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President's Corner

Mike Bryant (mjbryant@email.com)

For those of you who missed the September meeting, you missed a great evening. Our special guest speaker, Jack Gartside put on a fly tying seminar before dinner and provided a humorous and educational presentation on fly fishing for stripers in Boston Harbor. While most of us in the Midwest spend the majority of our time fly fishing for freshwater fish, there's an exciting and different world of saltwater fly fishing out there. Jack's presentation provided us a glimpse of that world. It would be fun to have Jack come back to one of our Fly Fishing Shows or to provide an all day fly tying seminar.

Having Fun – The presentation at the October meeting will highlight fly fishing a little closer to home. Brian Barnard, a guide for smallmouth on the Elkhorn will provide an interesting and informative presentation. Make sure to make your reservations via the phone or website. And at the November meeting, Glenn Weisner and Wayne Sampson from Glenn River Fly Co. will provide a fly tying demonstration on flies to catch trout and bass. Also in November, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers will conduct their annual fundraising Banquet. This year the Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 1. The N.K.F.F. folks always do a top-notch job with their banquets, so consider attending if you can.

Education – At the September meeting, we awarded certificates to the members who successfully completed the B.U.F.F. Certified Fly Casting Instructor Course, as well as members who successfully completed the Beginner's Casting Course (first course taught using a standard curriculum and certified instructors). By all accounts, the classes were very successful. As I discussed at the September meeting, I see the casting courses as an important new capability that our club now offers. In fact, if we can find a large indoor facility that we could use for three Sunday afternoons (or other weekly times), we will plan to conduct a winter beginner's course. So if you know of a place with a large area and high ceilings that we could use, please let me know.

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October Meeting Program

Brian Barnard, a guide with Delamere & Hopkins in Hyde Park, will present a program on **Fly Fishing the Elkhorn River**. The Elkhorn is one of Kentucky's best Smallmouth streams and is only a 2 hour drive from Cincinnati. Brian will discuss fly selection as well as tips and techniques to use on the "Horn". He will also show some beautiful pictures of hard fighting bronzebacks and lovely scenery. If you like to fish for Smallmouth, you won't want to miss this program!!

Adventures From the Reel World

Fishing the Green River in Utah, Sept 2, 2003

Sam West

“Re-cast about five feet further out Sam, just into that seam between the flat and fast water” came the polite command from Harold Egbert, our veteran fishing guide on Utah’s fabled Green River. My fishing buddy, Lynn Cruz and I were fishing with him on his well worn, but worthy, Dory in the tailwaters of Flaming Gorge Reservoir in northeast Utah. We were continuing our quest to fish the top 100 Trout Streams of America.

The reservoir begins a good ways up in Wyoming and ends just inside Utah where the dam is located. Below the dam, where we are, is a beautiful canyon of red wall sandstone, Ponderosa pines, and some type of lime colored shrub that smells of a cross between lemons and sage. The canyon walls rising for several hundred feet above us revealed the layers of sediment build up from the millennia on the bottom of some forgotten ancient sea before the earth saw fit to lift it to the present 4000 feet or so altitude.

Without questioning the guide’s command, I combined a line strip with a lift of the rod, and the light green fly line lifted from the water carrying the slightly visible monofilament leader and the almost invisible nymphs that were attached. Harold had set us up with a size 18 bead head nymph with a size 22 pale morning dun nymph dropper about a foot behind. With about 12 feet of leader and tippet beyond the fly line and a strike indicator fastened to allow 10 feet of clear line, the casting was a bit trickier than I had experienced before. Using an 8 foot 6 inch - 6 weight rod, there was more high sticking required than with a leader-tippet combination that matched the rod length. A self imposed rule that I had never broken before this day. Well, what is the rule about rules?

The fly line, leader and attachments sailed over my head on the backcast, then returned again on the forward cast rolling out the line and attachments to the commanded location on the water. My eyes remained focused on the assemblage as we quietly drifted along with the current for a few feet. As if Harold had already choreographed it, my strike indicator moved slightly, triggering an almost instinctive and much practiced hook set. The yet unseen fish went deep at first, then a run to deeper water in front of the boat, then out of the water in a white froth a few times to show his indignation to this unseen assailant who was holding him hostage. After a few minutes of struggle, the 18 inch brown trout was subdued in a fish friendly rubberized net that Harold set out for him. His quick fingers quickly worked to remove the hook without ever touching the fish, then reverently returning the finned creature to the crystal clear stream. So went our day as we drifted down the seven mile stretch between the dam and Little Hole takeout.

