



The BUFFER

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Notes from the President

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Well, it appears that April has stolen March's thunder by coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb. Those of us who attended the spring steelhead trip were met with 6 inches of snow and sub-freezing temperatures. With the cold, the few fish we found were sitting in deep pools, and taking large, articulated streamers. The ingenious Kramer's Nightmare was a particularly productive fly this trip, whoever created that pattern must be a very brilliant and immensely talented fly fisher.

It seems the same cold snap that sent the steelhead deep also made the white bass late for their run on the headwaters of Brookville Reservoir. According to BUFF white bass guru Bob Gustafson, the white bass run typically starts when the redbuds and the dogwoods are in bloom, however this year the males were about a week late, and so far have been going stag. Females are expected to appear in early May, and can generally be distinguished from the males by their larger size, as well as the fact that they usually have a small herd of males chasing them all the way to the net. In some ways, fish and fishermen aren't so different.

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BUFF Fly Casting Class

Gary Begley (LoopDude1@hotmail.com)

The casting classes are designed for beginning and intermediate level casters. We start with the basics during the first week and expand on that information each of the following two weeks. Students wishing to repeat the class are welcome. This class typically fills up quickly, if you are interested sign up early. If the class is full sign-up anyway, we like to have an alternate list. ➔

Sign up and further details available on the BUFF website www.buckeyeflyfishers.com



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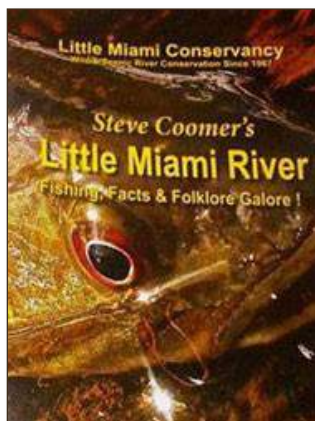
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May Meeting (May 11, 2016)

May Presentation & Speaker

Phil Pursley (phil.pursley@hotmail.com)

Steve Coomer will be our program speaker at the May 11 Buff meeting. Steve has been a friend of BUFF for many years and is an accomplished fly fisher. He will be talking to us about fishing one of our favorite streams, the Little Miami River. Also, Steve's latest book about the Little Miami will be available for purchase both before and after the meeting.



Please don't forget to register for this exciting program.

May Calendar

May 3	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
May 4	NC Spring Trout Quest J.R. Jackson
May 4	CANCELLED: Fly Tying with the Vets Dave Jones
May 6	Kids Fishing Ed Jones
May 8	Mother's Day
May 11	BUFF Monthly Meeting
May 13	Kids Fishing Ed Jones
May 14	Stream Quality Monitoring Bryan Tudor
May 17	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
May 18	BUFF Board Meeting
May 20	Kids Fishing Ed Jones
May 21	Armed Forces Day
May 21	Ladies Fishing Day Trip Sue Jones
May 27	Kids Fishing Ed Jones
May 30	Memorial Day

May Dinner Menu

- 🐟 Grilled 12in Skewers of Assorted Vegetables with Beef, Chicken and Pork
- 🐟 House Recipe Cole Slaw
- 🐟 Grilled Corn Cobs
- 🐟 Wild Mushroom Risotto Marinated Wild Mushrooms in Creamy Risotto
- 🐟 Grilled Vegetables - Zucchini, Onion, and Peppers
- 🐟 **Fresh Fruit Salad Includes:** Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Grapes, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, and Strawberries

Few experiences are more thrilling than watching a smallmouth



bass leap through the air at the end of your fishing line. Wading or floating an Ohio stream is a great way to experience nature and an opportunity to catch this exciting fish. Naturally reproducing smallmouth bass populations are found in reservoirs and streams in Ohio. Catch rates are often higher in streams because smallmouth bass are more common in streams than reservoirs, and the stream fish are often concentrated in specific areas.



Service Education Opportunities Abound, just around the corner

Jim Vota, Assistant Public Education Director
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After what seems like a long winter, many of us are getting our gear ready and heading back out on the water to try our hands at a sport we love. Part of BUFF's mission is to help promote this sport and educate people on what it's about. To do this we volunteer to hold events and demonstrate what we love. For these events we rely on member volunteers to help at the public events.

Ed Jones summed it up in last month's education article, "Volunteering is a great way to give back to our marvelous organization and help us meet our mission. It's also a way to make and solidify friendships with fellow Buffers and feel more a part of the organization"

This year is no different. Most of the education events are shown in the BUFF calendar. I'll review a few of the activities coming up soon that we will need to find volunteers for.



