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The President's Fly Box

The first two BUFF trips of the year began in April: A steelhead trip to NE Ohio and a White Bass trip to Indiana. These trips will be quickly followed by the North Carolina Smokie Mountains trip. BUFF will also be hosting local trips throughout the Spring and Summer. This includes the Women's fishing and co-ed fishing trips. Fishing locally is a great way to fish more often. Fishing with BUFF not only helps you learn the local water, but it also lets you connect with more fishers and to develop a network of fishing buddies. The BUFF calendar (on website) lists all these activities.

Now that fishing season is on, how is your casting? Improving your casting is one way to improve your fishing and catching. Every year, BUFF has been fortunate to offer an excellent fly-casting training session. This year it is in May. I hope that you signed up. If you miss it, we also offer once per month casting sessions. There shouldn't be an excuse for one more season with poor casting.

May begins the season for assessing stream quality that helps to maintain clean, healthy streams. BUFF has signups for Stream Quality Monitoring program starting in May. If you want to learn more about how to do it, the ODNR is offering a training course on May 25th. Please sign up on the website.

As you go out and fishing this month, consider sending your fishing pictures and stories to Ken Mandel, our newsletter director. We like to post club members fish trips on the BUFFER newsletter. It shares your experiences with others and provides insight on best places to fish or best practices for fishing.

Finally, on May 11th, a Zen experience is available for all BUFF members. Yes, Karin Miller, the owner of Zen Tenkara, will be our presenter, **and will be in-person at the meeting!** Karin's company designs, manufactures, and sells a broad range of tenkara fly rods, lines, and accessories. Zen is revolutionizing this fixed-line fly fishing method and is known for creating a "fusion" of traditional fly fishing. Come meet her at our membership meeting. Don't miss it!

Smooth casting,

Hugh O'Donnell
BUFF President

Quote of the Month

"It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming." - John Steinbeck -

BUFF May Meeting – Wednesday, May 11th

In Person Presentation!

Our May meeting at the Oasis Center will start at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, our business meeting and announcements at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation at 7:45 PM.

We are very glad to announce that this month's speaker, Karin Miller, the owner/founder of Zen Tenkara, will be with us for a live presentation and discussion. This is our first in-person presentation in quite a while, so please consider attending. The Oasis venue is excellent, and the food delicious! For newer members who may not have attended meetings, this is a great way to meet members, learn more about the club, and make contacts. Folks are always looking for others to get out and fish with. Register on the BUFF website and indicate if you wish to have dinner with us. As usual, a Zoom connection will also be available (access via the BUFF Website).

Registration deadline for the in-person meeting is May 8th. Dinner cost is \$20. *Check out the menu below!*

May Speaker – Karin Miller, Owner/Founder of Zen Tenkara – “Tenkara: How it Improves Your Regular Fly Fishing”

My first memory of fishing was with my dad when I was about four years old, and we were anchored off Honeymoon Harbor in the Bahamas. There wasn't much room for toys on our 27-ft Morgan sailboat, which we lived aboard for about a month at a time. One day while we were fishing out of our dingy, he casually said, "I think you caught something." What? Really? I began to reel the line in. As I looked over the edge of the boat, I was surprised to see something very bright red and yellow attached to my hook. This was different. I pulled the line in and found, to my surprise, a Matchbox cement truck. We turned to each other in disbelief and wonder — a toy truck! — and then doubled over giggling and laughing. In that moment, there was nothing else, just the connection between me, my dad, the water and the "fish." One of the joys of fishing is that you never know exactly what you'll find at the end of your line. I never figured out how my dad got that toy truck on my hook, or if he actually did, but that moment, that feeling and the connection we shared was cemented in my mind forever (no pun intended). I grew up on the water; it's in my blood and a huge part of who I am. It's both a place of tranquility and excitement, tradition and exploration,



and fly-fishing brings it all home for me. Zen Tenkara embodies those opposite but complementary states—the yin and the yang. I invite you to join us and find your balance on the water.

