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President's Corner

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As we begin to approach the end of this year, planning for next year has already started. Plans for the 2006 Gr. Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show and the Cabin Fever Relief Banquet are underway. Both are shaping up to be great events! The Board is working on a great calendar of events, including fly fishing education, outreach, dinner meetings, and of course, new and interesting fishing trips. More to come in the upcoming months!

Giving Back - At the October dinner meeting, we announced our plans for a revitalized B.U.F.F. conservation program. We're really excited about this opportunity to give back! A conservation committee has recommended the following approach/guidelines:

- Start with small, manageable steps
- Conservation efforts should remain linked with fly fishing (B.U.F.F. is first and foremost a fly fishing organization)
- Conservation is another way for B.U.F.F. and its membership to give back to society and the environment
- Efforts should be focused in our region
- Promotion of volunteer support will be linked with opportunities to learn and educate
- Explore new waters / techniques / awareness
- Provide environmental activities / information for fly fishers in the region.

Our initial efforts will focus in on the Great Miami River. Everyone who heard Joe Cornwall's inspiring presentation at the last meeting was fired up about the possibilities on the Great Miami River. Joe will organize numerous day fishing trips to the GMR and it's tributaries in 2006. This will provide our members the opportunity to explore a new watershed. It will provide us the opportunity to educate, inform and promote issues related to GMR at the same time. We'll begin to develop links with other conservation-minded GMR organizations, and participate in activities and events such as clean-ups, float trips, etc.

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November Meeting Program

Bob Goldsberry, noted bluegill and bass catcher, and fish-dog trainer, will share his secrets about the fine art of pond fishing. He will explain top water techniques, and share some of the "killer" flies that he has developed over the years. Can you say "Koolaid" or "Blueberry"? Come join us for an evening of pond fishing fun with our own local expert. He may even have some pictures of his fish retrieving dog, Buster!

Find a Good Smallmouth Stream Use Your Computer!!

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This is the first in a series on how to find a local stream that has good smallmouth fishing without leaving your house - by using your computer!

A table of all of the streams in the State of Ohio has been compiled by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, and can be found online at the following site:

www.franklinswcd.org/adobeDoc/GAZETTEER_OF_OHIO_STREAMS.pdf

Go online and bring up the site, read the introduction, and look over the table of data. Among the features of a stream listed in the table are: the stream or lake that it empties into, the county where its mouth is located, the length of the stream, its average fall, and the watershed area.

A good watershed to look at would be the Little Miami, although the Great Miami or any watershed would be as good. The online GAZETTEER has a search feature (the binocular icon in the tool bar) and a search for "little miami" will take you to it. Reading across the table shows that the Little Miami flows into the Ohio River; has a length of 105.5 miles; the elevation at its source is 1137 feet above sea level; and at the mouth is 448 feet above sea level, giving it an average fall of 6.5 feet per mile; and it drains an area of 1757 square miles. Scrolling down shows that the first tributary of the Little Miami is Cluff Creek with a watershed of 8.31 square miles.

The size of the watershed is a good indication of the size of the stream. For instance, O'Bannon creek is a nice small stream with a fair amount of flow, a watershed of 59.1 square miles, and it has a nice smallmouth population. However, if it were much smaller, it probably wouldn't have enough flow to support any smallmouth. So, a rule of thumb would be that any stream with a watershed less than 50 square miles would be too small, and a stream with a watershed much greater than 50 square miles should be fine.

Getting back to the GAZETTEER, Cluff Creek would be much too small for a smallmouth stream. Scrolling further down and examining the column for the size of watershed we come to the East Fork of the Little Miami with a watershed of 499 square miles, obviously a good size stream. The streams in the table following the East Fork are its tributaries, (notice the "Flows Into" column). One of the tributaries is Stonelick Creek with a watershed of 76.8 square feet. That stream would be worth checking out.

By scrolling down the list of streams in the Little Miami watershed, we can identify the ones that may be large enough to support a smallmouth population.

Next month we will look a little more into stream flow, and also the stream gradient.

New Members

Please welcome new members CT Lee, Cincinnati; Show & Ming Lin, Cincinnati; Bruce & Ruth Miller, Maineville; and Mark & Holly Hopes, Covington, Ky, to the club. We all know how anxious we were when we first joined, so go the extra mile at the next club meeting to introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed.

THE EDUCATION CORNER

Lou Haynes

The 2005 BUFF public education program is winding down as winter approaches.

