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## Notes from the President

Ken Dixon ([krjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krjdix@outlook.com))

Weather wise, August has been a great improvement with reduced rain and, although we did have some heat and humidity move in, we have also enjoyed a number of cooler, very comfortable days. I hope you have been able to get out and enjoy the waters. September is almost always one of our nicer months so let's hope the trend continues and you are able to enjoy some time communing with nature while fighting that wily fish.

For a number of years, BUFF has held an annual banquet. These have been really enjoyable evenings with the potential for walking away with some nice prizes and trips. These events take months of preparation by the Banquet Committee. Attendance to the annual banquets has been declining over the last several years despite attempts to change up the evening. Your Board of Directors, prior to naming a Chair and Committee for the 2016 event, has decided to review the banquet to determine how this should be approached next year. More details to follow, but if you have any suggestions or comments, please pass these along to a Board member.

Casting for Recovery, a national organization supported by BUFF, holds annual retreats to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer through a unique program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. The Southern Ohio Retreat will be taking place in September. Thanks to Debbie Hampton and Gloria Begley along with their team as well as the BUFF volunteer "River Helpers" for putting together this great program.

As most of you are aware, BUFF was asked to help Cabela's celebrate the grand opening of their new West Chester Store by setting up our casting pond and providing casting demonstrations and lessons. From the reports I have received, this was well received and we had a constant stream of folks stopping by to try out their hand at casting and to talk about our organization. Thanks to Tim Williamson and his team of volunteers that helped make this happen.

The Ohio Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers raffled off a trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club in August. I am happy to announce that BUFF member Tim Cassani was the winner of the trip. Congratulations Tim!

Project Healing Waters, another organization supported by BUFF, has had a busy summer and will be making its annual trip to the Castalia Hatcher in September. Thanks to all the BUFF members that support this group and thanks to all the veterans for their service.

As you are out and about, remember school is starting. Watch out for the kids as they are going to and from school and the many school events.

Good Fishing and Tight Lines.

## September B.U.F.F. Trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club

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The fall trip to Sunnybrook Trout Club is scheduled for September 25, 26 & 27. As of July, the trip was full but for various reasons some had to drop out. At this time, there are four slots open. If you are interested, sign up or check out the trip details on-line. Contact Ken Dixon ([krjdix@outlook.com](mailto:krjdix@outlook.com)) if you have any questions.

## Stream Quality Monitoring

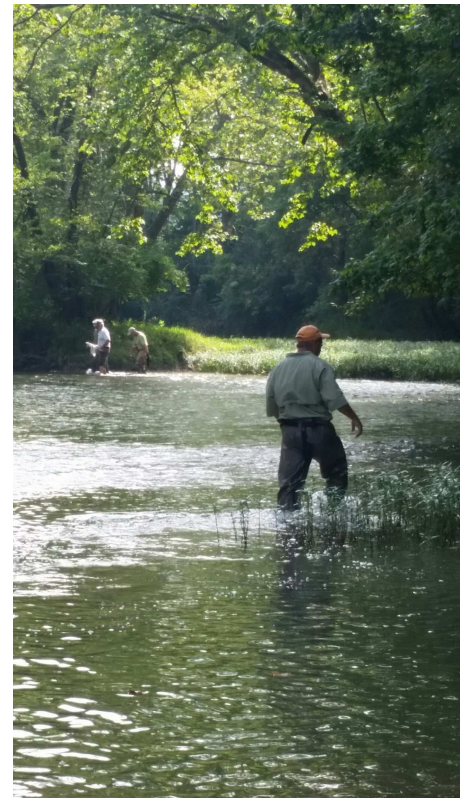
Bryan Tudor ([bryan.tudor@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan.tudor@yahoo.com))

Back in April our guest speaker was Rod King from ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). He spoke about a program called Stream Quality Monitoring. After several phone calls, emails, and rescheduling because of high water, we were finally able to hold our stream quality monitoring training on Saturday, August 15th at Caesar Creek Access Point on the Little Miami River. We had 15 B.U.F.F. members at this training ready to learn more about water monitoring and entomology.

Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM) is a biological monitoring of the water quality of the stream. The process we were using was having seine (nets) downstream of where we were turning over rocks and kicking up the river bottom. The micro invertebrates (or bugs) then get swept downstream into the seine. We then took seine over to shore where we collected various bugs and identified them and put them into separate compartments. Some bugs are less tolerant of pollution, while others are more tolerant to pollution. Bugs that are less tolerant of pollution get higher points and bugs that can tolerate pollution get a lower point. We then add up all the points for a total score to see where it falls on a scale. The higher the score the better the quality of water and the lower score the less quality of water.

SQM is a new conservation program for our club and working with Rod King and the ODNR we have been assigned two sections of the Little Miami River to monitor. The first section is Bass Island area in Newton, Ohio and the second section is Caesar Creek Access point in Waynesville, Ohio. Three times per year we will do stream quality monitoring at each section. The water monitoring will take place in months of May/June, July/August, and September/October. Because so many individuals want to help monitor our local waters we will be able to have two teams. One team will monitor the Bass Island area and the other team will monitor the Caesar Creek Access area.

We are so thrilled that so many members have signed up to be involved in SQM. Our club is involved in so many activities so having that many people want to help monitor our local water just shows how great our members really are. Thank you to all of those that participated!! If you are interested in being involved and were not able to attend our training, please contact me. SQM is a great way to determine the health of our water but, it also teaches about what insects are living in the areas we fish. Who knows maybe learning more about insects will help us catch more fish. We can only hope.



## Dumb Bass

Steve Lilly ([sjlilly@fuse.net](mailto:sjlilly@fuse.net))

A great leap in fishing savvy can be expected with the accumulation of scientific knowledge about fish. For example, a four year study of recapture rates at a catch and release lake in Illinois showed that the average bass was caught only twice in a single season while some individuals were caught up to sixteen times. Obviously some bass are not as gifted with intelligence as others and it may be that smartness or a lack thereof is genetic and could be passed on to the offspring. The Texas Parks & Wildlife Agency explored the possibility of developing a race of dumb bass that would allow their anglers more fishing success. They would study of a population of bass in an aquarium then carefully sort the dummies from the more astute. The dummies were mated with other dummies and only the offspring that exhibited a sufficient lack of intelligence were allowed to further the breed thus resulting in a strain of mentally challenged bass. It was a

great disappointment to discover that the bass that were developed over several generations of carefully selected dummies exhibited the same level of intelligence as the usual bass population.



## Great Outdoor Weekend Sept 26-27

Ed Jones [jonesee@miamioh.edu](mailto:jonesee@miamioh.edu)

BUFF is among 40+ Green Umbrella member organizations offering more than 120 free outdoor events across eight counties in and around Greater Cincinnati Sept 26-27. If it's an outdoor activity, you can probably find it at this annual event. We will be at the Isaac Walton League property on the Little Miami River in Loveland introducing newbies to fly fishing with fly casting and fly tying demonstrations. Participants will be encouraged to try casting/tying for themselves. Other GOW activities may be found at [cincygreatoutdoorweekend.org](http://cincygreatoutdoorweekend.org).

Please consider stepping up for this event, even if you have never before been a BUFF volunteer. You need not be an expert at either activity to give folks their first experience with casting or tying. Average competence will work just fine! We would, of course, also appreciate having some of our more accomplished casting instructors and fly tyers there as well. You will spend time with some great friends, and you just might inspire someone to take up the sport! Our activities are Saturday, September 26, 10 AM – 3 PM, at the Ike's cabin, 544 Branch Hill, Loveland, OH. At any given time we need about six volunteers from the BUFF membership – four tying and two casting. This could be six BUFFers for the entire experience or a larger number who could contribute 2-3 hrs. at any time that fits their schedule. You may sign up at the BUFF membership meeting Sept 9, register online at the BUFF website ([buckeyeflyfishers.com](http://buckeyeflyfishers.com)), or contact me directly to sign up or get answers to questions ([jonesee@miamioh.edu](mailto:jonesee@miamioh.edu), 513-523-6523). Vice President JR Jackson will lead BUFF in this the effort.

