERS who are interested in participating, and who want to learn more about volunteering for that project to let us know by emailing me at [bschroeder9999@gmail.com](mailto:bschroeder9999@gmail.com).

# Fly Fishing Basics – Leaders & Tippet

By Ken Mandel ([kengmandel@gmail.com](mailto:kengmandel@gmail.com))

When I first started to fly fish, I found the explanations and use of leaders and tippet confusing. I don't think I was alone in this either. At the Fly Fishing 101 class at the fly fishing show last month, we had several questions about leader and tippet from participants, so it seems to be a point of confusion to those getting started in our sport.

## Defining Leader and Tippet -

Typical commercial leaders are clear nylon monofilament material, though other materials, most importantly fluorocarbon, are also available. Commercial leaders are generally tapered from a thick end (butt end) which attaches to the fly line, to a thin end to which the fly is tied on. A general rule of thumb is that the leader should be about the length of the rod, but what you use will vary depending on type of fly line, what you fish for, and fishing conditions.

The butt end of a commercial tapered leader is usually 0.022 – 0.024 inch in thickness. This corresponds to 30- to 40-lb test monofilament and its thickness is similar to the end of the fly line. This helps the leader turn over smoothly from the fly line in the cast. The butt end also should have a loop so it can be attached to the fly line by a loop-to-loop connection. This allows quick change out of a leader, and more importantly, avoids the need to form knot connections at the end of the fly line. If you are making your own leaders, putting a loop at the butt end is a good idea.

The thickness at the butt end of a leader generally remains constant for about the first third of its length. Hence, if we have a 9-foot leader, the 3 feet forward from its connection to the fly line will be the same thickness. The mid-section of the leader is the taper, where its thickness, as well as the test strength of the monofilament becomes gradually reduced to the final thickness of the leader. The last third of the leader is its thinnest section, and of uniform thickness. This part of the leader is referred to as the 'tippet' and is the section to which the fly is tied onto. Leaders are graded by the thickness of this tippet section using a standard "X-rating".



## Sizing Leaders and Tippet –

The X-rating system is the standard for sizing leader and tippet diameter. The larger the X-rating, the thinner the diameter. The table below provides a list of standard tippet diameters for different X-ratings, ranges of test strengths, and typical hook size ranges used with that sized leader. As you can see, the diameters for all tippet ends are quite small – from about 1/100" at 0X to 3/1000" at 8X! Test strength has a range, as leaders made by different manufacturers can list different test strengths, but the tippet diameter for a given X-rating will be identical. That is a constant.

X-Rating	Tippet Diameter	Test Strength	Hook Size Range
0X	0.011"	15.5 lb	Large flies
1X	0.010"	13.5 lb	4 or larger
2X	0.009"	4.5 – 11.5 lb	4 – 8
3X	0.008"	3.8 – 8.5 lb	6 – 10
4X	0.007"	3.1 – 6.0 lb	8 – 14
5X	0.006"	2.4 – 4.8 lb	10 – 18
6X	0.005"	1.4 – 3.5 lb	16 -22
7X	0.004"	1.1 – 2.5 lb	18 – 26
8X	0.003"	1.0 – 1.8 lb	22 and smaller

There are leaders larger than 0X; these are denoted as 01X, 02X and 03X, with tippet diameters of 0.012" 0.013" and 0.015", respectively. These are used when fishing for larger species, such as walleye, pike, salmon, etc.

A 'rule of thumb' to help determine the X-rating to use for a given fly is to take the hook size and divide it by 3. For example, a fly tied on a size 14 hook, should work well with a 4X or 5X leader ( $16/3 = 4.67$ ). However, this also can and should be adjusted, based on conditions and the fish being sought.

The table below, taken from Fly Fishing for Beginners, helps provide an example of adjusting leaders based on what one is fishing for.