The major education events we participated in during the year include:

- Parky's Farm Kids Fishing Program: in conjunction with the Hamilton County Park District; (fishing with cane poles).
- Kids Fishing Day at Smith Park: in conjunction with the Middletown Parks Department; (fly tying).
- Fly Fishing Classes: in conjunction with the Indian Hills High School Outdoor Activities Program; (fly tying and casting).
- Little Miami River Sweep: in conjunction with the East Fork Watershed Collaborative; (cooking for river clean-up volunteers).
- Nisbet Park Fly Fishing Workshop: in conjunction with Little Miami Inc.: (casting, fly tying, equipment needs and aquatic insects).
- Sycamore Park Fly Fishing Workshop: in conjunction with the Clermont County Parks Department; (casting, fly tying, equipment needs and aquatic insects).
- Great Outdoors Weekend: in conjunction with the Green Acres Foundation; (casting and fly tying).
- Great Miami River Days: in conjunction with the Hamilton Community Foundation; (casting and fly tying).
- Little Miami River Silver Anniversary Celebration: in conjunction with the Sierra Club, the Green Acres Foundation and Little Miami Inc.; (casting and fly tying).

We got lots of positive feedback from participants about our various fly fishing activities, and signed-up a few new members to boot. Kids were particularly excited about catching their first fish at Parky's Farm. They also had a lot of fun tying wooly worms. Even some of the moms had fun tying.

Special thanks go to all of you who volunteered your time to support the club by participating in these activities. Its members like you that make us all proud to be BUFFERS.

HELP WANTED: If anyone out there in BUFF land would like to help with the pre-event planning/organization for next years program please contact me. The primary duties would be to interact with one or more outside organizations in setting a date and defining the event program, then signing-up BUFF volunteers to cover the planned activities. It's a great way to give back to the club, meet new members and learn more about our sport.

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Dr. Jerry Snider has graciously donated another bamboo rod to B.U.F.F. The rod is absolutely beautiful, a true work of art. The rod is a 6'3", 4/5 wt, 2 pc, 2 tip rod with rod sack and aluminum case with polished brass butt/tip caps. Besides handcrafting this beautiful rod, including the components, Jerry made the rod tube as well. It is quite substantial, with very thick aluminum walls and buffed bright brass end caps. It is a larger diameter and quite heavy. The rod tube is based on tubes that were provided with bamboo rods numerous decades ago. We will be selling only 100 raffles tickets @ \$20 each (there are actually only 99 tickets left, I've already purchased mine!!). We will start selling raffle tickets at the November meeting, and will announce the winner at the 2006 Gr. Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. The proceeds will be split between our education (new fly tying video camera) and conservation programs. Many, many thanks to Jerry for his incredible donation.

Well, the weather has definitely turned cooler and wetter. Perfect weather for fly fishing! So I hope you'll find the time to fish, practice your casting, tie some flies or help teach someone how to fly fish. Be safe!

A Guided Trip on the Pere Marquette (PM)

Roger Corrado

A young man approached us as we were sipping a few beers on the back deck of the Barothy lodge, Elkhorn, after a long day trying to find and catch fish. Fishing on the PM was poor as few fish had entered the river and we were wondering where to fish the next day. This young man turned out to be Jed Litwiller from the Indigo Guide service, and he happened to have a day free, the following day, and Patti Howell had suggested he come to the lodge to see if anyone (Joe Guenther) was interested. Feeling good (from the beer) and bad (from the lack of fish) we decided to pump Jed for suggestions and tips on fishing the PM (with no intention of hiring him). After spending about 30 minutes getting all variety of questions answered by Jed I asked him about the equipment he used. He said that he liked to use spey rods. This interested me because I had just bought a spey rod, but didn't know how to use it. Jed, after learning that I had bought one and brought it along, offered to teach me how to use it. Impressed by his generosity and offer of a lesson, I quickly got my rod and Jed spent about 30 more minutes giving me a free lesson.

To make the story shorter, we were all so impressed with Jed that we hired him for the next day. Jed picked us up at the lodge at 6am the next morning and by 6:30 we were on the river. Of course it was pitch black and Jed used a small headlight to navigate down the river. I really enjoyed drifting down the river in the quiet. However, it wasn't long before we realized why we needed to be on the river so early. We saw several other guide boats and it seemed all were trying to get to their preferred fishing spots before someone else got them. Luckily, we were able to get one of Jed's preferred spots, a deep dark hole on the outside bend, just below a very attractive house that overlooked the PM.

