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The President's Notes Lou Haynes (bdhaynes@one.net)

Spring fishing is in full swing. Hope all of you have ventured to a pond or stream and landed a fish or two by now! If not, then it's prime time to rig-up the rod and head to the creek for an hour or two.

If any of our new members need some guidance on where to go fishing around the Cincinnati area or need assistance getting rigged-up and started, please contact me and I'll find a willing member to give you some help.

There are lots of club activities scheduled this month. The very popular, Nantahala Trout Trip to North Carolina is taking place during the first weekend in May. In addition, the Beginners Fly Casting Classes, the Ladies-Only Fly Fishing Class, the Tie and Lie East Fly Tying Class and three Parky's Farm Friday Kids Fishing Events are on the docket. I hope many of you have the time to take advantage of one or more of these club activities.

For those members who have Fridays free, Roger and Donn need some more helpers for the Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program on Friday May 12th and 19th. About 1500 kids are expected to visit the farm on the 12th and 600 - 700 on the 19th. Many of these kids will want to fish. Please call Roger (741-8411) or Donn (385-3943) if you are available to help on either or both Fridays. Most kids that come have never caught or touched a fish before. I guarantee there will be lots of big smiles on their faces as they pull in a fish. Helping them land that very first fish makes for an especially rewarding day! Please come and help if you can!

May Meeting Program

<u>Indigo Guide Service – Walhalla Michigan</u>

Kevin Morlock will make a slide presentation of the Fly-Fishing opportunities on West Michigan's finest rivers: Pere Marquette, Muskegon, Manistee and White. Kevin has a great passion for the outdoors and fly-fishing, and it shows. Kevin and his wife Joan created Indigo Guide Service in 1998.

Jed Litwiller will giving an overview and demonstrates the use of a spey rod. Jed is a guide for "Indigo" and is a designated Ross Reel Pro and is endorsed by Scott Fly Rods, Rio Fly Lines and Simms.

Come early because Jed's Spey Rod Demo will be outside on the lawn at 6:30 PM

BUFF Local Outings on the Great Miami River Joseph D. Cornwall http://www.flyfishohio.com

Here is a tentative schedule of local trips to sections of the Great Miami River. Due to the popularity of the event last year on the Stillwater River, where we had 31 participants (!), I will be limiting these events to the first 12 people to sign up. This will make logistics much easier to handle. Here are the proposed trips and dates:

Saturday, June 3, Great Miami River Float

We will explore the upper Great Miami River north of Troy. The GMR in this area is known to give up the occasional northern pike, and its a great area for big smallmouth bass. You will also find carp, channel catfish, rock bass and panfish. This is a three mile float and we will put in south of Piqua and take out at the Eldean Covered Bridge. I will be posting a detailed topographic map to the BUFF site soon. This is a float, there is limited wading access. You will, however, be getting out and wading to fish prime areas.

If you go you will need a 5 or 6wt fly rod, crayfish and baitfish imitations, waders and felt-soled wading shoes (you can we wade weather permitting). You can float this section in a canoe, pontoon boat or pram. You CANNOT float this in a float tube.

For those who like largemouth, there is a great catch-and-release pond near the take-out. Bank fishing only. If you want to come and fish there without taking part in the float I'll gladly provide directions.

Look for detailed directions shortly. We will meet at 7AM at a good rendezvous in the take out area and arrange proper shuttles so we have good transportation to get folks and their boats back to their cars at the end of the day.

Saturday, July 8, Stillwater River

One of only six blue-ribbon smallmouth bass rivers in the state, the Stillwater is one of the 32 tributaries to the Great Miami River. I deference to our focus on the GMR, this outing will focus on the lower Stillwater below the Englewood preserve. Great smallmouth fishing, carp fishing and panfishing is available. You also have a good chance at a largemouth or Kentucky spot. This is a float trip, but there is good wading available.

This section is best floated with canoes and pontoon boats. As with the first trip, you will get out to wade the best spots. This is an easy flow and is much more amendable to the novice boater. If you're concerned the GMR is more than you want to bite off, the Stillwater is an ideal introduction to the local river systems. We will meet at the park off Rte 55 at 7AM. I need volunteers to bring a coffee urn and donuts!

Saturday, September 30, Great Miami River

We will fish the big water below the first low-head dam in Hamilton all the way to Dravo Park. Plenty of wading and plenty to float. This is big water and we'll be fishing for white bass and hybrids, smallmouth and spots, carp and panfish.

Saturday, October 28, Ohio River

We will end the season on the big water with an outing to the Meldahl Locks and Dam. This is wading and shore fishing ONLY unless you've got a really big boat! Get your double-haul in order, we will be chasing white bass, stripers and hybrids in a spectacular setting. This is an early trip, prepare to be there at sunrise!

All trips are subject to change due to local river and weather conditions! I will post updates on the BUFF message board as we near the dates.

