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## The President's Fly Box

BUFF fishing kicked off in April. Over fifty people have participated in one of these activities: i) the North Carolina trip, ii) the local White Bass trips, and/or iii) the annual Fishing with Kids Day. We hope that you were there but if not please mark it on your calendar for next year.

Fishing is always better with a good cast. It maximizes the time your fly is in the water and minimizes the time spent untangling flies. If you want to become better at casting, I recommend the BUFF Fly Casting Course, conducted over 3 Sunday afternoons in May, starting May 5<sup>th</sup>. We have excellent instructors – several of which have completed the FFI Certified Casting Instructor program. Register on our website, and I hope to see you there.

Fishing locally is always an easy way to get more fishing days under our belt. In recognizing this desire, BUFF runs 'After Work' trips starting in May. Please check out and register for these on the website.

For those who already fish with a friend but need new local spots, last month's talk on fishing the Great Miami Riverway with Barry Puskas from Miami Conservancy addressed this need. For those who missed it, maps with access points are available at <https://www.mcdwater.org/river-fun/river-trails>. Barry stressed that time on water is important to become proficient even for local fishing. So, pick a couple of spots and fish them several times to hone-in on the most productive waters.

BUFF's speaker series at the Monthly Meetings has been great. To continue this, we are seeking a person person to become the co-leader, working with Dolph Greenberg, for our speaker planning. If you like talking to guides, scientists, authors, and conservationists then you may be the right person for BUFF. This co-leadership board position entails *i)* creating a plan for what talks are relevant to BUFF, *ii)* reaching out to the right person, *iii)* managing a budget, and *iv)* introducing that person at the monthly meetings. Please contact Dolph if you are interested or have questions. I can tell you that talking with our speakers can be a rewarding experience. So, please consider this position as helping BUFF but also a rewarding experience for you.

Finally, if you want to fish locally then you want clean streams. Please consider participating in our Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM) program. This program identifies and counts aquatic insects in our streams. Different species have different sensitivities, which reflect water quality and gives us a good read on stream cleanliness. SQM is a great way to learn about our streams and to help governmental agencies monitor stream health. After spending time counting bugs and standing in the river, you might as well fish a little. This is a win-win day.

Hope to see you at our next monthly meeting which is on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Feenstra, who guides and fishes on the Muskegon River in MI, is an excellent and returning presenter. His May talk is “Baitfish and Flies for Warm- and Cold-Water Predators”. His last talk was great. So, don’t miss this one!

Hugh O’Donnell  
BUFF President

## **BUFF May Meeting – Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

Our monthly meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, the business meeting and announcements start at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker’s presentation at 7:45 PM. **Online registration closes on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **April Speaker – Kevin Feenstra, Feenstra Guide Service. “Baitfish and Flies for Warm- and Cold-Water Predators”**

Kevin Feenstra started Feenstra Guide Service LLC in 1997. He has spent countless hours on the Muskegon River, and still fishes the river system and surrounding waterways every chance he can. While Kevin’s passion is swinging flies for steelhead, he loves to fish for any predator fish that is willing to eat a fly. Year after year, Kevin guides the Muskegon River for hundreds of days and still loves it. In



addition to guiding, Kevin is an active writer and fly tier. His most recent project is a book, *Matching Baitfish*, which was published in November 2020. He has also published several fly fishing DVDs, including *Searching for Steelhead*, *Striking Steel*, and *Big Appetite, Small mouth*. He has authored many magazine articles, and his flies are published in fly tying manuals and magazines. Kevin frequently speaks at fishing shows and clubs throughout the Midwest. Kevin has one other passion, outdoor photography, where he hopes to capture the beauty and majesty of West Michigan both above and below the water. He resides in Newaygo, Michigan, with his lovely wife and three children.

### **May Dinner Menu –**

- House Salad & Dressings
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Sauteed Chicken with Pesto Cream
- Oven-Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetable Medley
- Chef’s Choice Desert
- Coffee & Iced Tea

## May 10-Minute Tech Talk

This month Brent Miller will talk about fly fishing with a Tenkara rod. Brent is a skilled enthusiast of this method of fly fishing. Tenkara originated in Japan, and has become popular worldwide. Stop by and learn about this novel and enjoyable way to fish.

