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President's Letter

The 2026 BUFF Banquet was a great success! While the committee was a bit concerned about registrations leading up to the event, members and guests came through, and we ended up with a great turnout. The number of prizes and auction items was also extremely high. Thanks to Bryan and the committee (Todd, Cari, Barry, Bob, Mike, Haruko, and MANY others) for making this event a success. Proceeds from the Banquet, as well as the show, provide funds that help fuel our outreach, education, and conservation programs.

The beginning of "trip season" is here! It is just a few days before the annual spring trip to the Smokies heads out (April 8th – 12th). I'm sure those who go will have a fantastic time. I've been fortunate to enjoy this trip on about 12 occasions. It's always a great time, and the rivers and surrounding mountains are stunningly beautiful. For those who have never taken this trip, I urge you to do so in the future. It's not only a great chance to spend quality time with old and new friends, it's a perfect opportunity to learn fishing skills, whether you're a beginner or an expert!

We have several other club trips occurring in the near future, including a Mad River day trip on April 21st, and the Potter County, the bass run trips later in April, and a Pennsylvania trip on May 3rd – 9th.

One of my personal favorite places to fish is Southeast Indiana during the spring white bass run! BUFF coordinates outstanding day trips for club members. Those interested should sign up on the club website. Space is limited, so if you're unable to sign up for one of the formal club trips, please ask other club members (the monthly meeting is a great place to start) for information on how to organize your own outing to fish for this fun, and usually plentiful, quarry!

In addition to these trips, there are numerous other opportunities to get involved with the club, including learning fly tying, casting, and fishing skills, doing conservation work, or socializing while tying flies with the membership at local pubs! See the BUFF website for dates and times for all these activities!

Fish on!

Bob Miller

BUFF April Meeting – Wednesday April 8th

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 about 7:30 PM. ***Please register on the website whether you are having dinner with us or not, so Oasis can set up adequate tables and seating. We appreciate having your registration by Friday, April 3rd, so we can provide a 'head count' to Oasis for seating and meal preparation. Registration closes on Sunday, April 5th.***

While it is still on the second Wednesday of the month, the April meeting falls earlier in the month, so we need to register soon!

April Speaker – Drake Perry, Little Miami River Outfitters – “Little Miami River Fishing Opportunities”

Drake Perry is the owner and head guide of Little Miami River Outfitters. Drake is a passionate fly fisherman and has an “if it has fins & swims, I’d like to catch it” attitude. He grew up learning how to fly fish on the Little Miami River and refined his skills fishing and guiding in the Western US.

Find out more about Little Miami River Outfitters on their website at – www.littlemiamiriveroutfitters.com.



April Dinner Menu –

It's 'make your own tacos/fajitas night! The taco/fajita bar is always an excellent and enjoyable meal from the folks at Oasis!

- House Salad with dressings
- Spicy Beef
- Lemon-Lime Marinated Chicken
- Corn & Flour Tortillas
- Spanish Rice
- Toppings – scallions, onions, peppers, tomatoes, jalapenos, black olives, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream
- Coffee & Tea

BUFF Library – Now on the Website!

From: Dave Smith

The listing of library holdings is now on the website. Thank you to David Fraley for getting this set up. You can search the list, but the new system does not allow us to 'check out' books on-line. **Once you identify the item, or items, you want, send an email to info@buckeyeflyfishers.com. *The email needs to include your name, and the titles and 'serial numbers' for the items.***

Dave Smith will be notified, and he will bring the items to the next meeting. Returning items is simple. Just bring them to an upcoming meeting where Dave will collect them. If you have a question, reach out to Dave Smith (dksmith6973@yahoo.com).

New Members in January 2026

From: Harry Pass, BUFF Membership Director

We've gained quite 7 new members last month!

- **Lawrence Parker**, Cincinnati, OH
- **Nora Meier**, Loveland, OH
- **Brian Cron**, Cincinnati, OH
- **David Williams**, Kettering, OH
- **Bradley Ketcher**, Cincinnati, OH
- **John Scheetz**, Cincinnati, OH
- **Brian Stankovic**, Maineville, 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!