Little Hole was named by the famed explorer, John Wesley Powell, meaning an opening in the confining vertical canyon walls that spreads out into flatter fields on either side of the stream before rising again against the surrounding walls of the canyon. Powell and his men began their trip shortly after the Civil War further up on the Green River in Wyoming during their expedition of the Green and Colorado rivers that would end well below the Grand Canyon in Arizona .

In the never ending quest for water resources and electrical power for the southwest a series of dams were built along the length of the Colorado river and this one on the Green River in the mid 1900’s. Impounding the water provided the deep cold water that trout need to survive. As the Green flows away from the dam, it begins to warm and becomes unsuitable for trout habitation about 20 miles downstream where it crosses over into the State of Colorado and becomes a warm water species fishery only. When the trout were first stocked in this area, the fish count quickly ran up to about 22,000 fish per river mile. It is now estimated to be 9,000 to 13,000 fish per river mile and has the reputation of having the highest trout population per mile of any stream in America. Even though it has a high population of fish, they are not that easy to catch. The fish are pretty savvy to the occasional angler and finicky about their diet.

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Giving Back – In October, we have several important planning meetings to conduct. The Banquet planning meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5 (Patti Howell, 683-7138), the initial Advertising / Promotion Committee (Fly Fishing Show) meeting time TBD (Lou Haynes 777-4854) and the 2005 Calendar Planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 22 (Mike Bryant, 697-9576). If you are interested in giving back and becoming involved in the upcoming club events, please call any of the leaders listed above. A little help from everyone will go a long way towards continuing to build and sustain our club's capability.

Administrative Stuff – For the most part, we have been pleased with the quality of the food served at the monthly meetings. Our goal is to breakeven on the cost of dinners - we're not trying to make money, but we do not want to lose money either. But in the past year, we have continued to spend more money than what we have received for dinners. Raffel's charges us by the plate. In other words, if Raffel's counts 70 plates used at our dinner meeting, we pay \$700 (\$10 / plate X 70 plates). Last month, we were \$80 short. I need for everyone to understand that your \$10 dinner payment entitles you a full meal, but reasonably limited to one plate. I would appreciate everyone respecting this request.

See you at the October meeting. As always, if you have a question or comment, please feel free to contact me. Until then, try to find time to go fishing, enjoy nature, count your blessings and be safe.

Fishing the Green River – Continued from page 2

We had arrived the day before, so we walked down the cliff trail to transcend the 200 foot vertical elevation change from the parking lot to the river. We wanted to wade fish and get a flavor of the river before going down in a boat with Harold the following day. Of course, I began fishing with a burgundy San Juan worm, the go-to fly when you are scoping out a new river. Smugly, I cast into the front of a large hole that must be filled with fat trout. Nothing happened, again nothing, and nothing again. Changed to a bead head pheasant tail nymph, this brought a change to another and yet another pattern - still nothing. So where are all these trout I had heard about? I started to wonder. I had seen a couple of small ones through my polarized glasses, but no "walk across the water on the backs of trout" kind that the stream was touted as having. I waded out into the shallow water just above the pool and began a "San Juan Shuffle" in the loose stones while watching the pool's front edge. There they rose, about 30 browns, cut-bows, and rainbows, from the black protective cover of the pool into an all out feeding frenzy on the live insects being loosed from the rocky floor. There would be no "easy" catches of these fish without doing some homework, and a respectful and fastidious study of the insects that lived in the river and what was "hatching" today. Lynn yelled that she had a fish on, so I overcame my deliberations and went to find her with a nice 14" brown trout taken on a Prince nymph. I was pleased for her, but a little embarrassed at my naivete' and failure to take my own fish that day.

