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The President's Fly Box

No note this month from Hugh. He and his family are on vacation.

BUFF October Meeting – Wednesday October 9th

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 at 7:45 PM. ***This month our meeting is early in the month; registration closes on Sunday, October 6th.***

October Presentation – Steve Coomer, Local Author; “Exploring Fly Fishing Opportunities on the Streams of Ohio”

Steve's specialty is smallmouth fishing in rivers and streams. Trophy smallmouths move through the different seasons. Steve will discuss how they use their environment at different times of the year, and how anglers need to adjust. “I think most fishermen just jump in the river and fish it the same all the time and this limits their chance at a trophy.”



October Dinner Menu –

Italian Chicken Parmesan

Penne Pasta Primavera

Green Beans

Caesar Salad

Garlic Bread Sticks

Chef's Choice Dessert

Coffee (regular & decaffeinated), Iced Tea

Beyond the Cast – Women’s Program at October Meeting –

By Cari Vota

A program to build a connected community of confident, independent women anglers. This October 9 from 4:30pm to 5:30/6:00 we will have a Women's Beyond the Cast program get together prior to our monthly club meeting. Some of the topics, suggested by many of you, will be:

- Review of common knots, including droppers.
- Favorite fly fishing book reviews (bring your favorites too!). Tying books welcome.
- Open discussion - What prevents us from fishing?
- Fly fishing local waters around Cincinnati - where you fish or want to fish.

Plus, we will have a free Women's Raffle at the club meeting open to all women attending either or both meetings. No signup required. Questions? Let me know (Cari Vota – vota@zoomtown.com)

October 10-Minute Tech Talk

We do not have a talk this month and are seeking a presenters for the November & December meetings. If you are interested in presenting it at an upcoming meeting, please contact Bryan Tudor at 513-827-5437 or by email: byran.tudor@yahoo.com

New Members in October 2024

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

This past month saw us gain 1 new member –

- **O’dell Holliday**, Cincinnati, OH

Welcome to the club. We hope to see you at a meeting or event 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 no longer bring the library boxes to our meetings, ***the library remains AVAILABLE.*** Finding and checking out a book or video is easily done through the BUFF website.

On the BUFF website home page, click “Member Services” and login. Once logged in, choose the “Browse the Library” icon to bring up the list of 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.

Welcoming Lane Stocker to the Board –

By Ken Mandel

At our September meeting, we welcomed Lane Stocker to the Board. Lane is replacing Jim Neckers as our Director for Fly Tying. Many of us know Lane who is very involved with club activities, and fly tying classes. She'll now oversee the tying programs. Welcome Lane!

Also attending the Board meeting were Aileen Pogran and Bill Krimmer. Both are interested in getting more involved with club activities and are considering joining the board as 'At Large' members. It is a great way to get involved and find an area of specific interest.

2025 Fly Fishing Show – First Announcement

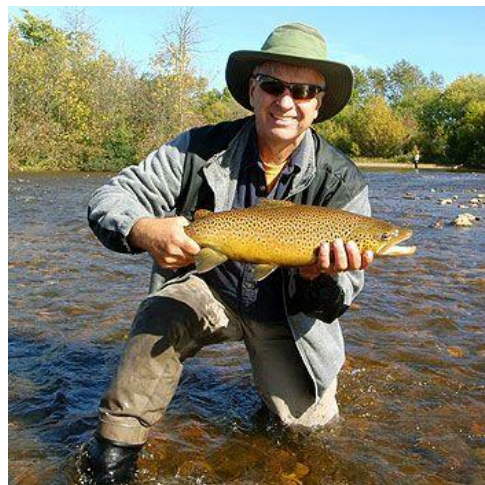
Save the Date – Saturday, February 1st, 2025

Planning for the 2025 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is moving forward. This is our 36th year for this event! The planning team has reached out and engaged a great list of speakers, and we feel this will be an excellent show. Vendor and exhibitor recruitment is also going very well, with most of our exhibit space already booked and confirmed.

2025 Headliner

Jason Randall, from Northern Illinois will be our headliner for the 2025 show. Jason is a veterinarian certified in fish health and medicine. In 2002, Jason began a career as an outdoor writer, focusing on fly fishing and related subjects. He has since published four books, his most recent being, 'Nymph Masters, Fly Fishing Secrets from Expert Anglers'. Jason has also written many articles which appear regularly in national fly fishing magazines.

