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President's Corner

Jim LeBlond

Great things are happening at B.U.F.F.! We have a fabulous year already underway. We have some great trips to wonderful places with first class accommodations. This year we have some superb tying opportunities set up for you on both the east and the west side of town, on different nights so you could attend both. Our outstanding website is averaging over 130 visitors a day. We've got a topflight newsletter and best of all we've got a bunch of new members who are just dying to learn more about fly fishing. I want to welcome one and all, and personally invite you to come on one of our trips and definitely come to our dinner meetings, you'll be glad you did. We've got a unique blend of characters both young and old, and I guarantee you can learn something valuable from each and every one. We all individually have had different experiences, and have learned slight nuances that seem to help us fish more often with

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B.U.F.F. Web Site

Joe Panfalone

B.U.F.F. has created a website with three objectives in mind:

- Support our annual show
- Support the club's membership goals
- Provide a means of communication

To achieve these goals we have to attract fly fishermen from the tristate area to our site. Having captured their attention, we can use the website to announce our show and other club activities that we require outside support. The website also provides a means for prospective members and outside organizations to contact us.

To attract people to our site, we have to give them a reason to come. We have been most successful

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May Meeting Program

The May Dinner Meeting will be Wednesday, May 9th at the Deerfield Township Lodge. Make sure to bring your fly rod. The pond is a great place to practice your casting, with lots of room and very few obstructions. Though there will not be any formal casting lessons, club members are always available to help you on your technique. At the meeting, one of the major equipment rep's will be present to discuss new equipment and directions of the fly fishing industry.

Tie & Lie 'West'

David Jones

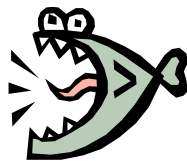
The second session of Tie & Lie was held on Tuesday April 3. We had an excellent turnout of 17 B.U.F.F. members. Jerry Snider demonstrated the Elk Hair Caddis. As usual, Jerry passed on many hints and tips that only come from experience. Thanks Jerry.

The featured fly at the March meeting was the hellgrammite, which is the larva of the dobson fly. It takes three years to mature to its full size of about three inches long. During this time, it lives under rocks on the bottom of a stream and moves through the water in an undulating motion. They can be found concentrating in the riffles and well-aerated runs below those riffles.

The following tips on how to fish the hellgrammite are not from my first hand experiences but were extracted from Harry Murray's book 'Fly Fishing for Smallmouth Bass' and his article in summer 2000 edition of 'Fly Fisherman'. One method of fishing the hellgrammite is using a technique call dead-drift in riffle with a deep fast run below it. With this method, the cast is made upstream about 30 feet and no more than 20 degrees off straight upstream. As the hellgrammite sinks and drifts downstream, the slack line is taken up. The first 6 to 8 feet of the drift is used to get to the stream bottom; while the next 6 to 8 feet is used to get control of the fly. Now watch for that sudden pause of the indicator and set the hook. The hellgrammite can be fished in the

run below a riffle. Cast across and downstream in the run. Now crawl the hellgrammite slowly across the stream bottom.

The next method is call swing nymphing. Locate a fast riffle that dumps into a pool. Position yourself so that you can cover the pool. Work the pool starting directly in front of you outward. Here are the steps to swing nymphing. Cast the hellgrammite upstream in the riffle and let it sink on a slack line while drifting downstream. Take up the slack line and raise your rod to maintain contact with the hellgrammite as it enters the pool. Swing your rod downstream while raising it and then as it passes you begin to lower the rod. •



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with general interest articles, stream reports, catch of the month, and the fly of the month. I am asking the membership for your support in getting me these articles and reports. Even if you are a novice, a perspective from the novice's point of view can be very interesting reading. Please e-mail whatever you can to: panfalone@mindspring.com •