Lynn happy with her catch, and I dejected with no catch, walked up the river edge toward the parking lot trail, one of the other fishermen hailed us to come over and look at his catch. A friendly, chatty fellow showed us a 16" rainbow that he had just caught on a size 24 midge that he called "Andy's Candy". In talking more, we found him to be Andy Kim, a guide down on the San Juan river in New Mexico. He had done some television shows and written magazine articles about trout fishing. In showing us his favorite fly box, it was filled with the same type of fly pattern, small, -in the 18 to 26 size range and appeared to be variances of the tricos family of flies, both dry and wet, about the size of large gnats or mosquitoes. These patterns have always filled me with apprehension because of my large fingers and an onsetting need for more powerful reading glasses. Tying these things on a line becomes an act of frustration without helpful forceps and magnifier glasses. Andy continued to demonstrate the effectiveness of his choice of flies as he continued to get strike after strike. I did not imagine that this type of fly would be tied on my line the very next morning.

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Electronic Buffer

Mike Bryant

Hopefully, most of you with email addresses have noticed something in your inbox over the last few months. We have started to send out The Buffer electronically in addition to the regular hardcopy mailed to your place of residence. For those of you who haven't tried to receive The Buffer electronically, it's easy and straightforward. You simply click on the link provided in the email message. It's easy to print out and read, just as you would the mailed copy.

Why are we providing this service? Quite simply to save money. Publishing and distributing the Buffer each month is one of the club's largest expenditures (over \$3000 per year). Our long term goal is to save a substantial amount of money by having a significant portion of our membership voluntarily switch from the current paper copy (mailed to every member) to the electronic form. Money saved can be used in a variety of ways to enhance the capabilities of our club (speakers, additional education programs, conservation efforts, etc.).

Again, this is a totally voluntary effort. The Buffer and website are critical communication tools for our club. Not everyone has access to the Internet and email. We will continue to mail a hardcopy of The Buffer to those who desire it. But if you are willing receive The Buffer electronically, you will be helping the club be more efficient with our limited funds and in an easy, but important way give back.

We will have voluntary signup sheets starting at the October meeting or you can send an email to Dave Jones (jones.a.d.r@worldnet.att.net). Please try to electronic version this month and consider helping your club in this important cost savings opportunity.

Sneak Preview

Mike Bryant

Make sure to mark your calendars for November Meeting! Our guest speakers, **Glenn Weisner** and **Wayne Sampson** from Glenn River Fly Co., will provide a fly tying demonstration for trout and bass flies. Both Glenn and Wayne are gifted fly tiers and are dedicated to the sport of fly fishing. Their presentation is guaranteed to be informative and entertaining. Over the past several years, many of us have had the privilege of learning new flies and techniques from Glenn and Wayne. They have been friends of B.U.F.F. for several years, exhibiting at our Fly Fishing Shows, providing presentations and tying demo's, and making donations to our banquet. So, mark your calendars for November 12 and come prepared to learn something new.

Membership Message

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As we move to providing the "BUFFER" on line to the membership, we need to have correct email addresses. If you change your email address, please remember to email me using the new address. Currently we have email addresses for 60% of the members. If they elected to get the "BUFFER" online, it would translate into a nice savings for the club. Email me if you are willing to get your "BUFFER" from the website. You will be sent an email when the "BUFFER" is ready.

Polarized sunglasses explained

(FFF Clubwire)

Outdoors, light, the radiant energy from the sun, stimulates the retinas of our eyes. Our brains translate the visual sensations of light brought to it by the optical nerve. Two kinds of light, ultraviolet (UV) and infrared (IR), can't be detected by the human eye but are present in large quantities in the light spectrum. Both can damage our retinas (eyes) unless a proper filtering lens is used. Also, there is a shorter-wave blue light which the human eye focuses imperfectly. It causes "blueblur" which in time can damage the retina. The effects of blue light are intensified by haze, fog, rain and snow.

Proper sunglasses should improve vision in a wide variety of light conditions, as well as protect from UV and IR rays, glare, and blue light. Polarized lenses block glare and help us follow a tiny dry fly down a riffle through hundreds of wavelets reflecting sunlight back at us., good polarizing screen in our sunglasses help us see that tiny fly.