Also, if you have an idea for a fly fishing topic and are interested in presenting it at an upcoming general meeting, please contact Bryan Tudor at 513-827-5437 or by email: [byran.tudor@yahoo.com](mailto:byran.tudor@yahoo.com)

## New Members in April 2024

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

This past month saw us gain 2 new members Here's the list –

- **Shafiq Waller**, Wyoming, OH
- **Dan Schock**, Union, KY
- **Michael Dewar**, Cincinnati, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon! Check out our activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some!

## BUFF Library Reminder –

**From: Dave Smith**

BUFFERS – While we are not regularly bringing the library boxes to our meetings, ***the library remains AVAILABLE***. Finding and checking out a book or video is easy and is done through the BUFF website.

On the BUFF website home page, click “Member Services” and login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, choose the “Browse the Library” icon to bring up the list of library books and holdings. Click to reserve what you want, and I’ll bring it to the next meeting. Returning books is also easy – just bring them to the next meeting. This is an easy-to-use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

## Credit Card Fees Being Paid by BUFF –

BUFF uses PayPal and Square to process our credit card payments. As everyone knows, these services charge the vendor a fee for each charge processed, usually in the range of 2 – 3% of the charge, plus a small additional process fee. As more payments to the club – dues, meeting meals and raffles, membership renewals, banquet registrations, etc. – are paid by credit card, the fees we incur have become a significant expense to the club. Many of our costs are pass-through costs, for example, Oasis charges us \$20 for each meal at membership meetings and that is what we charge our members.

Hence, although small, credit card payments incur an expense, which adds up over the course of the fiscal year.

A team from the Board is investigating options. It appears that our current service providers are appropriate and cost-effective. Hence, a logical thought is to ask our members to accept a pass-on of these fees. It is possible to set up the services so that their fees are automatically added to the charge. As examples, using a card to pay for the meal at a club meeting, would raise the cost by 50 - 75¢, and membership renewal may add about \$1.

We are not asking or suggesting members return to making payments by check. Using a credit card is efficient and secure, whether making a payment through the website, or our Square process. It also simplifies things, as mailed checks need to be collected by our Treasurer (Barry Gummow) and physically deposited. Finally, when mailing a check, using neighborhood or outside mailboxes has a real risk for theft and the check being wiped and reprocessed as a fraudulent expense. This has unfortunately become commonplace.

Currently, we are looking into this possibility, and there is no time set, or even a decision to move in this direction. Our team would appreciate any input regarding the idea of passing on credit card processing fees to our members. Feel free to contact any of us on the team with your thoughts or comments –

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## 2025 Fly Fishing Show Planning Team – **Still Seeking Help!**

By Ken Mandel

***This is a reposting of a request from the March BUFFER – Help is Still Needed!***

Ken Dixon has been a critical member of our planning team for many years, taking care of the booth layout and assignments. What you see when you come to the show, is Ken's creation. Ken asked to step down after the 2024 show. Unfortunately, we did not find a person to take on his role during 2024 and need to fill that now. This activity requires a person with some skill using the CAD program, as that is what we use for our floor layout planning. Experience with a similar type of programming may also work. Ken will be an expert to train whoever comes on board to take on his role and activities. If you are familiar with using CAD, and I am sure we have club members who are, please give this serious consideration. The Show Planning Team is a great cooperative team and fun to work with. Our effort and dedication is evident in the year-to-year quality of the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. Getting on board as we start planning the 2025 show will be a plus for you and a win for the team.

***Please, if you have possible interest, or just questions about what is involved, reach out to me. We need someone to step up now to be able to work with Ken Dixon as we begin our formal planning work. Thank you!***

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## White Bass: The Vice-Presidential Fish –

### *An Amusing Take on Our Spring White Bass Outings!*

**By Tim Cassani**

Nobody seems to know what white bass do until they're needed. After a long winter and a wet spring I felt a white bass trip was needed. Rodney Dangerfield joked, "I was so poor growing up I went to orgies just to eat the grapes.". Well I was so fish poor, I went to Liberty IN just to catch white bass. Also like VP's, white bass are always around but often difficult to find.