Zen Tenkara grew organically from owner Karin Miller’s passion for the sport. When she relocated to Colorado from South Florida, her need to be on the water led her to fly fishing. Tenkara was the perfect tool for the small streams that were near her home. She was captivated with tenkara’s efficiency, simplicity and fun. And, in 2012, Zen Tenkara was born. Karin’s curiosity and hunger for adventure fueled her desire to target bigger fish and test the limits of this fixed-line method of fly fishing. This is the driving force that has led Zen Tenkara to be the pioneer of American tenkara.

Today, Zen Tenkara/Zen Fly Fishing Gear is a Colorado company that designs, manufactures and sells a broad range of tenkara **fly rods, lines and accessories**. Zen is revolutionizing this fixed-line fly fishing method and is known for creating a “fusion” of traditional fly fishing and tenkara to target not only small traditional tenkara species, but also large, powerful fish not typically associated with this ancient Japanese method. Karin Miller, who remains at the helm of Zen, has established a reputation for being innovative, cutting edge, and for pushing boundaries with her high-performance tenkara rods. Together, Karin and Zen Tenkara are defining American tenkara.

The website for Zen Tenkara is: <https://www.zentenkara.com/>. There is information on their rods, as well as tenkara lines and accessories. FlyMasters of Indianapolis is a registered dealer for Zen Tenkara.

May Dinner Menu –

- Chef’s Choice Salad with dressings
- Sauteed Chicken with Sun-Dried Tomato Sauce
- Tuscan Mashed Potatoes with Parmesan Cheese
- Southern-Style Green Beans
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Coffee (regular and decaf) & Iced Tea
- Chef’s Choice Dessert
- Iced Tea & Coffee (regular & decaffeinated)

New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we’ve added 5 new members –

Bob Buckley, Forest Park, OH

David Rabe, Cincinnati, OH

Christopher Hayes, Cincinnati, OH

William Osborn, Cincinnati, OH

Fred Bischof, Beavercreek, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon! Also, check out and sign up for activities and programs on the BUFF Website! Finally, you can use the Forum page in the BUFF website to reach out to club members for information, or even if you are just looking for someone to get out with and go fishing!

A Couple of Items from the Board of Directors –

Meeting Attendance

At present we are still seeing fewer members attending our monthly meetings than we had prior to COVID. The Board would like to know why. If you have not been attending, and are willing to share your thoughts, please reach out to any BOD member. Our contact information is on the BUFF Website under the “Contact Us” page. Please let us know your thoughts, issues, concerns.

A second item is trips. Steve Bailey, our Director for BUFF-organized trips, would like to see us have more outings for fishing. If you have a place you enjoy fishing, please consider leading or co-leading a trip. It does not have to be a lot of work! Contact Steve and he can provide direction and information on how we organize trips. Trips can be a day outing, such as the recent White Bass Trips on the Whitewater River in Indiana, or multiple day trips, such as the recent steelhead trip and upcoming NC trout fishing trip.

We Still Have Openings for Local Fishing Events in May –

By Cari Vota

We still have registrations available for the Club Co-ed and Women’s fishing outings in May:

- Saturday, May 7th is the 1st Women’s Day Trip. It is at Sycamore Park.
- Thursday, May 12th is our Women’s After Work Casting Warmup on the pond at Miami Meadows Park. The park is just east of Milford. We’ll work on some casting and also do a little fishing on the pond.
- Thursday, May 19th is the 1st Club After Work fishing outing for this season. This outing is on the Little Miami River in downtown Milford. We will fish in 1-2 locations downtown then end the evening at the Little Miami Brewery, which overlooks the river, for a pint and pizza, etc. at about 8:00. If you can’t join us to fish, plan to join us later at the Brewery.

Sign-up on the BUFF website on the trips page.

Also, Wednesday, May 4th, from 6 – 8 PM will be the monthly Fly Casting Skills Development program at Cottell Park in Mason. Sign up on the website and come to work on improving your casting skills in a relaxed and casual gathering. FFI Certified Casting Instructors Tom Scheer, Jim Vota, as well as other club casting instructors are there to coach and help.

