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Notes from the President

J.R. Jackson

After having to miss the past two monthly meetings, I'm starting to wonder if anyone in BUFF will still remember me when I make it back for a meeting again. Unfortunately (or maybe not), I will be on the club trip to North Carolina during the October meeting, so will miss that one as well. Thankfully, Paul has done a great job filling in for me running the meetings, and it sounds like things are going just fine without me. Doesn't do much for my ego, but says a lot about what a great club we have. Thanks to Paul and to everyone else who's stepped up and helped out as things have come up.

Those who can see such things tell me the color of the leaves is beginning to change in a few of the trees around here, which means another summer has come and gone. Water temps will start cooling down, and warm water species will begin moving to their winter holding waters over the course of this month. Steve Coomer frequently says that fall is THE time to get out and catch trophy smallmouth, as fish move from their summer riffles to the deeper holes where they'll spend the winter months.

Speaking of winter, I've been spending lots of time near the Vermilion River in northern Ohio, and the talk is that the fall steelhead should start arriving in another month or so. Hugh O'Donnell has a fall steelhead trip in the works for mid-November, so keep an eye out for that one. Bryan Tudor is also organizing a Little Miami River Cleanup on October 2, and if you're available, your help would be appreciated.

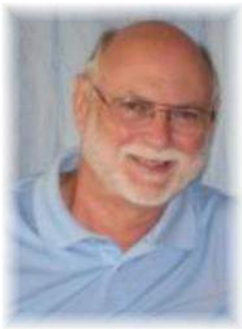
Well, that's it for me for another month. Be safe and enjoy the autumn.

JR ➡

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In Memoriam – Darrell Hixon



Darrell Hixon passed on September 17, 2016 at age 72. Darrell joined the Club in December 2012. He frequently brought bugs that he found near his home to our monthly meetings to share with other members. Most recently were a couple of tiny (#26) May Flies. Darrell especially enjoyed participating in the North Carolina Trout trips. His friendly company will certainly be missed. ➡

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October Presentation & Speaker

Kodiak Alaska Fishing Trip with Pete Moore & Ken Speicher

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Pete Moore and Ken Speicher were the winning bidders of the 2 for 1 certificate (donated to BUFF) from the Saltery Lake Lodge in Kodiak, AK. And boy did they take full advantage of it. They traveled to Alaska on August 20th, spent several days playing tourist around the island, including a very successful day of deep sea fishing. Then they flew by seaplane to Saltery Lake where they had an amazing 6 days of fantastic fishing for sockeye salmon (and a few other species). Great fishing, wonderful food, interesting international travelers, a super guide, a superb host and weather in the mid 60's. Wouldn't you like to go next year? Come learn more at the October BUFF meeting. ←



Saltery Lake Lodge was originally owned by my grandfather Jim Magoffin. It was used as a rest and relaxation area for the employees and colleagues a small airline he owned during the days that the Trans Alaska Pipeline was being built. Naturally, I grew up flying in bush planes and fishing every summer. My best childhood memories are from right here, hauling in salmon that seemed bigger than me at the time. As the family tradition of Saltery Lake continues, I am honored, as pilot and lodge manager, to be able to share this wilderness paradise with you. The staff and I can not wait to show you the best salmon fishing that my home state has to offer. ←



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October Calendar

10/4	PHW Fishing Brent Miller
10/8	2016 Peterloon Jim Vota
10/12	N.C. Fall Trout Trip Cecil Osborn
10/18	PHW Fishing Brent Miller



Fly Tying: Anatomy of a Hook

Gape: The distance between point and shank and what determines the size of the hook. Hooks range in size from 19/0 down to 32.

The shank length can be longer or shorter than standard for a given hook size. It is a numerical designated by X long or X short

Wire Size: For flies that you want to float you can get hooks with lighter gauge wire designated by X fine.

For flies that you want to sink you have available heavier gauge wire designated by X strong.

Ball Eye: An eye in which the wire diameter is constant and forms a circle perpendicular to the plane of the hook itself. The ball eye may be closed or open. The closed kind is tempered and therefore stronger; the open eye is usually found on cheap hooks.