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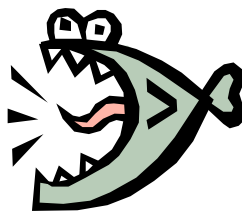
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more success. We have learned that we are stronger when we work together to form a trip, clean a stream, or teach a class. We want you to feel that you are truly a part of this organization and one of the best ways to get that sense is to work along side us. The more you participate, the more you become the fabric of the organization and the more friendships you will make. There are opportunities for everyone, just pick your topic and ask how you can help. Last month we published a listing of some of the achievements we plan to undertake this year as well as the names of the individuals who will lead our efforts. We could really use your help. As an example, we still need someone to run our four conservation raffles, proceeds of which are specifically earmarked for our conservation efforts. We need articles for the Buffer and the Website, and we want to encourage you to write. The best articles are from our members, so please take advantage of the invitation. We need your stream reports, your favorite links, and a picture of your most recent catch. We would like to hear your opinions and questions on our chat line as well too. Make sure to give us your email address too, so we can get you the latest information when we need to. We'd like to ask you to come and help us out at our next class or stream monitoring too. If you get a chance, come to next months meeting early and bring your fly rod. Take a few casts at the pond and tell the person next to you about your last fishing trip or

your favorite fly.

Now I've got some truly exciting updates. We are already working on next year's Sportshow and Banquet and have some surprises up our sleeve. It looks like we're going to have at least one perhaps even two of the icons of our industry presenting at our next show. We're planning to make the exhibit room even bigger and give you more room for seating at the seminars. We're working to attracting new vendors, and even pursuing an advertising campaign. There are still have two openings for speakers, so if you have any ideas or preferences, please let us know. And, just remember good things are coming.

We're working to get a new location for our monthly meetings and have two or three good prospects, but again if you think there is some place you would like to recommend, let us know. We're also working on a slew of new presentations for our regular meetings. Please take note that our June meeting will be held at the Tailwaters of Eastfork Lake, a map will be included in our next Buffer. So all in all we're off to a fabulous start. Keep up the good efforts, we really appreciate what you personally bring to this organization. •



FFF INTERNATIONAL SHOW

Looking for something different to do this summer. Consider going to the FFF International Fly Fishing Show (August 6- 11) in Livingston, Montana. Every year the

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Cumberland River

Bill Riehle

Fishing Report- April 6 & 7:

Two of us ran the river from Bakerton to the Traces on April 6th and from the Traces to Cloydes Landing on April 7th. We were in a drift boat with a 5HP outboard. The river was up above the normal wading level by 6 to 12 feet. All I can base this on is the low level we saw on the 8th as we were leaving. Neither of us had previously fished the river so we had no frame of reference. All of the places that our TU friends had recommended were under 8 feet of water, give or take 2 ft., depending on the time of day. No one we talked to had caught many fish. Except for the one good sized Brown that we caught, all were in the 8 to 10 inch range. Further hampering our efforts was a gale force wind most of both days.

Anyone going to the river should prepare by checking the lake level (<http://www.orn.usace.army.mil/hh/resplots/wol.gif>) AND the proposed generator schedule. Both effect the flow of the river and it's level at different times of day. We found the information erratic because the Corps of Engineers was opening the gate(s) and generating with 1,2 or 3 generators. If this is happening the flow data they release will be called "unknown". The flow given at the phone information number (1-800-238-2264 dam code 34) ranged up to 21000 cfs. Much more information can be obtained by contacting one of the cabin rental operators, they

will know the schedule's deviations at least in the short run.

We decided that the safest Spring trip float would be close to the dam, early in the day. Later in the year, time your fishing based on the generator schedule times and distance from the dam.

Visit the hatchery if you can. The size and number of fish is amazing. Lastly, a boat is necessary. This week we could have used a sailboat, but for most months, a shallow drafting boat is ideal. The drift boat will be the best unless you want to cover a lot of distance between fishing spots, but with the river low, be careful. •

Been on a good fishing trip? Learned any new techniques? Picked up any new tips lately? Consider sharing your experiences and knowledge with your fellow fly fishers by writing an article for The Buffer and website.

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Federation of Fly Fishers hosts the country's largest summertime fly fishing Show. This event mergers a wealth of workshops and program presentations by the world's top fly fishing masters with demonstration tying, an exhibit hall, a youth day full of activities and much, much more. Again this year, the Show returns to Livingston, Montana in the heart of some of the west's finest trout fishing.