May BUFF Casting Class

The 2022 BUFF Casting Class starts Sunday May 1st, and continues for two additional Sundays, May 15th and 22nd. Location is Cottell Park in Mason, OH, and time is 1 – 4 PM. Tom Scheer and Jim Vota, who are both FFI-certified casting instructors, will lead the program. Some of the club's casting instructors will be present to help as well.

The course is open to all club members at no charge. The casting sessions are designed to provide the information, demonstrations, and one-on-one instruction necessary to become a proficient fly caster. They are open to all levels of casters. It is a great opportunity for beginning fly casters to learn and work on basic casting techniques and for anyone with more experience to improve your casting.

Registration is on the BUFF Website and there are still openings available

June Fishing Events

By Cari Vota

Registration is now open for the following trips in June for both Club Co-ed and Women's fishing outings:

June 4th **Women's Fly Fishing 101 Workshop.** The workshop is being presented by FFI Women Connect and Ohio Women on the Fly. This workshop will provide beginner and novice fly fishers with general information on equipment and gear, techniques, and terminology to help them develop a quick, basic understanding of the sport.

Location & Time: Lake Isabella Park, Loveland OH, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Registration is now open on the Ohio Women on the Fly website

(<https://www.ohiowomenonthefly.com/>). Workshop is limited to 15 women. More information will follow registration.

June 9th Women's After Work outing at Sycamore Park, East Fork of the LMR, Batavia. Always a good time. Good place to work on your short casts and roll casts.

June 16th Club After Work fishing on the Little Miami River at the Carl Rahe Access. This is a good working trip to learn fishing structures! There are riffles, runs, pools, edges and drops, all in a very wadable area.

Keep an eye on the LMR and East Fork water gauge heights. They can change quickly. As much as we'd like, none of these trips have rain dates.

One Final Local Event –

June 1st, June's Fly Casting Skills Development program is from 6 – 8 PM at Cottell Park in Mason. Sign up on the website and come out to work to improve your casting skills in a relaxed and casual gathering. Tom Scheer, Jim Vota, and other skilled casters are there to coach and help.

New Stream Quality Monitoring Opportunity and Training

By Tom Britton

Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM) is a tool used to monitor the health of a body of water by assessing the makeup of the aquatic insect population.

Please consider signing up for some of the activities below to learn more about what is in the water and what the fish are eating. We have several upcoming opportunities.



As a participant with the Ohio DNR, BUFF does SQM monitoring 3 times each year at two locations on the Little Miami River – Bass Island and Caesar Creek. The next BUFF SQM event is Saturday, May 14th (rain date is May 21st). More details are on the Trips and Activities page of BUFF Website. You can sign up for participating at either site, but you must register as an activity waiver is required. July 9th and September 10th are the scheduled days out subsequent SQM events this year.

There are also 2 new opportunities coming up -

The first is to help out the **Butler County Stream Team**. We will collect data from Seven Mile Creek in Hamilton, OH while learning more about the aquatic insects fish feed on. There is also an opportunity to explore the trails and fish the creek before and after our sampling. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th at 10 AM. Location is Four Mile Park, 2385 Treiber Road, Hamilton, OH 45011. Additional SQM dates with this group are schedule for July 20th and September 21st. If interested, sign up on the Trips and Activities page of the BUFF website.

Finally, the Ohio DNR is offering two SQM Workshops. These offer an opportunity for those new to SQM, or those who want a refresher course, to learn from Rebecca Perry, SQM Coordinator for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Rebecca always makes this fun and educational. Two sessions are scheduled on the Little Miami River. Wear clothing and closed toe shoes that can get wet.

The ODNR sessions are:

- **Wednesday, May 25th, 6 – 8 PM** at the Carl Rahe Scenic River Access, Old 3C Highway, Mainville. Meet in the ONDR parking lot near the shelter house.

- **Monday, June 6th, 6 – 8 PM** at Caesar Creek Scenic River Access, Middletown Road, Waynesville. Meet in the parking lot near the Corwin-Nixon covered bridge. This is the same location we use for the BUFF SQM.