White bass are fish with an emotional problem. Some sort of chemical imbalance occurs and it's irreversible. Little big man, Napoleon complex.....whatever you call it, they have an attitude. Sometimes they need a good spanking and we fly fishermen are more than willing to get jiggy with them every spring. White bass behavior is predictable but also emotional and self destructive in some ways. We know about when and where to find them in numbers and also what flies they seem to favor. It's a cult-like behavior determined to end in mass suicide. We've all witnessed Hoosiers killing them by the dozens with Zebco 101's, leaky hip boots and wire baskets serving as the fish's last resting place.

However you feel about the VP currently or previously in office, you have to love the white bass. Everybody loves the white bass! To prove this point just look at who fishes for them. When walking downstream I saw Latinos, Asians, straw hat wearing religious groups and that most unusual of groups .....Hoosiers. White bass are like dogs who can't learn a trick but you still love them because they're just so darn affectionate. Jeff G told me that he admires them because unlike some other anadromous fish, they can eat and breed at the same time. (An admirable quality we all wish we could achieve.) By my 'subjective, unofficial calibration' the white bass is the most desirable, most harvested, and least appreciated fish.

I'm glad they're there.....just in case we need them. ***Thanks to our volunteers who lead and guide these trips every spring!***

***We'll have a bunch of photos in next months BUFFER!***

## Veterans Corner –

**By D. Brent Miller, BUFF Director of Veterans Affairs**

April was a great month for our new BUFF Veterans Fly Fishing program. To start off, five Veterans attended the Intro to Fly Tying class. Afterwards, they said they were looking forward to fishing with the Woolly Bugger we tied, and they did.





Our first fishing outing, at Cottell Park in Deerfield Township, brought out 13 Veterans—eight of them from the Ft. Thomas VA. Despite the chilly temperature and wind, the feedback was positive. It was a great example of Veterans helping Veterans. Unfortunately, no fish were caught.

Our next Veteran Fly Fishing outing is planned for Saturday, May 18. Location to be announced.

See you on the water. Brent

## April 20<sup>th</sup> FFI Casting Skills Workshop

On Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> the Ohio Chapter of FFI hosted a casting workshop at Cottell Park. Despite chilly temperatures and a strong wind, which made it feel even colder, we had a good number of participants who worked to learn and improve their casting using the FFI skills program with guidance and coaching from our FFI certified casting instructors, and other BUFF volunteers. Here are some photos from the event.



# Smallmouth Bass

By Maddy Miner

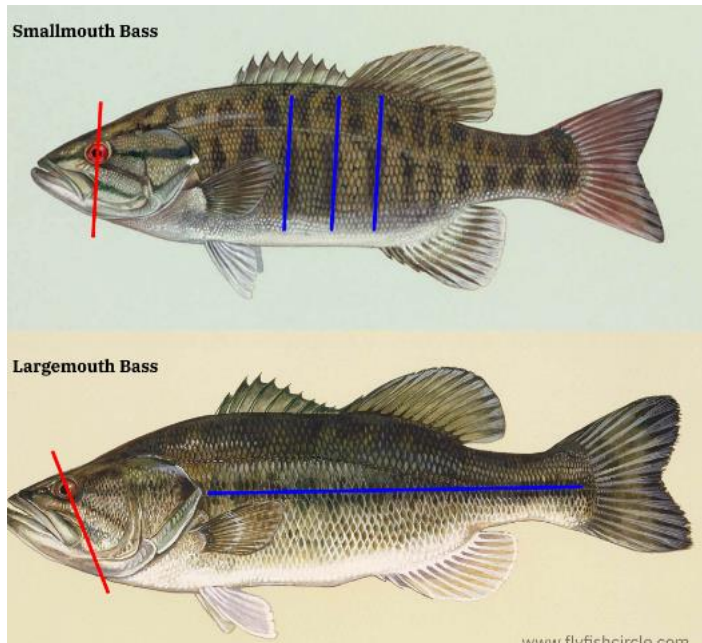
*Thanks to Tim Cassani. Tim obtained permission from Lynn White, the Education & Volunteer Specialist at Butler County Soil & Water Conservation District, for us to share a number of articles that previously appeared in their newsletter. Most of these were written by interns as part of their projects. This one, by Maddy Miner, is on smallmouth bass, a fish common to many of our local rivers and streams.*