We're kicking things off with Parky's Farm. Ed Jones is heading this up and can always use additional help. It begins with kid's fishing then moves into family fishing. These are done Fridays throughout the summer months. See Ed to volunteer to help.

When school is out, we will help with fish camps at Lake Isabella which include fly fishing in their curriculum. Volunteers for this will only be needed for 1 to 2 hours at lunch time. Further details will be presented at the May club meeting.

Now for the big time event coming soon. We've been invited again to participate in BugFest at the Cincinnati Museum Center June 4. This runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm. We will be presenting 3 demonstrations, casting, fly tying, and bug wrangling. We could use about 3 volun-

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Let's Go Fishing!





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We have another exciting month coming up for the club. Ken Dixon will be taking a group up to Sunnybrook for a spring trip and fly tying workshop with Glenn Weisner. We'll also be making our annual BUFF pilgrimage to the Bryson City, NC area from May 4 – 8. If you haven't experienced the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and its surrounding area, this is something to add to your bucket list.

We're also gearing up for another season of public education and conservation events. Ed "Fast Eddie" Jones is organizing volunteers for Parky's Farm, Sue Jones is planning a Ladies Fishing Day, and Bryan Tudor is resuming stream quality monitoring on the Little Miami. With so many things going on in the club, please do not hesitate to sign up for any activities you think you might enjoy. There's no required skill level beyond a willingness to help and/or learn for almost any of BUFF's activities, and the more help we have, the more good we can do in promoting fly fishing to the community.

Above all else, here's to the beginning of another fishing season! Be safe, have fun, and remember to take a moment to look around from time to time, taking in the beauty of each place you wet a line. If you're doing it right, catching fish is really just a part of the full fly fishing experience. Enjoy it all. ➡

Women's Fly-fishing Event

Don't forget to sign up for the women's fly-fishing event on the club website. Equipment and flies will be available for those who need them.

When: May 21, 2016

Where: Butler County farm pond.

Please contact [Sue Jones](#), for more details.



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teers for casting and 3 for tying at any one time. The more volunteers the merrier as this will make sure no one has to stay for the full duration. Also, anyone interested in collecting aquatic bugs for the display is welcome to come out and help us Friday after work. Contact Jim Vota or come to the next meeting and sign up.

In July we do a double header. On the 16th we will be participating in the VOA Cardboard Regatta at our favorite meeting location. Volunteers to help with casting instruction/demonstrations and to help teach fly tying are needed. See Ed to volunteer to help.

On the same day we are going to be helping out at the Eastern Hills Rod and Gun Club Sporting Women's day. Obviously it will be at the Eastern Hills Rod and

Gun club in Clermont County. We will be there investing our efforts in teaching interested women in getting their first introduction to fly fishing. Last year there were 8-10 women. We worked on casting first, then had them try their luck on the pond for bluegill. It was approximately 2 hrs. in the am. Details to come. Contact Jim Vota or sign up at the next meeting.

Other events later in the year are the Greater Cincinnati Great Outdoor Weekend Sept 24, and Peterloon (Boy Scout Challenge at Camp Friedlander) Oct 8. And as always please continue to volunteer for the clubs many service activities such as Project Healing Waters, Casting for

Recovery, Reel Recovery or Fishing has no Boundaries.

Until next time keep your lines tight, your path straight, and be smooth. ➡

More Information...

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), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com for more information.

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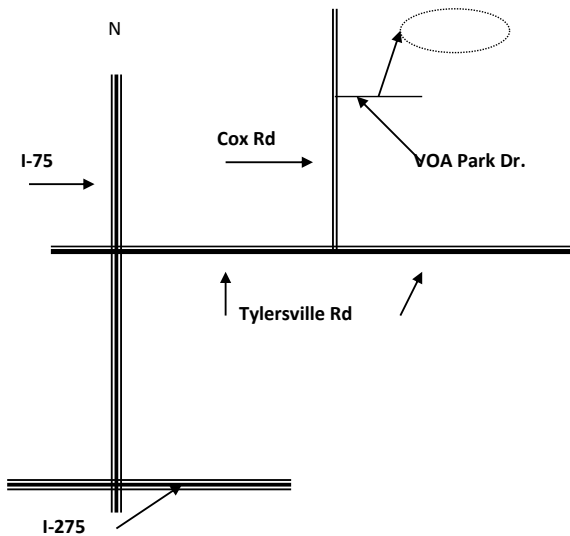
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Meeting Location & Directions

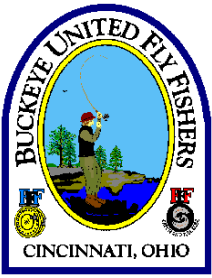


Directions:

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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