Signup for these events are on the BUFF Website. If you have questions, contact Tom Britton.

Ohio Fishing License & Stocking Reports –

By Ken Mandel

Ohio fishing licenses are now valid for a full year from date of purchase. Formerly, the Ohio license was valid for the year of issue. Also, multiyear licenses are available for all adult Ohio residents, and price is significantly discounted for Ohio residents aged 66 and older (Seniors). I believe that previously, multi-year licenses were only available to Seniors. Children under age 16 do not need a fishing license in Ohio. Ohio Resident (16 – 65 years of age) and Senior Resident (66 and older) license rates are shown in the chart.

Resident LICENSES	Resident 1-Day License	\$14.00
	Resident 1-Year Upgraded from a 1-Day License * (see below)	\$12.00
	Resident 1-Year License	\$25.00
	Resident 3-Year License	\$72.11
	Resident 5-Year License	\$120.18
	Resident 10-Year License	\$240.36
	Resident Lifetime License	\$599.04
Resident Senior LICENSES	Resident 1-Year License	\$10.00
	Resident 3-Year License	\$27.04
	Resident 5-Year License	\$45.07
	Resident Lifetime License	\$84.24

Ohio fishing licenses can be purchased from the Ohio DNR website, or at many local vendors (such as Wal-Mart, Meijer, and Bass Pro). The 2022 Ohio DNR Fishing guide and regulations handbook, valid for March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023, can be downloaded (pdf file) from the DNR website at:

https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/wildlife/laws-regs-licenses/OhioFishingRegs_English.pdf

Rainbow Trout Stocking –

This year's rainbow trout releases at public lakes and ponds take place across Ohio from March through, May. The stocked trout measure 10-13 inches when released by the ODNR. The daily harvest limit for inland lakes is five trout per angler. Our region, South West Ohio (District 5 on the ODNR listing), has stocking at the following lakes and ponds –

<u>Lake</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Stocking Date</u>
Adams Lake	Adams County	March 15, 2022
Rush Run Lake	Preble County	March 16, 2022
Clark Lake	Clark County	April 1, 2022
Rocky Fork State Park Pond	Highland County	April 1, 2022
Tawawa Lake	Shelby County	April 18, 2022
Davis Lake	Auglaize County	April 20, 2022
Sycamore State Park Pond	Montgomery County	April 21, 2022
Stonelick Lake	Clermont County	May 7, 2022

A full listing of all Ohio lakes and ponds which will have trout stocking by the ODNR can be found on the ODNR website: <https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/trout-stockings>

Fish Stocking Records –

The ODNR also has an accessible site which lists all fish stocking records since 1970. Users can select the year range (default is the last 5-year period), species, life-stages stocked, and locations. There is an interactive map as well, which shows stocking locations. Hovering your mouse over a location on the map, opens that location to show the name of the lake and the fish and their life stages that have been stocked. Stocking number are in the tabular data as well. This database can be found at:

<https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fish-stocking-records>

Catching Big Bluegills and Other Panfish

Tom Bachey shared an article he found from an online fly shop called “Panfish on the Fly”. As the name implies, these folks focus on fishing for panfish, such as bluegills and sunfish species. They may be smaller fish, but they are feisty, and many of our club members fish for them in our local lakes and ponds, where they are abundant. The article discusses techniques and flies that can be used to go after larger size bluegills and sunfish.



The first point is to consider using larger flies, such as ones tied on a size-6, or even a size-4 hook. While these species have smaller mouths, they can get eat pretty large things into them. Using larger flies will probably mean catching fewer fish, as the smaller bluegills will not be able to ingest them, but you may also get bass to take them.

As for types of flies, the recommendation is to use subsurface patterns – large nymphs, wet flies, sinking bugs, small streamers, Woolly Buggers – when going after larger panfish. Some suggested patterns are, “The Creature” The Bream Killer, and The Ward Bean’s Cockaroo (an example of a sinking nymph pattern).