Have You Paid Your 2026 Dues?

BUFF club policy is to drop prior year members who have not paid current year (2026) dues by the end of March. Harry Pass, our Membership Director, has sent out reminders, and this month (April), will drop those who have not yet paid their 2026 dues from the membership roster. If you have not yet paid your 2026 dues, and wish to remain an active member, please contact Harry Pass now (wpass21052@gmail.com).

BUFF BANQUET

First A Thank You –

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Buckeye United Fly Fishers Banquet a success! It is our members—who generously volunteer their time and talents—who truly make this club so special. Your dedication is what keeps our organization strong. Thank you as well to everyone who attended the banquet and helped create such a great evening for our community. Your support and participation mean so much.



We are also especially grateful to the many businesses and donors whose generous contributions helped make the event truly spectacular. A full list of our sponsors, along with links to their businesses, can be found on our website. We encourage everyone to support them—whether by visiting their stores, booking a stay, or planning a guided trip.

The Banquet Team

2025 Member Recognition –

Fly Fisher of the Year – Lane Stocker

Fly Fisher of the Year is BUFF’s “highest” honor. It is awarded each year to a member in recognition of his/her extraordinary efforts in support and service to BUFF’s organization, priorities and activities, and to fly fishing in general. This year’s awardee is Lane Stocker. Lane’s involvement with the club pre-dates many of our current members, including previously being as Vice President. After stepping away for a few years, Lane jumped back in with both feet. She has taken on leadership for all our fly tying activities, from tying classes to the fly tying at the show. Her fly fishing knowledge is large and especially helpful to new fishers.



Board of Directors Award Fly Fisher of the Year – Harry Pass

The Board of Directors Award is the 2nd highest annual club award. It is awarded to an individual, or individuals, who have made significant contributions to Buckeye United Fly Fishers. The 2025 recipient is Harry Pass. Harry took over the Membership Director's position in 2020, and has done a great job with getting new members information and badges. He also sends out our Sunshine cards to members and their families if they are sick or ill, etc., and keeps the BOD posted. Harry is a great greeter at our monthly club meetings, going out of his way to make members feel welcome and valued.



Conservation, Fly Tying and Education Awards –

BUFF recognizes individuals for contributions to conservation, education, and fly tying. These awards are chosen by the BOD member(s) responsible for each of these specific areas. (board of directors) of each of the areas. The 2025 award recipients are:



Jim Neckers
Ken Dixon Fly Tying Award



Steve Alexander
Bob Goldberry Conservation Award

William Schroeder received the **Lou Haynes Education Award**, but was not present at the banquet.

President's Awards –

Each year the BUFF President has the honor of selecting club members who he/she feels merits significant recognition for contributions they have made to BUFF. Bob Miller's 2025 President's Award recipients are David Fraley, Haruko Mizoguchi, Hugh O'Donnell, and Tom Burns. We have a photo for David and Tom, but neither Hugh nor Haruko were present at the banquet.



David Fraley
2025 President's Award Recipient



Tom Burns
2025 President's Award Recipient

2026 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – Vendor Summary

Following our show, we provide a list of the participating vendors. The list provides the vendor, their area of specialty, and contact information. It is a good way to refresh our memories of who we may have spoken with. Also, if a vendor peaked interest in the products or services, it is a great way for anyone to follow-up. I know that I am contacting a few guides to look into booking a couple of trips this year.