With the summer season approaching, everyone is ready to get back out on the water. Wherever your favorite fishing spot is, you've likely run into one of Ohio's most common species of fish, the smallmouth bass, also known as the *Micropterus dolomieu*. Native to every county in Ohio, smallmouths are very common, but can be tricky to catch along with their largemouth bass counterparts.

Smallmouth bass are very similar to largemouth bass, and you may not be able to tell the difference unless you have experience fishing. Nevertheless, there are differences used to differentiate between them, the first being their mouths. As the name implies, smallmouth bass have a smaller mouth than largemouth do. Their jaw never extends past their eye socket, unlike that of a largemouth. You can also look at their dorsal fins. A smallmouth's dorsal fins appear more connected between its first and second fin, with a small bridge where it dips down. A largemouth's dorsal fins has a more prominent dip between the first and second fin and appear less connected.

Smallmouth bass have a slender build, on average weighing 1 – 2 lbs and ranging 12 – 15" in length. Most often, their color ranges between brown and green, with 3 characteristic dark streaks radiating from snout and eye across gill covers. They're darkest in color on their backsides, usually brown then transitioning into a green, and are lighter colored on their belly, usually a yellow-white appearance. On average, they have a life span ranging from 6 – 14 years, but some have been known to live up to 20 years. Smallmouth primarily feed on crayfish, small fish, and other macro invertebrates.

Native to the eastern half of the United States and southeastern Canada, smallmouth bass live primarily in freshwater streams and rivers. They prefer deeper, less vegetated areas than largemouth do, and typically areas with moderate-to-high gradient streams and rougher substrates, such as gravel or rock.



They also do well in large clear-water lakes. Smallmouths do not thrive as much in shallower areas with softer substrates; they often are found hiding in around large rocks or woody debris.

Because they prefer a deeper water habitat, smallmouth bass often spawn later than largemouth bass do, which prefer shallower water. The colder temperatures in deep waters take longer to warm to optimal temperatures for spawning. Additionally, deeper water has less vegetation to protect the eggs than shallow water does. Smallmouth males will create their nests in circular depressions in sand or gravel in the deeper levels of stream and lakes. They prefer to nest near logs or large rocks.

Since the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, the smallmouth bass population has experienced a net decrease in size, largely due to increased deforestation, pollution, water turbidities, over-fishing, and the use of dams. In more recent years, the population has started to increase, and while their distribution remains stable, they have never fully recovered to their original population size.

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## Want to Get Started Tying Flies?

### From Ken Mandel

On April 16<sup>th</sup>, Jim Neckers led a one-evening beginner's fly tying program. It was very well attended, with everyone tying a Woolly Bugger. This is usually a 'first fly' tied in beginner's classes, as it introduces several techniques used in for tying virtually any fly. The bugger is also a fantastic attractor and catches fish! At the end of the program, participants asked about where to obtain tools and tying materials and how to get started on their own. This article tries to address that.





## Where Can I Get Stuff ?

When starting out, I'd recommend getting a simple vise and a basic tool set. These will be adequate for getting started, will not be a major investment, should you decide tying flies is not really your interest. One should also consider what flies to start tying, and limit purchase of materials to those. It is very easy to accumulate lots and lots and lots of materials as one gets into this part of fly fishing, so I'd suggest that you try to limit it, at least initially.

There are 4 fly fishing shops (listed below) in our area. All have some fly-tying supplies, threads, hooks and tools (the Orvis store will have the least in the store). Mad River Outfitters probably has the largest selection in the shop, but driving to Columbus is a bit of a trip.