Type of Fish	Leader Length	Test Weight	Leader X-Size
Panfish	7 ½ ft	4 – 8 lb	3X – 5X
Trout	7 ½ - 12 ft	2 – 8 lb	3X – 7X
Bass	6 – 9 ft	8 – 15 lb	0X – 3X
Steelhead	4 – 9 ft	6 – 10 lb	2X – 4X

### Adding Tippet to a Leader –

The next obvious question is that each time we change a fly, we necessarily shorten the leader by removing and retying a new fly on to its tippet end. This is where the role of stand-alone tippet material comes into play. Tippet material, a uniform thickness monofilament, is sold on spools. Its purpose is to replace the tippet material on the leader as it is shortened. New tippet can be tied on using a simple know, such as a double- or triple-surgeon's knot. It gives a strong connection with a small profile knot. It is useful to have a selection of tippet material of different thicknesses,





especially if you are using leaders with various X-ratings. For example, if you are using a 4X leader, once you have shortened the existing tippet, you would tie on 4X tippet to extend it. You can also tie on smaller diameter tippet, but not larger diameter tippet. In addition, having tippet material on hand to replace that on a leader is very cost effective. A package of 2 nylon leaders costs \$8 - \$10, a 30 yd spool of tippet material is < \$5

**Leader Materials – Nylon vs. Fluorocarbon –**

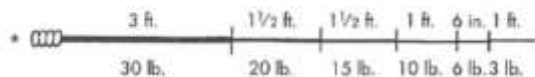
While the most common material for leaders is nylon monofilament, fluorocarbon is an option. Both materials have positives and negatives in use. Monofilament has more stretch than fluorocarbon, tends to float, and is easier to tie secure knots with. Fluorocarbon has less stretch, which allow for a stronger hookset when a fish takes the fly. It also sinks faster in the water column and is resistant to damage due to its using a harder material. However, one of the major advantages of this material is that it is virtually invisible in the water; this is highly advantageous when fishing in clear water. The disadvantage of fluorocarbon is that it is more subject to having knots break and requires more care in forming and seating knots. Fluorocarbon leaders and tippet material is also significantly more expensive than monofilament. Both materials are excellent, and their use could largely be dictated by the type of fishing one is doing, or conditions one is fishing in.



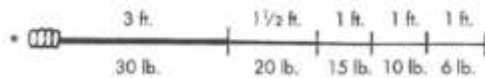
**Making One's Own Leaders –**

One can construct tapered leaders using different weight (diameter) monofilament or fluorocarbon by sequentially adding lengths of decreasing thickness and test weight material. There are designs for different types of fish and conditions. Unlike commercial leaders, self-made leaders will have knots where the different sized materials are joined, and these can catch on rocks or other debris in the water. Still, many anglers make their own designed leaders, and there are published designs available to try out. Some examples are shown below.

TROUT (dry fly and nymph leader) 8 1/2 ft., tapered from 30 lb. to 3 lb.



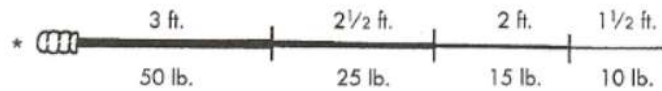
TROUT (streamer and bucktail leader) 7 1/2 ft., tapered from 30 lb. to 6 lb.



PANFISH 7½ ft., tapered from 30 lb. to 4 lb.



BASS 9 ft., tapered from 50 lb. to 10 lb.



Finally, there are furred leaders, but we'll save that discussion for another article. For the beginner, using knotless, tapered leaders and having appropriate sized tippet material is the logical place to start. It is easy and cost effective, and they work!

## Ohio Lake Trout Stocking Dates

Tom Bachey – [h2oguy@fuse.net](mailto:h2oguy@fuse.net)

The ODNR has posted its dates for stocking trout in state lakes. A table can be accessed on the ODNR website at: <http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/fishing/trout-stockng-dates>. Check it out and let club members know if you are thinking of trying out some of these places to fish. A great use of our Forum page.