It is a long list, so I will split it between a couple of upcoming newsletters. Here goes installment 1 –

<p>The Art in Fishing https://theartinfishing.com/; dave@theartinfishing.com 937-313-3739</p>	<p>Dave Williams makes incredible fishing related art works. His abstract composition on weathered steel captures the natural beauty of fish species.</p>
<p>Little Miami River Outfitters https://littlemiamiriveroutfitters.com/ littlemiamiriveroutfitters@gmail.com 513-720-3032</p>	<p>LMRO are a local fly fishing guide service covering the tri-state area. They guide on the Little Miami River, Brookville Tailwaters, White River, and others.</p>
<p>Strictly Sail & Kayak https://strictlysailinc.com/ strsail@strictlysailinc.com 513-984-1907</p>	<p>2025 was their second year participating in our show. Located in Blue Ash, OH, Strictly Sail & Kayak has a large stock of fishing kayaks from several makers.</p>

<p>Yellowstone Anglers Basecamp https://www.anglersbasecamp.org/ anglersbasecamp@awbsa.org 402-806-0185</p>	<p>Yellowstone Anglers Basecamp offers full- and half-week angling out of Camp Buffalo Bill, a boy scout camp just outside the east entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The North Fork of the Shoshone River flows through the camp, and fishing in the park and on other rivers is available. The camp fee includes lodging and meals. Weeks are scheduled from late-July thru early-Sept.</p>
<p>AuSable on the Fly https://www.ausableonthefly.com/ ausableonthefly@gmail.com 740-360-2454</p>	<p>Rob Ramage has fished the Au Sable River in MI for 50 years. He offers full- and half-day guided trips for brown, rainbow and brook trout and smallmouth bass which thrive in the river.</p>
<p>Hog Creek Furled Leaders hogcreek1@yahoo.com 419-233-6448</p>	<p>Brad Sherrick makes excellent furled leaders. He has been a regular at the Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show for many years. You can purchase directly from him, or his leaders are available at independent fly shops.</p>
<p>Michigan Anglers Basecamp https://michiganscouting.org/anglers-basecamp/ anglers@mittenoutdoors.org 810-235-8728</p>	<p>The camp offers affordable lodging and meals as a fly fishing basecamp. It is located in Clare, MI and has access to many of Michigan's prime fly fishing streams. There is a large lake on the camp. Weekly bookings are available through the month of May.</p>
<p>Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing www.cumberlandvalleyflyfishing.com jim.sauerheber@gmail.com 270-779-7589</p>	<p>Jim Sauerheber, another long-time participant at our shows, is an excellent guide on KY's Cumberland River. It is an excellent fishery for larger rainbow and brown trout. Many of our club members have fished with him and can attest to his skills.</p>
<p>Great Lakes Fly Fishing https://www.greatlakesflyfishing.com/ jeffliskay@gmail.com 440-781-7536</p>	<p>Great Lakes Fly Fishing is owned and operated by Jeff Liskay. He primarily guides on Lake Erie and Lake St Clair for bass, walleye, steelhead and muskie (Lake St Clair). He is an expert angler and great instructor. Jeff also leads 'destination' fly fishing trips; check his website.</p>
<p>Field Edge Fishing Products bfarrell220@protonmail.com 847-650-2178</p>	<p>Brian Farrell is a commercial tyer. He sells custom made flies and sets through on-line sources.</p>
<p>Matt Reilly Fly Fishing https://www.mattreillyflyfishing.com/ mattreillyflyfishing@gmail.com 434-996-4067</p>	<p>Matt, a newer vendor at our show, guides rivers in southwest Virginia and eastern Tennessee. His guiding is primarily for bass, musky and predatory game fish.</p>