In addition to having presentations at the show, Jason will lead two hands-on techniques workshops on Friday, January 31st. Each will be about 3-hr long, and we will share more about these as we approach timing for opening registration, in November.



Other Presenters for the 2025 Show

Our other presenters will include, Randy Arrowood, Josh Greenberg, & Rocky Cox.

- Randy lives in Northern KY. In 2021 he started Arrow Fly Shop. Randy is an enthusiast of tenkara fishing and carries a good line of tenkara equipment at his shop. He will be doing a presentation and a casting demonstration on tenkara at the show.
- Many of us know Josh Greenberg. Josh is the owner of the Gates Au Sable Lodge and Fly Shop in Grayling, MI. He is an excellent angler and tyer and has written a books on fly fishing as well. His talk is on angling techniques
- Rocky Cox is a well-known guide from western NC, has guided on the major streams in that region over 25 years. He is a long-time supporter of BUFF, and a regular vendor at the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show. His topic will be on fishing the Clinch and Holsten tailwaters.



Randy Arrowood



Rocky Cox



Josh Greenberg

We have a great group of tyers lined up for the 2025 show as well.

Leading the tying programs for 2025 is Brian Wise. Brian hails from the Ozarks in MO. He is an expert streamer designer & tyer, and the 'face' of the "Fly Fishing the Ozarks" You Tube Channel

(<https://www.youtube.com/user/flyfishingtheoazarks>).

Brian will have a presentation at the show and will lead the hands-on Friday tying workshops. We will share more on the workshops as we open registration in November.

Additional tying demonstrations at the show will be by Kevin Ramsey, Glenn Weisner, and Chad Robinson. Kevin and Glenn are familiar to those who have attended past shows. Chad is a new presenter. He is a member of the Land or Legends club in northern Ohio, and ties incredible deer hair flies.



Fishing on Lake Taneycomo in Branson, MO.

By Hunter Everett

Hunter shared this in mid-August. I saw it when I got back from my trip, and did not get it into the September BUFFER

Knowing I was going to be up the road in Springfield, MO for a veteran's event, I decided to spend one morning fishing in Branson. The best information on this came from River Run Outfitters (a fly shop and an Orvis affiliate outfitter), so I booked a half-day float trip on Lake Taneycomo, below Table Rock Dam. My guide was Carolyn Parker, who established and is co-owner of River Run Outfitters.

We started at 9 AM as the dissolved oxygen levels in the lake need to rise high enough for the fish to have enough energy to do more than breath. Fishing was slow early on, but as the day progressed and the O₂ levels picked up, so did feeding and fishing. Carolyn was an excellent guide and boat hand, drifting us by many Rainbows near features where many fish were floating.

We would alternately wade or drift, depending on what seemed to work at the time. Flies were mostly streamers, midges, and scuds on my 9-ft 5-wt. Most of my success coming from a tandem of a black midge and a red worm. The fish were a super gentle touch, and I lost out several times as I was looking at the line and the water and not the strike indicator we used. Between that and not recognizing the oh-so-slight twitch of the indicator and I could have had a better day.



At 1 PM the dam started releasing water for power generation, so a lot more O₂ was dumped down river and the fishing was much better. I caught the most fish of the day in that hour, once the debris got past us.

A great day of fishing was capped off by lunch across the street at the Cheeky Monkey, where they started smoking the brisket in 5 smokers out front from before I showed up.

If you are in the area, and want to get out, I'd highly recommend these outfitters -

River Run Outfitters
2626 State Highway 165
Branson, MO 65616
(417) 332-0460

<https://www.riverrunoutfitters.com/>

West Yellowstone Trip !

By Ken Mandel, Haruko Mizoguchi & Jim & Cari Vota

Ian & Charity Rutter own R&R Fly Fishing in Townsend, TN and primarily guide in Smokey Mountains National Park. Each year they organize a 1-week trip to West Yellowstone, MT. The trip includes a week of lodging, 5 days fishing with guides each day, and meals. They work with Big Sky Anglers, a fly shop and guide service in West Yellowstone. Big Sky also owns the lodge, Golden Stone Inn.

This year the trip was scheduled from Sunday 9/1 thru Friday 9/6 (fishing on the 2nd – 6th). The four of us, Ken & Haruko and Jim & Cari, signed up for the trip. We separately migrated our way across the country and met up in West Yellowstone. Ken and Haruko drove out via I-94, stopping for a couple of days to tour Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park in western ND, and then in Bozeman where they visited with Keith McCafferty (he came and presented at our club in summer 2023). Jim & Cari took 4 days, stopping along the way to see the Badlands and some canyons of the Black Hills, before driving across Yellowstone Nat'l Park to West Yellowstone. They also stayed an extra night at the lodge to have time to see the Park before heading back home.

