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President's Corner

Jim LeBlond

If you missed our October kick off meeting at the Clarion, you missed a whale of a good time. We had the one and only Jerry Darkes. He gave us pointers on spotting fish, reading water, and adjusting your techniques to meet the fishing conditions. He showed us how to rig, where to fish, and what equipment to use. He showed us slides from all of the major Ohio tributaries. One of his favorite steelhead holes is only fifteen minutes from Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Lou Haynes won the four-weight set up. We had some really good beef stroganoff in a great room. And best of all, we saw a lot of friends that we hadn't seen in a while.

Dave Uckotter is setting up next year's calendarplanning meeting, and he could really use your input. We are setting next year's agenda and we truly want it to reflect your needs and desires. If you have a particular trip that you have been dying

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Introduction to Flyfishing

Dave Uckotter

Nine new club members took advantage of our class on fishing our local waters. The classes were held to five new members for each class. This small class of five new members and five instructors gave the students a one-on-one ratio which was like having your own private tutor for the day.

Our morning started out with Tony Kalbli going over the essentials of outfitting yourself with the proper gear needed to get started flyfishing and then build on the essentials as your needs require. Bob Fountain took over, explaining the different rods and reels that are available and applications according to the type of fishing you intend to do. We went over line, leader and tippet and explained their uses, again targeted to the type of fishing you intend to do. Jon Kennard assisted in our tying session. We tied a wooly bugger that we fished later in the afternoon. After our tying class, we tied

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November Meeting Program

John Stewart, of Stewart's Guide Service in Frankfort KY, will be our speaker on Fly Fishing for Trout in the productive waters of the Lower Cumberland River at the November meeting! This stream is just now being recognized as a first class trout fishery. The Cumberland is possibly the best tailwater stream in the southeast, with catches of very large browns and rainbows, and very high densities of trout/mile. And it is only hours from the Cincinnati area. In addition, a raffle for a complete Cabela's outfit (11ft., 6 wt., 3 piece, with a disk drag reel) will be held at the November meeting. The outfit is a \$235 value. It's the perfect outfit for Lake Erie steelheading, float tubing or nymphing!!! Tickets are \$5 each, or 5 for \$20.

Adventures From The Reel World

Fishing the Colorado River

Jim LeBlond

When you have a chance of hypothermia on one end and heat stroke on the other - it must be the Colorado! Back in July, John Doscher and I had the chance to fish with Terry Mann (owner and guide for Lee's Ferry Anglers). We flew into Phoenix, stayed in a cabin in the mountains in Mund Park near We saw the Grand Flagstaff. Canyon, then headed about two hours over to Lake Powell. Lake Powell and the Glenn Canyon Dam by itself are worth the trip. Truly a beautiful lake, far larger than you might imagine with incredible red and brown cliffs heading down to the water's edge. We stayed at the Marina in the park at Lake Powell, and took our wives and kids for a float trip sightseeing down the Colorado River the next day. Strangely enough, we took pontoon boats identical to the ones used to haul the mock nuclear bombs in the movie "Broken Arrow". movie segment was actually filmed on this river with boats from the same company.) As we floated down this blue ribbon trout stream it was plain to see this river is full of plump rainbows. This was a beautiful and hot day, nearly 110°. A couple of times, we even took a swim, only to find that the story was true. The water really is a constant 47°, cold enough to make your legs hurt all they way down to the bone in a matter of minutes. Still this family trip was one of the most highlights memorable of our Arizona experience.

The following day, John, my son Jay and myself finally were able to go fishing with Terry Gunn. Terry and his wife are diehard fly fishers and have even hosted a couple of cable shows. Mrs. Gunn was even a recent cover girl on one of last year's fly fishing magazines. The day started out rough, a little overcast and we soon learned my son's feet had grown about a size and a half since the last time he wore his wading boots. We met Terry at 6:00 AM at Lee's Ferry and then headed all the way back up to the dam. Terry's boat, or custom sled as he described it, was a fascinating piece of machinery. It was flat bottomed with a rounded nose. It had a flat deck up front, followed by a windshield, ample seating, and storage. Towards the back of the boat there is a center console with a helm located just in front of the engine. The engine was nothing special, a Merc 200 EFI, but what was unique was the full power mounting that allowed Terry to raise it both vertically and horizontally at the touch of a button. anchor systems on the bow and stern made engaging the shore returning to the river relatively painless and trouble free. But I diverge, let's get back to the fishing. The sky never cleared that day, and fishing was hard. Of the 7" of rainfall per year, we managed to hit one of the few rainy days. The rain was somewhat frustrating because it turned the fishing off, but perhaps the most frustrating aspect was the knowledge of the shear multitude of fish passing on the flies each time they drifted by. We each caught eight to ten fish in the day's work. The fish had a myriad of different coloration's. Some were near silver without spots, some had more traditional coloration, but virtually all

The Best Day of My Life

Red Lose

One day a friend asked me, "What was the best day of your life?" I had to think that one over and it was some time later that I could answer truthfully.

