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The President's Fly Box

I've returned from the Buffalo Bill Trip in Wyoming. It was a great time for the ten of us who attended. This trip included three couples (6 people) which was a first. As always, the food and friends were great and the accommodations rustic. The North Shoshone River was crystal clear and produced many 16 to 20" trout once you found their holds in the river. Of course, the rains came. So, on Thursday and Friday, it was best to fish elsewhere. Several trips took fishers to the South Shoshone River and Greybull River. Returning fishers reported many 16" to 20" trout. I can report that I've never had so many fish break me off on 4X or throw my flies as in this trip. Still, I caught many fish and enjoyed the entirety of the trip. We expect to offer this trip again next year. So, stay tuned for information in 2023. Here is a link to some of this year's pictures:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r7exaru3ntcjo8m/AACVTbgiXJv_gPcbGQlLuMnTa?dl=0

I want to encourage everyone to visit our calendar from the link on the home page. We still have both local and travel trips on the schedule. There are also Stream Quality Monitoring (SQM) events, which offer an opportunity to help monitor the health of our waters and to learn about what aquatic bugs, which are primary food sources for fish, are in our local waters. If you haven't turned over a rock in a few decades, then it is time for you to go on our last SQM trip of the year. Please sign up.

Finally, BUFF is still looking for volunteers to lead trips. We need help once a month for river or pond trips. Please consider hosting a local trip such as wading Twin Creek or kayaking the Whitewater or Little Miami Rivers for bass. It would also be great to see trips like Hatchery Creek for trout. It is a four-hour drive with camping and AirBNB/VRBO houses available. Please contact Steve Bailey (Trip Director) or me if you have any questions or interest in helping to lead a trip.

Remember – *you can't catch a fish unless you go fishing!*

Hugh O'Donnell
BUFF President

BUFF September Meeting – Wednesday, September 14th

In Person Presentation!

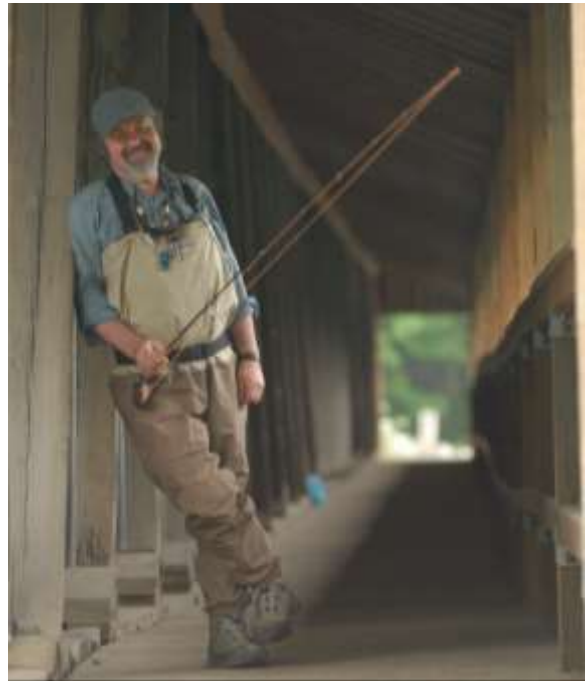
Our September meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner will be served at about 6:30 PM, the business meeting and announcements starts at about 7:15 PM, and our speaker's presentation will start at 7:45 PM.

September Speaker – Steve Madewell, Director Emeritus, Lake Metroparks, “Thirty Years in Steelhead Alley”

Steve Madewell grew in SW Ohio fishing the Stillwater and Little Miami Rivers extensively, as well as Ludlow, Greenville, Twin and Four Mile Creeks. He loves fishing these bass streams. Steve recently retired from the public sector, having enjoyed a remarkable career works for regional park systems. During this time, Steve was involved with supervision and direction of a host of park operations, including environmental education, natural resource management and protection, wetland restoration, fundraising, grant writing, and park planning and development. Steve was directly involved in acquiring miles of stream frontage for parks in Ohio. Many of these efforts were focused within Ohio's famed “Steelhead Alley”.