- Delamere & Hopkins and Orvis in Cincinnati
- ReelFlyRod, near Dayton
- Mad River Outfitters, in Columbus

Sportsman Warehouse (in the Eastgate area) and Bass Pro also have a selection of tools and tying supplies. Other fly shops who support BUFF, include Gates AuSable Lodge & Fly Shop, Tuckaseegee Fly Shop, and FlyMasters of Indianapolis. They all have an on-line presence. In addition, we have two local "on-line" shops. Both are newer ventures, offer a good selection of materials, and support our club. –

- *Arrow Fly Shop*, owned by Randy Arrowood is in Newport, KY ([www.arrowflyshop.com](http://www.arrowflyshop.com)). Andy was a new vendor at the 2024 Cincinnati fly fishing show and is committed to return in 2025!
- *Spring Creek Fly Fishing*, owned by David Fraley is in Middletown, OH ([www.springcreekfly.com](http://www.springcreekfly.com)). David is a BUFF member and manages our website

There are several large on-line shops which offer a huge selection of tying items. J Stockard Fly Fishing ([www.jsflyfishing.com](http://www.jsflyfishing.com)). located in Connecticut, and Feather-Craft Fly Fishing in St. Louis ([www.feather-craft.com](http://www.feather-craft.com)) are just two examples. Searching for materials, for example, fly tying chenille, on the internet, will provide a list of numerous vendors. They are worth looking at for selection, availability and price.

## Fly Tying Kits

An idea to perhaps consider, is purchasing a "tying kit". These may include only tools and a vise, or be more comprehensive, adding an instruction book, and materials and for tying the flies included in the book. Searching the internet will reveal options and price ranges for these. Several years ago, as we were getting started in this sport, I purchased a kit at our local Orvis store as a birthday gift for Haruko. It included tools, a vise, an instruction book on tying basics and step-by-step directions for several classic and successful patterns, and all needed materials to tie at least 10 of each fly in the book. The materials lasted us for several years! ***Do you need a kit to learn to tie? Absolutely not, it is only suggestion to consider.***



## What Flies Should I Try to Tie ?

This is an important question. My suggestion is to limit initial tying to well established and proven flies, and ones that are relatively simple to tie. Work on flies that use common materials and which build on simple skills. Examples can include the Woolly Buzzer we did in the class, Soft Hackles, Hare's-Ear Nymph, Adams Dry Fly, Clouser Minnow (classic streamer), Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis Emergers, ant patterns, San Juan Worms, and a weighted nymphs, such as the Zebra Nymph.



Finding patterns is easy – There are many good books written by expert tyers, and our library has a good selection, so borrow them! If you find or hear of a pattern, search the internet – you'll likely discover multiple YouTube videos from excellent tiers. They usually provide a list and discuss materials and are almost always great demonstrations. One benefit of these videos is that you can save the site and start-and-stop the presentation so you can 'tie along'.

## How Can I Learn More ?

- As I said above, there are lots of videos demonstrating tying different flies. These are excellent learning tools.
- Books on tying flies! There are lots of 'em, and our club library has a very good selection. They are free to borrow and a great resource. If you find a book or two that you really like, consider purchasing them for your own book shelf.
- BUFF member Gary Begley is an excellent tier and hosts an evening "Tie & Lie" session. These are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month via Zoom. It's another good way to learn and meet other tiers from the club.
- Sign up for club tying classes. Jim Neckers leads both beginner and intermediate classes which are held in the winter months, and include about 6 weekly sessions, at which we'll tie 2 or 3 flies. Jim is an excellent teacher, and there are always other club tiers present to help out. The courses are free to members. You will need a vise and tools, but the club provides all other the needed materials.
- Talk with club members who are tiers to seek out a mentor. Many of our club members enjoy tying, and also enjoy teaching how to tie. If you ask that you'd like to learn, I think you will find some one willing to meet and work with you. This is a real opportunity to meet others, learn to tie, and learn about and get exposed to materials.