One beautiful fall day my fishing partner and I drove to the Mad River for a day. We arrived early, just about sun up. The day promised to be unseasonably warm with a brilliant cloudless sky. All in all it didn't look like much of a day for success. I deposited Dave at the Dallas Bridge to start fishing. I went on to County Line Bridge, three miles below and parked the car. It was a four hour wade for Dave to County Line Road. I walked the fields upstream for about 3/4 of a mile until I found an easy access to the water and started my wade downstream from there.

There had been enough fallen leaves to choke the slow moving water and every snag they could adhere to. I felt sure that I was in for another day of being skunked. The first little run I came to usually held at least one trout. I started fishing with the old reliable caddis pattern, size 10 with no luck, then quickly changed to my old favorite - a pheasant tail nymph. Next I tried a streamer. Still no luck. I checked my fly box and decided to fish for a few chubs with a size 16 soft hackle with lead placed about ten inches ahead of the fly. The fly was one given to me by a professional fly tier from Toledo who (naturally) swore by them since he sold them to dealers. It was a simple fly with a

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peacock herl body and a gray soft hackle that looked like it might be partridge.

I cast about two yards upstream and allowed the fly enough slack and time to skim the bottom. On the first cast I thought that the fly had hung up on a sunken log until the line began to come upstream. That cast produced a 20 inch Brown. Successive casts yielded another Brown about 18 inches and then another 14 incher. Never before had I caught more than one 2-pounder in a month. Today I had already landed three. I fished my way downstream fishing deep and slowly. I was rewarded with four more good sized fish and a number of 8-10 inch rainbows. About noon my shoulders began to ache and I started to get a little dizzy. I found a smooth low bank well shaded and rested for several minutes before deciding that this was a good place to eat my lunch and take a short noonday nap. When I awoke I began wading towards the next turn downstream but after several casts the pain reoccurred. So I hit the bank and walked back to my car near the bridge.

After shedding my wading clothes and stowing my equipment in the trunk I took another nap in the car. I awoke feeling pretty good. The fainting sensation had passed. Walking back to the bridge I could see Dave coming about 200 yards away. When he reached talking distance I called, "Any luck?". He answered, "The first hour I was catching 10 inchers, a lot of them. But this last half mile, I swear, is absolutely barren. Must be that it is too close to the bridge where the bait fishermen hang When I told him I had landed seven fish, two pounds and up and perhaps ten rainbows in that barren stretch, he wouldn't believe me.

Next day when I kept my regular doctor's appointment, it was determined that I had suffered two distinct heart attacks. Old age and heart disease has taken its toll and I have never been able to fish that area again.

Now, return to that first paragraph, the first sentence.

One day in the hospital I lay flat on my back with oxygen being pumped into my nose and a combination of liquid medicine and blood infused intravenously through another tube. The procedure was scheduled to take eight hours with me completely immobilized. As I lay there counting the ceiling tiles for the 42nd time I thought about that question. Suddenly, like a biblical revelation, I found the answer. For me, the best day of my life is TOMORROW!!

Planning Meeting

The next B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Banquet planning meeting will be held at Mike Bryant's house at 7:00pm on Sunday, November 11. We need your help on planning and running the Show and Banquet. It's a great way to give back to the club and have fun as well!! For more information and directions, call Mike Bryant 793-6189 (evenings / weekends).



B.U.F.F. President Jim LeBlond presents a \$1000 check to TU Watershed Coordinator Tom Allen. The funds were raised from an auction of fishing equipment donated by Red Lose at a recent B.U.F.F. meeting. The funds were donated to TU for the continued restoration of the Mad River.

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An Early Peek!!