What is a polarizing screen? The polarizing screen is a special film encased (sandwiched) between layers of optical glass or plastic lenses. Before sandwiching, this film is stretched and dipped in an iodine solution. As the film stretches, microscopic ridges within the film elongate, allowing them to absorb iodine in a series of very closely spaced ridges, making them "polarized." The lines are something like the very narrow banded and closely spaced Venetian blinds.

Trouble occurs when cheap plastic lenses have open spots where the ridges didn't hang together during stretching and sandwiching. The better, harder, plastics and optical glass don't. Glass, with the sandwiched film, is the best and most durable, but hard plastics now dominate the market. Much of it is a carbonate. CR-39 provides lenses with up to 99% effectiveness in blocking UV and IR rays; they're often advertised as 100% effective. Cheap plastics offer only slightly more than 50%. The good stuff can cost to \$100-plus, but you can pay a lot more for fishing gear, and even more for travel and lodging. Your trip could be all but ruined if you couldn't see fish or fly due to cheapies.

Polarized sun glasses that you might use for fly fishing come in a variety of tints. Tints filter out light wavelengths that may be undesirable or generally reduce the intensity of light in very bright settings. It should be apparent from the following discussion of tints that no single pair of sunglasses are adequate for all your fishing needs. Available tints include:

YELLOW/AMBER is a very high contrast tint with considerable color shift. As such it changes the colors your eyes see by a considerable degree. It filters the most blue light and increases contrast and is thus an excellent choice for sight-fishing in overcast, flat or low-light situations in fresh water.

MEDIUM/DARK GRAY reduces the maximum amount of visible light and is the best choice for sensitive eyes and extremely bright fishing settings. . Gray allows for full and true color transmission and therefore all colors are reduced to the same degree. Saltwater fishing offshore might be such a situation.

LIGHT BROWN offers the greatest amount of visible light transmission, allowing for the glare-reduction and protection of polarization in very low light and making it an ideal tint for early morning, late evening or any low light condition. This is a favorite among anglers who fish evening hatches and in the winter. Light brown is also very effective on saltwater flats at sunset.

MEDIUM BROWN is a good choice for an all-around tint for fresh and salt water fly fishing. Medium brown improves contrast while retaining most colors, except unwanted blue light.

DARK BROWN: A great tint for very sensitive eyes; ideal for high contrast bright conditions - the white sandy flats of Christmas Island, for example.

VERMILLION OR COPPER tints heighten visual acuity, increase contrast, enhance colors, and are extremely soothing to the eye and comfortable to wear over long periods of time. Ideal all around average light tints for both fresh and salt water.

In high-quality glass lenses, the tint is contained in the film and doesn't change during prescription grinding. Plastic lenses are dipped into a hot dye and the pigment is then absorbed into the plastic. In time, UV rays can bleach and fade tints. In the case of prescription plastic lenses, the prescription adjustments are done first, then the lens is dipped in the dye, to eliminate any variation in the tint. Happy choosing to you.

Fall Brown Trout Trip 2003

November 6, 7 & 8

Patti Howell

So far fourteen people have signed-up for our trip to the Little Red River in Heber Springs, Arkansas, for some “world-class” fishing. The river and Greers Ferry Lake both hold world records for German brown trout, hybrid striper and walleye. Heber Springs is also a popular fall foliage vacation destination with resorts, attractions and beautiful scenic drives throughout the Ozarks. I personally think this is a great trip for first-timers for one good reason – COMFORT!!

Everything on this trip is easy and comfortable...including access to the river, the wading, the fishing, the B&B accommodations, the outstanding cuisine (talk about comfort food!) and best of all, the enjoyable comradeship with our host and each other. It's a great trip!

There are still some rooms available at The Anderson House Inn, but they are filling up quickly.

Detailed information about this trip can be found in our September BUFFER newsletter or on our website under “Club Trips”. You can sign-up at the October meeting or call the **Trip Coordinator, Patti Howell at 683-7138**. (Note: For anyone flying into Little Rock, AR – there is a flight out of Louisville on Northwest Airlines for \$125.)