# A Couple of Interesting Topics from Fly Fishing Blogs

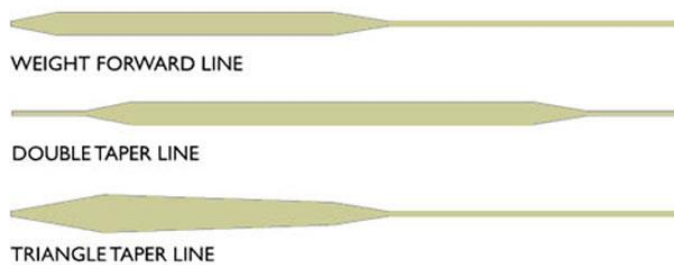
From Ken Mandel

## Understanding Fly Lines

Here is something that may be useful for our newer members, and timely as we are getting into fishing season. I found this on the Gink & Gasoline site.

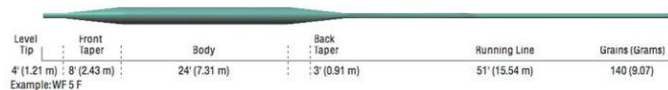
For many anglers, especially those new to the sport, properties of fly lines can be a mystery, and purchasing a fly line almost an act of faith. Different lines can cast differently, have different properties (for example floating or sinking lines), and are used for different fishing applications. The article on the Gink & Gasoline blog was a good presentation and discussion.

While the design of fly lines has become more complex, manufacturers publish diagrams which provide critical information, and learning how to read these will provide understanding on how the line will cast. The main points are taper and weight distribution. As shown in the chart, the three basic types of taper are weight forward, double taper and triangle taper.



It is pretty obvious to interpret. A weight forward line shifts the majority of the weight to the front 1/3 or so of the line – essentially the first 30 – 40 feet. A double taper is symmetrical at either end with most of the weight along the main length of the fly line. A triangle taper can be considered a ‘hybrid’, with most weight again toward the forward part of the line, but extending further. The weighted part of the line basically has more thickness, and you can see or feel this if you pull enough line off the reel.

The taper structures provide the line its ‘anatomy’. The chart here shows the anatomical parts for a typical weight-forward, 5-weight line. You can see that the weighted section comprises the first 30 – 40 feet of this line.



The grain’ reflects the total weight of the line. Heavier lines, for example a 7-weight line, will have a greater grain, but these will vary across different types of line, and manufacturers. The article in Gink & Gasoline provides a lot more detail on how the different sections work to affect line performance. It also diagrams several commercial fly lines, with their illustrated taper and design and discusses their performance and use.

- Check this article out to get more detail at - <https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/understanding-fly-line-tapers-and-diagrams-2/>

## Tippet Rings

Another blog from Gink & Gasoline. This one on tippet rings. The website connection is - <https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/prolong-the-life-of-your-leaders-with-tippet-rings/>

Tippet rings are small metal rings which are tied to the end of your leader. Rather than tying a fly directly to the tippet end of the leader, one ties an additional length of tippet material to the ring (say 18 or 24"), opposite of where it connects to the leader, and then ties the fly to this.



Using a tippet ring can help prolong the life of leaders. Since the fly is not tied directly to the leader, the leader is not constantly being shortened each time we change flies. When changing flies, one shortens or simply changes the tippet tied to the ring; the leader stays untouched. If one is purchasing and using more expensive leaders, this can be a significant cost savings. Also, using a tippet ring enables an angler to use a standard size leader, for example, a 3X, and just tie lighter tippet, 4X or 5X for example, to the ring if going to a smaller fly.

There is some debate on using a tippet ring when fishing dry flies due to the weight of the ring and possible drag on the water. Small tippet rings are light enough to float in the film. I've dry fly fished with guides using tippet rings, and that discussion had never come up. To each their own!