<p>True North Trout www.truenorthtrout.com flyfishbkoz@gmail.com 231-675-1237</p>	<p>Brian Kozminski has over 30 years experience guiding fly fishers on Michigan rivers. He and his guides fish the Au Sable, Manistee, Jordan, Pigeon, Boyne, Sturgeon and Black Rivers (all in northern MI) on wade and float guided trips.</p>
<p>Black Jaw Tackle https://blackjawtackle.com/ info@blackjawtackle.com 513-630-9893</p>	<p>Manuel & Christine Gibson teach fly fishing skills and and guide regionally in the tri-state area, IN, KY, PA, NY, and Great Lakes areas. They lead individually designed trips to other locations and are custom rod builders.</p>
<p>Eggman Flies https://eggmanflies.com/ dh.walker@yahoo.com 734-699-8113</p>	<p>Dan Walker of Eggman Flies is a regular at our Show. He offers a wide range of tied flies, tying materials, tools, fly lines, and other items. All are at very reasonable prices. You can see and order products on his website.</p>
<p>Roads, Rivers and Trails https://roadsriversandtrails.com/ rrt@roadsriversandtrails.com 513-248-7787</p>	<p>Roads, Rivers & Trails is a local outdoor outfitter shop in Milford, OH. They are also long-time participants in our show, and supporters of BUFF. They offer a range of fishing kayaks and great outdoors gear for hiking, camping and other activities.</p>
<p>The Hook & Hackle Company https://www.hookhack.com/ ron@hookhack.com</p>	<p>Ron Weiss, owns the business and is a long-time vendor at our show. He focuses on rod building, offering blanks, kits, and supplies, which can be purchased through the website. The website also has a lot of educational information on fly fishing, tying, and equipment.</p>
<p>Rifle River Lodge https://www.rifliverlodge.com/ sam@rifliverlodge.com</p>	<p>Sam Hanna, a member of our club, purchased and renovated the house as a rental lodge. It provides excellent access for fishing on the Au Sable (near Mio) and Rifle Rivers. There is a stream on the property that is fishable as well.</p>
<p>Ian Rutter Art https://www.ianrutterart.com/ ian@randrflyfishing.com</p>	<p>Ian Rutter has been a successful fly fishing guide in the Smokey Mountains for 30 years. He is also an established artist, primarily working in watercolor. His art focuses on trout and their surroundings and other wildlife.</p>
<p>R&R Fly Fishing https://randrflyfishing.com/ info@randrflyfishing.com 865-448-0467</p>	<p>Ian & Charity Rutter have owned and operated R&R Fly Fishing in Townsend, TN for over 20 years, primarily guiding rivers and streams in Great Smokey Mountains Natl Park. They are excellent guides and instructors for fishing the native trout on these streams. They also lead a late winter trip to Pantagonia and late summer trip to West Yellowstone.</p>

<p>The Frugal Fly Rodder www.thefrugalflyrodder.com mikemehrle@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Mike Mehrle is the Frugal Flyrodder. He offers innovative thoughts and ideas related to fishing and tying. Mike also likes to develop simple innovative products that can be used for fishing and tying.</p>
<p>Western KY University Fly Fishing www.wku.edu/flyfishing raymond.poff@wku.edu</p>	<p>Dr. Raymond Poff leads a flyfishing education program at WKU. They offer an annual 1-week trip to Missoula, Montana to fish the Clark's Fork, Blackfoot & Bitterroot Rivers that is open to the public. He attended the show to promote that trip.</p>

Planning the 2027 Fly Fishing Show–

Believe it or not, we have started to work on the 2027 show! Getting a well known individual as our 'headliner' is the first item we work on. These people often book their calendars a year ahead, so we are actually a little late in getting started. As case-in-point, we have already reached out to Tom Rosenbauer, Tim Flagler and Tim Camissa; all three, though expressing strong interest, already have schedule conflicts! We have several others who we are contacting. Our goal is to have a headliner committed to our show by mid-to-late April. Hopefully, we will be able to share news on a headliner in next month's BUFFER, if not earlier.

Consider Joining the Fly Show Planning Team!

Planning the show is pretty much as full year effort. A couple of our team members have stepped down, so we are seeking one or two volunteers to join the team. Planning is a 'team effort'; we are all there to help and provide input and instruction. Prior knowledge is not required.

Participating on the team is an excellent way to get involved in a major club activity and to meet other club members. Working on a club activity is also a fantastic way to increase the enjoyment of being a club member. If interested, please contact Tom Bachey (h2oguy@fuse.net) or Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com). They will continue as co-leaders for planning the 2027 show.

