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## President's Corner

Dave Uckotter

If you didn't attend the last meeting you really missed a terrific program. Bruce Richards did a casting demonstration that kept everyone's attention throughout the whole program. After dinner and the brief meeting, Bruce conducted a Q and A session that lasted almost an hour.

Our banquet is coming up January 25th. It's time that we think about member's donations for the raffles and silent auction. Some manufactures that used to donate prizes are holding back this year. Instead of donating products they are donating coupons offering manufactures discounts. If you win one of these coupons you still have to pay the balance due. In the past, and we have gotten away from it, the members would donate most of the prizes. These prizes could be something you are skilled at making, purchased items that you could donate, or going together with a few of your buddies and purchasing one prize. If you choose to donate a prize try to keep the value 25.00 or more. All of your donations are tax deductible. The banquet, and fly fishing show, are our prime money making projects for the year, and all members are urged to consider donating items. Bring your prize to the monthly meetings, drop them

off at local fly shops, or contact Ken West (513-726-6253), or Patti Howell (513-683-7138).

Some of our members are delinquent in paying their dues--37 to be exact. If you have decided to leave the club, please notify Dave Jones, (513-825-7174). It costs time and postage to send out reminders. If you check the mailing label on the BUFFER, the date will be highlighted in yellow. If yours is highlighted, your dues are due that month. If yours is red, it indicates that you are overdue. If your records don't agree, contact Dave Jones.

Last month's meeting was attended by 80 members, but only 64 called in for dinner reservations. This is an inconvenience for the chef and the staff at Raffel's. In the future when you make your reservation and pay for your dinner, you will be given a ticket. That ticket will be collected as you go through the door to the buffet. After the ticketed members are served, and there are dinners left, those who have not called in may purchase a meal. Also, when you go through the line, please keep your portions reasonable. Even with the right amount of food for the right amount of people, the guys at the end of the line don't have much to choose from.

Nomination forms for club officers/board members were passed out at our last meeting. Out of 80 members in attendance, only 18 nomination forms were turned back in--**not good!** The nomination forms will be distributed again

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## November Meeting Program

The November Program will be titled: "**Trout Hunting with Small Dry Flies on Montana's Missouri River**" and it will be presented by long time member and friend, **Jerry Snider**. It will entail Where, When, What, How and Why of fishing the Missouri River, and will also mention other areas/facilities to fish within the vicinity. The presentation will encompass Jerry's real life experience gained over the past 7 years of spending a month each summer on the river.

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# Adventures From the Reel World

## Cedar Run – Spring Creek Fishing Only 75 miles from home!!!!!!

### Steve Groome

Would you believe you can catch rainbows, browns and brookies 365 days a year in less than an hour and a half drive from Cincinnati? In late August this year, I had the privilege of being a guest at the new Cedar Run Club just north of Springfield, Ohio in Champaign County, and I can tell you I was quite surprised. This natural spring fed tributary of the Mad River has been improved and now harbors rainbows, browns, and brook trout averaging 12-15 inches. Some of the browns are even wild or came up from the Mad and have grown to lunker size.

This spring fed creek is almost 100% ground water so it is cold and clear and of very high quality! And with the amount of gravel on the streambed and no silt problems, this creek can support natural reproduction. In fact, it is documented in the book "Fishes of Ohio", that this creek did hold a population of brook trout around the turn of the century. The creek starts in the Cedar Bog Nature Preserve and flows approximately 3 miles into the Mad River near County Line. When I got to Cedar Run, it registered a brisk 60 degrees on that hot summer day even though

Lower Mad registered 68 degrees a few hours earlier.

The stream has some riffle and pool areas in the improved section and some long flat "natural" stretches with a lot of canopy and enough varying degrees of difficulty to keep the fishing as easy or challenging as you want to make it. I drifted my two fly rig (a dry and a dropper) along the watercress-lined banks (which were abundant) and through the holes in several spots and netted 4 or 5 nice browns and brookies in less than two hours.

In one hole, I even managed a "double" with a brookie on my royal humpy and a brown on my PT emerger! (That was over 3 pounds of combined fish thrashing around on the end of my 3 weight!) After a quick picture of the pair, I released them unharmed. While fishing I also observed some beautiful bird life including gold finches and hummingbirds. Which came down to the water for a drink!