The fishing organized by Charity and Ian was fantastic. We fished parts of the Madison River and Henry's Fork of the Snake River. Fishing the Madison and Henry's Fork were drift boat trips. The guide service also leads angling in various rivers in Yellowstone Park, which are wading only, and which requires an additional license. When we were there, fishing in the park was somewhat limited due to closures on various streams following several weeks of hot weather which had raised water temperatures.

There are also two lakes on the upper Madison, Hebgen Lake, a reservoir formed from a dam, and below that is Quake Lake. Quake Lake was formed in 1959 as the result of the strongest earthquake, magnitude 7.5, ever recorded in the lower 48 states. It caused about ½ of a mountain to slide damming the river and forming the lake.

We all got to fish a section of the Madison River below Quake Lake, and the lake itself. We also fished two sections of the Henry's Fork – Box Canyon and an area below that. Box Canyon is a relatively narrow 3-mile canyon with rapid water runs. Fishing it was a unique experience, as the guides were often out of the drift boat, physically moving it on the river.

Fishing, depending on the water, was a mixture of dry fly and nymph fishing. With nymphs it was almost necessary to use a bobber indicator, as the water was often rough with strong surface currents. Grasshoppers also worked, as they were everywhere, in all sizes. We all got a good range of decent sized rainbow and brown trout as well as a few river whitefish.

Overall, we all greatly enjoyed the opportunity to fish some of these incredible streams and experience beautiful scenery. R&R and Big Sky Anglers organized a fantastic week. All the guides were excellent, and the lodging and food were first class. Ken & Haruko have signed up for next year's trip!

Here are some photos –



Jim on Quake Lake



Haruko with Marshall – Box Canyon



Ken in Box Canyon



Haruko - early on day 1



Quake Lake



Upper Falls of the Henry's Fork



Wild Horses & Buffalo in Theodore Roosevelt Nat'l Park & Box Canyon on the Henry's Fork



Banquet Planning Team Forming

By Bryan Tudor

It is not too early to start thinking and planning for the 2025 Banquet. The date is Wednesday, March 12th at Oasis Conference Center. The Banquet is BUFF's main fundraiser.

We are putting together the planning team for this event. A few team members involved in our past Banquets have stepped down, so we need some new members for the team. If you are interested or have questions about what is involved, please call me at 513-827-5437.

Thank you

Bryan

Some Items of Interest

By Ken Mandel

BUFF on the Radio!

On Friday, September 27th, WMKV broadcast a recorded "Spotlight" program talking about fly fishing and our club. WMKV broadcasts in the greater Cincinnati area on 89.3 FM and has a repeater frequency, 89.9 FM which can be heard in Butler County. The broadcast was on air from 1:30 – 2 PM on the station's "Spotlight" program, which is hosted by George Zahn, the station director. George, together with Jim Vota, Haruko Mizoguchi, and Ken Mandel recorded this in late 2022. At that time, the



main reason for the interview was discuss the upcoming 2023 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show, which was promoted on this program in early 2023.

However, the recording session provided enough material that George was able to edit a second 30 minute program which was a general chat about fly fishing and BUFF. That is what aired.

Missed it? I am sure most of us did, but it doesn't matter! You can hear to program as a pod-cast! Go to the WMKV website (<https://wmkvfm.org/>), click "Programs" and then WMKV Podcasts on the drop-down menu. Scroll down until you find "Spotlight". Click the "Spotlight for September 27th 2024" icon in the listing. That gets you to the program, which runs about 25 minutes. There is very enjoyable song following our interview – Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong singing a duet, "Gone Fishin". Over their careers, the two did a number of great duets and this is one.

Understanding the Flies and Nymphs in the Streams

I found a series of four, all relatively short, You-Tube videos which discuss Stoneflies, Mayflies, Caddisflies and Dry Fly Rises. All are by Tom Rosenbauer, and all are in the 5-min range. Tom covers a lot of basic entomology about the life cycles of these insects and how trout respond and feed on them. Essentially, all have nymph form which lives in the water and which trout feed on. All, at some point migrate to the surface and emerge as a pre-adult or adult form. The latter is the breeding form of the fly. After breeding, most lay eggs in the water and then die onto the stream surface, where again they become prime food for trout as surface insects.