Fly Tying Classes

From Lane Stocker

There is one remaining tying class on the schedule. It is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th. We will tie **Flies for Bluegill & Bass**, as their spawning season for is just around the corner, Bully spiders and various other top water flies will be on the schedule. **Please register on the Website.**

Spring Casting Classes

From: Jim Vota

The Fly Fishing 101 program is now completed, and our casting classes are coming up.

Casting Warmup -

We will start with a 'casting warmup', which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Springdale Community Center. **Registration is NOT REQUIRED**; just come with your rod if you are interested. We'll have casting instructors to work on questions and techniques.

Introductory Casting Classes -

The classes are scheduled for two Sundays - April 19th and April 26th, at Cottell Park, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Please register for these on the website. These classes will focus on basic and roll casts and on how to form and control the casting loop. These are the foundations for all casting. We'll work on drills to aid in this learning.

Classes are held in the wet or dry, so be prepared for the weather. Bring a chair, hat, glasses/sunglasses (for safety reasons), sunscreen and water. As far as equipment, bring your rod, reel, line and leader (if you have that). A 5-wt rod, which is probably what most people have, will work well, and a 0X, tapered 7 ½ foot leader is best for this program. Regardless of what you have, any rod will be good enough! If you don't have a rod, contact Jim Vota (vota@zoomtown.com), so we can have club rods available. If undecided as to what rod may be best for you, it may be wisest to wait until you have completed the introductory casting classes. Our instructors can help with thoughts and suggestions on rods.

Additional Casting Classes

The May and June classes will have registration on the website.

- 5/24 Sun Casting Class – "Fishing" Cottell Park 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- 6/14 Sun Casting Class – "Advanced" Cottell Park 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Forgotten Streamer

From: Tim Cassani

If I told you we were going to tie some streamers, your mind would probably go right to Buggers, Clousers, or Deceivers. If you got a little more creative you might think Game Changers, Sparkle Minnows or even Belly Scratcher Minnows. I would bet that sculpin patterns or other epibenthic fish patterns may not even come to mind.

Keep your head down the next time you're walking through the shallows at the Brookville tailwater, or just about any river or stream. These bottom hugging fun bombs are all over the place. They make a high calorie snack for trout and smallmouth.

There are many ways to tie these imitations. I like to use trigger point fibers to form the body. These fibers have a medium-to-stiff consistency that works well. Cut 1" long clumps of the fiber in various colors to give the fly a mottled look that many sculpins have. Alternate the colors and stack the fibers into a dubbing loop, spin, palmer and then trim to get your desired body shape. Stop frequently while palmering to pick out trapped fibers using a Velcro brush. Pheasant body and turkey feather tips make good tails and pectoral fins. The Autumn 2025 issue of Fly Tyer magazine does a good job of describing these techniques.



This pattern rides hook up, so just toss it and then drag or strip it along the bottom. Remember that sculpins have no swim bladder, so they're always close to the bottom. It's streamer fishing in the zone.

