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The President's Fly Box

The fall of the year is a hungry time for fish looking to feed before the long winter. It is a great time to fish not only because the fish are hungry but because the fisherman start thinking about football games or hunting. Now is a great time to fish a local stream or to plan a short trip with friends.

For me, I'm planning a short trip this month to fish the Cumberland River with Jim Sauerheber. Jim, who guides on the Cumberland, was our September speaker and talked about the more than 100,000 stocked trout in the river as well as the stripers who as top predators, roam at will throughout the river. Wish me luck, but I think that Jim will have my luck covered.

This month's speaker, Dr. Donna McCollum, has an expansive background in public education, fishing the Boundary Waters, and teaching about Ohio streams, invertebrates, and sustainability at Ohio universities. I expect Donna will bring a wealth of knowledge to share with us that will help us understand our environment and fish behavior. Don't miss it.

We have two special guests this October meeting. First is Ian Wright, student president of University of Cincinnati's Mountaineering Club. Ian has been introducing fly fishing to the mountaineering students. In part, he is limited by not having fishing equipment. Let's learn about the Mountaineering Club and their needs. This will be a short presentation and we will let you connect with Ian at the meeting.

The second special event follows from the recent passing of one of our Founding Members, Paul Feldman. Paul's estate has a wealth of fly fishing and outdoor equipment. His family will be offering sale of this equipment in an upcoming auction and yard sale. Please come to the meeting to learn about what will be offered and how to bid.

Lastly, I want you to consider who would be a great Treasurer for BUFF. Our long-time Treasurer, Bob Gustafson, is stepping down. As you can guess, organizations do not run without managing funds. So, this position is important to fill and important to fill in the next couple of months. Please reach out to anyone you think may be able and willing to do this task for BUFF.

Enjoy October, fish with a friend, and I hope to see you at the membership meeting.

Hugh O'Donnell
BUFF President

BUFF October Meeting – Wednesday October 11th

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

Registration closes on Sunday, October 8th, so we can provide Oasis a head count for dinner and room set-up. It's a couple of days earlier this month, so please remember to register early.

October Speaker – Dr. Donna McCollum, Miami University (retired) – “Macro Invertebrates & Climate Change”

Dr. Donna McCollum has worn many hats in life. As a lifelong teacher, she has taught all ages, from preschool to graduate school, in formal and informal settings. She is a mother, native plant gardener, and, in deference to this group of fly fishers, a 40+-year veteran of fishing the lakes and rivers of Minnesota and its Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.



After teaching over a decade in public schools, Donna went back to school and discovered she was truly a lifelong learner - she stayed for way too many advanced degrees! She gained expertise in teaching in field courses in Miami's Master of Arts in Teaching program. Her M.A and Ph.D. research at Miami University focused on landscape and local factors that structure macro invertebrate and fish communities in Ohio streams. After obtaining her Ph.D., Donna taught at Miami University's Western College Program and at the Institute for the Environment and Sustainability. Donna retired from Miami in 2014, but continues to teach, offering courses at the University of Cincinnati on the use of native plants in landscaping.

October is “Women’s Fly Fishing Month”

As part of our October meeting, Cari Vota will lead a presentation on ‘demystifying flies’ for women attendees. This will be held prior to the meeting, starting at 4:30 PM. The presentation fits well with Dr. McCollum's expertise and presentation topic. The pre-meeting will be held in one of the smaller rooms across from our regular meeting room.

It's simple – just bring your fly boxes and we will help you figure out what you have. There is a separate sign-up/registration for this event, so Cari knows how many to expect, and sign-up for the session is on the website.

As part of BUFF's women's month, we will also have a Women's Raffle drawing at the meeting. All women attending the premeeting, regular meeting, or both, get a **free** raffle ticket for a prize to be awarded during the regular raffle presentations at the meeting. You have a very good chance of winning one of the prizes.

October Dinner Menu – Oasis' Pasta Bar

- Chef's Choice Salad & Dressings
- Garlic Bread Sticks
- Three Cheese Tortellini & Penne Pastas
- Italian Meatballs
- Marinara & Alfredo Sauces
- Chef's Choice Desert
- Coffee & Iced Tea

New Club Members! –

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we've added 5 New members –

Steve & Cheryl Bernhardt, Cincinnati, OH

Greg Bernhardt, Williamsburg, OH

Jamie Collins, Milford, OH

Daniel Gormley, Cincinnati, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon! Check out our activities and programs listed on the BUFF Website and sign up for some!