Grandpa Gets Out-fished !! Don Hogue

On April 22, Don Hogue, wife, daughter & grandson, Alex, trekked to Cashiers, NC.. On Sunday, I caught my first bluegill of the year on a red fox squirrel nymph. On Monday, I went to Brookings, the local Orvis shop and hired a guide – Matt Merret, to take us trout fishing on Wednesday. I explained about my wading limitations, and he agreed to take Alex and me fishing on Wednesday. He knew it would be a teaching experience - with Alex.

On Tuesday we took a canoe ride on a nearby lake. I was walking down a dock ramp and I drug my left foot, which stuck on the carpet, and - down I went! I got back up with the back of my left knee wrenched, and two big strawberries on each knee. I went ahead and went canoeing, during which I realized that I had really buggered the back of my knee. I was wondering if it would impede my all ready limited quality of wading a stream. We arrived at the Orvis Shop at 8:30 a.m., and I shared the bad news with Matt. I had all ready paid him... What could he say?

We drove about 30 miles to the French Broad River, and then, to a tributary with a delayed harvest like the Nantahala. We put on our gea, r and my grandson assured my negotiation of the bank. The guide had rigged my tippet with a pheasant tail and an unknown green fly dropper, and a nylon strike indicator. He told me to fish the bubbles in the trough, and headed upstream with Alex.

After 5 casts, I hooked a 16" rainbow; bst another one, and then the rains came. "Is it raining when you are Trout fishing?" But, then, the lightning got my attention, and here came the guide and Alex. "Did you catch anything Alex?" Matt answered for him, "He got 6," and we climbed into the car for 30 minutes until the lightening subsided. Then we went back to fishing. Me – a little more intense. I lost the little green fly. I didn't have my net. When I hefted the 1st rainbow up, my tippet broke and my fly stayed with the rainbow. So I put on a Y2K (Yellow & Orange) and that was the ticket. I caught four more 13 - 15" rainbows.

Directly, my grandson returned..."Got 10 and we took some pictures too."

We moved to a little Baptist church, and had lunch. There were wooden stairs going down to the creek. The guide suggested the trough and under some overhanging limbs, and off he and Alex went downstream. Before they left, I asked the guide to have Alex try a dry fly for about 30 minutes.

By now I thought I would have to sit down because of my 2- 21/2 hour standing limitation, particularly with the newly acquired knee injury. But, I fished in the stream and waded down 75 yards. The back up-stream wade, was a little bit of a chore! However, I picked up 4 more rainbows.

Alex got another 10 fish, of which 3 were brookies. (Re: the dry flies) The guide showed Alex how to very quickly jerk-drag the fly up the riffle in short 12 inch jerks. Letting the fly drift back down, and doing it again.. The guide said Alex picked that method up as easy as any one with whom he had ever shared that technique. Alex said the trout were jumping out of the water after it. I haven't heard of this technique being discussed at the Buff meeting programs. Perhaps it is something we should share in our teaching of new members. I am guessing that it would also be a good Smallmouth technique in the riffles.

The day ended with Don's 9 trout VS Alex's 26 trout. That's the way it should be. And Grandpa stayed on his feet all day!!

I was most impressed with the professionalism that Matt Merret extended me and my grand son. He was pleasant, courteous, fun and very clean spoken. He matched the needs of me and my grand son and put us on fish. If you head to Cashiers (Pronounced; Kurshers) North Carolina, I suggest you visit the Brookings Orvis Shop and ask for Matt. Super Guide!

.....Bead headed Y2K Orange and yellow plus a tiny bit of pearlescent Flash!

The Question

By Robert Prytula – Taken from the Mid-South Fly Fishers Newsletter (FFF Clubwire)

You are on an island with your fly rod. You can only bring one fly. What would you bring?

This question was probably posed to Sir Izaak Walton himself in the beginning of fly fishing and has been around for a very long time. It is the ultimate hypothetical and philosophical question. No one can answer this question with certainty. Why do I bring this up? I need to think about the question for a specific reason.

A one fly contest.

The rules are: One fly. You loose the fly to a fish, you're done. You break off in a tree, you're done. Your fly comes apart after a few fish, you're done. The fish don't like your fly; you can't change flies, so you're done.

Some would think this to be the answer to THE Question. Unfortunately, a one fly contest opens the flood gates for more questions.

[I hope to represent The Mid-South Fly Fishers in the Dr. Bud Priddy Memorial One Fly Contest on May 20 on the Nueces River. The money raised from the contest goes to the Alamo Fly Fishers' conservation efforts on the Nueces and other rivers in the area. The categories are for the largest Guadalupe Bass, largest perch (Texan for bream), and the most total fish caught (any and all species).]

So, now to the point What the heck am I going to do? What fly do I choose? Do I target larger bass with larger f lies, removing the probability of smaller fish hitting the fly? Do I go with a known bream pattern to target the smaller fish? What fly will be durable enough to survive all day? A nymph, a popper, a dry fly or a streamer? Will it be sunny, windy, cloudy, raining or partly cloudy?

I have narrowed down the choices in my mind. An olive woolly bugger, a foam rubber-legged fly, a Clouser minnow, bream killer or a midge emerger.

