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The President's Fly Box

The leaves have turned colors and it's a good time to go driving in the countryside. While that may be true, in my mind, it is not a great time to go fishing as most flies annoyingly catch leaves. I know that in a few short weeks the leaves will be washed away, and the streams will be clear again. At that point, we will be looking forward to the last BUFF trip of the year – fishing in Steelhead Alley. We have filled one VRBO house and others will join our adventure but will be staying with friends or family. If you are interested in going, please let me know. December will be cold, but fishing should be good. We hope to return with good memories, giant fish stories, and pictures.

As colder weather approaches, consider indulging in a fly tying class. Jim Neckers is holding the beginning fly tying session now at Springdale Community Center. Gary Bagley continues to host his virtual fly tying sessions once a month. Our Fly Fishing Show's keynote speaker, George Daniel, will be hosting three fly tying sessions on the Friday immediately prior to the 2023 Fly Show. And don't forget to check out fly tying at the FFI website. Both the FFI Expo (November 4-6th), as well as the educational section of the website, will be valuable sources of information for you. So, you have plenty of opportunities to learn, improve your skills, and fill your boxes with flies.

This is the time of year when BUFF needs people for the Fly Show, the Banquet, and the Board. Please consider helping wherever you feel most comfortable. Please ask questions and the Board will help you and support you in any endeavor. Your participation is key to BUFF's success.

Now a reminder about our November meeting. Jack Loudin and Rich Stanley will be talking at our November meeting. They are experts at fly fishing in West Virginia. They have documented over 200 trout streams in their state (yes, their book will be on sale at meeting). Now they are working on a book about the great smallmouth fishing in the state. I've heard about great smallie fishing in the New River, so I'm excited to hear from them. Please come and learn about fishing in our neighboring state. Doors open at 6pm. Tech talk at 6:10pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. And, you don't have to buy a dinner if you just want to participate with us at the meeting. So, please join us.

Hugh O'Donnell
BUFF President

BUFF November Meeting – Wednesday, November 9th

Our November 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 starts at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation will start at 7:45 PM.

Please note –we no longer include a Zoom connection when having an in-person presentation.

November Speakers – Jeff Loudin & Rich Staley, “Flyfishing for Small Mouth in West Virginia”

Jack Loudin and Rich Staley are the founders of Go Fish Media, lifetime members of Trout Unlimited and have been fishing the freestone mountain streams of West Virginia for their entire lives. Jack, born and raised in West Virginia, has fished every stream included in their first book “West Virginia: Go Trout Fishing”, and Rich is well on his way to accomplishing this goal as well.

They both love to backpack and fish in the most rugged wilderness areas in the state looking for brookies and wild trout. To those who wish to experience the fine trout fishing offered in the Appalachian

mountains of West Virginia, Jack and Rich are pleased to share their experience as well as their favorite streams.

Go Fish Media's mission is to promote fishing and other outdoor adventures through publication, production, and promotion of outdoor products in the wild and wonderful state of West Virginia and beyond! To accomplish these goals, Jack and Rich combined their vast experience; Jack in his knowledge of fishing, and Rich in his expertise in cartography and technology, and published the first in what is intended to be a series of books. The first, titled “West Virginia: Go Trout Fishing”, is a ‘first of its kind’, 282 page comprehensive guide to the trout waters of every watershed in West Virginia. It provides directions, maps and regulations to help anglers get around in the mountains, locate accommodations, find the type of water you may like to fish, and help you catch more fish using many types of tackle.

A new book, soon to be published covers smallmouth bass fishing in West Virginia. It is titled “West Virginia: Smallmouth Fishing & Kayaking”. They also have plans for other books as well as a specialized product line of fishing gear and other outdoor equipment focused on fishing in the Appalachian Mountains. You can find all of their books and products on-line at www.GoTroutFishing.com.



On-line registration closes on Sunday, November 6th.

If you wish to join us for dinner, the cost is \$20. You do not need to purchase dinner to attend, but please register! If joining us for dinner, please register by the close of on-line registration.

November Dinner Menu – an early Thanksgiving Holiday Celebration

- Chef's Choice Salad
- Sliced Turkey with Stuffing & Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Glazed Carrots
- Dinner Rolls & Butter
- Coffee and Tea
- Chef's Choice Dessert

“Tech Talk” at November Meeting

Starting with last month's meeting, we reinitiated a casual learning opportunity, which we are calling 'tech talks', during the social hour. These are short – 10 minutes – presentations to provide knowledge or learning for fly fishing skills. The October tech talk was about basic knots – knots for putting tippet on a leader, a basic loop knot, and a basic knot for putting your fly on the tippet. Simple stuff, but important!