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.

On the BUFF website home page, click "Member Services" and login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, choose the "Browse the Library" icon to bring up the list of library books and holdings. Click to reserve what you want, and I'll bring it to the next meeting. Returning books is also easy – just bring them to the next meeting. This is an easy-to-use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

Tom Scheer – 2023 FFI Casting Instructor Certification Program Instruction Recognition Award Recipient –

By Cari Vota

In 2023, Fly Fishers International (FFI) established a recognition award, the "Casting Instructor Certification Program Instruction Recognition Award". Tom is one of 7 individuals first recognized by FFI to receive this award.



FFI will present this award to FFI Casting Instructors who have contributed significantly to the Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) community through their unselfish devotion and passion to help individuals and groups learn to enjoy the sport of fly fishing. Contributions to attain this award may include:

- teaching involvement with the FFI's Learning Center in areas like Fly Casting Skills Development;
- teaching and working with veteran, women, or youth groups, or other groups, such as first responder groups, and/or special needs groups;
- the development of unique teaching programs;
- or their involvement with FFI Councils, and/or local club casting programs.

Tom Scheer is one of 4 Certified Casting Instructors in Buckeye United Fly Fishers. Tom believes in teaching others to cast as a way for them to improve their fishing. For over 15 years, he has helped teach our club's 3-afternoon Casting Classes every June. He has been our Ohio Council VP of Casting for several years. He started our successful Project Healing Waters program for our local VA hospital. In 2021 for FFI Women Connect Women's Fly Fishing month, Tom helped with casting improvement sessions both in Cincinnati and Columbus Ohio.

Just prior to Covid, Tom decided we needed to get outside and work on the FFI Casting Skills Development Program. His program involved club members at all levels of casting skills. Tom's program continued outdoors through Covid, and has now become our club's "Casting Friends" program, a weekly (52-weeks a year) casting get together where we work to improve casting skills using the FFI program for guidance. Through this program, Tom has helped 4 people attain Gold Level, several Silver Level, and many Bronze Level FFI casting awards. Attaining a skill level is not a requirement; several participants just come out to have fun casting with friends. During COVID especially, this was a great way to distance-correct socialize, when we couldn't do much else. Independently, Tom has mentored several of us, using the Certified Casting Instructors (CCI) teaching skills so we can improve our teaching skills when instructing others.

In the spring of 2023, BUFF and the Ohio Council of FFI put on a public Casting Skills Development Workshop. This was open to anyone interested in learning more about casting skills and the program.

Tom, with a small team, put on a great program that introduced several new people to casting, and who then became club members. His team is planning another workshop for April of 2024.

Tom is a constant learner. He's always looking forward for more information and ways of helping new students cast better.

Please extend congratulations to Tom the next time you see him at a meeting or other BUFF activity.

Cumberland River Trout Fishing with Jim Sauerheber -

By Bryan Tudor & Steve Alexander

Last month Steve Alexander and I went down to fish the Cumberland River with Jim Sauerheber of Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing. Those who attended the September BUFF meeting will remember that Jim was our presenter and provided an excellent talk on fishing the Cumberland. In addition, Jim is a long-time sponsor of BUFF, and Jim is a club sponsor, and has generously donated guide trips to our annual banquet.

This was the second time we have fished with Jim, so we were looking forward to seeing him and learning more about fishing the Cumberland River. On this trip, it was a beautiful Saturday morning and we met Jim at 6 am at Helms Landing. The sun was barely up and there was fog covering the water. The plan was to run up river and fish the shoreline with dry flies and midges as droppers. We had hook ups from the start, and fished that section of river for the next hour. At that time water was being released from the dam, so we headed down stream. As



the day went on, we changed over to nymphing, and fished white mop flies or a blow torch with an indicator.

Jim's knowledge and expertise as a guide kept us on fish throughout the day. Throughout the day, the river level and flows changed due to water being released to run generators. Jim moved

us to various sections of the river, where we continued to have success. Jim uses a powered boat, which gives him the advantage to move up or down river, depending on water levels and flow.