For More information about this private fishing club, you can contact Jeff Clark in Dayton at 937-439-2413, or email him at [info@cedarrunclub.com](mailto:info@cedarrunclub.com). The club also has a website at [www.cedarrunclub.com](http://www.cedarrunclub.com). ➔



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Jerry will cover the best times to fish the Missouri, major hatches, equipment needed, habitats to fish, where to stay, and more! He will emphasize how to wade & fish a large river by breaking it down into small stream habitats. The Missouri River coming out of Holter Lake/Dam between Helena and Great Falls is essentially a huge spring creek, thus typical of spring creeks the dry fly hatches consist primarily of small dry flies usually in the 16 to 22 range. While the Missouri can be fished with a drift boat, canoe or even float tubes, large rainbows and browns in the 18" to 22" range can be crawled upon on hands and knees and fished for with light tackle and small dry flies. This is an excellent wade fishing river for the fly fisher who is willing to explore a bit to see what is around the next corner. We'll have lots of fish pictures will be shown as well as fly patterns to be used.

This is going to be a great one, I hope to see you there! ➔



*William Joseph*

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at the November meeting. From these forms a ballot will be put together for our election of officers and board members to be voted on at our December meeting. The club is in need new officers. Some of the "old guard" is in need of a rest. Some of us have other obligations we have to fulfill, and our absence from the board meetings and club activities would not do the club justice. Don't feel because you are a new member or don't have "experience", that you can't be an important part of the club. If you have any desire to take part on the board, submit your name. The members of BUFF have always operated as a team. There will always be someone there to help you out and give advice.

I won't be at the November meeting. I have to go to sunny Florida and do some back country fishing and flats fishing. It's a nasty and thankless job, but someone has to do it. Jim LeBlond will be heading up the November meeting. See you when I get back!



## Buffers' Fall Salmon Trip

Nick Rizzo

Welcome to our memories of a successful fall salmon trip on the Pere Marquette. For a lot of us this was the first time we had the chance to experience what the salmon run is all about. Trying to learn fly casting is hard enough to master. Now unlearn that, and learn "chuck and duck", with lead shot and a fly, to catch these little monsters of 20 to 40+ pounds! I must say, most of the new guys did well and most got to feel what pure energy these fish have, even after traveling up river and dodging fisherman, fowl hooks, and even the wrath of their own kind, all racing for their spot in the spawning line-up.

Upon our arrival at Barothys, we were greeted by our wild fur and feathered friends that meandered throughout the property. The peaceful setting of the lodge along the PM riverbanks made me forget about the noise and commotion of Dayton. I was there to enjoy some of the best fishing in the country.

We found that some of the best fishing was right at Barothys. We also discovered that night fishing for these guys was a blast -- 20+ hook-ups an hour! -- and fun trying to land one. Some other guys had the right idea -- they used lanterns and headlamps. It was a great adventure -- you, too, should try it! ←

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# THE EDUCATION CORNER

LOU HAYNES

## 2002 Education Program Review

Listed below are the education activities our club either sponsored or participated in during the 2002 year. Over 40 of our members took part in some aspect of the education program this year. About 1100 volunteer hours were involved in the over-all program.

New Member Fly-Fishing Manual Publication  
Net Building Classes  
Fly Rod Building Classes  
Fly Tying Demonstration at Bass Pro  
Fly-Fishing 101 Program at Dick's Sporting Goods  
BUFF Fly-Fishing Sports Show  
Fly-Fishing Program Presented in Conjunction with Earth Day Event at Eastgate Mall  
Fly Tying Demonstrations at the Boy Scouts Jamboree at Coney Island  
Clermont County Parks District Fly-Fishing 101 Programs  
Beginners Fly Tying Classes at Maderia  
Introduction to Fly-Fishing at Sycamore Park  
Ladies Only Introduction to Fly-Fishing at Sycamore Park  
Fly Casting Instructor School  
Streamside "How To Read The Water" Class  
Advanced Fly Tying Classes  
East Fork Stream Monitoring

Delamere and Hopkins Fly-Fishing Days Program at White Water Park  
Hamilton County Parks VIP Fishing Tournament Fly-Fishing 101 Presentation  
Little Miami Inc/BUFF Fly-Fishing Workshops at Nisbet Park  
Bluffton College Fly Tying and Casting Class  
Indian Hills High School Fly Tying and Casting Classes

I personally want to thank all who volunteered some of their time to make this program possible. I also want to encourage our newer members to get involved in next year's program. Volunteer opportunities will be presented at the general meetings, through announcements in the BUFFER or via the e-mail/telephone. This is a great way to support your club, get better acquainted with the club membership, make new friends, learn more about fly-fishing and participate in a rewarding experience.