Jed quickly rigged up the 14 foot spey rods, but not before the owner of the house came out and welcomed us by throwing us apples to snack on from a tree in his yard – the apples were good. Jed taught us all to cast with the spey rod, which is unique in that the cast is made in front of you and you don't have to worry about catching a tree behind you. After fishing for about 10 minutes I tied into a large male salmon that did some terrific acrobatics and raced up and down the river a couple of times. Excited, I put a little too much pressure on him and he broke off – disappointment city. Jerry Schatzman however saved the day by hooking and catching 2 large female salmon from this hole.

After a while we packed up and headed further down the river stopping at a hole here and/or a redd there. At lunch time we stopped by a long gravel bar and Jed taught us a little about scouting the river and spotting fish before getting in. After getting each of us set in productive looking areas Jed started lunch – wow – he got out his grill and cooked us each a thick pork chop, homemade beans, homemade bread, homemade brownies, and some melon. What a great lunch! Jerry saved the day again and caught a large male salmon – I was getting jealous!

Jed worked hard to ensure we were having fun, learning new fishing techniques, and locating more fish. At the next stop I hooked and caught a nice salmon and Jed adroitly chased the fish down the river and expertly netted it – what a relief and excitement at the same time. Working further down the river we found another productive gravel bed and both Bruce James and I were able to catch some nice salmon. Our day ended as we pulled up to the landing at our lodge and beached the drift boat. I had wondered the day before whether we would get to fish very long, but at the end of 12 hours I had fished about as much as I had wanted and we were just in time for supper. I think Jed would of stayed out longer but we all wanted to see what the caterer was serving and we would be eating that night. Of course we also wanted to do a little drinking and bragging about the fish we caught.

This was my first drift boat guided trip and I was glad I had gone. We had learned some new fishing techniques, hooked and caught fish, had a great lunch, and learned some good fishing spots to fish when we canoed the river two days latter. Would I do it again, yes. However, I would be sure to hire Jed from Indigo guide service as my first choice. Check out Indigo Guide Service 231-898-4320 – another reason is they support our banquet each year by donating a guided trip. Thanks Jed and Indigo

Mad River Habitat Improvement Continues at West Liberty Park

Tom Allen

As many of you are aware, the Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited along with volunteers from area fly fishing clubs have been carrying out in-stream/riparian habitat improvement activities, in cooperation with the Upper Mad River Watershed Group. Recently the most demanding project was completed in the West Liberty Park in cooperation with the West Liberty Lions Club. On the mornings of September 8th through the 10th, the volunteers cabled in 18 logs and placed over 40 tons of cobble and boulders to not only create in-stream habitat but also to address bank erosion issues and overall water quality. Also, involved in the project was the consulting firm Oxbow Stream Restoration, Inc. and owner Steve Phillips, to address the more complex bank stabilization issues and incorporate more elaborate habitat such as "Lunker Structures". The entire project should be completed by the end of September.

The in-stream habitat work will continue through the fall with work planned at St. Rt. 29/296 and St. Rt. 36. If you would like to volunteer your time for this very worthwhile cause there is a workday at St. Rt. 29/296 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and every other weekend until November 24th. November 5th - in-stream habitat improvement and cleanup at St Rt 36; November 19th - complete any projects before winter.

Cabin Fever Relief Banquet 2006 March 4, 2006

Leaves are turning and falling from the trees and it's a great time to be outside. However, come March 4th we will all be ready to "get out of the house". Well, some relief from the cabin fever has already been planned for us! The 2006 BUFF Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at Receptions Conference Center in Fairfield.

The annual banquet is our organization's largest fund raising event of the year. We will once again have Professional Auctioneer, Russel Arey to help us with our live auction and provide some of the best entertainment around. This man is good, he can actually get people to bid on nothing. Last year we had some wonderful items up for auction. I'm sure the banquet committee will once again provide us with a wide variety of items. As a matter of fact, we already have seven guided trips donated, and are expecting more. We will again have the Grand Prize Tables, Early Bird Raffle, Blue & Red Card Raffles, Children's Raffle and of course the General Raffle Tables. In addition, we plan to have silent auctions going on, and maybe some other new ideas. You will be able to purchase banquet tickets at upcoming monthly meetings or by mail starting in December. We will once again this year offer "stocking stuffer tickets" at the meetings. As we stretched the capacity of the Receptions Hall last year for this event, we are going to limit the number of participants to 200 this year – so be sure to get your reservation made as soon as possible.