The Creature



The Bream Killer



Ward Bean’s Cockaroo



Panfish tend to associate by their age, so larger fish tend to be found together, and not with smaller fish of their species. Deeper pools and areas adjacent to cover are good locations to fish for these guys. Being in deeper water supports the idea of using flies that get down to them. These fish also tend to feed in periods of lower light, so fishing early in the day or at dusk is usually better for targeting larger sunfish than fishing during the brightest time of day. The author also recommends using longer leaders (12 foot) and setting up the leader and line to best sense subtle takes on the fly.

The full article, along with additional great photos, is at -

<https://www.panfishonthefly.com/blog/2019/6/18/how-to-consistently-catch-larger-panfish>

Things of Interest –

By Ken Mandel

Slowing Down & Backing Off the Power Will Help Your Cast

This is an excerpt of a blog piece by Kent Klewein published on the Gink & Gasoline site (www.ginkandgasoline.com) on April 25th. It is a reissue of an article from about 10 years ago, but remains excellent advice. One of the reasons I put this into the BUFFER is that the logic and ideas discussed here are the same that we use in the Casting Course and our Casting Skills Development programs – “let the rod do the work”.

“The title of this post is my attempt in one sentence, to help fly anglers quickly improve their fly casting, and it’s made me twice fly caster and fisherman I am today. There’s lots more to fly casting than slowing down and casting easier, but if anglers focus on doing both together, they will find that it can improve their overall technique and control. Ask any professional sports athlete how they maximize their performance and potential, and almost all will reply with excellent technique. It’s no different in fly casting. If you want your fly casting to reach its full potential, you have to first build a strong foundation of fly casting mechanics and principles. I’ve found personally that when I take the time to slow down and cast the fly rod with less power, it’s much easier for me to focus on the most important element of my fly casting, my technique.”

Let your fly rod do the work

“I’ve noticed a great deal of fly fisherman over the years cast with a tempo that’s too fast (*rushing their cast*), and they also often apply far too much power during their casting stroke. The majority of fly anglers that fall into this category are usually intermediate fly casters. They’re generally skilled enough to fish multiple types of rigs and cast their flies close enough to their targets to catch fish, but they’re approach has them expending far too much energy in the process. Furthermore, this style of casting usually yields a casting stroke that is slightly out of control, creates loops that are inefficient (*sloppy*), and presentations generally suffer. Put all these negatives together and you’ve got a fly rod that’s not able to perform its job effectively. Remember to always let the fly rod do the work, and don’t try to be the powerhouse. It will only work against you in the long run.”

Why slowing down and backing off the power will help your fly cast out

“First, by slowing down and watching your forward and back cast, you’re going to improve your timing and eliminate the creation of slack, because you’ll be matching the pause length correctly to the amount of fly line your casting. Second, by decreasing your power and casting easier, you’ll find it easier to smoothly accelerate your fly rod through your casting stroke and keep it traveling in a straightline path throughout the cast. And because you’re not overpowering the rod, you’ll be able to feel the rod loading and stop the fly rod more abruptly. This will allow you to form more uniform and aerodynamic loops that will transfer the energy more efficiently from your fly rod, down through your fly line and leader, to your fly. You’ll find this all translates into you achieving the highest level of technique and efficiency in your fly casting, and your fly rod will be able to maximize it’s power and potential.”

“So what am I trying to emphasize here? If you cast too fast and too powerful, you’re going to find it very difficult to focus on your technique and it will suffer greatly. And if your technique isn’t where it needs to be in your fly casting, you’re overall casting mechanics will be lacking, and that my friend, will keep you from casting and fishing at your full potential. Not only will you be unable to get the most out of your fly rod, you’ll also greatly be impeding your ability to improve and advance your fly casting skills over time.”

“Next time you place a fly rod in your hand and hit the water, remember to slow down and cast easier. Doing so, you should find increased grace, and with grace, excellent technique follows.”