Steve used fly fishing for steelhead as an important tool to introduce a host of public officials and community leaders to the remarkable natural resources of northeast Ohio. He secured funds for land acquisition through several innovative and unusual sources, wetland mitigation, USDA, USF&W, DOT, and donations. Often he used the growing excitement and notoriety of Ohio's Steelhead Alley to illustrate the value of northeast Ohio streams. He started guiding steelhead outings in the late 1980's, and has fished with several notable anglers, politicians, and business and sports figures. He often fished with then Senator George Voinovich, and served as a personal advisor to Mr. Voinovich when was Governor, regarding the acquisition of the Castalia Fish Hatchery.

Steve has written for several publications, been the subject of countless newspaper articles, and was featured in an episode of “On the Rise” with Frank Metherhurst. He has prepared and delivered presentations at fly fishing clubs in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Steve has also been a working musician for over 40 years.



Registration deadline for the in-person meeting is Sunday, September 11th. If you wish to join us for dinner, the cost is \$20. You do not need to purchase dinner to attend, but please register!

September Dinner Menu –

- Chef's Choice Salad
- Chicken with Sherry Cream Sauce
- Tuscan Mashed Potatoes with Parmesan Cheese
- Glazed Baby Carrots
- Rolls & Butter
- Iced Tea & Coffee (regular & decaf)
- Chef's Choice Dessert

New Club Members!

By Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

During the past month we've added 2 new members –

Zachary Opatken, Cincinnati, OH

Brian McAndrew, Maineville, OH

Welcome to the club, and we hope to see you at a meeting soon! Also, check out and sign up for activities and programs on the BUFF Website! Finally, you can use the Forum page in the BUFF website to reach out to club members for information, or even if you are just looking for someone to get out with and go fishing!

September Outings –

Local outings – Registration & Information are on the Website

- **Wednesday, September 7th** is the monthly evening Fly Casting Skills Development program at Cottell Park in Mason, OH. We meet at 6 PM and work on casting skills until dusk.

- **After Work Outings.**

Thursday, September 8th and **Thursday, September 15th** are the last Women's and Coed after work wading outings for the season, respectively. The Women's outing is at the LMR access at Lake Isabella Park. The Coed outing is on the East Fork of the LMR Sycamore Park.

- **Saturday, September 10th** is the day for Stream Quality Monitoring on the Little Miami River. Meet at 9 AM at either Bass Island (near Mariemont, OH) or Caesar's Creek (Caesar's Creek access to the LMR).
- **Wednesday, September 21st** is another SQM outing. This is on Seven Mile Creek. Access is from Four Mile Park in Hamilton, OH.



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.

Open the BUFF web page and click on the “Member Services” icon. This area is limited to BUFF members, so you will be asked to login with your e-mail address. Once logged in, you have a series of function icons. Click on “Browse the Library”. This brings up the list of our library books and holdings. There is a GREEN “Reserve It” box on the right of each item. Click that to reserve the book/video. It will be delivered to you at the next club meeting.

This is an easy to use resource to obtain library materials and to grow and enhance your fly fishing skills and knowledge.

October North Carolina Trip – Reminder –

This year we have two groups for the annual fall trip to Bryson City area in North Carolina. Dates are October 5th – 9th. One is the usual NC trip led by Tom Bachey. In addition, there is now a women's NC trip led by Cari Vota. It is a separate reserved cabin. The regular trip is fully subscribed, but you can sign up for a waiting list. There are still openings for the women's trip. So, if you are interested, you should sign-up!



Women's October Pre-Meeting Get Together with Ann Miller

By Cari Vota

Ann Miller, is our scheduled presenter for the October BUFF meeting (*Wednesday, October 12th*). In addition to her presentation, Ann will host a wonderful **women's pre-meeting** get together. This is scheduled from 4:30 – 5:30 PM on October 12th, just prior to the start of our regular meeting. This will be at the Oasis Center and held in a room across the hall from our regular meeting room.

Ann's topic will be "Fly Fishing Hacks" – short cuts, knots, rigging, line cleaning, and many other topics. All are great things to know about, especially for those who are 'newer' to fly fishing. No signup required. Put this on your calendar and show up for what is certain to be an enjoyable hour of discussion.

Volunteers Needed in August & September –

The club relies on volunteers to support our outside education programs which promote fly fishing. Volunteering is a great opportunity to get involved in activities, and to share the knowledge and enjoyment of being part of BUFF. These are programs designed to introduce individuals with no prior experience of skills in fly fishing to the sport, so one certainly does not need to be an 'expert' to participate. We seek individuals who can provide basic instruction on casting and/or fly tying.