### Fly Tying Demonstrations at the Cincinnati History Museum

The program director for the Cincinnati History Museum recently contacted me about the possibility of our club providing fly tying demonstrations on a quarterly basis next year as part of museum's public education program. The club directors agreed that this is a great opportunity to get some additional exposure for BUFF, so we decided to participate. The museum publishes a quarterly newsletter listing the upcoming educational activities. I committed us to be there on Sunday afternoon January 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 5 PM. The other three dates will be set later. As soon as logistics are set I'll be looking for volunteers! ➔



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# The Cast

## Tony Kalbli

Last month we discussed the difference of style vs. the essentials or principles in fly casting. Before we tackle the essentials, I think it paramount that we have a good understanding of what makes up the "basic cast". There are 4 parts to the basic cast. The pickup, the backcast, the forward cast and the lay-down or presentation. Many knowledgeable and skilled casters believe of that of these the pickup is by far the most important one to get right, with the backcast second in importance. Some have even suggested numerical allocations of percentiles of importance to the various parts of the cast, with the pickup being worth 50%, the backcast 25%, the forward cast 15% and the presentation 10%. This does not mean that you should not be concerned with making a good presentation. What it does mean is that if you make a quality pickup and backcast you are almost assured a quality forward cast and presentation cast.

Be aware that it is difficult to accurately discern where the pickup ends and the backcast begins. They are both part of a continuous motion. What constitutes a good pickup and backcast? First, there must be no slack in the fly line when you begin the pickup stroke. Second, the rod tip must be low. I advise my students to have the rod tip nearly touch the water. Third, start the pickup with a smooth lifting of the rod and an accelerating rod stroke that ends with a crisp "power snap" of the wrist. This positive stop of the rod hand will cause the rod to bend and load, thereby throwing the line in a tight loop to the rear. The single most detrimental error made by most casters is starting the pickup with the rod raised too high. If we reference the rod to a clock face, the rod should be no higher than 9 o'clock when starting the rod pickup. I prefer and suggest you start at a 7 o'clock position. The pickup stroke must transition smoothly into the backcast to a positive stop. This positive stop is accomplished with a slight snap of the wrist, *but do not break the wrist excessively*. Doug Swisher calls it the "micro-wrist" snap. A pause of the rod movement, which length in time is conditional upon the amount of fly lie held in the air, transitions into the forward cast. Here again a smooth application of power with an acceleration of the rod stroke to a positive stop is the key. A simple way to remember this is "all rod strokes start slow and end fast". The final part of the cast, the presentation is a simple matter of lowering the rod as the fly line falls to the water. If you have correctly executed the first 3 parts of the cast, a quality presentation cast almost certainly will follow.

Next month we will begin exploring the essentials of the cast. Until then, tight loops and tight lines. ←



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## *It's Nearly Banquet Time And We're Going To Have A Great Time!*

### **Jim LeBlond**

We'll have the one and only **Roger Lowe** as our featured speaker. Roger is well known and liked by many of our members. Roger is a true southern gentleman who really knows his fly-fishing. He's located down in North Carolina and he routinely fishes and guides on the Nantahala, Tuckasee and in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. If you're familiar at all with this area, or if you're planning to visit there soon, you really owe it to yourself to **come to the banquet on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**! A reservation form is included in your Buffer – Send it back ASAP!

We've got a great committee this year running the banquet. Phil Pursley will be spearheading our membership participation activities, and Joe Guenther will be approaching national vendors. Ken West and Patti Howell will be collecting your raffle donations. You may bring your donation to any of the general meetings, or drop them off at any of the participating fly shops prior to the show. Ken will be working with the vendors who will be participating in our upcoming Fly-Fishing Sportshow. Bob Goldsberry will be heading up our Table Sponsorship efforts. And, finally Patti will be working with the local Fly Shops. All we're missing is **you**. But, it's not too late to help, just contact any of these members and offer to lend a hand. Tie a box of flies, build a rod, make a net, or make a donation.

We're changing some things this year. We're going to focus more closely on auction activities than we have in the past, and we hope to find a real auctioneer. We'll still have a truly Magnificent Seven Grand Raffle Prizes. We'll have the Blue & Red Card Raffles, but they too will be much improved. We will have an Early Bird Raffle for those that register before January 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll have the General Raffle tables too, but we hope to have these filled entirely by our membership donations.. We again hope to have a Children's and First Timer's Raffle, too.

**The next Banquet Planning Meeting will be Sunday, November 24th 1:00 PM** at Jim LeBlond's house. Please come and help if you can. We can really use your help, and we hope to see you there. ➔

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**NOVEMBER**

2 Sat / 6pm – **NKFF Banquet**  
 7 Thurs/7 pm. Tie and Lie West. General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.  
 8-10 Fri-Sun – **Fall Brown Trout Trip** on the Little Red River in Arkansas. (Patti Howell)  
 13 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Raffel's** on Montgomery Rd.  
 20 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting @ Bass Pro.** Members encouraged.  
 21 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

**DECEMBER**

1 Sun – **GLC Fly Tying Expo** in Lansing Michigan (Tony Kalbli)  
 5 Thurs / 7 pm – **Tie and Lie West** General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.  
 11 Wed / 6 pm – **BUFF Monthly Meeting at Raffel's** on Reading Road.  
 18 Wed / 7 pm – **BUFF Directors Meeting @ Bass Pro.**  
 19 Thurs / 7-9 pm – **Tie and Lie East** General fly tying and story telling. At Hardee's in Batavia.