The Cumberland is a tremendous tailwater for trout fishing and I would encourage you to head down and fish it. If you are interested in fishing the Cumberland River, reach out to Jim at Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing (270-779-7589 or www.cumberlandvalleyflyfishing.com)

Colorado Fishing

By Tom Britton

My wife, Daphne and I went to Colorado the last week of August for a couple weeks. Although, this was not a “fishing” trip I always try to find the time to fish when I’m there. Colorado and Rocky Mountain National Park is where I was first introduced to fly fishing over 45 years ago.



This trip was spent in Ouray and Lake City in southwest Colorado. The Uncompahgre River runs through the town of Ouray. The river is not fishable in town because of minerals coming from old gold and silver mines in the high mountains above the town. However, 15 miles north of Ouray is Ridgway State Park and reservoir. The reservoir was created in 1988 and filled by the river. The reservoir filters sediment from the old mines and releases cold, gin clear water on the other side. The tail waters have become a prime fishing area for brown, rainbow, and cutthroat trout. Folks at Rigs Fly Shop in the Ridgway

on the way to the park. Provided me with some spot-on tips for fishing the area. In 3 days of fishing 2-3 hours each day I had numerous rainbows and cutthroat all caught on #18-20 bead head zebra and France nymphs.

We left Ouray after a week and then spent a few days near Lake City. We have visited this area several times in the past and are familiar with the fishing opportunities there. I fished a section of Lake Fork of the Gunnison River and some high altitude lakes. There were browns and rainbows in the river and brook trout in the lakes. The brookies would readily take dry flies. While releasing a brookie I looked across the lake and there was a cow moose and calf in the water. Great site to end a great trip. More lasting memories from one of my favorite spots in the world.



Kentucky Afield Guided Smallmouth Bass Trip

By Mike Jones

Mike won this trip, one of the silent auction items at the 2023 Banquet. The trip was generously donated by Lee McClellan, editor of Kentucky Afield Magazine. Thank you again, Lee for the generous donation!

At the banquet I was the winning bidder on a guided trip with Lee McClellan, editor of Kentucky Afield Magazine. The award was a guided day-trip on one of Kentucky's smallmouth streams. We chose Elkhorn Creek, located near Frankfort KY. It was close and I wanted to show my son Brent how good the fishing was.

We fished Saturday, July 31st. Lee brought two kayaks and I used my own. We floated 6.1 miles and ended at the Canoe Kentucky takeout. I lost track in the first couple of hours of how many bass we caught! While many were rather small, I did get one around 17 inches. Brent hooked a big that one pulled him and his kayak down some rapids. I used fly gear some, but found a spinning rod easier to handle from a moving boat.



We enjoyed our time with Lee and found his stories of the magazine, TV show, and his podcasts interesting. In the past the Elkhorn has been a difficult stream to float due to limited access and Canoe Kentucky is not transporting customers boats anymore. Lee was helpful in getting the state to purchase the access site that we used. In addition, there are now two other places to put in and takeout, plus one access to wade. The Elkhorn is a easy stream to float and Canoe Kentucky web site keeps a current level and stream web cam. I heard that our club used to have an annual trip on the Elkhorn, and suggest we seriously consider reinitiating a summer trip to the Elkhorn in the future.

Kodiak, Alaska – Flyfishers Paradise Revisited

By Bill Schroeder

Kodiak Island, is one of a group of islands located in the Gulf of Alaska. It offers excellent commercial and sport fishing for Pacific salmon, halibut, rockfish, lingcod, steelhead, rainbow trout, and Dolly Vardon trout. In addition, Kodiak offers spectacular opportunities for wildlife viewing, photography, hiking, sightseeing, and hunting.

Since re-discovering fly fishing some 20-plus years ago, I have mostly enjoyed fishing in a range of environments. In 2000, the fishing gods smiled upon me and whispered, "Get ready; your son is in the US Coast Guard, and is about to be deployed to Kodiak, Alaska". That was my introduction. Our son and his family (long out of the Coast Guard), still live in Kodiak, so another very good reason for our travel

there, and over the past 20 years we've often returned for family visits and fishing, most recently for 2-weeks in early September. Another goal of this trip was to take my 12-year old grandson, Haakon, out for a day of angling.