Michigan Fishing Season Has Opened

Trout season and Lower Peninsula inland walleye and northern pike seasons, all opened Saturday, April 30th. In the Upper Peninsula waters, walleye and northern pike possession seasons open Sunday, May 15th. Michigan’s muskellunge possession season on all Great Lakes, inland waters, the St. Marys River, Lake St. Clair, and the St. Clair and Detroit rivers opens Saturday, June 4th. The possession season for bass opens statewide, with some exceptions, on Saturday, May 28th. The Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair and St. Clair River daily possession limit for walleye will remain at six fish through April 30, 2023. Prior year fishing license expired at the end of March, so you need to purchase a new license for 2022. These can be purchased through the Michigan DNR website - <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/> .

The 2022 Michigan Fishing Guide can be viewed or downloaded at: [The 2022 Michigan Guide, issued by the DNR, can be found at: https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/-/media/Project/Websites/dnr/Documents/LED/digests/2022_fishing_guide_Web.pdf?rev=7098d08c2a5e4c59a5669c55e03793e9](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/-/media/Project/Websites/dnr/Documents/LED/digests/2022_fishing_guide_Web.pdf?rev=7098d08c2a5e4c59a5669c55e03793e9)



Ohio Reel Recovery Program Seeking Participants

Rick Hurni, President of TU Mad River Chapter shared information on the 2022 retreat from the Ohio Chapter of Reel Recovery. I appreciate Rick's sharing this with BUFF –

Reel Recovery is a national program for men living with all forms of cancer. It serves to build comradeship, brotherhood, and healing through fly fishing. The Ohio Chapter of Reel Recovery, which BUFF supports, is seeking participants for their retreat, scheduled for June 21st – 23rd. Location is the Rockwell Springs Trout Club, which is located near Clyde, Ohio. There are several openings for participants. If you, a relative, or a man you know are battling cancer, then you or they are eligible to participate. There is no cost to the participant, and no prior fly fishing experience is required, as participants are paired with a 'river buddy' for the program.

- The link to Reel Recovery for more information on the Ohio retreat is: <https://reelrecovery.org/programs/retreat-schedule/>.
- The participation application can be found at: <https://reelrecovery.org/programs/application/>.
- For more information contact Marcel and M. J. Mylen, Ohio Reel Recovery Coordinators. Their phone is 216-496-2094, and e-mail contact is ohio.reelrecovery@gmail.com

Invasive Species Being Found in Michigan Rivers

Just in time for the opening of fishing season in Michigan, The Northern Angler Fly Shop in Traverse City, posted a video about invasive species being seen for the first time in rivers in Northern Michigan. There are two species - New England mud snails and Didymo. New England Mud Snails are very small snails which can out compete native invertebrates such as mayflies, caddis and stoneflies in the rivers, but are not food for the fish in the rivers. Didymo, which is also called "rock snot", is an invasive algal species which can form thick mats and cover entire stream bottoms. Photos of these vermin are below.



Proper steps to control spread include: 1) cleaning your gear after fishing in rivers. This includes disinfecting gear; 2) drain and rinse gear; 3) dry everything; and 4) spread the word.

Suggestions include bringing along a plastic tote that can hold your waders, boots and any other gear that had water contact while fishing. Have a spray disinfectant and spray waders and boots. They recommend the commercial 409 disinfectant cleanser. Spraying and leaving in contact with waders or boots for about 20 minutes is 100% effective in killing the mud snails. Drying equipment before using it again in the same or on a different stream also is an effective preventative.

The video link for the Northern Angler presentation is:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzGpFgnTSLPQDptdCSmgbQlkDfIX>

Some other links with useful information include:

- a pamphlet on mud snails and Didymo from Trout Unlimited - https://app.box.com/s/9es4e7lb0sc6uf2a4kdot115kczk600j?mc_cid=f58ad513c3&mc_eid=6e552f6e45
- information on both from the USDA - https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatic/invertebrates/new-zealand-mud-snail?mc_cid=f58ad513c3&mc_eid=6e552f6e45 and https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/aquatic/plants/didymo?mc_cid=f58ad513c3&mc_eid=6e552f6e45
- Information on didymo from the Michigan DNR - https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/about/newsroom/releases/2021/12/06/dreaded-didymo-or-rock-snot-found-in-upper-manistee-river?mc_cid=f58ad513c3&mc_eid=6e552f6e45

It is important to be aware that these species are in mid-western waters and we should take care to clean and dry equipment after fishing to reduce the likelihood of helping to spread them to other waters.

