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President's Corner

Dave Uckotter

Make sure you attend the October meeting. It's time to nominate officers and board members for the year 2003. Ballots will be available at the meeting and will be handed out when you pay for your dinner. You will need to nominate people you think would make good board members, and it's important that you take the nominations seriously. There will be incumbents that already fill many positions. This doesn't mean that we won't accept nominations for these positions. You might see that we have a need for a new board position; we will have a write in space for you to nominate some one for that new position to have a seat on the board. On the ballot there will be a space for you to fill out if there is an area that you would be interested in helping out. Get involved and have fun. You don't have to be an "expert" to join in. Your board has new members that have taken the opportunity to join in.

At the Sept. meeting Joe Panfalone said he has had many requests to publish a list of member's names and phone numbers. We are going to put out a list so you can contact your buddies, however, we have to use some discretion. To be included on the list we must have your permission. On the front page of the BUFFER, below the address label, you will find a dotted line to cut with a scissors. Below the address label you will find a couple of lines to be filled out - **only if you request to be added to the phone list. Fill out the information and mail to the address below. We cannot accept phone requests or e-mail requests.**

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Who is Bruce Richards?

Jim LeBlond

Who is Bruce Richards, and why are we so excited that he's the featured speaker at our October general meeting? Perhaps the best way to introduce him is by using the words and quotes from those that know him best: A Quote from Lefty's Preface in the book "Modern Fly Lines" written by Bruce Richards - Lefty says: "No one in the world, and I mean that literally, is better qualified to write a book about fly lines than Bruce Richards. Bruce has been involved for many years in making fly lines at Scientific Anglers, the world's largest fly-line manufacturer. He is a superb caster and professional casting instructor. He has a thorough understanding of how fly lines should cast and has broad fishing experience in both salt and freshwater" Bernard "Lefty" Kreh, Hunt Valley, Maryland

Bruce Richards has been with Scientific Anglers 3M since 1976. He has worked a variety of jobs from production and office supervision, to international sales and tech service. Currently his main job responsibilities include new product development and process improvement. Bruce has been part of Scientific Anglers (SA) lab operation for some time and is responsible for fly line taper design. Bruce invented SA's AST (Advanced Shooting Technology), the slick formulation in SA's Mastery floating fly lines and the new

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October Meeting Program

We've brought in Bruce and Suzanne Richards for our October Meeting. This is a spectacular opportunity to learn more about fly casting and fly lines from some of the best in the business. We're going to try to start the show as early as possible, so try to arrive at around 6:15 PM if you can. Seating is limited, and the program will be held outdoors, so pray for good weather. We're also struggling with to find a way to light up the field next to Raffles, so if you can please bring a work light on a stand and extension cords, we just might need them. If you have any other suggestions, please contact Jim LeBlond at 561-8957. Thanks for your help. Look forward to seeing you there!

Adventures From the Reel World

UTE TRAIL RIVER RANCH

Sam Williams

At last year's Buckeye Fly Fishers Conference and Banquet my wife Sharon and I bid on and won the fishing trip to Ute Trail River Ranch in Lake George, Colorado. Deb Baxter and Jim Fagerstrom are the proprietors and are delightful hosts. Jim is a Gourmet cook and his breakfasts and dinners are real "belt busters". Before we left I was wishing for bigger jeans or "clothes extensions".

When we initially contacted the Ranch about scheduling our trip I talked with Deb and she immediately made me feel comfortable about shelling out almost \$500 for a trip to a place we had never been. In person, she's just as honest and genuine as she was on the phone.

Deb's done a great job of the decorating the restored miner's cabins we stayed in, while Jim has really put in the time and effort to make them up to date while still looking 140 years old. Our cabin had log framed beds made by Jim. (This guy's awesome!)

Colorado has been hit hard with fires and this year they're dealing with a drought that has many streams and lakes at record low levels, or dry. For the Ranch/Lodge owners, fly shops, and guides this is devastating. Many people have cancelled reservations leaving these High

Country entrepreneurs hurting financially. One fly shop owner I talked to said they had to evacuate their building with no more than a minute's notice. All they could take was what they could pick up as they were walking out. They didn't get back to their shop for 8 weeks.