2003 NKFF FALL BANQUET

WHEN: Saturday, November 1, TIME: 6 PM – 10 PM

PLACE: Briarwood Banquet Hall- Hebron, Kentucky

COST: \$ 35.00 / person **ALL TICKETS WILL BE PRE-SOLD ONLY**

EARLY BIRD CUT OFF: 10/8/03

LAST DATE TO GET TICKET: 10/27/03

Our guest speaker this year is Mr. **Thane Maynard**, Vice President of the Cincinnati Zoo Foundation.

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLES: Trips, rods, reels, various gear, etc. worth \$150.00 and up...

EARLY BIRD RAFFLES: (If you pay by Oct 8th): significant items worth \$50.00 and up...

FIRST TIMERS RAFFLE: (If 1st time at NKFF Banquet): this table will have some really nice items including a rod ...

GENERAL RAFFLES: Last year we had the walls lined with these raffle tables, a terrific bunch of great, fishing related items...we even had two tables dedicated to NON fishing items as well! All of these items are donated by the NKFF members!

CARD RAFFLES: There will be 2 card raffles (\$5 & \$10/card). If these sell out as fast as last year we'll hold a third. These prizes will be significant items and you'll have a choice between several items. Winning cards will be drawn as soon as the raffle sells out.

BID AND BUY: Open bidding on fly fishing items; rods, gear, trips, etc. Bidding will end at 10PM and payment must be made before the item is ordered. You can make arrangements with the club treasurer if you don't have enough money with you Saturday night.

For the cost of a ticket you get a fantastic dinner prepared by the Briarwood and a strip of raffle tickets. Each strip of raffle tickets has one (1) Grand prize raffle ticket one (1) Early bird (if you pay by the cut off date!) and eight (8) general raffle tickets.

RESERVATIONS: We are not able to take money at the door so you must pre-pay to attend. You can pay at the monthly meetings or mail a check to: **Mike Arnold, 604 Highland Trace, Highland Heights, KY 41076, Phone: 859.781.9396**

Check NKFF Website: www.nkyflyfishers.org for further details

OCTOBER

- Oct.2 **Lie and Tie West** 7pm-9pm
General fly tying and story telling
Bass Pro
- Oct 5 **Banquet Planning Meeting**
- Oct.8 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
Officer and board nominations
- Oct.11 **Mad River Day Trip**
- Oct.12 **Fly Tying Demo** Cinti. Natural History
Museum
1pm-5pm Lou Haynes
- Oct.15 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Bass Pro Out Door World Members
Welcome
- Oct 17-19 **West Virginia Trout Trip on Elk
River** -- Joe Guenther
- Oct 22 **Calendar Meeting.** Location TBD
- Oct. 29 **Lie and Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch.
7-9 pm
General fly tying and story telling
Bob Goldsberry
- TBD **Stream monitoring of the East
Fork**

NOVEMBER

- Nov 1 **NKFF Banquet**
- Nov 6-8 **Fall Brow Trout Trip** Little Red River in
Arkansas, Patti Howell
- Nov 6 **Tie and Lie West** 7pm-9pm
General fly tying and story telling
Bass Pro
- Nov 12 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffles on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
Officer and board nominations
- Nov 19 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Bass Pro Outdoor World Members
welcome
- Nov.20 **Lie and Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch
. 7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling

DECEMBER

- Dec 4 **Tie and Lie West** 7pm-9pm
General fly tying and story telling
Bass Pro
- Dec 6 **GLC Fly Tying Expo**
Lancing, Michigan
- Dec 10 **BUFF Monthly Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Raffel's on Reading Road
Social hour 6pm-7pm
- Dec 14 **Fly tying Demo at Cinti. Museum Center**
1pm-5pm Lou Haynes
- Dec 17 **BUFF Board Meeting** 7pm-9pm
Out Door World Members welcome
- Dec 18 **Lie and Tie East** Batavia Presbyterian Ch.
7-9 pm General fly tying and story telling
Bob Goldsberry

2003 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.*

Every month we are charged for 5 to 10 dinners that we did not receive. Some people get one plate for the entrée and a second plate for a salad. Other folks go back for dessert and use a second plate, and other people go back for seconds and get a new plate. Raffels charges per plate—their only way of counting meals served, so PLEASE eat a full meal, but use just one dinner plate! (salad bowls and dessert plates are usually available for these courses). Your treasurer would appreciate it!