Some Things of Interest

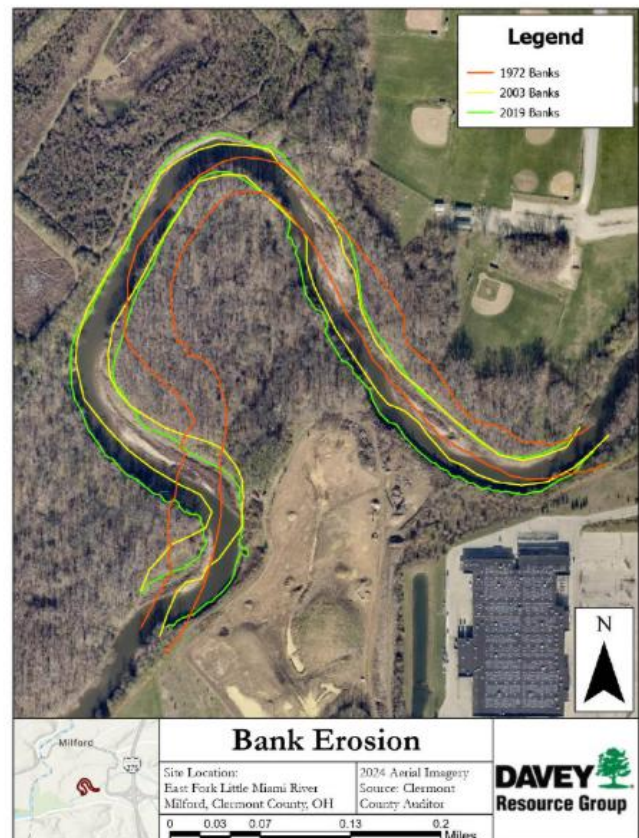
From: Ken Mandel

East Fork Little Miami River Restoration Program

Tom Britton, the BUFF Director for Conservation activities shared an article from the Clermont County Soil & Water Conservation District. It summarizes funded and ongoing work on bank restoration along a section of the East Fork of the Little Miami River. Decades of bank erosion have impacted water quality and habitats. The project goals are: 1) to stabilize bank erosion, 2) eliminate excessive sediment entering the river, 3) improve habitat to benefit fish and native species populations, 4) remove the site from Ohio EPA's list of impaired streams, and 5) alleviate property loss due to bank erosion.

It is a long article which has images of how erosion has affected the river channel and flow, videos of areas of erosion, and a lot of other information. It can be found at

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dbdc629782964d07870840892d9f6300>



Tuckasee Fly Shop Smokey Mountains Spring Fly Fishing

This is a timely blog posting, as our club trip to the east side of Smokey Mountains Nat'l Park is the first week of April. It is also a great article for anyone thinking of heading down there to fish on their own or with a guide.

The article discusses fishing the streams and rivers in the areas of Bryson City, Cherokee, Sylva, etc. Within the park, the article discusses the Oconaluftee River (both stocked and wild trout), Deep Creek and Straight Fork (wild trout), and several other smaller streams and creeks. Outside the park, there is great fishing on the Tuckaseegee and Nantahala Rivers as well as several other rivers and streams. Most of these are stocked waters. There is a list of suggested flies, and useful hints on strategy and techniques. Check it out at -- <https://www.tuckflyshop.com/single-post/fly-fishing-the-great-smoky-mountains-in-north-carolina-late-march-april>

Changes to the Midcurrent Fishing Blog Website

Midcurrent is a fly fishing blog site (www.midcurrent.com). They post many interesting articles and videos. It has been free access, but has now changed to offer "premium" content on an annual fee basis. Annual membership for the upgrade is \$37.50. The fee site promises -

- Detailed Monthly Guides for Your Region
- Weekly Newsletters About Your Interests
- "Ask MidCurrent" Expert Answer Service
- Exclusive Articles and Field Reports
- Ad-Free Reading Experience
- 15-30% Members-Only Gear Discounts

It is not clear how the non-fee site will change per the types of information that is/has been posted there, or if it will continue at all. There are many other blog sites, so personally, I don't see a reason myself to join, and have not.

Mad River Day Trips

Dust off your waders! Registration is open for upcoming Mad River Day trips. These wading trips on the upper reaches of the river are primarily looking for trout. The Mad has both stocked and holdover brown trout. The river is cold enough to sustain a trout population, which is rather unique for our ecological area. Bryan Tudor leads these outings. The river is small, so participation is limited to a few anglers.