We arrived in Kodiak on Labor Day. Less than ten minutes from the airport, we crossed the Buskin River and got our first glimpse of pink and silver salmon on their spawning run from the Gulf of Alaska. The river is also a spawning ground for other salmon, steelhead, and Dolly Vardon trout. Needless to say, during spawning runs, the other fish in the river gorge themselves on salmon eggs. They also readily take egg pattern flies. From personal experience I have caught dollies whose bellies were so stuffed with salmon eggs, they nearly exploded when cut open for bleeding out.

My first day I waded in a local bay where small schools of pink salmon were moving toward a stream mouth. I fished a white and chartreuse Clouser minnow with a sink-tip leader. After casting in front and allowing the fly to sink, I gave it some short sharp strips and hooked fish – nine pinks over the next couple of hours.



Dolly Vardon Trout



Pink Salmon caught on a Clouser



On Saturday, I, my son, my grandson Haakon, and one of his friends did a guided day trip led by his friend's dad, Travis Gardner, who is a full-time fly-fishing guide. We fished the American River. Getting there involved driving on challenging off road trails in Travis' 4x4 ATV. It was well worth it. We had perfect weather and a great day fishing. Thanks to the skills and efforts of some top-notch, well equipped, experienced guiding provided by Head Shaker and Travis Gardner, the fishing was great. We came away with memories and pictures to treasure for years to come of a very memorable family fishing outing with memories and pictures to treasure for years to come.



If interested in fishing on Kodiak Island, the contact to Travis Gardner's guide company is headshakerskodiak@gmail.com.

Zombie Trout in Montana Rivers

By Ken Mandel

I thought this was an interesting article and topic. It appeared in the New York Times in mid-September.

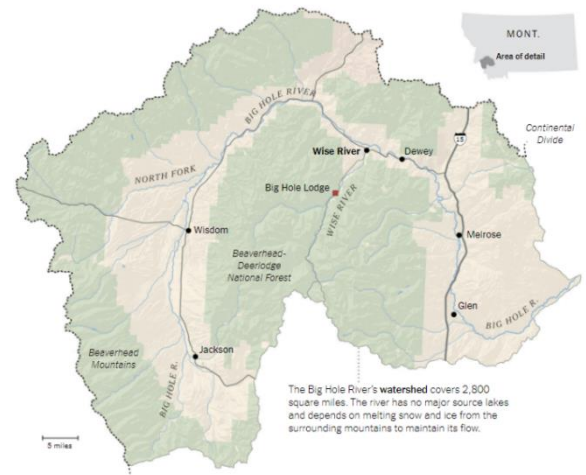
The article discusses major changes and impacts on the brown and rainbow trout population and fishing on the Big Hole River, a river system in southwest Montana, and a long-time mecca for fly fishers. While trout were introduced to the Big Hole in the late 1800's, there is no hatchery stocking, so the population is wild. The Big Hole River is also the only in the lower 48-states to host a population of native arctic Grayling.

Over the past 20 years, the trout population has diminished from over 3,000/mile in 2000, to only a few hundred today.

The Grayling population has also declined. There are also chronic disease issues including whirling disease and red sores, fungal diseases, and blindness on brown trout. Several factors appear to be contributory, but warming conditions seems to top the list.

The Big Hole River

Warmer temperatures and reduced snowfall have increased pressure on trout populations along the Big Hole River in Montana.



Red lesions and other damage to a fungus-afflicted trout.

Twenty years ago, the river remained covered in deep snow and ice and fishing was impossible until June. Today the river is ice-free by April or early May. This river system is highly dependent on snow melt, to control water levels and flow rate, so flow is diminished and water temperatures have risen. Another impact is that lower water flow leads to more retention of sediment. It is believed that the latter may be contributing to some of the diseases being seen, but all have negative impacts on the fishery. Insect hatches have also changed dramatically, with much smaller hatches and different insects being observed from what were historic norms.

However, the impact of changing climate is not the only factor. There has also been a huge increase in angling pressure from a large increase in the number of anglers who fish this system. Over the past 20 years, the number of 'angler days', an index of number and time anglers spend on the river, on the Big Hole has increased from about 70,000 to almost 120,000. That is over a 70% increase.

Currently, most of the effort to try to reverse the impact is being managed by local efforts and the Montana DNR. The fishing season can be shortened, to reduce pressure later in the year. Fishing is

also closed when water temperatures exceed certain limits and/or flow gets too low. There is also an effort to limit fishing to catch and release and use of barbless hooks.