- **Friday & Saturday, September 16th & 17th –**

BUFF will be instructing fly tying and casting to another group of women participating in the "Women's Outdoor Adventure", a program sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The location is Heuston Woods. Watch the website and e-mail for volunteer needs and registration. We'd especially like to get our women members to volunteer for this event!

- **Saturday, September 24th –**

BUFF will be demonstrating and instructing casting and fly tying as our annual involvement in the "Great Outdoors Weekend". Location is the Izaak Walton League in Loveland, OH. BUFF has been involved in this event for several years, and "kids of all ages" will benefit from our instruction. Again, watch for an e-blast for volunteer sign-up.

Volunteers for the Fly Fishing Show

The success of the Cincinnati Fly Fishing show depends on the many BUFF members who volunteer to help on the day of the show. There are many activities where support is needed, including helping with admissions, helping our exhibitors with 'load in' prior to the start of the show and 'load out' at the close of the show, helping with various kid's activities, helping at various booths, and other needs.

Later this fall the show team will be asking club members to sign-up for slots. We do not ask anyone to volunteer for the full day, so volunteers get to enjoy the show and presentations as well.

As a reminder, the show date is Saturday, February 4th. Please offer to volunteer in some show-related activities when these are asked for. The show cannot happen without our dedicated volunteers.

The “Stuff” to Always Have With You When Fishing

By Ken Mandel

I found an enjoyable You-Tube video on the Midcurrent.com site by Alvin Dedeaux. He talks about essential ancillary items to have with you when angling. This is not the rod, reel, waders.... It covers the ‘small things’ we can easily forget and then be really sorry we don’t have them. I am sure most of us are familiar with these – nippers, extra tippet in a few appropriate sizes for the day’s angling, a sharp tool for cutting things, hemostats, etc. A good suggestion is to just keep these together, for example in a fishing pack or vest, so remembering them is no longer a chore. Also, it is important, especially for things like nippers or a hemostats for removing hooks, to be sure they remain connected to us, using a zinger device. Dropping these in a stream or pond is a sure way to lose them!

It was a fun video to watch. If you watch this one, get a load of the pliers! Here’s the link:

https://midcurrent.com/videos/never-go-fishing-without-this-stuff/?goal=0_8efbf3b958-ea05e57da9-42992413&mc_cid=ea05e57da9&mc_eid=e2b8fc2655

Three Common Mistakes for Summer Dry Fly Fishing – Dun Magazine

From Haruko Mizoguchi

Haruko shared another article from a recent issue of Dun Magazine, a fly fishing resource for aimed at women anglers that was started by Jen Ripple. This one discusses the topic noted above. The link is:

<https://dunmagazine.fliesforsale.com/3-common-mistakes-for-summer-dry-fly-fishing/?ffst=141g94-fcm6>

Here is a short summary of the article.

Summer dry fly fishing is what many fly fishers enjoy most. The warm weather, cold water, multiple kinds bugs on the water, and active and hungry trout. Fishing for summer trout on dry flies is a blast and even if you aren't a great dry fly angler, summer is the season to try it. There is nothing quite so great as seeing a trout rise to your dry fly while wet wading on a warm summer day. The article suggests 3 tips to help get the most out of summer dry fly fishing. While fall is coming upon us, it is still not too late to take advantage of this.

1. Don't live in the past.

We often use past experiences to make decisions on what flies to fish, and if you totally rely on this method, you're likely to miss a lot of fish.

Instead, approach the river with the idea that every day is different. Know current river conditions. What has hatched? What are fish eating? Local guides, anglers, and fly shops are valuable sources of information on local conditions. Also, know your bugs, and how weather and river conditions can affect what is on and in the water and what trout are likely eating.



2. Throw the biggest fly in my box!

Would you rather fish a size #20 dry fly or a size #10, if both caught the same amount of fish during the day? If you're like the 99.99% who answered the big bug, then this mistake is often one we all make. Sometimes, this is EXACTLY what we should do, but most times, a smaller fly is going to catch more fish.

There is an emotional pull to throw big bugs because they're easier to tie on, easier to see, and float higher. Instead fishing flies that are properly sized for the insects on the water will get more fish, as that is what the fish are seeing and targeting. Finding a natural insect on the water and matching your fly size to this is a good suggestion. For example, if you see a golden stonefly on the water and it's a size #12, throw a size #14.