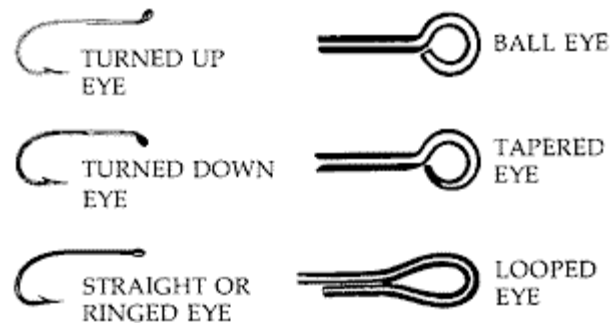
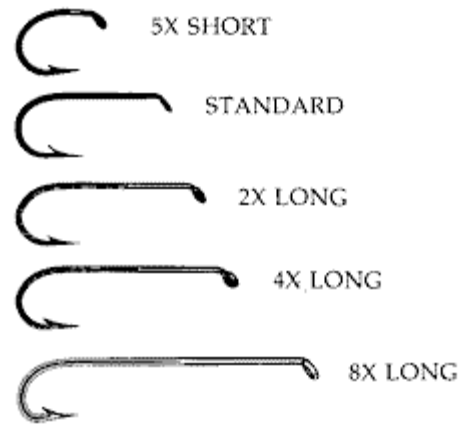
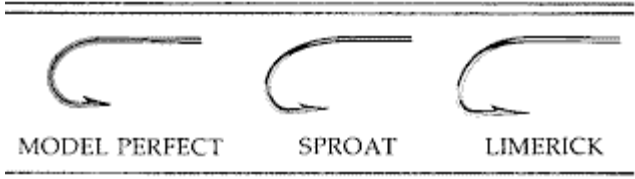
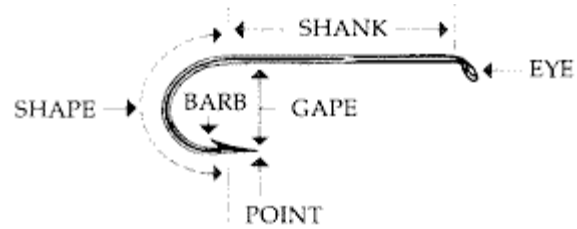
Tapered Eye: On a 'tapered' ring, the thickness of the wire is reduced. It gradually tapers towards the end of the ring. This is done to reduce the weight of the hook and make it effective for dry-fly use.

Looped Eye: The wire in the eye of the hoop runs back along the shank toward the rear of the hook. The end of this wire is usually tapered, although it can also be made untapered. Looped-eye hooks are traditionally used in making salmon wet flies.

Turned Up Eye Used to maximize point clearance on small flies.

Turned Down Eye The most common style

Straight Eye Use to achieve special effects i.e. egg patterns and some streamers





Steelhead!

Source: ODNR Division of Wildlife

Fly fishing has become a very popular and effective way to catch Ohio steelhead trout. Over the last 30 years, Buckeye fly fishers have come to know the excitement of hooking and landing one of these large and beautiful fish on gaudy bits of steel, fur and feather.



The Ohio Division of Wildlife's Lake Erie steelhead trout fishery is maintained by stocking approximately 400,000 6- to 9-inch Little Manistee River strain steelhead trout in five tributaries (west to east): Vermilion River, Rocky River, Chagrin River, Grand River and Conneaut Creek. This strain of steelhead trout average 25 inches and 7 pounds after two summers of growth in Lake Erie. This world-class fishery provides terrific opportunities for shore or wading anglers to catch large lake-run fish relatively inexpensively.

BUFF has a Great Lakes Steelhead trip planned for November 10 to the 13th. See the website for details. ➔

Walleye!