If interested, you can see and read the full article -

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/12/science/trout-big-hole-river-climate-change.html>

Fly Tying Resource

By Ken Mandel

J. Stockard Fly Fishing is an online/catalog fly shop selling a broad range of fly tying materials and tools. This past month, J. Stockard added a new feature to their website, the “Fly Tying Resource Page”. This single access page has useful resources for tyers, including downloadable charts comparing thread sizes/strengths and hooks from different manufacturers, among other things. A useful and easy to use tool for tyers to access. You can download or print these charts. The page features other posts, such as a fly of the month blog, as well.

Access the page at - https://www.jsflyfishing.com/pages/fly-tying-resources?_kx=fGp9bnMv7yKvyO9-PpqxZ-Gu9H7O8GWOqsHFHkvqhcY%3D.VBFrAC

| J. Stockard FLY FISHING Thread Comparison Chart | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|------|---------|----------|
| Brand | Thread | Material | Size | Dealer | Strength |
| Size 20 and smaller flies | | | | | |
| Danville | Spider Web | nylon mono | 18/0 | 30 | 4 |
| Semperfil | Hans Silk 24/0 | 4 strand GSP | 24/0 | 20 | |
| Semperfil | Hans Silk 18/0 | 4 strand GSP | 18/0 | 30 | 95 |
| Semperfil | Spider 18/0 | polyester | 18/0 | 30 | 14 |
| Semperfil | 18/0 Classic Waxed | polyester | 18/0 | 30 | 13.7 |
| UNI | Caenis | single strand | 20/0 | 20 | 3 |
| UNI | Trico | polyester | 17/0 | 40 | 4.5 |
| UNI | Clear Mono Fine | nylon mono | - | - | 16 |
| VEEVUS | 14/0 | polyester | 14/0 | - | 16 |
| VEEVUS | 16/0 | polyester | 16/0 | - | 14 |
| VEEVUS | GSP 30 | GSP* | - | 30 | >25 |
| Size 10-22 Flies, low bulk | | | | | |
| Danville | Unwaxed Flemaster | nylon | 6/0 | 79 | 16 |
| Danville | Waxed Flemaster | nylon | 6/0 | 79 | 16 |
| G. Griffiths | 14/0 Shear Ultrafine | polyester | 14/0 | 72 | 10-16 |
| Semperfil | Hans Silk 12/0 | 4 strand GSP | 12/0 | 50 | 126 |
| Semperfil | 12/0 Classic Waxed | polyester | 12/0 | 70 | 17.25 |
| UNI | Waxed Midage | polyester | 8/0 | 72 | 16-19 |
| UNI | Nylon 70 | nylon | - | 70 | 15 |
| VEEVUS | 10/0 | polyester | 10/0 | - | 25 |
| VEEVUS | 12/0 | polyester | 12/0 | - | 17 |
| Wapsi | Ultra 70 | nylon | 6/0 | 70 | 13-16 |
| Size 10-22 flies, low bulk plus high strength | | | | | |
| Semperfil | 8/0 Classic Waxed | polyester | 8/0 | 105 | 26.5 |
| VEEVUS | 8/0 | polyester | 8/0 | - | >32 |
| VEEVUS | 8/0 | polyester | 8/0 | - | >32 |
| Wapsi | Ultra GSP 50 | GSP | - | 50 | 64 |
| Size 10-20 flies, high strength | | | | | |
| Danville | 3/0 Mono | nylon | 3/0 | 115 | >25 |
| Semperfil | 6/0 Classic Waxed | polyester | 6/0 | 150 | 33 |
| UNI | 6/0 Waxed | polyester | 6/0 | 130-135 | 29-33 |
| VEEVUS | GSP 100 | GSP | - | 100 | >100 |
| Wapsi | Ultra 140 | nylon | - | 140 | 33-44 |
| Wapsi | Ultra GSP 75 | GSP | - | 75 | 98 |
| Wapsi | Ultra GSP 100 | GSP | - | 100 | 128 |
| Large flies and other high strength needs | | | | | |
| Danville | Flemaster | nylon | - | 230 | 60 |
| Danville | Fine Waxed Nylon | nylon | - | 210 | 65 |
| Danville | Flemaster-140 | nylon | - | 140 | |
| Semperfil | Hans Silk 6/0 | 4 strand GSP | 6/0 | 100 | 134 |
| Semperfil | 3/0 Classic Waxed | polyester | 3/0 | 220 | 39.3 |
| UNI | Big Fly | polyester | - | 400 | 100 |
| UNI | 3/0 Waxed | polyester | 3/0 | 213-220 | 32-40 |
| UNI | Nylon 210 | nylon | - | 210 | 53 |
| UNI | Unidir Sicht | stretch nylon | - | 630 | |
| VEEVUS | GSP 150 | GSP | - | 150 | >150 |
| VEEVUS | GSP 200 | GSP | - | 200 | >200 |
| VEEVUS | Kevlar Natural | Kevlar | - | 200 | |
| Wapsi | Ultra GSP 200 | GSP | - | 200 | >250 |