Livingston is only 60 miles from Yellowstone National Park and is on the banks of the Yellowstone River, one of Montana's most prized blue-ribbon trout streams. While the Yellowstone River conveniently runs through the town of Livingston, there are many other blue-ribbon trout streams and spring creeks within a few hours. In addition, if you are attending the show as a non-fisher or are looking for family activities,

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MAY

4-6 Fri-Sun **Nantahala Trout Trip**
(Bob Ireton)

9 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park.**

16 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park.** Members encouraged to attend.

17 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie.**
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

19 Sat /10:00am - 3:00pm - **Deerfield Township Park Day** (Jim LeBlond)

24-26 Thurs - Sat - **B.U.F.F. Au Sable River Fishing Trip** (Joe Guenther)

JUNE

8-10 Fri-Sun - **Penns Creek, Pa Fishing Trip**

13 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @** Tailwaters of Eastfork Lake

17 Sat - **East Fork Stream Monitoring** (Goldsberry)

20 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park.** Members encouraged to attend.

21 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie.**
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry)

2001 Calendar of Events

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. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2001.

JULY

11 Wed/6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Pattison Park.**

13-15 Fri-Sun - **B.U.F.F. Elkhorn Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)**

18 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park.** Members encouraged to attend.

19 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie.**
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry).

AUGUST

4 Sat - **BUFF Monthly Meeting - Family Picnic @ Deerfield Township Park**

AUGUST (cont.)

10-12 - Fri-Sat - **B.U.F.F. Cumberland Tailwaters Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther)**

15 Wed/7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Deerfield Township Park.** Members encouraged to attend.

16 Thurs/6:30pm - **Tie & Lie.**
General fly tying and story telling session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia (Bob Goldsberry).

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the area offers unlimited outdoor activities in the beauty of Big Sky country. Hiking, horseback riding, museums, golf, swimming and many other activities are nearby.

Even if you do not take part in the over 60 workshops featured throughout this special week, there is still a lot to do. Your registration fee alone entitles you to attend more than 30 one-hour programs, mingle with and learn from over 100 of the world's top tyers and browse through the exhibit hall. Everything that the well equipped fly fisher can

imagine will be on display, whether it is the latest in lines, boats, rods or tying supplies. Browse for books, art and other great merchandise.

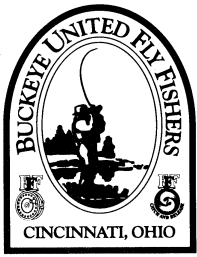
The Yellowstone drainage is a major tourist destination, which means that early planning is necessary for show attendees to secure motel accommodations.

Sign up for the show online!
Visit:

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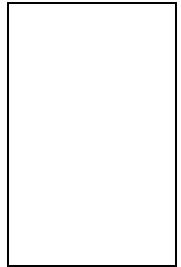


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Next Monthly Meeting – May 9

CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNER IS \$1.00 EXTRA WITHOUT A RESERVATION - IF THERE'S ANY LEFT! WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO RUN OUT - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW!

PROGRAM:

WHERE: Deerfield Park (October through May meetings)
5847 Irwin-Simpson Rd., Deerfield Township, (southern Warren County). The Park is located on the southeast corner of the Irwin-Simpson / Snider Road intersection, approximately ½mile north, and ¾mile west of the Mason-Montgomery Rd./ I-71 interchange. We meet in the large white house.

DIRECTIONS: Following the directions below will help you avoid the traffic congestion at the Fields-Ertel / Mason-Montgomery / I-71 interchange.

From The East Side: Take I-275 West to the Montgomery Rd exit. Turn right (north) and get in the left lane. Turn left onto Cornell Rd. Turn right at the 1st light onto Snider Rd. Follow Snider Rd. for about 2 miles and turn right onto Irwin-Simpson Rd. The park is now on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

From the West Side: Take I-275 East to the Rt. 42 Exit. Turn left (north) and follow Rt. 42 for about 1 mile to Dimmick Rd. and turn right. When Dimmick Rd. crosses Butler Warren Rd. it turns into Irwin-Simpson Rd. When Irwin-Simpson Rd. crosses Snider Rd. the park is on your right. Turn right into the 1st driveway after crossing Snider Rd. There is no park sign, but the mailbox has a township emblem on it.