Some exciting news about next February's B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. First, we're moving!! The Show and Banquet will be held at the Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd and I-71). This new location is more centrally located and gives us more space. We have a great line up of speakers this year, including none other than the Dave Whitlock. Dave is one of the best know fly fisherman in the world. He is an accomplished artist and writer. His art and articles appear

regularly in the national fly fishing magazines. In addition to Dave, we're pleased to have Leroy Hyatt of the famed PBS fly tying series "Fly Tying: The Angler's Art" provide fly tying clinics at the Show. Great speakers, new exhibitors – it will be a great time. So mark your calendars for Saturday, February 23, 2001. Take advantage of the Early Bird Registration and remember to bring a friend or family member.

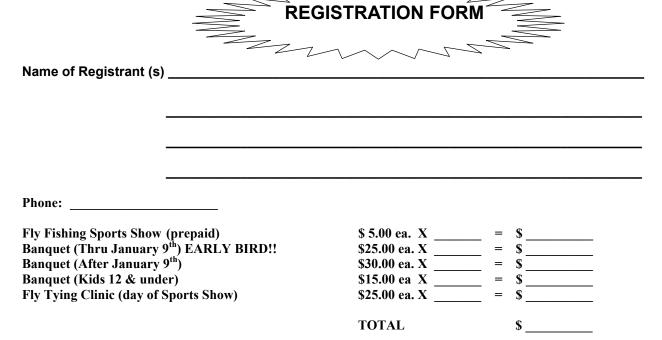
Not Too Early !!!

Mike Bryant

It's not too early to be start thinking about the upcoming B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Show and Cabin Fever Relief Banquet. Our main speaker for the Fly Fishing Show and Banquet will be none other than Dave Whitlock, one of world's most famous fly fishermen. Mark your calendars, and send in you registration (displayed below) and money to be eligible for the Early Bird Raffle Prize.



B.U.F.F. Fly Fishing Sports Show, Cabin Fever Relief Banquet and Fly Tying Clinic



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Louise Goldsberry 265 Clarks Street Batavia, Ohio to take, let us know about it. If you have fished a piece of water that you really want to return to – let us know. If you have a trip in mind and would be willing to organize and conduct a B.U.F.F. expedition, that's even better. This is your organization, it's only as strong as its membership and the strength of your commitment. So be sure to show your support.

Once again in November we are opening up the floor to nominations for Board and Officer positions. Any member in good standing can make a nomination. This is truly your opportunity to help. Many Board, Officer, and other positions are open, and no experience is required. We need help with the website, The Buffer and the Fly Fishing Show / Banquet too. If you are looking for a chance to meet more people, make more friends and learn more about our sport I urge you to put your name in the hat. Take a chance and see what happens. Whether you have a little or a lot of extra time to give, you will have a great time and be working for a good cause. If you are the least bit hesitant, talk to any of our current or past board members and officers. You'll find you get out more than you put in. It is well worth your time and commitment.

Mike Bryant has a couple of Fly Fishing Show planning meetings coming up soon, so be sure to check the calendar for dates. We also need help recruiting prizes so call Joe Guenther and lend a hand. Lou Haynes will be coordinating the advertising and we've got some special plans in store for this year's extravaganza. We'll need volunteers at our booths at the Hart's Sport Show and our own Fly Fishing Show too. Jon Kennard is leading our efforts at the Hart's Sport Show this year.

Be sure to me see John Stewart's presentation at the November B.U.F.F. meeting. If you've never fished the Cumberland, you owe it to yourself to come and learn more about this outstanding fishing opportunity that's not all that far from home. We'll also be raffling off a Cabela's extra long float tube rod outfit, suitable for float tubing, bass fishing, nymphing, drifting, or

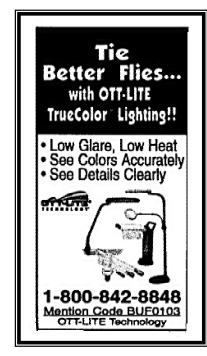
chasing the elusive Lake Erie steelhead. Also please remember to bring a canned good for the needy to the November meeting. B.U.F.F. once again will be collecting canned goods, which will be donated to local organizations to feed the hungry.

We're also looking for your Fly Fisher of the Year and Conservation Donation Nominations. This is your opportunity to cast your vote for the individual you feel has contributed to our organization and sport. You can also help designate the charitable organizations that you feel are most noteworthy of our conservation donations. In this Thanksgiving season it is more important than ever to remember that we are truly blessed. We have the freedom to gather, the freedom to vote, the ability to relax, the ability to enjoy the beauty of the world that surrounds us, and the bonds of friendship. I really hope to see you in November! 🗯

Welcome New Members!