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Definitions & Notes: Denier (textile industry convention) - gram weight of 9,000 meters of thread. Size is by aughts (0), an older, less accurate definition with the more '0's indicating finer thread. GSP denotes gel spun polyethylene. Strength is defined as breaking strength in ounces. This data was collected from several public sources. We have done our best to provide accurate information and welcome updates and corrections.

Example of J. Stockard’s thread comparison chart.

Caddisflies

By Amy Cameron

Thanks to Tim Cassani. He obtained permission from Lynn White, the Education & Volunteer Specialist at Butler County Soil & Water Conservation District, for us to share a number of articles that previously appeared in their newsletter. This one is on mayflies in our local waters.

Have you ever picked up a stone, while wading in a stream, to find a cluster of tiny pebbles or pieces of wood adhered to the bottom? If so, you found the shelter of a caddisfly, a water-dwelling macroinvertebrate that constructs a cave-like shelter from a self-produced silk and stream bed pebbles or other stream bed debris such as wood. This amazing skill is not the only interesting thing about the caddisfly. So, let's find out more!

Besides identifying caddisfly larvae by the debris dwellings they build, caddisflies can also be identified by their elongated bodies resembling a small caterpillar. As seen in the photograph, some caddisfly larvae appear to have many legs down the length of its body. However, these are not legs! Since caddisflies are insects, they only have six legs that are located toward the front of its body. The featherlike extensions, if present, are gills. However, some caddisflies do not have gills; they attain dissolved oxygen when water runs over their skin tissues. Since currents in water creates dissolved oxygen, caddisfly that reside in their debris made dwelling have an advantage of having a constant current as the water flows over their shelter.



Encased larvae



Free living larvae. Gills are small appendages along the body

Caddisflies make up the largest order of totally aquatic insects, with 1,400 species in North America alone! As with a lot of macros, caddisflies are completely aquatic as larvae and terrestrial as adults. The diversity of this aquatic macro can be contributed to the variety of aquatic habitats it can survive. Caddisflies can survive in lentic (relatively still) or lotic (flowing) waters. The use of silk to construct mobile dwellings out of pebbles and other debris prevents the larvae from being swept away in lotic waters and to easily move about in all habitats. Caddisflies also use the silk they produce to latch on to stable structures in the stream to avoid being swept away.

Even though caddisfly larva can survive multiple habitats, this macro is considered one of the most reliable sources of biological water quality determination. Being one of the most important macros to find when assessing water quality conditions, the caddisfly must be sensitive or intolerant of pollution.

Caddisflies are a part of the EPT index used by scientists to biologically assess water quality. EPT stands for the order of three pollution intolerant macros, *Ephemeroptera* (mayflies), *Plecoptera* (stoneflies), and *Trichoptera* (caddisflies). Though some caddisflies build a dwelling that is mobile, helping them escape harmful conditions, some caddisflies such as the “rock rollers” build a stationary structure to protect pupa. This inhibits this particular type of caddisfly from escaping polluted areas, making the caddisfly another good water quality indicator macro!

Caddisflies are rarely considered to be pests. There are some cases where there will be large quantities of adult caddisflies emerging from their aquatic habitat. There are also cases where allergic reactions in humans have occurred that are caused by tiny hairs from the caddisfly body that can be transported by air. Despite these rare occurrences, caddisflies are beneficial to ecosystems by feeding on debris in water and providing food for other species. The next time you’re collecting samples, take a look under some stones. If you are not lucky enough to see caddisfly larvae, there is a good chance you will find a sturdy lump of pebbles glued to the underside!