This month Tom Bachev will talk about 'fishing leaders' from about 6:10 – 6:20. Stop by the table to learn more about leaders, and meet, join in the conversation, and get to meet fellow Buffers. Also, check out the article below which also discusses tippet and leader.

Use the Forum Feature on the BUFF Website!

By Ken Mandel

At our recent Board of Directors meeting, the Board discussed several comments from members regarding attending club meetings, activities, and getting out to fish. A common link among the comments was getting to meetings or finding others to fish with.

The Forum page on the website may be a reasonable approach for these questions. It is an open page where members can post events, questions, or anything related to fly fishing. This may be a great resource for newer members to seek getting out with other club members to fish local waters, and/or find other club members familiar with area waters one is less familiar with. Getting on a local stream with someone else with some experience is a great way to learn where and how to fish that water.

We also have club members who are no longer comfortable driving at night, or live a distance away, but would like to attend our monthly meetings. Using the Forum page to let other club members know the area where you live and seeking whether there are other members nearby who would be willing to share driving may be a good solution.



What is most important is to encourage our members to routinely and frequently open this page on the website. It is a great way to find useful information. **Here is an example** – On 10/22 David French, who maintains close awareness of what is happening on the Brookville Tailwater, posted that the Indiana DNR will stock about 1,500 rainbow trout into the tailwaters on 11/15. The DNR is having hatchery issues, so no rainbows are scheduled for stocking in the spring; however, the DNR will stock brown trout. If one is interested in a late autumn local fishing opportunity, you may want to head to Brookville.

Bottom line – check out the Forum Page on the website and consider using it!

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 really easy, and is done through the BUFF website.

Open the BUFF web page and click on the “Member Services” icon. This area is limited to BUFF members, so you will be asked to login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, you have a series of function icons. Click on “Browse the Library”. This brings up the list of our library books and holdings. There is a GREEN “Reserve It” box on the right of each item. Click that to reserve the book/video. It will be delivered to you at the next club meeting.

This is an easy to use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

Thank You & Congratulations!

By Cari Vota

Thank you to all the women that came to both the Ann Miller pre-meeting presentation, *“Fly Fishing Hacks: Tips and Short Cuts”*, and to our general meeting with Ann as our speaker on Mayflies. We had a great turn out to both. Also, thanks to Reel Fly Rod for their generous support of BUFF and our Women’s Programs.

Women’s Raffle Winners at the October general meeting

- 1st prize: Simms Wading Staff with retractor – Robyn Allgeyer
- 2nd prize: \$100 gift card to Reel Fly Rod – Donna Somers
- 3rd prize: Simms “Taco” wader/boot bag – Prudence Hunt

Fly Fishing Show – Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Save the Date!

Planning for the 2023 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is moving forward. We have commitments from all of our presenters and a schedule for presentations and activities, which is shown below. The line-up of presenters are mostly those who had committed to our 2022 show, which unfortunately had to be cancelled. George Daniel will be our headliner, and we look forward to his presentations and demonstrations. George, who lives in Pennsylvania, is a past champion competitive fly caster. He is an expert in Euro Nymphing and stream fishing tactics. George also guides, is an expert tier, and heads a program of fly fishing classes at Pennsylvania State University. He has authored several books and has numerous videos which can be found online.

	Presentations	Talk Title	Classes	Tying Demos	Casting Demo
10:00	George Daniel	<i>“Streamer Fishing Tactics”</i>			
11:00	Dustan Harley	<i>“How to Fish Like a Pro”</i>	FF101	Kevin Ramsey	Brian Flechsig
12:00	Katie Johnstone	<i>“So You’re Getting Into Fly Fishing--Now What?”</i>		Glenn Weisner	George Daniel
1:00	George Daniel	<i>“Euro Nymphing Essentials”</i>	Women’s Forum		BUFF Instructors
2:00	Canoe Kentucky	<i>“Kentucky Kayaking—Fly Fishing & Sightseeing”</i>		Lance Kekel	
3:00					

Vendors and other exhibitors are reserving booths, so we expect to have an excellent show. **Save the date and plan to attend!**

Fly Tying Clinics with George Daniel – Friday, February 3rd, 2023

If you are a tier, you may want to mark your calendar and consider registering for these clinics on the Friday before the show. George Daniel will lead 3 tying clinics. Each clinic is about 1 ½ - 2 hours. These are hands-on tying clinics, and the flies tied differ for each clinic. Participants should be experienced, and while materials are provided, tiers must have their own vice and tools.



Watch for an e-blast announcing registration. You can register for one, two, or all three clinics. While initial registration is open only to BUFF members, seating is limited and registration opens to the general public after the December BUFF meeting. So..... if you are interested, it is best to register early to be certain of getting a seat!