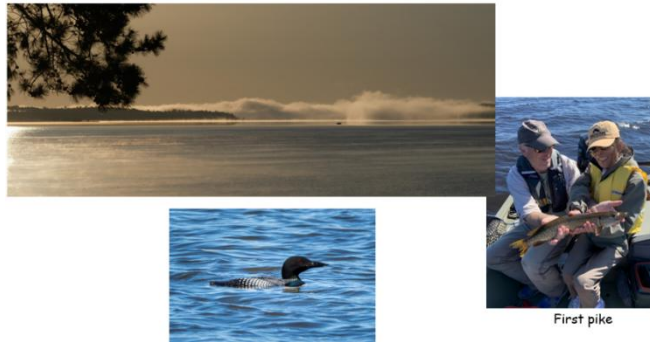
Scheduled days are Tuesday, April 21st, and Thursday, May 21st. Registration and more information can be found on the website, or by contacting Bryan.

A Call for BUFF Club Member Fishing Photos

From: Jim Vota

We are seeking photos of past BUFF events, members and activities for our 50th Anniversary which will be celebrated in 2027. In addition, we'd like to do one or two regular meeting presentations highlighting our members fishing experiences with photos of those.

Portage Lake Houghton, MI



It's never too early to start working on projects for next year. Related to that, I'm working on a couple projects that requires photos from our club members from their fishing trips. The first is a slide show for our club's 50th anniversary celebration, which will also occur in 2027. The second is to showcase where our many club members have fished over the years.

For the 50th Anniversary celebration, I'm looking for photos from past club events - trips, past banquets, meetings, classes, picnics, member photos, civic projects, and anything else club or member related. The photo format is not critical. Negatives or slides, printed photos, and digital images are all welcome. I can digitize the old film formats. Any photos that I digitize will be returned together with digital files.

For club presentations, I'm looking for photos portraying our members' fishing experiences north, south, east, west, domestic or foreign. Where have you fished, and what experiences have you had? I am hoping to group these into a presentation or two for future club meetings. Of course we want fish pics, but that's only one piece. I'd also like interesting scenery, animals, sights, events, places, lakes, waterfalls, streams, sunsets, stories....whatever. Don't worry about the quality of the photos. The goal is to convey why we enjoy this sport, and share the fun and enjoyment with fellow club members. Please also provide comments, a brief story, and locations with the photos.

How to get photos to me? First, let me know that you have some photos through email, phone calls or texting. While some digital images are of sizes that can be emailed, I can also plan meet with you or come to your residence to collect photos or slides or negatives. I can digitize any of these at your home. We could even do this at a club meeting. We'll work out how to get them when you contact me.

Kinloch Estate Sutherland, Scotland



The images are a couple of Power Point slides I've made as examples of how this might look. It's still too early to say this is it. They're provided to give inspiration and make you think about the projects and how you look at your time out fishing.

Michigan Anglers Basecamp Registration Open–

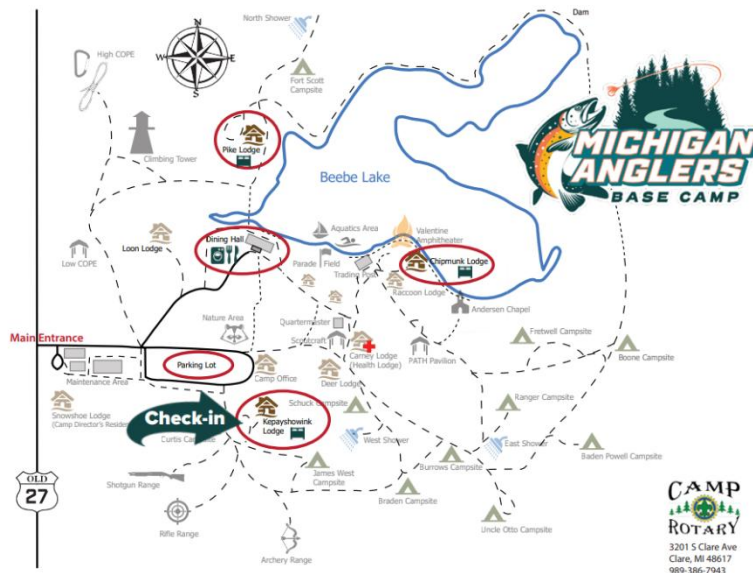
From: Ken Mandel

I received an email announcing that registration for the Michigan Anglers Basecamp is now open. The Michigan Anglers Basecamp is **NOT** a BUFF-led or organized trip. It is operated independently through the Michigan Boy Scouts organization. As such, BUFF does not manage reservations or anything associated with this activity.