PRIZE RECRUITMENT: As you know, we urgently need the help and support of all BUFF members to produce an enjoyable and successful banquet. Profits from the banquet help to fund our organizations activities throughout the upcoming year. We are asking all BUFF members to donate a raffle/action item or make a cash donation for the banquet this year. You may bring your donations to the general meetings and either give them to Roger Corrado or Bob Miller. As your gifts are charitable donations be sure to get a receipt and keep it to deduct on your taxes. More details about the banquet will be in the future BUFFER newsletters and on our website shortly. March will be here before you know it!!! Also, check the website to see some of the donations that have already been made.

If you are interested in helping with the banquet this year please contact Roger Corrado and/or Bob Miller as they are the Banquet Co-Chairs for this years event. If you have an idea for a unique raffle/action item feel free to share that with the committee.

Casting For Recovery 2005 OH Retreat

Debbie Hampton

We had beautiful weather, a wonderful facility, and 14 awesome ladies.

I have received so many thank you from the participants, and they said that I should pass that on to everyone who supports the program. I can't list everyone as we just don't have room in the BUFFER, but you know who you are, and I personally want to say THANK YOU as well.

It took a lot of people and a lot of hard work to make this retreat even more successful than last years, but we did it. I can say for certain that the staff had as nice a weekend as the participants -- they were so much fun to be with and learn about their lives.

We got fish on Sunday, and for some, it was the first time ever to do so. I'll be sharing a slide presentation at the next club meeting, and you'll get to see more of the smiles then.

Again, thank you to all those who helped and supported the program we really are making a difference and I hope we can continue to do so.

Calendar of Events

November

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| Nov 3 | Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor |
| Nov 3 - 5 | Little Red River Trip |
| Nov 4 | Advanced Fly Tying Class |
| Nov 9 | BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd. |
| Nov 11 | Advanced Fly Tying Class |
| Nov 16 | BUFF Board Meeting 7-9 pm Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome |
| Nov 17 | Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop |
| Nov 18 | Advanced Fly Tying Class |

December

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| Dec 1 | Tie & Lie West 7-9 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Bass Pro Outdoor |
| Dec 14 | BUFF Monthly Meeting 7-9 pm
Raffel's on Reading Rd.
Social hour 6 pm |
| Dec 15 | Tie & Lie East 6-8 pm General fly
Tying and story telling. Adriens Fly Shop |
| Dec 21 | BUFF Board Meeting 7-9 Church of
Ascension & Holy Trinity,
334 Burns Ave, Wyoming, OH
Members welcome |



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November Menu

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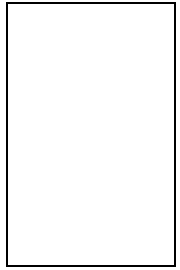
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10/2005 BUFF Financial Report

Beginning Balance	\$12682
Total Receipts	\$1354
Total Disbursements	\$1892
Ending Balance	\$12145
Petty Cash	\$100
Trip Escrow	\$500
CD	\$5154



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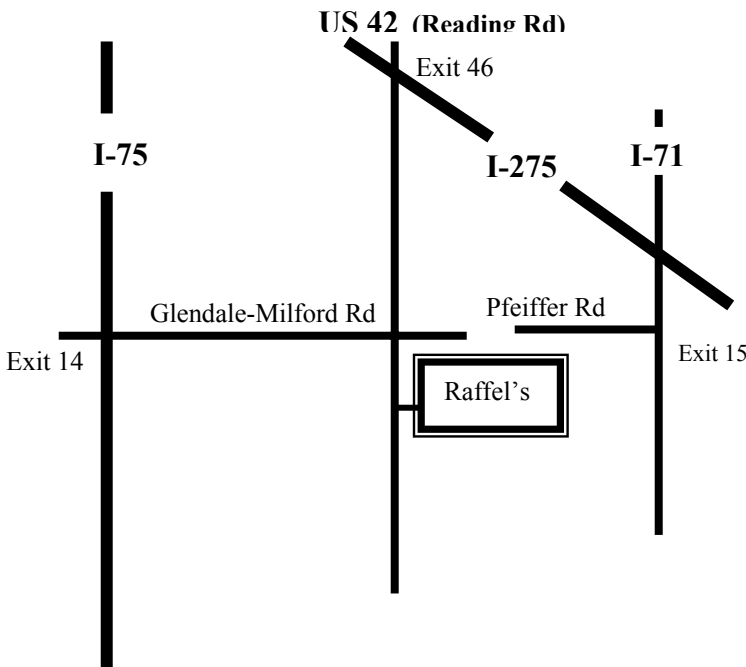
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday – November 9

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