# September Meeting

**Meeting Date, Wed. Sept. 9, 2015**

**Speaker: Jerry McDaniel**

Jerry has been a friend of the club for many years. We have enjoyed hearing him speak at past meetings. He has a new presentation to share with us.

Jerry is an expert fisher and guide on the Cumberland River in southern Kentucky. His new presentation will deal with what we all need to know and understand to be able to catch trout on any stream we fish, not just the Cumberland River.

Be sure to register to hear Jerry's new program.

## **Dinner Menu**

Just like mom's homemade meatloaf with brown gravy  
Penne pasta primavera with chicken in Alfredo sauce  
Buttered mashed potatoes with gravy  
Seasoned green beans  
Rolls and butter

## **Low fat Dinner Menu Option:**

>>> Select when registering <<<  
Grilled chicken breast  
Seasoned green beans  
Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

## **Vegetarian Dinner Menu Option:**

>>> Select when registering <<<  
Pasta Primavera with Fresh Vegetables in olive oil  
Mixed Green Salad with Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

## **Dessert**

Chef's special dessert



# Grandson's fishing experience

Tom Smith ([tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com](mailto:tsmithconsulting@cinci.rr.com))

The following is an email message from my eight year old grandson, Max Smith. Max now lives in Pittsburgh, but up until a few months ago was living in Rochester, so getting together was rare. A few Christmases ago I gave my three grandsons fishing equipment with the intent it might peak their interests in fishing. Here's Max's note in his own words.

Dear Papa Tom,

I wanted to send you a picture of the fish I caught in a fishing contest I was in last week. It was an Atlantic toadfish, and it has a poisonous spine and really sharp teeth! It was awesome. I thought you would appreciate it since you are also an angler.



The cast on Max's arm is the result of falling out of a tree during an adventure with his twin brother. It doesn't seem to interfere with his casting.



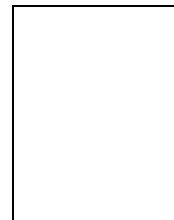
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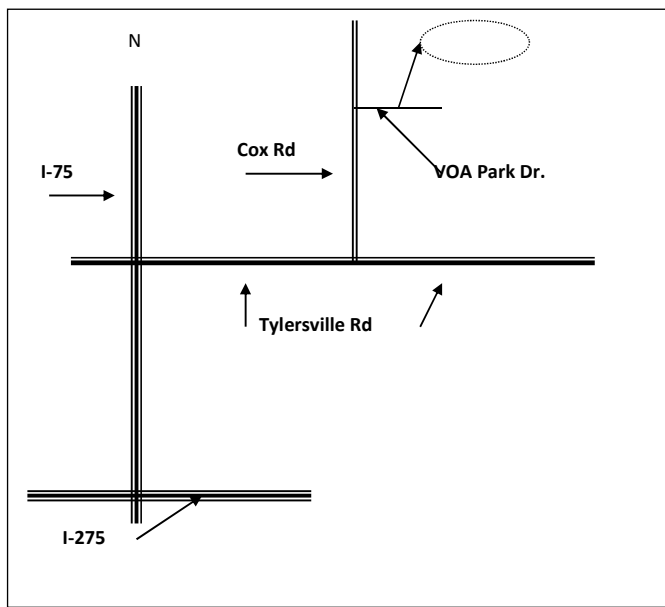
**NOTICE:** Dues are \$25 (Individual), \$30 (Family), with a onetime \$5 Initiation Fee for new members. New members will pay a prorated membership amount according to month of initial membership for the first year. Annual dues are due January 1. Refer to BUFF website for further information. B.U.F.F., P.O. Box 42614, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Mailing Address

### **Next Monthly Meeting – Wed. Aug. 12, 2015**

Call (513) 683-0286 or sign up on line at [WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM](http://WWW.BUCKEYEFLYFISHERS.COM) for reservations no later than midnight on the Sunday before the meeting. Dinners are \$15/person.

Sign up from the 20<sup>th</sup> of the November through the Sunday evening (12/14) before the monthly meeting!



#### **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 Warren County 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.