The Tarryall River was dry when we were there so Jim suggested we go to Eleven-Mile Canyon one day and the Dream Stream the next. Good advice and well taken. The fish were there and we were there, but we didn't "hook up". A really humbling experience for both of us, but this being our second time out for trout, I didn't mind. Besides, I was in what has to be one of the most beautiful places in Colorado.

We have no regrets about not catching fish, in fact, we're already talking about going back next year. The Tarryall River still has fish in it thanks to the beavers, and my new favorite dessert is at the Ute Trail River Ranch, "Nana's Pie." I highly recommend it.

You can reach me (Sam Williams, Bloomington, IN) at 812-824-7961 for more information about this wonderful lodge in the wilds of Colorado. ♦

UPCOMING TRIP

Nantahala River – 11-13 October
Contact
John Doscher 459-7689
Or
Wayne Fisher 923-4408

Bruce Richards...Continued from page 1, col.2

Ultra 4 fly lines. You have got to see these lines in action to believe them!

Bruce has taught, and run fly-fishing schools for many years and is a charter member of the Board of Governors for the Federation of Fly Fishers casting instruction certification program. This board developed and administers the program that certifies fly casting instructors. He is recognized as being one of the top fly casting instructors in the world. Bruce is an experienced world angler having fly fished both fresh and saltwater extensively. His travels have taken him to Europe, Scandinavia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Central America and most American states.

Bruce's knowledge of fly-fishing, casting, fly line materials and the line manufacturing process is a valuable combination. He is the author of "Modern Fly Lines" and is currently working on a fly casting book due out in 2003.

Find an article about Suzanne Richards on page 6



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All requests must be received by **November 16, 2002**. We have a deadline with our printer, so if you are late, you will have to wait until 2003, to be added to the list.

Mail your request to:

Joe Panfalone
7181 Tarragon Ct.
Hamilton Ohio, 45011. ♦

THE CAST

Tony Kalbli

To have a sensible, orderly discussion of casting, I think it best to start with the basic elements of the cast and explore each element in detail. However, first we will discuss style vs. essentials of fly casting.

The style of casting varies from one caster to another. It is, for example, what type of grip one might employ. Some use a "thumb-on-top" grip, others might use the "index-finger-on-top" grip, while a "V" grip might work better for others. Some casters hold the rod handle low, others near the top, and some in-between. Some casters cast the rod in a nearly vertical (0 degrees), plane while others use a casting stroke with the rod held at various angles between 0 degrees and 90 degrees+ (sidearm). Stance is another issue where styles vary. Some of us lead with the opposite foot, while others might follow the Joan Wulff model of a more or less square stance. Some of us use little or no body "rocking" motion when casting, others move their bodies back and forth in

time with their casting stroke. These various activities of casting are "style". When it comes to style, one is not right and the other wrong. What is "right" is what works smoothly, effortlessly, and comfortable for you. If it works for you, it is your style and it is good.

On the other hand, there are the "essentials" of fly casting. These are concepts or principles that the preponderance of "expert" fly casters accept as inviolable "must" dos in order to produce good casts with clean, tight loops.

There are 5 essentials that you must know and understand in order to become a very good caster. However, before we delve into these essentials in detail we must understand what makes up the "basic cast". This will be my topic next month. Send your questions on casting to me at Kalblial@one.net. Until then, "Tight lines and tight loops". ♦

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West Virginia in September

Phil Pursley

Roy Matthews and I planned on going on BUFF's New River Smallmouth Trip back in early June. Due to a schedule conflict we had to postpone our trip until September. Roy got his motorhome all set to go and we pulled out of Cincinnati early on Labor Day. We had an easy drive down the AA Highway and I-64 to Daniels West Virginia which allowed us to pull into the Twin Rivers Outfitters business by mid afternoon. Sam and Martha welcomed us and then the stories began. It was obvious that they both enjoy having BUFF members come to this beautiful part of the country. We were treated so nice by everyone all during our trip.