**JANUARY 2003**

**TBD -- Tie and Lie West.** General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.  
 8 Wed/ 6 pm – **BUFF Monthly Meeting at Raffel's** on Reading Rd.  
 15 Wed/ 7 pm – **BUFF Directors Meeting** at Bass Pro.  
 16 – 19 Thurs – Sun – **Hart Show** at Cincinnati Convention Center  
 16 Thurs/ 7-9 pm – **Tie and Lie East** General fly tying and story telling. At Hardee's in Batavia.  
 19 Sun / TBD – **Fly Tying** at Cincinnati Museum Center.  
 25 Sat/ 6 pm – **BUFF Cabin Fever Relief Banquet** at Receptions Conference Center.

**The Audit's Complete!!**

Jayne Uckotter and Lara Kalbli conducted an audit at the October meeting and all is well!! Thanks for the efforts.

**2002 Calendar of Events**

*The **BUFFER** 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 BUFFER** editor.*

**Do you have an article for the BUFFER??**

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**10/2002 B.U.F.F. Financial Report**  
 (rounded to dollar amount)

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$7218</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	
Interest	\$67
Membership	\$340
Monthly Dinner	\$745
Monthly Raffle	\$260
Supplies	\$5
Books sale	\$24
<b>Deposit Total</b>	<b>\$1441</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Lights for Speaker	\$122
Newsletter	\$213
Membership Supplies	\$45
Postage	\$74
Monthly Dinner	\$750
Monthly Raffle	\$248
Club Fliers	\$63
CFRD	\$900
Donations	\$300
Audio System	\$100
<b>Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$2814</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5844</b>
<b>Available Checking</b>	<b>\$4462</b>
<b>Encumbered</b>	
Conservation	\$845
CFRD Pres. Trip	\$535
<b>Petty Cash</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>CD Savings</b>	<b>\$5000</b>

**NOVEMBER MENU**

Chicken Fajitas

Burrito Casserole

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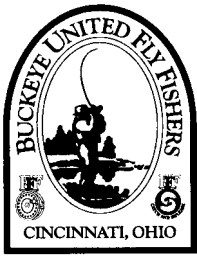
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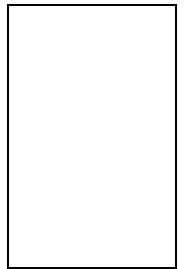


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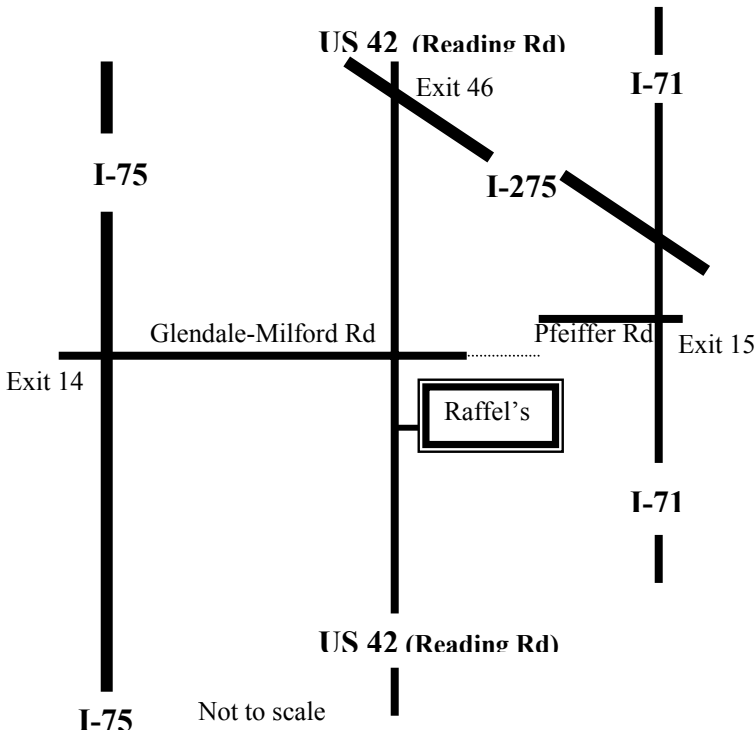


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## Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- November 13

**CALL 732-0735 FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00 / PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW! (SEE THE NOVEMBER MENU ON PAGE 7)**



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