Upcoming BUFF Events & Trips–

Here are club events and trips coming up in September and early October. Register on the BUFF Website. Directions and detailed information are also on the website.

- **Fall North Carolina Trip** – BUFF’s annual Fall Trip to Bryson City, North Carolina is scheduled for October 4th – 8th (Wednesday through Sunday). There is a men’s and women’s cabin booked for this. The trip leaders are Tom Bachev men’s cabin and Cari Vota (women’s cabin). The men’s trip is currently fully booked, with one person wait-listed. There are 3 openings at the time this is being written in the women’s cabin.

Details and registration for both are on the BUFF Website.

Reminder to Share Your Experience

From Ken Mandel

This month we have several articles from BUFF members who have been out fishing. Tom Britton wrote of his time in western Colorado, Bryan Tudor and Steve Alexander of a day trip on the Cumberland River with Jim Sauerheber, and Bill Schroeder of his recent trip to Kodiak Alaska. Thank you to all for sharing these! We also have some photos from other club members who have gotten out to fish.

In addition, we had an article from Mike Jones from his outing on Elkhorn Creek with Lee McClellan from Kentucky Afield Magazine. Lee donated this outing as a silent auction item which Mike won at the banquet. Thank you to Mike for sharing the experience, and to Lee for providing the outing to the club.

*Thank you to those who have already shared their experiences! **Questions on what to do? Contact Ken Mandel, BUFFER Editor at kengmandel@gmail.com***

Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 –

Planning for the upcoming show is in full swing. Mark your calendars!

We have our slate of presenters –

- Susan Thrasher from Tennessee will be our headliner. She guides on the Caney Fork in Tennessee and leads trips to western US rivers as well. Susan is very active in women’s fly fishing, and a long time casting instructor with the Joan Wulff Fly Fishing School in upstate New York. Plans are to have her do two presentations on the day of the show, and a casting clinic on the Friday before the show. More details on the presentations and how to register for the casting clinic will be forthcoming. Susan’s business is Southern Brookies Fly Fishing (<http://southernbrookies.com/>)
- Our other presenters are Mike Exl the owner of Moving Water Outfitters Fly Shop in the Indianapolis area, Mike Mehrle, the Frugal Fly Rodder, from central Ohio, and Tom Cross from Adams County, OH who is the author of “Fishing Ohio” the go-to guide book for finding all fishable lakes and streams in our state.

We will have Gary Begley, a fellow BUFF member who has gained broad recognition for his fly tying lead two tying workshops on the Friday before the meeting and are finalizing plans for the tying demonstration presentations during on the day of the show. Registration information for the workshops will be forthcoming.

We’ve lined up a strong group of vendors and exhibitors and some exciting items for the show raffles. Of course, raffle items will be first offered to BUFF members at our monthly meetings starting in November.

BUFF Members Getting Out to Fish –

A few photos from this month –

Blayne Smith got up to the Au Sable. Lance won the silent auction item which includes lodging and dinner provided by Gates Lodge at the 2023 Banquet. He fished with Lance Nelson, one of the guides from Gate’s Lodge, They caught brook, rainbow and brown trout. This is one of the trout he landed.



Bryan Tudor took Tom Bachey, Tom Agin and Jack Gormley out on the Mad River on September 21st. Sent these photos –



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> |
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| Fall NC Trout Quest Bryson City, NC | Wednesday, October 4 th – Sunday October 8 th Waitlist | Tom Bachey |
| Women's Fall NC Trout Quest Bryson City, NC | Wednesday, October 4 th – Sunday October 8 th Register on Website | Cari Vota |
| Women's Fly Fishing Month – Premeeting Activity <i>"What's In Your Flybox"</i> Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH | Wednesday, October 11 th 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM <i>Register on Website</i> | Cari Vota |
| Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH | Wednesday, October 11 th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Sign up on Website | Hugh O'Donnell |

| <u>Trip/Activity & Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u> |
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| Board of Directors Meeting Springdale Community Ctr | Wednesday, October 18 th 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Hugh O'Donnell |
| Monthly Tie & Lie Virtual – Zoom Mtg | Friday, October 20 th 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>See Website for Link</i> | Gary Begley |

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.