Sam soon had to go to the river to pick up two fishermen and his guide who had been on a full day float trip. Once Sam returned to the business with everyone and his so called "Supper Boat", Roy suggested that I go check out the craft that I was going to be riding down the river in for the next two days. It was big, it was roomy inside, and it had a great seat that was really comfortable. I could hardly wait for the next morning.

On Tuesday I didn't even need the alarm clock to get me up. Roy and I gulped down our breakfast, grabbed our gear, and headed for the Chevy Suburban that Sam would use to deliver us, and the "Super Boat", to the New River. We were in the boat and floating down the river before 7:00 a.m.. We fished for two and a half hours before boating the first fish. We continued to fish, and Roy caught a couple of more fish before we stopped to eat a lunch that Martha had packed for us. I could tell that Roy was feeling bad that I had not caught a fish all morning. When we got back in the boat for the afternoon part of the trip I decided to tie on a Clouser Minnow. That seemed to do the trick for me. I was able to fish the Clouser across the current in such a way that it was attracting fish. Roy and I both caught fish in the afternoon. We got our count up to about ten.

All the while Roy was cooking dinner for us, I was thinking about the next day of fishing and how I would abandon the top water bait early and go to my new friend the Clouser Minnow. The dishes were done and we turned in early after a long day on the river.

The next morning it took both the alarm and a loud wake up call from Roy to get me up for the day of fishing. We were on the river by 7:00 a.m., again. This time our guide rowed us to the far side of the river and suggested that we start the day off with the usual popper. White or chartreuse were

the preferred colors. Roy caught a nice smallmouth on his second cast. Soon he had another. Next, I lost two fish due to too small of a fly and one because of a poor knot that I had tied on my line. The fog stayed with us for quite a while and we kept on catching nice sized fish. Roy and I were even up on fish for the day - but who's counting. The friendly fog and a storm front allowed us to stay with our top water baits until about 1:00 p.m.. Who needs a Clouser anyway? We each caught some 15 inch long fish that really gave us a battle. By the end of the day, we had boated 50+ fish. This successful day made our trip back to Cincinnati a lot easier than it would have been with another day of slow fishing. The bigger commitment of two days of fishing was what really helped to make our trip a success. The really good second day made up for our modest first day.

There's another reason that I enjoyed the trip. Roy has been a friend for many years. It was fun to be with him and learn about his family, his travels, and his time in the army during World War II. He is one of those veterans that we all need to thank for making this world a better place. Thanks Roy for all you have done for me and for our country.

You may want to watch for Twin Rivers Outfitters on the channel ESPN 2 in October. Sam did a show with the retired football player, Jack Youngblood. I'm sure looking forward to seeing the program. ♦



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A Vacation Trip to fish four of Trout Unlimited's Top 100 Trout Streams in America.

SAM WEST

Late August found me on a novice fly fisherman's quest to experience the lure of high caliber trout fishing. What I found was interesting indeed. Having a limited amount of time, as most of us do, I created a circle trip for my vacation that would not require a passport, nor put me in debt for the next 30 years, each stop to be within a day's drive, and give me some other vacation diversions. Driving was my main mode of transportation. Deciding upon the rivers, the Blue Ridge Parkway in VA and NC became the backbone of the twelve day trip. My pretty, fly fishing, environmentalist girlfriend accompanied me.

Leaving from Lexington, KY, we drove through W.VA. to Warm Springs, VA and the Jackson River. Wonderful scenic country was enjoyed everywhere we went. Staying at the Meadow Lane Lodge, mostly because of it's 1600 acres and 2.5 miles of stream access on the property, and a comfortable room and breakfast. The Jackson has limited access because of

private ownership of the lands that the stream passes through. It is a truly graceful stream with plenty of visible trout. The water was low and clear due to the drought. We caught some small fish including rock bass, sunfish, and rainbow trout. I pestered a 20" rainbow several times to no avail. I pondered my lures carefully, sneaked around like a high school boy trying to get a peek at his favorite cheerleader, but the big 'bow seemed to know all the tricks. I later found out that he was a legend on the farm because of his reluctance to be caught. Frustrated, I pondered more severe bait such as M-80s, seine nets, electrical shock, etc., but dismissed them as not being "pure" enough to the sport. (smile here) Wonderful river and I recommend it highly.