10/2003 B.U.F.F. Financial Report

(rounded to dollar amount)

Beginning Balance	\$11836
Receipts	
Membership	\$160
Monthly Dinner	\$680
Raffle	\$230
Casting Class	\$70
Interest	\$3
Deposit Total	\$1142
Expenses	
Copies	\$4
Raffle	\$419
Sept. Speaker	\$891
Website	\$7
Newsletter – Printing	\$203
Newsletter – Stamps	\$300
Sept. Dinner – Raffel's	\$760
Bank Charge	\$5
Banquet FFF Deposits	\$1800
Education	\$37
Expenses Total	\$4426
Ending Balance	\$8552
Petty Cash	\$100
CD	\$5043

October

**Baked White Fish in a Lemon
Herb Compound Butter**

Hot Sliced Roast Beef in Gravy

Twice Baked Potatoes

**Seasoned Green Beans with
Onions, Tomatoes and Ham**

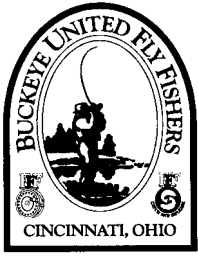
Tossed Salad with Dressing

Rolls and Butter

Assorted Fruit Pies

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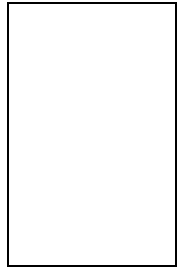


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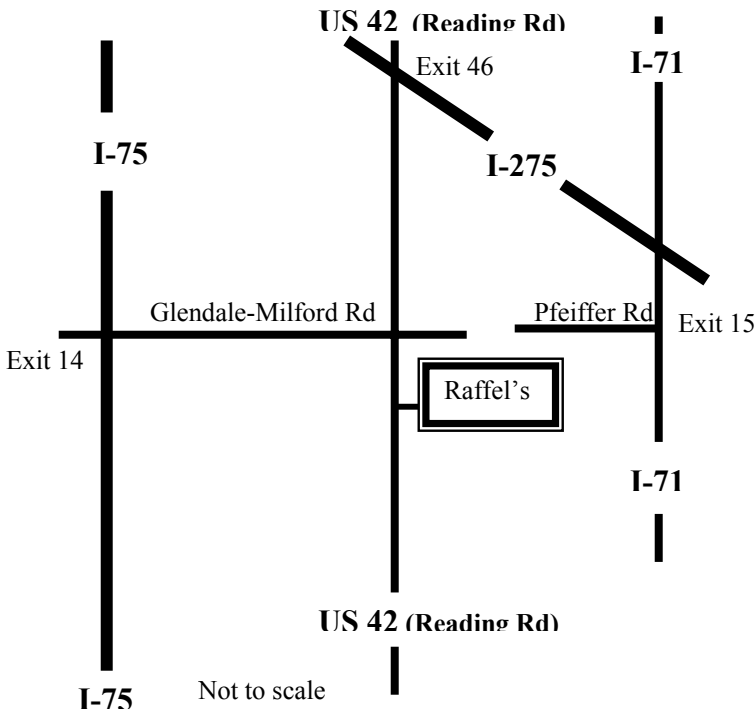
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Next Monthly Meeting – Wednesday -- October 8

CALL 779-4489 OR SIGN UP ON LINE AT WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS NO LATER THAN 10 PM OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING. DINNERS ARE \$10.00 / PERSON FOR A CATERED MEAL. DOORS OPEN FOR SOCIAL HOUR AT 6 PM – DINNER SERVED AT 7 PM. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED - DON'T WAIT - CALL NOW! (SEE THE MENU ON PAGE 7)



Directions:

From I-275 – Take Exit 46, (US 42), south for three miles to Glendale-Milford Rd. -- Continue south and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-75 -- Take Exit 14, east, on Glendale-Milford Rd. until the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd). Turn right (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.

From I-71 -- Take Exit 15, west, Pfeiffer Rd. & this becomes Glendale-Milford Rd.. At the intersection of US 42, (Reading Rd), turn left, (south) on US 42, and RAFFEL'S will be on the left approximately 3/10 mile.