A Few Things of Possible Interest

By Ken Mandel

How Much Tippet Should I Add On to a Leader?



For those who are new to fly fishing, tippet is the term we use to describe the end of the leader to which we tie the fly. If you are using commercial tapered leaders, usually the final 2 feet are the thinnest section, and this represents the tippet. This is the part of the leader to which we tie the fly on, and as we fish and lose and/or swap out flies, this section becomes shorter and shorter, and in time, we need to add on additional tippet to maintain leader

length, and be able to keep using a functional leader. If one is using say a commercial 4X leader, then the tippet section is size 4X.

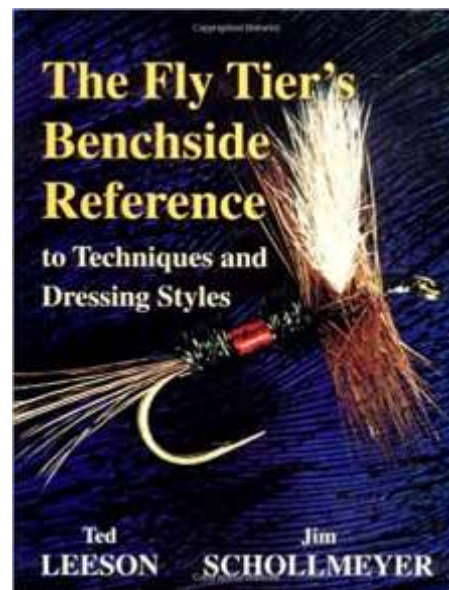
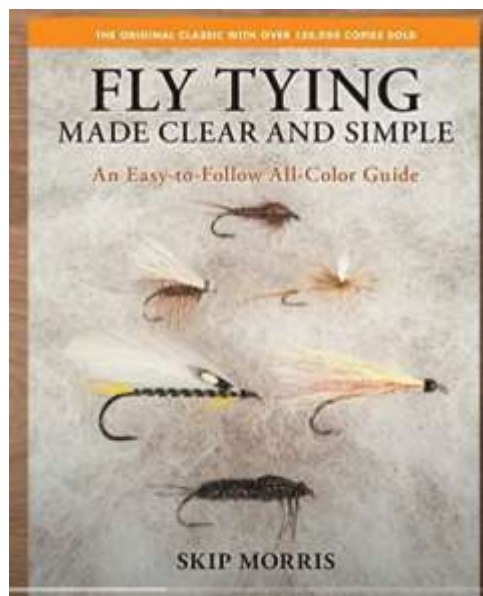
Tom Rosenbauer, from Orvis, recently recorded a short (3+ minute) YouTube video addressing the question stated above. Of course, the answer is, 'it depends'. The type of line, fishing conditions, types of flies, etc., all impact the length of tippet one would have at the end of the leader. Tom's general recommendation is that when adding tippet adding about 2 feet of is a good choice for most conditions,

including nymph, dry fly and streamer fishing. He also discusses factors which affect and alter how much tippet to use. Here's the link to Tom's video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWcC61exwxg>

Since Tom Bachey will be discussing leaders for our 'tech talk' at the November club meeting, a series of YouTube videos by Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters may be of interest. One recent video can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiHUK2B1qCE&t=1344s>. It is almost 30 minutes long and has links to other leader-related presentations, including a couple providing basic learning, one on building your own leaders, and one on leaders for sinking lines.

How About Something on Fly Tying Books?

As we move into fall and winter, most of us stop angling for the season and some of us prepare for the next season by tying flies. Fall is also the time when our club offers its fly tying classes. Brian Flechsig of Mad River Outfitters in Columbus, OH has a YouTube video in which he reviews a couple of fly tying books. One is "Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple" by Skip Morris. This book had been out of print, but is now again available. Brian recommends this as a 'go to' book for beginners or those getting interested in fly tying. Over 150,000 copies of this book have been sold. The second book Brian discusses is "The Fly Tier's Benchside Reference" by Ted Leeson & Jim Schollmeyer. It is more a book on tying techniques than pattern book and is a valuable tool for tyers of all levels.



A Better Way to Store ‘SuperGlue Adhesives

How many of us have bought and opened a bottle of a superglue adhesive, Zap-A-Gap, etc., used it a time or two and then found that the cap has sealed itself to the bottle? Well, here’s a little tip I got from Barry Gummow, one of our members to help the adhesive last a long time. He’s been using a bottle of superglue for about 1 year and it didn’t get covered and didn’t crystallize. It’s as simple as smearing some tying wax on the threads of the superglue bottle and storing the bottle in a jar with a bag of drying agent. A simple trick to reduce the inconveniences that we all know about too well!