Our next destination found us in Martinsville and Bassett, VA for the Smith River tailwaters from Philpot Lake. A beautiful, clear, and extremely cold stream, I only had scheduled one day for this river and we fished it hard, but no luck. I was later told that the best time was at the spring stocking when it was shoulder to shoulder fishing. There are large fish in the stream, but it takes a lot of time to find and fish them. Some areas of the Smith were very nice, but in the stretch through town it was depressing because of the trash and junk in the river and along the banks. Take

neoprene or heavy thermals due to the 55F water. It gets cold quickly in shorts and breathable summer waders. Fish this river only during spring or if you really have some time and want a real challenge to prove your skill. We had neither and moved on.

The next, and probably my favorite, was just outside of Brevard, NC, the Davidson River. Friendly, wade-able, many fish present of various sizes. We did well with midges, especially near dark as the hatch rose mystically from the water. There was more excitement as the smaller trout jumped in arcs to catch the risers. The fish range in size from 8" to 20"+. Rainbows, browns and brooks are raised at a large hatchery on the river and is a nice place to visit. This is a pleasant place for the whole family. I did not take any midges but found some at the local outfitter, then had to go to the local Wal-mart to get higher power reading glasses to tie them on. The dang things were so small, size 24/26, I had trouble seeing and tying them to the tippet. So I made some floater/dropper rigs on a 7x tippet in the room before heading out so that I just had to tie the tippet to the leader on the stream. I tend to give up a lot of flies to the trees, rocks, etc., especially with the thin tippet.

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Finally ending up at the Nantahala River just outside of Bryson City, NC we were tired and needing some relaxation from our journey. The cabin had a hot tub on the porch and was more inviting than fishing the cool stream for the first day. The second day found soaking showers and we fished some under an overcast canopy. We had no luck in our sparse time available. The last day found plenty of sunshine, so we went on a rafting trip. I saw plenty of trout, browns mostly, that day and scoped the banks for good fishing spots and found my previous day's location mistakes. Ironically, the trout did not seem to mind the bank to bank, multicolored, rafts, and went about playing in the eddies. The generating plant was operating around the clock to drain down the feeder lake above for some maintenance work on the dam. Our visit to the lake showed it down about 50-60 feet from high level marks and their goal is to be down to minus 100 feet before they shut the water off. I imagine that fishing would be good there in a few weeks right after the water is shut off resulting in improved access and no boaters, and showing all the deeper holes, but might cause the fish to become very wary after a time. Wading anywhere during our stay

would have been difficult except in various shallow areas. It was, however, the best rafting water I had ever seen on the Nanny. Having rafted on it for about 15 years now, never fished it, but now see this beautiful stream in a very different light. A newspaper article in the NOC shop showed a 31" record brown taken from this river by a, (purists don't read any further), spin bait fisherman this past spring. The BUFF group did well on it this past spring also. I saw several fly and spin fishermen on the sunny day that I rafted but saw no one on the rainy day that I fished, maybe a lesson there. This area is great for the whole family with a wide variety of things to do. And there are plenty of other streams, like Snowbird, available nearby if you want other challenges.

As the car nosed northward, we passed over another top 100 stream, the Clinch River tailwaters near Lake City, TN, but had to move on. Another day, another trip, we will be back. ♦

Suzanne Richards

Jim LeBlond

Suzanne (Suz) F. Richards is relatively new to the fly-fishing industry as a manufacturer's representative, but not to fishing and fly-fishing. Raised with 4 brothers and a father who love to fish, Suz learned to fish at an early age. Her early fishing experience was mostly saltwater with conventional gear. She started fly fishing about 17 years ago and now fishes primarily with fly tackle. She fishes Michigan and Montana regularly and has spent a lot of time fishing in the Bahamas and Belize.