Glenn Wolf, of Fairfield, is a new member of B.U.F.F. Please welcome him to our club.

The club membership stands at 254, 50 of which are family membership spouses.



Fly Tying Expo

(Editor's Note: I had the opportunity to attnd the Expo last year. It was fun and informative and worth the trip to Lansing. MJB)

The Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers is pleased to announce the second annual Fly Tying Exposition on Saturday, December 1, 2001. The 2001 Exposition will be held at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Michigan, a few miles south of Lansing off I-127. The Expo will be open to the public from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Admission for the show will be a modest fee of \$8 for adults, \$5 for youth (13 to 18), and no-charge for children 12 and under. Over 100 tiers are anticipated for the 2001 Expo. Once again, tiers will have the opportunity to sell their flies, artwork, books, or related products from their booths. This is an important fundraiser for the Federation and the Great Lakes Council. An auction/raffle will be conducted from 12:30 - 2:00 PM at which time all tying will stop and everyone will be directed to the designated area. Glen Blackwood of Great Lakes Fly Fishing Co. and the PBS series "Fly Fishing with Glen Blackwood" will again be the auctioneer. Please help by donating something to the auction. Items can be sent to Kevin and Nancy Lounds, 8076 20th Ave., Jenison, MI 49428.(616/667-1524 or yoopnnancy@aol.com). For more information contact Dennis Potter: (616) 363-4966 or <AuSable1@aol.com>.



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783 Bethel Rd. in the Olentangy Plaza Visit our website at www.madriveroutfitters.com of them had shoulders. My son even managed to coerce one of Terry's other guides to take a break from his spin fishing clientele and give him some one-on-one tutoring. The gentleman went wet wading with my son for more than an hour. Wet wading in water way too cold for me to stand in for more than a minute and a half.

Our greatest success came when we used zebra nymph droppers and stimulators. The zebra nymph is nothing more than a bead (silver or gold), black floss and a couple turns of wire on a size 16 extra short hook. We spent the day wading, using the boat only to move us up and down stream. Much of our success believe it or not, was still fishing on flat water. Something I had never experienced before on a fly rod. We also had success with tremendously long natural drifts. Drifts so long we had to continue to feed line and flutter the rod until we lost sight of the flies.

These fish are truly beautiful and unique and the scenery is beyond description. The fish are finicky, and they do key on a particular food source. To prove this point, Terry took a dozen or more of the fattest grass hoppers you ever saw from the banks and threw them one by one into the river. We thought it would cause a feeding frenzy. But the bobbing hoppers just drifted by.

If you ever get a chance, I would heartily recommend this trip. Lee's Ferry is about two hours from the Grand Canyon, a little further than that from Flagstaff or Las Vegas. If you want to take a virtual tour, go to www.leesferry.com and you'll see just what I mean. Terry confirmed we had a rough day, and told us stories of people that come from all over the world just to fish this

section of water. He even told us of one gentlemen from Tokyo, who on his first ever fly fishing experience landed sixty trout, complained of his arm hurting, and in the entire day he only had to move 10 vards downstream. But then again, when a guide tells you a story you never know if you're the one falling for the bait. Terry offered help us organize a club trip through his hotel and guides. He will even donate a portion of the trip's proceeds back to B.U.F.F. If your interested, let me know and I'll help set it up. 🗯

Keeping Things in Perspective

"If we carry purism to its logical conclusion, to do it right you'd have to live naked in a cave, hit your trout on the head with rocks, and eat them raw. But, so as not to violate another essential element of the fly-fishing tradition, the rocks would have to be quarried in England and cost \$300 each."

John Gierach

QUOTE

I have been, all my life, what is known as a conservationist. I am not at all sure that this has done myself or anyone else any good, but I am quite sure that no intelligent man, least of all a countryman, has any alternative. It seems clear beyond possibility of argument that any given generation of men can have only a lease, not ownership, of the earth; and one essential term of the lease is that the earth be handed on to the generation with next unimpaired potentialities. This is conservationist's concern.

Roderick Haig-Brown, 1950

(Note from his children: "Haig-Brown wrote this in 1950, and excepting the obvious use of "man" to mean "humanity," which dates the passage, it could have very well been written today.)

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NOVEMBER

11 Sat - East Fork Stream Monitoring (Goldsberry) 14 Wed/6pm - BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71 -Canned Food Drive, accepting nominations for Board, Flyfisher of the Year, Conservation & Education Grant.