An **olive woolly bugger** is a good choice in almost any water. Tied with flash in the tail or down the sides, it has taken large numbers of trout, bass and bream for me in the past. It is durable, effective and a good choice for almost any condition.

A **foam rubber-legged fly** is also another top pick of mine. I tie a version similar to a foam spider with an elk hair wing and a marabou tail. I then take a sharpie pen and color it to mimic a frog or just put spots all over the foam. I have taken numerous bass and bream with this fly. Being foam, it is fairly durable, but on occasion after several fish, the rubber-legs pull out. Even without the legs, it is still very effective. A foam bug will be a good choice to fish topwater.

A **Clouser minnow pattern** usually tied in chartreuse and white had done well for me in the past I have taken lots of smallmouth and large bream with a Clouser. It is very durable, but will limit my catch to larger fish and has a bad tendency to get hung on rocks in shallow water. Still, it too, would be a good choice.

A **bream killer**, as most know, is one of the best patterns to target bass and bream. It worked exceptionally well for me at the Palmer House outing last May in Mississippi. I caught and released lots of large bass and bream using a bream killer. It is a durable pattern, but can only be fished wet. If the situation calls for a dry, I am out of luck. It does sink slowly, unlike a Clouser, and has those rubber legs "twitching" as it falls within the water column.

A **midge emerger** would also be a good fly. The Alex midge I tie is a slow sinking fly that doesn't spook fish. When fishing them in tandem, I often get two bream at a time. It is a great fly, but very small in size. It must be fished with fine tippet, so the possibility of a break off is ever present. Being small in size may also limit the larger bass hitting this small offering.

I will wait and see what weather and river conditions I am facing. This will probably be the determining factor. I want to get a look at the river to see if it is deep or shallow. I want to know if the river has long, flat pools or lots of riffles. In the meantime, I will ponder THE ultimate fly fishing question...'If I only had one fly''

2006 BUFF Calendar

May

May 4	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly
	tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
May 4-7	Nantahala Spring Trip – TBD
May 5	Parky's Farm 10 am-2 pm
May 10	BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Rd.
	Social hour 6 pm
May 12	Parky's Farm 10 am – 2 pm
May 13	Day Trip - TBD
May 17	BUFF Board Meeting 7-9 pm
	Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
	334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
	Members welcome
May 18	Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly
•	tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
May 19	Parky's Farm 10 am-2 pm
May 21	Beginning Casting Class
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Jun 1	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly
	tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
Jun 3-4	Fishing Has No Boundaries – Cowan Lake
Jun 4	Beginning Casting Class
Jun 8-11	Elkhorn Fishing Trip - Don Hogue
Jun 11	Beginning Casting Class
Jun 14	BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
	Raffel's on Reading Rd.
	Social hour 6 pm
Jun 15	Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly
	tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
Jun 17	Day Trip – TBD
Jun 21	BUFF Board Meeting 7-9 pm
	Church of Ascension & Holy Trinity
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TBD	Montana Fishing Trip – TBD



July

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Jul 6	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
Jul 8	Day Trip – TBD
Jul 9	Knot Tying Class 1-4 pm
Jul 12	BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
	Little Miami Canoe Campground
	Morrow, OH
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Jul 20	Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly
	tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop
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Aug 3	Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly
	tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor
Aug 13	Wader Safety Day – TBD
Aug 16	BUFF Board Meeting 7-9 pm
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	334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
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Aug 17	Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly
Aug 18 – 20	CFR Indian Bear Lodge, Walhonding, OH
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Aug 18	Pre-Picnic Camp Out – TBD
Aug 19	Buff Annual Picnic Little Miami Canoe
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CASTING TUNE-UP

Over 20 BUFFERS attended what may become an annual spring event for our club at the Springdale Community center old gymnasium on the 20th of March. We had use of the facility for three hours.

Jim LeBlond reviewed (or introduced) the five principles of casting and the four parts of the cast to the participants; then we spread out and practiced applying those principles in a warm, dry environment. Casters of all levels of expertise were in attendance. Five of BUFF's certified casting instructors, Jim LeBlond, Gary Begley, Tom Scheer, Steve Walker and Lou Haines circulated throughout the group offering suggestions to those who were interested. Everyone seemed to enjoy the opportunity to begin or re-establish their acquaintance with their fly rod.

One of BUFF's missions in our education program is to help our members become better casters, which helps us enjoy our precious hours on the streams and ponds even more. .BUFF offers casting instruction based on FFF programs developed by the best known names in casting (Rajef, Wulff, Richards, Kreh, and others) that utilize proven approaches to learning the art. In early summer a beginner's class is offered, and in the fall an intermediate class is provided. Please feel free to avail yourself of these opportunities to improve your casting in a well organized and supportive environment.

New Members

Please welcome new members Steve & Susan Geresy, and family, West Chester; Dennis Fishel, Alexandria, KY; Walt McCann, Cincinnati; Michael Buncher, Cincinnati;, and Mike Czanik, Middletown, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so, go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself, and make them feel welcomed.

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