Recent Photos We've Received –

The first Wednesday of April provided an evening gathering to work on casting skills. This gathering covered 3 events – our spring Casting Tune Up, Participants from the BUFF Fly Fishing 101 class to learn

some hands-on casting techniques, and our monthly Casting Skills Development program. The weather had been rainy all day, so the event took place at the Springdale Community Center. Weather turned better for the evening, so the Casting Skills activities were able to be outdoors. Jim Vota and Tom Scheer led the casting instruction, and here are a few photos.



Bob Gustafson and Kathy Newsome went to the Whitewater River on April 26th with one of the club White Bass trips. Kathy, who is helping to guide the trip this year, caught a double that day!

Congratulations!!



Tom Bachey and Jim Neckers got up to Ashtabula, OH to go for Steelhead. Tom caught his first ever steelhead and Jim got a large carp. They were on the Ashtabula River and were fishing near the US 80 bridge by Cederquist Park.



On April 23rd, BUFF members participated in the first Little Miami River Clean-Up event held since 2019. Tom Britton organized BUFF's involvement in the Clermont County event, and shared some photos -



Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the BUFF Website for availability and details, or contact the trip or activity coordinator

In-person activities are limited to BUFF Members, and require Registration (online on club Website) and signing the Club's Liability Waiver

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
BUFF Fly Casting Class Cottell Park, Mason, OH	Sundays, May 1 st , 15 th , & 22 nd 1 PM – 4 PM	Tom Scheer <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Fly Casting Skills Development Cottell Park, Mason, OH	Wednesday, May 4 th & June 1 st 6 PM – 8 PM	Tom Scheer <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Women's Day Trip East Fork Little Miami River Sycamore Park, Batavia, OH	Saturday, May 7 th all day – see website for info	Cari Vota <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
BUFF Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	Wednesday, May 11 th 6 PM – 8:30 PM <i>Register on Website</i>	
NC Trout Quest Trip Bryson City, NC	Wednesday May 11 th – Sunday May 15 th <i>Openings Still Available</i>	Mike Redmond <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Women's After Work Fishing Miami Meadows Park Milford, OH	Thursday, May 12 th 6 PM - Dusk	Cari Vota <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Stream Quality Monitoring Little Miami River @ Bass Island & Caesar's Creek	Saturday, May 14 th <i>Meet at 9 AM at location parking lots</i>	Tom Britton <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Stream Quality Monitoring Seven Mile Creek Hamilton, OH	Wednesday, May 18 th Meet with Butler Cty Stream Term @ 10 AM Four Mile Park, Hamilton OH	Tom Britton <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Board of Directors Meeting Springdale Community Ctr	Wednesday, May 18 th 6:30 – 8:30 PM	Hugh O'Donnell <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
BUFF Club After Work Fishing Little Miami River Downtown Milford, OH	Thursday, May 19 th 6 PM – 8 PM <i>after fishing we'll gather at Little Miami Brewing Co Openings Still Available</i>	Cari Vota <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Tie & Lie Zoom Virtual Session	Friday, May 20 th 6:30 PM <i>Zoom link on Website</i>	Gary Begley <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i>
Stream Quality Monitoring Workshop from ODNR	Wednesday, May 25 th @ Carl Rahe Access to LMR Monday, June 6 th @ Caesar Creek Access to LMR Both 6 PM – 8 PM	Tom Britton <i>Contact info on BUFF Website</i> <i>Sign up and a waiver are required</i>

Directions to Oasis -

Take I-275 and exit at Wards Corner Road (Exit 54). Make the first right onto Loveland-Miamiville Road and follow this. The Oasis golf course will be on your left. At the Paxton Guinea Road crossing, turn left. The clubhouse/conference center and parking lot for the Oasis facility are on the left.