I like Tom's videos as they are concise and very well done. He explains a lot in just a few minutes. I get tired of watching 30+ minute videos to get 2 minutes worth of information, and where 28+ minutes are the presenters self-promoting, joking around, or talking about unrelated things.

Here's the list to check out if interested –

Understanding stoneflies and nymphs - https://midcurrent.com/videos/understanding-stoneflies-and-nymphs-with-tom-rosenbauer/?goal=0_8efbf3b958-7f91e3b178-42992413&mc_cid=7f91e3b178&mc_eid=e2b8fc2655

Understanding mayflies - <https://midcurrent.com/videos/understanding-mayflies-with-tom-rosenbauer/>

Understanding dry fly rises - <https://midcurrent.com/videos/understanding-dry-fly-rises/>

Understanding caddisflies - <https://midcurrent.com/videos/understanding-caddisflies-with-tom-rosenbauer/>

Floating Nymph Flies for Selective Trout

Found this on the Gink & Gasoline blog. It is a suggestion for fishing catch-and-release streams which get a lot of fishing pressure through the season. Trout in these streams have seen a lot of flies and become 'educated' to them. A floating nymph would be a common insect, but is an often overlooked pattern in our fly boxes. Essentially, it's a nymph pattern without the weighted bead, so it can float in or near to the surface. It will form a pattern on the surface which can appear more life-like to savvy fish.

The keys to this type of fly are – a) unweighted; b) bushy, natural materials to form a body & thorax and which float well. The example in the blog is hare's ear dubbing; c) attractor tailing material.

The presentation can be found at:

<https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/fish-floating-nymphs-for-selective-trout/> The blog has a link to short

tying video by Ronnie Hall for a floating baetis nymph. It is a very simple pattern using Z-lon

(tailing material), dubbing (body & thorax) and thin foam (wing case). That was it.



Check Out Local and On-Line Fly Shops for Fall Sales

Just a quick note to check out local and on-line fly shops. Many are offering nice discounts as fall comes upon us, and we start to move from angling on the water to cooler and colder weather activities, like tying. I've seen several adds from regional shops and on-line shops that I use with discounts of 10 – 30% on items.

Women's Day Trip to the Mad River

By Cari Vota

Saturday Oct 19th, 2024, we will be going to the Mad River for an all-day wading trip. This will be our last women's fishing outing for the year. This area offers easy wading and shaded areas to fish for trout. We typically fish at least two different areas of the Mad so you will see how easy it is to park and fish along the river. Bring a bag lunch with a drink, and maybe something to sit on – chair, blanket. More information is available on signup. You need to register and complete the waiver on the trips page of the website to participate.

The TU Mad River Chapter also has a Stream Quality Monitoring event that day. If interested, we could tag along and see what the local trout eat, then use that knowledge to fish in the afternoon.

Questions? Let me know.

Cari Vota

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BUFF Members Getting Out to Fish

Tim Cassani got out for some shore fishing. Sent this pic of a tarpon he landed.



Bryan Tudor led another trip to the Mad River last month. David Fraley and Allen Berg participated. They had a good day and Allen landed a really nice rainbow –



Remember, if you get out to fish, please send photos and where you were fishing to kengmandel@gmail.com, and I'll get it into an upcoming BUFFER. It's a great way share information and locations with the club!

Upcoming BUFF Activities

As we move into the cooler, our outdoor activities are mostly coming to a close.
 However, check the website and watch for e-mails for
 classes and activities which become available!

In-person activities require registration (online on club Website)

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Seven Hills HS Casting & Tying Program	Tuesday, October 8 th Noon – 3:30 PM Register on Website	Tom Bachey
BUFF Women’s Program Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	Wednesday, October 9 th 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM Sign up on Website	Cari Vota
BUFF Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	Wednesday, October 9 th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Sign up on Website	Hugh O’Donnell
BUFF BOD Meeting Springdale Community Ctr Springdale, OH	Wednesday, October 16 th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Hugh O’Donnell
Fly Tying Guild Virtual – Zoom Mtg	Friday, October 18 th 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>See Website for Link</i>	Gary Begley
Women’s Day Trip Mad River Urbana, OH	Saturday, October 19 th All Day <i>See Website for Registration & Information</i>	Cari Vota
Mad River Day Trip Mad River Urbana, OH	Thursday, October 24 th All Day <i>See Website for Registration & Information</i>	Bryan Tudor

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.