In Suz 1999 to start her own business in fishing tackle sales. Suz currently represents fishing tackle companies including Scientific Anglers/3M, Gamakatsu Fly Hooks and Bite Outdoor Footwear. Her territory includes the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky. Suz served on the Board of the Leon P. Martuch Chapter, Trout Unlimited and is a current member of the American Fly Fishing Trade Association (AFFTA).

UPCOMING TRIP

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ITS TIME TO AUDIT THE BOOKS!

Anyone wishing to assist in this task at the October meeting.

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Or
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Sign-In Table

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.

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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. Election of officers, board of directors, Fly Fisher of the Year.

18 Wed / 7 pm – **BUFF Directors Meeting.**

Members encouraged to attend.

18 Thurs / 7-9 pm – **Tie and Lie West** General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center

OCTOBER

3 Thurs / 7pm - **Tie and Lie West.** General fly tying and story telling. Springdale Community Center.

4,11,18,25 Fri/7-9 pm - **Advanced Fly Tying Class.** Learn tying techniques for dry, wet and streamers. Prerequisite: Beginner's class or equivalent. Madeira Municipal Bldg.

9 Wed / 6pm - **BUFF Monthly Meeting @ Raffel's** on Montgomery Rd. Nominations for officers,directors and Fly Fisher of the Year.

11-13 Fri-Sun - **Nantahala River Trout Trip** (John Doscher & Wayne Fisher)

16 Wed / 7pm - **BUFF Director's Meeting**

Members encouraged to attend.

17 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

OCTOBER MENU

Baked White Fish in a
Lemon Herb Butter

Hot Sliced Roast Beef in
Gravy

Twice Baked Potatoes

Seasoned Green Beans

Tossed Salad with
Dressings

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Fruit Pies

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.

TBD -- **BUFF Calendar Meeting** (Dave Uckotter)

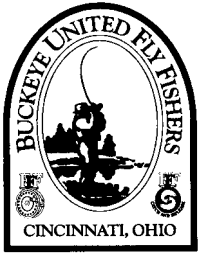
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Members encouraged to attend.

21 Thurs / 7-9pm - **Lie and Tie East** at Hardee's in Batavia. General fly tying and story telling.

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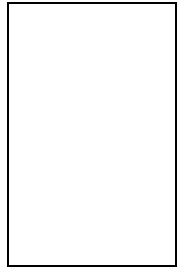


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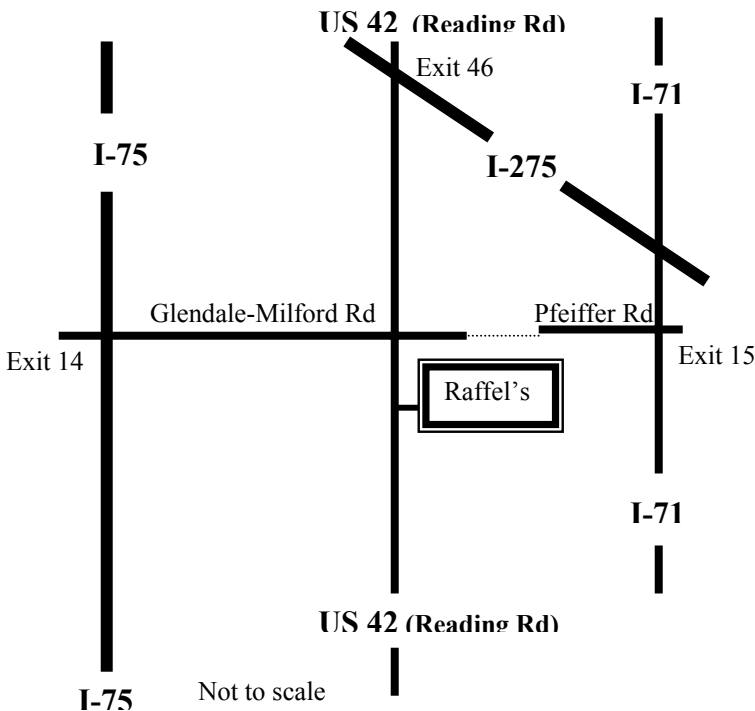
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