3. Give the fish credit

Often, we get the idea that because it's summer, the fish abandon reason and eat anything they can, but that simply isn't true. Though trout will eat a wider variety of insects in the summer, it doesn't mean they abandon all reason and their natural instincts to stay safe. Bring your best game to the water, and avoid this common mistake.

Fishing Hoppers –

Ventures Fly Company has a blog on their website on effectively fishing hoppers. It is a short write-up and includes a couple of short videos on some techniques. Here is the link:

<https://blog.venturesflyco.com/2022/07/18/fly-fishing-hoppers-effectively/>

Hopper fly patterns mimic terrestrials that have fallen into the water. Fishing these flies can offer some of the most fun you can have in summer fishing, as there are few things as exciting when trout fishing, than seeing a fish just attack a hopper pattern.

Hopper patterns mimic terrestrial insects – spiders, grasshoppers, etc., that have fallen into the water, and their reactions and movements are struggling to get out of the water. So the first key thought in fishing a hopper pattern is to move the fly. Just twitch it with rod movements and/or stripping in line. The idea is to get the fly movement to act like it is desperately trying to get out of the water – kicking its legs to try to reach dry land.



banks are that much more likely to take your hopper. There is a short video in the blog that show a technique of actually casting the fly onto the edge of the bank, and then pulling it back into the water.

The final point is that terrestrials tend to hit the water with some impact. So smacking these flies onto the water is not necessarily a negative for presentation. The fish see or sense that and will attack the bug as an easy meal.

As we know, fish seek structure, places where they are less visible to their natural prey. This is along banks, in shadow created by overhanging trees, etc. Banks and overhanging vegetation are prime places for terrestrial insects to fall into the water as well. So, a great place to fish hoppers are along the banks. Banks with tall, high grass – a favorite place for grasshoppers to live – should be the ones you target first, if they're available. Getting it as close to the bank as possible means the big fish living beneath the



Photos From the Past Month

Saturday, August 20th, was the Women's day trip to the Mad River. Cari, Haruko, Lisa Morrisette and Robyn Carey Allgeyer ventured to the river, fishing sites near Urbana. Everyone caught 'fish', but none were trout. They also got wet in a heavy downpour in the afternoon that put an early end to the day. However, it was still fun. Here are a few photos. The fish, one that Cari landed, is a 'fathead minnow. It put up a good fight, but she got it in the net! The others are of Haruko and Lisa wading back to a bridge

in the down pour and then sitting to dry off! Robyn appears to have been camera-shy.



Earlier in August, a number of our club members were off to Wyoming at the Camp Buffalo Bill fly fishing trip here are some photos shared by Jim Hunt and Hugh O'Donnell. Hugh's President's note has a link to a photo collection that he has shared from Dropbox.



Jim Hunt's First Trout of the trip



The lodge



Shoshone River



Here's a nice fish!





A fishing buddy!



Tim Cassini got out locally on the Little Miami and landed this nice smallmouth bass.



If you've been out fishing, please remember to send comments and a photos for the BUFFER !

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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| Casting Skills Development Cottell Park Mason OH | Wednesday, September 7 th 6 PM – 8 PM <i>Registration & information on BUFF Website</i> | Tom Scheer |
| Women's After Work Fishing Little Miami River Lake Isabella Access | Thursday, September 8 th 6 PM – Dusk <i>Register on Website</i> | Cari Vota |
| Stream Quality Monitoring Little Miami River @ Bass Island, Mariemont, OH & Caesar's Creek | Saturday, September 10 th Meet at 9 AM <i>Information & Register on Website</i> | Tom Britton |
| BUFF Members Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH | Wednesday, September 14 th 6 – 8:30 PM | |
| BUFF Club After Work Fishing East Fork Little Miami River Sycamore Park, Batavia, OH | Thursday, September 15 th 6 PM – Dusk <i>Register on Website</i> | Cari Vota |
| Tie-& Lie | Friday, September 16 th 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM <i>Virtual Session – Zoom Link</i> | Gary Begley |
| Stream Quality Monitoring Four Mile Creek Park Hamilton, OH | Wednesday, September 21 st Meet at 10 AM | Tom Britton |
| BUFF BOD Meeting Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH | Wednesday, September 21 st 6:30 – 8:00 PM | Hugh O'Donnell |

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.