## Recent High School Events

From Tom Bachey

### Lebanon High School

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, BUFF volunteers, in cooperation with Little Miami Conservancy, presented a Fly Fishing 101 and casting program to students at Lebanon High School. We conducted four classes that day and the kids were interested and engaged. On April 18<sup>th</sup>, we fished with the kids at Armco Lake Park. We did not catch many fish that day but a good time was had by all. Thank you to Tom Britton, Dave Smith, Hugh O'Donnell, Tom Agin, Jeff McElravy, & Bill & Cathy Schroeder for volunteering. A few photos -



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## Seven Hills High School

Our program at Seven Hills HS was on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. It provided students an overview on fly fishing and the gear we use. In addition, Tom Britton and Tim Cassani did a presentation on stream quality monitoring. We thank Tom Bachey, Bill Schroeder, Jim Neckers, Ken Speicher, Tom Britton, Tim Cassani, Tom Scheer, Mark Delany, Greg Kohls, Jeff McElravy, & Bob Gustafson for volunteering.



## BUFF Members Getting Out to Fish

This past month, Cari Vota and Lisa Morrisette did a trip to MI, fishing for steelhead with Kevin Feenstra's group on the Muskegon. From there, they headed south for some fishing in the Smokies. The day they went to MI, was the day of the eclipse, so they stopped to watch it.



A Rainbow trout that Lisa Morrisette landed while she and Cair were in the Smokies.



Here's a couple of photos of some of our women members who participated on a White Bass trip, and a bass that Donna Somers landed.



Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> was our annual 'Take a Kid Fishing' event. It was held at pond at Miami Meadows Park, which has bluegill, sunfish and some bass. The photo is Harry Pass' grandson Killian – his first fish on a fly!



This is a catfish, about 10-lb – that Dolph Greenberg landed from a local lake. He got it on a White Shad Streamer with an 8-wt rod.



Tom Scheer caught this steelhead in early April on the Manistee River



Bill Krimmer & Bob Kraft went trout fishing in Bryson City, NC this past month. They fished the Tuckaseegee River with Tony Brooks who is a guide with Mac Brown's group. Had an excellent day and would recommend the guide.



Remember, if you get out to fish, please send photos and where you were fishing to [kengmandel@gmail.com](mailto:kengmandel@gmail.com), and I'll get it into an upcoming BUFFER. It's a great way share information and locations with the club!

## Upcoming BUFF Activities

As we move into the Winter months, our outdoor activities have largely ended for the year. However, check the website and watch for e-mails for indoor classes activities which become available!

In-person activities require registration (online on club Website)

<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
<b>Izaak Walton League Family Day</b> Bevis Lane, Cincinnati <b>Volunteers Needed!</b>	Saturday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – Noon Volunteers register on Website	Tom Bachey
<b>BUFF Casting Class</b> Cotell Park Mason, OH	Sunday May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , & 19 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM Sign up on Website	Jim Vota
<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Oasis Conference Center</b> Loveland, OH	Wednesday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Sign up on Website	Hugh O'Donnell
After Work Fishing Miami Meadows Park Milford, OH	Thursday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Dusk Register & Waiver on Website	Car Vota
<b>Stream Quality Monitoring</b> Little Miami River Caesar's Creek Access	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> Arrive by 9:00 AM Register & Waiver on Website	Tom Britton
<b>Stream Quality Monitoring</b> Little Miami River Bass Island Access	Saturday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> Arrive by 9:00 AM Register & Waiver on Website	Tom Britton
<b>Stream Quality Monitoring</b> Four Mile Creek Hamilton, OH	Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> Arrive by 10:00 AM Register & Waiver on Website	Tom Britton Tim Cassani
<b>BUFF BOD Meeting</b> Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Hugh O'Donnell
<b>After Work Fishing</b> Kingswood Park Pond 4188 Irwin-Simpson Rd Mason, OH	Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Dusk Register & Waiver on Website	Tim Cassani



<u>Trip/Activity &amp; Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
<p><b>Monthly Tie &amp; Lie</b> Virtual – Zoom Mtg</p>	<p>Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>See Website for Link</i></p>	<p>Gary Begley</p>
<p><b>Mad River Day Trip</b> Springfield, OH</p>	<p>Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> all day <b>Trip is full – see website for wait list</b></p>	<p>Bryan Tudor</p>

**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.