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

16-18 Fri-Sun – B.U.F.F. Northern Ohio / Western Pa. Steelhead Fishing Trip (Joe Guenther) 21 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71). Members encouraged to attend.

DECEMBER

4 Tues / 7pm - Tie & Lie West
General fly tying and story telling
session. Springdale Community Center
12 Wed/6pm - @ Clarion Hotel
(Pfeiffer Rd. and I-71 - Officer
Elections, Fly Fisher of the Year
Elections, Finalize Conservation
Donations
17 Wed/7pm - BUFF Director's
Meeting @ Clarion Hotel (Pfeiffer
Rd. and I-71. Members encouraged
to attend.
20 Thurs/6:30pm - Tie & Lie East.
General fly tying and story telling
session. Hardee's Restaurant, Batavia

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(Bob Goldsberry)

a few essential knots that are used for tying line to leader, tippet to leader, and fly to the tippet.

By this time we were ready for lunch. Chef Kennard and Chef Goldsberry grilled mets and brats to perfection and we had a picnic lunch with all the trimmings.

After lunch Bob Fountain did a casting lesson with the group and Tony Kalbli assisted giving some special attention to those who need a little extra instruction. The casting lesson was to give the class enough confidence to go to the pond or stream and have fun. They were shown how to do a pick up cast, shoot line, and a roll cast. Bob Goldsberry and Jim

2001 Calendar of Events

The BUTTER attempts to provide up-to-date information on club events. Check the calendar each month & call the contact person for the event for potential changes. If you notice errors, please contact The BUTTER editor. Additional contact names will be added following announcement of the Year 2001.

Year 2001 Officers and Directors				
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	Fly Fishing Show			
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Tom Jones	TBD	528-3984		
Bill Fischer	TBD	899-4541		
Jon Kennard	TBD	732-1799		
Joe Guenther	Trips	724-6343		

LeBlond went to the river to collect some of the aquatic insects that inhabit our waters and what the fish feed on. Bob explained the life cycle of each of the insects they found, and how they fit into the food chain of the fish. We then went to the river to try out our new skills. The class lasted for the whole day and broke up about 4:30. Every one enjoyed the day and felt that is was time well spent.

Next year I intend to repeat the class for our new members. There has been some interest shown to have a "lady's only" class. We would welcome any ladies who would like to have their own class. Sometimes it difficult for the husbands to teach their wives, and for some ladies, it is difficult to learn the sport on their own. We feel that our new members have



10/2001 B.U.F.F. Financial Report			
Beginning Balance	\$7150		
<u>DEPOSITS</u>			
Conservation Raffle	\$190		
Membership	\$385		
Monthly Dinner	\$376		
Bank Interest	\$10		
Deposit Total	\$961		
EXPENSES			
Newsletter (3 mo.)	\$553		
Speaker	\$323		
TU MadMen (Lose)	\$1000		
NY Fire Dept.	\$500		
Faulkner Fndtn.	\$500		
Monthly Supplies	\$54		
Monthly Dinner	\$400		
Expense Total	\$3330		
Available Checking	\$4012		
Encumbered	\$770		
Savings CD	\$5000		

joined the club to learn more about the sport and what gear and equipment to invest in to get them started on the right path. So many times we buy the wrong gear and equipment, sometimes at great expense, that we find is limited in its use for the type of fishing we intend to do.

Those who attended our class were: Bob Macky, Bob Jones, Karen Mulligan, John Allen, Gary Begley, Tom Reinhardt, Roger and Chris Corrado, Jerry Brothers and Larry Hake. Special thanks to those who made the class a success: Bob Fountain, Bob Goldsberry, Jon Kennard, Tony Kalbli and Jim LeBlond.



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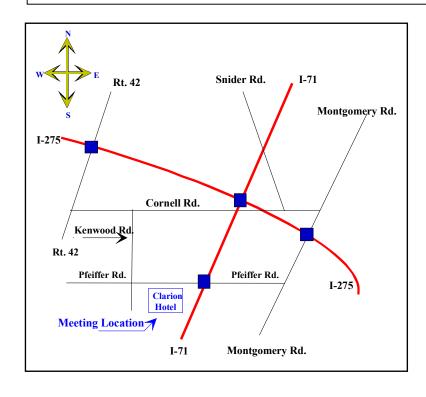
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Next Monthly Meeting – November 14

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



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Directions: The November B.U.F.F. Meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel located on Pfeiffer Road. From I-71, take Exit 15. The Clarion Hotel is located just west of the interstate highway.