This site also lists the lakes by region, with driving directions for access. SW Region lakes that will be stocked are:

- Adams Lake – Adams Lake State Park in West Union, OH
- Davis Lake – St. Mary's, OH
- Clark Lake – Springfield, OH
- Rocky Fork Lake – Rocky Fork State Park in Hillsboro, OH
- Rush Run Lake – Germantown, OH
- Stonelick Lake – Stonelick State Park, Milford, OH
- Sycamore State Park Lake – Dayton, OH
- Tawawa Lake – Tawawa Park, Sidney, OH

# Upcoming BUFF Activities

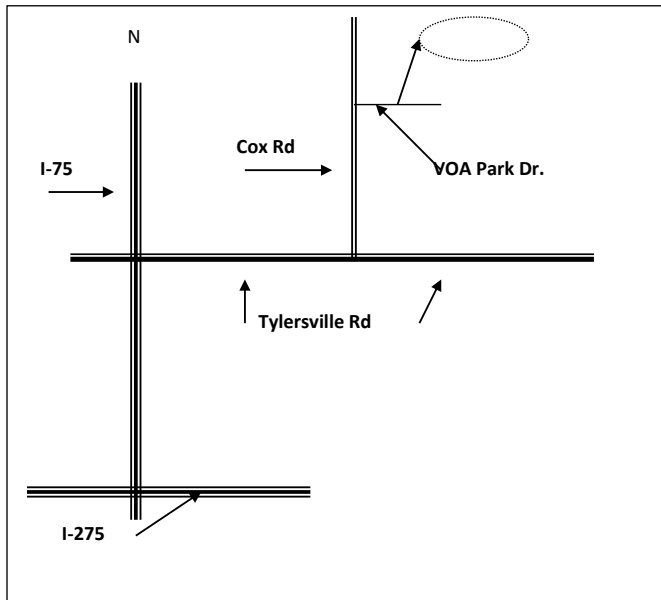
Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Intermediate Fly Tying Class Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Tuesdays, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Jim Neckers 513-863-3844 <a href="mailto:jimneckers@gmail.com">jimneckers@gmail.com</a>
Fly Fishing 101 Class Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Mondays, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , and 23 <sup>rd</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 PM	Tim Williamson 513-255-6986 <a href="mailto:willitk@yahoo.com">willitk@yahoo.com</a>
<b>BUFF Banquet VOA Park</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Registration information is on the BUFF website</b>
Women’s Gear Maintenance Workshop Cari Vota’s House	Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 4:00 PM	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Spring Steelhead Trip Cleveland Area	Thursday April 2 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday April 5 <sup>th</sup> (3 nights)	Hugh O'Donnell 513-200-7869 <a href="mailto:odonnellhj@gmail.com">odonnellhj@gmail.com</a>
Introduction to Fly Tying Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Time to be Announced</i>	Jim Neckers 513-863-3844 <a href="mailto:jimneckers@gmail.com">jimneckers@gmail.com</a>
Casting Workshops with Jen Ripple VOA Park, West Chester, OH	Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> Prior to April BUFF Meeting	<i>Sign up will be on website</i>
Bass Fishing on Whitewater River East Fork Whitewater River, IN	Daytrips - Tuesday April 21 <sup>st</sup> Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday, April 25 Monday, April 27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>See website for leaders and sign-up</i>
Women’s Spring Trip Clear Fork River Gorge Mohican State Park, OH	Thursday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cari Vota 513-476-7112 <a href="mailto:vota@zoomtown.com">vota@zoomtown.com</a>
Sunnybrook Spring Trip Sandusky, OH	Thursday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ken Dixon 513-787-2408 <a href="mailto:krigidix@outlook.com">krigidix@outlook.com</a>

**March Meeting – Banquet !  
Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**6:00 – 9:00 PM at VOA Park – watch website for sign-up**

Register on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM). Please register whether you plan to eat dinner with us (\$15/person) or not.



**Directions:**

**From I-75 --** Follow 1-75 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.