The 12 Weeks of Fishmas

Here’s something from our friends at ReelFlyRod.com in the Dayton area. Between now and Christmas, The ReelFlyRod.com shop will be offering special weekly deals for all of our fly-fishing related holiday shopping. Something different every week. So, stretch your holiday budget, find some great gifts for yourself and/or others, and support a local fly shop!

Fishing the Driftless

From: Lisa Morrisette

Earlier this year, one our members, Lisa Morrisette, got to fish “the Driftless”. The Driftless is in the upper Midwest, including areas of Wisconsin, a little of Iowa north and along the Mississippi River, and southeastern Minnesota, all of which was glaciated through the ice age. It has spring fed streams, deep valleys, and rock and soil conditions that provide rich minerals to the water. All of this combine to provide a beautiful and amazing environment and a superb trout fishery. On top of that, many local farms are friendly to fishing, allowing anglers access to the water with marked entry points. ***Looks like a place to plan for a possible club trip !***





North Carolina Trout Trip –

Early October was our fall trout trip to club's trip to Bryson City in North Carolina (eastern side of the Smokie Mountains National Park area). This time the trip included both a men's and women's groups led by Tom Bachey and Cari Vota. Here are some photos and comments.



Sara Briechle, a new club member, doing well on the River!

Tom Burns with a really nice trout !

Patrick Goddard on the upper Nantahala, and some scenery from Tom Britton





Bob Mackay with a trout, Tom Britton on the river, & hanging out at the cabin. Another fellow BUFFER with a trout and an elk herd in the river courtesy of Tom Burns



Lisa Morrisette, Cari, Karen Little, and Sara taking a lunch break on Deep Creek.

Stuart Carlisle sharing his best catch of the trip! *We've all done as well!*





A couple of nice photos of scenery courtesy of Tom Britton

More Photos From the Past Month

The same week as the NC trip, Ken Mandel and Haruko Mizoguchi were in Michigan fishing on the Au Sable River. We stayed at Gate's Au Sable Lodge, which is right on the river a few miles outside of Grayling. The lodge is owned and operated by Josh and Katie Greenberg (Josh is Dolph Greenberg's son.). We fished a couple of days on our own, and two days with excellent guides – Jordan Klemish and Matt Verlack. We'd recommend both for future outings. Water was low, so we drifted the Holy Water section of the main branch on both guide trips and waded sections of the North and Main Branch of the Au Sable on our own. Fishing was challenging – end of season, and wary/wily fish that have seen the multitude of flies since spring! Still, we caught many nice fish and had a very enjoyable time. Haruko even got two nice brookies from the small river deck at the back of the lodge. She nabbed them both while I was still tying a dry-dropper on my own line, but getting happily interrupted to grab the net and play fetch! Here are some photos.



Nice brown that Ken landed.

Haruko caught her largest trout to date (photo – ~18") when we fished with Jordan. She was nymphing with an 11-foot, 3-wt rod, with 7X tippet!



Haruko got her 2 brookies fishing off a small dock which is to the left of the boat, in the dark water in front of the island, which was decorated with Halloween pumpkins.

A couple of our anglers have gotten south to warmer weather this last month. Here's a photo of Tony Kalbi and his son, Stef, fishing the Louisiana Bayou and one of Dolph Greenberg with a redfish on the Savannah River.



Lisa Morrisette sent a few more. Both are from a spring trip. One is of her and Cari Vota in the Smokies, and the others are from Hatchery Creek in KY. I think the crane is waiting to see how Cari does.



Thanks to everyone who sent photos for this month's BUFFER!

If you've been out fishing, please remember to send comments and a photos for the BUFFER !

Upcoming BUFF Activities

Please check the [BUFF Website](#) for availability and details, or contact the trip or activity coordinator. In-person activities are Limited to BUFF Members, and require Registration (online on club Website) and signing the Club's Liability Waiver

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Beginning Fly Tying (Continuing) Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Tuesdays, November 1 st , 15 th & 22 nd 6:30 PM – 9 PM <i>Registration & information on BUFF Website</i>	Jim Neckers
BUFF Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	Wednesday, November 9 th 6 – 8:30 PM	
BUFF BOD Meeting Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Wednesday, November 16 th 6:30 – 8:00 PM	Hugh O'Donnell
Tie-& Lie	Friday, November 18 th 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>Virtual Session – Zoom Link</i>	Gary Begley
Fall Steelhead Trip NE Ohio	Thursday, December 1 st – Sunday, December 4 th <i>Registration & information on BUFF Website</i>	Hugh O'Donnell

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.