Source: ODNR Division of Wildlife

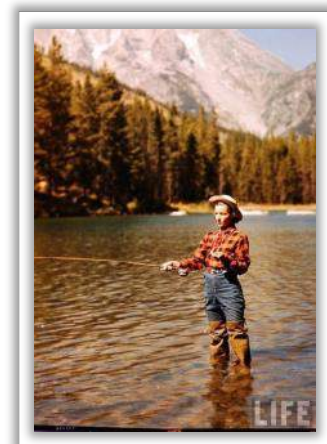
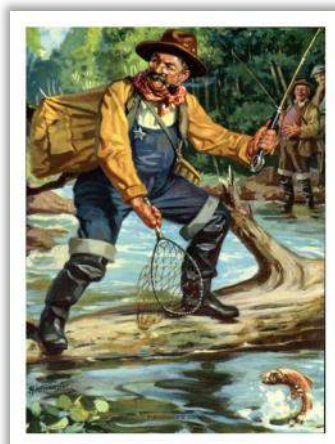
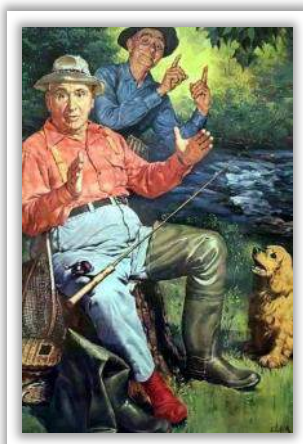
Each year the Division of Wildlife stocks more than 20 million walleye fry and 2.5 million walleye fingerlings in 15-20 reservoirs to



maintain high-quality fishing. Although walleye can naturally reproduce in Ohio reservoirs, natural reproduction is rarely sufficient to maintain a fishery; therefore, walleye produced naturally are typically considered a "bonus" in these waters. Natural reproduction of walleye does, however, sustain fisheries in the eastern portion of the Ohio River. Although walleye are not as common as sauger in Ohio River tailwaters, they are not uncommon and are typically caught using the same methods in those locations.

Some of the lakes in the area including Cowan Lake and Caesar Creek have Walleye. ➔

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More Information...

BUFFER Newsletter

The BUFFER Newsletter is published monthly and can be downloaded from the BUFF website. Back issues are available for download too.

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of each month. Check the website for details, including guest speaker & presentation, buffet menu, and calendar updates.

Annual Dues

Annual dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), plus a one-time \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website www.BuckeyeFlyFishers.com for more information.

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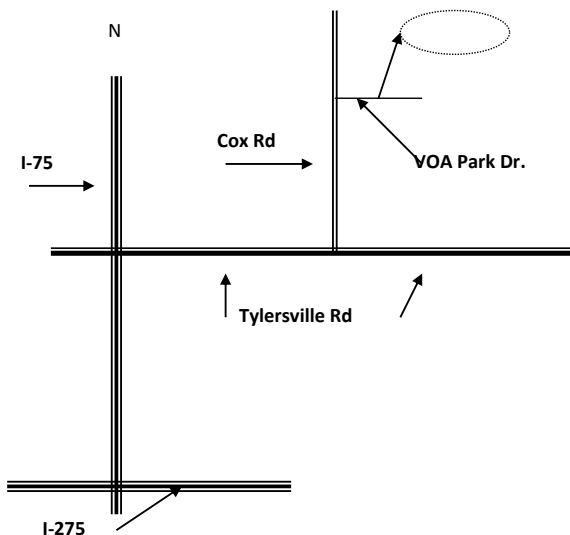
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Meeting Location & Directions

Meetings are held at Voice of America Park in the Ronald Reagan Lodge. [Please register online if you would like to attend.](#)

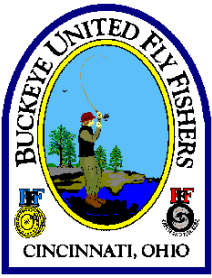


Directions:

From I-75 -- Follow I-75 north to the Tylersville Road exit. Turn right off of the exit ramp onto Tylersville Road and follow to Cox Road. Turn left onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.

From the Mason, Ohio area...

Follow Tylersville Road west to Cox Road. Turn right onto Cox Road and follow Cox Road north to VOA Park Drive. Turn right onto VOA Park Drive. Turn left onto first drive and follow roadway to Lodge.



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