The camp is located at Camp Rotary, a boy scout camp near Claire, MI. It is held in May, when there are no scout activities at the camp. The camp location, in central MI, provides easy access to many of Michigan's well know rivers, streams and lakes. There is a large lake on the camp grounds which is open to fishing as well. Fees include lodging and meals (served in dining hall). Costs for travel, if you desire to book and hire guides, and MI fishing license fees are not included. A MI license is required for fishing.

The fishing camp has weekly slots scheduled through May as follows:

- Week 1 May 3rd – 9th \$580
- Week 2 May 10th – 16th \$580
- Week 3 May 17th – 23rd \$580
- Week 4 May 24th – 30th \$385 (shorter week)



A map of the camp is shown above. For more information see the website - <https://michiganscouting.org/anglers-basecamp/>. The website also has a link for registration and payment. At the time of writing this piece, all weeks still have openings, but some are closer to being filled than others. You can also contact Marilyn Costigan (marilyn.costigan@mittenoutdoors.org; 810-691-3361) or Tim Guilfoile (tim@riverjournal.org; 859-652-0088) with any questions.

2026 Yellowstone Anglers Basecamp Registration Now Open–

The Yellowstone Michigan Anglers Basecamp is NOT a BUFF-led or organized trip. It is run out of Camp Buffalo Bill, a boy scout camp, near Cody, WY. The fishing camp is on the banks of the North Fork of the Shoshone River and is 8 miles from the east entrance to Yellowstone Natl Park, so there is access to fishing in the park. The website lists this as an ‘adult trip’.

Cost is \$1,200 per person for a full week. Half-week (4 days of fishing/occupancy) is available for \$800. The fee includes lodging and 3 hot meals each day. It is rustic, bunkhouse lodging with a central bathhouse. Travel, licenses and any fees/arrangements with guides are responsibilities of the anglers. Please note, there are specific license requirements and restrictions on flies and equipment for fishing in the park.

There are 7 weeks scheduled from late July into early September. The list shows the full week schedule, and these are split if a half-week is desired. –

- Week 1 July 26th – August 1st
- Week 2 August 2nd – August 8th
- Week 3 August 9th – August 15th
- Week 4 August 16th – August 22nd
- Week 5 August 23rd – August 29th
- Week 6 August 30th – September 5th
- Week 7 September 6th – September 12th

The website provides full details of what is provided, what ‘campers’ need to bring, arrangements for pick up from regional airports, and information for registration and payment - <https://www.anglersbasecamp.org/>. Each week is limited to 32 anglers. Some weeks are already fairly well filled, so if interested, it is better to look into this now. Contact person for questions/information is Bill Scheele (Camp Director – anglersbasecamp@awbsa.org; 402-806-0185).

Several of our club members have participated in past Yellowstone Basecamp trips, and have enjoyed them. Several have done this trip more than once! They are great sources of information. If interested, ask around at the next meeting or two and someone will certainly be able to direct you to those knowledgeable. You can likely find others who are going or planning to go, and perhaps arrange to be there on the same week(s).

Brookville Tailwater Day Trip – Wednesday, April 22nd

On Wednesday, 4/22, Mike Jones will lead a day trip to fish the East Branch of the Whitewater River below the Brookville dam. This is a stocked stream, fishing primarily for brown and rainbow trout. There may also be rock bass, suckers, and other warmer water species as well. The plan is to meet at the Brookville Town Park at 8:00 AM. If interested, register on the BUFF website. **There is no limit on registration number, as there are plenty of locations along the stream to fish.** You will need an Indiana

license. There is more information on the registration page, and you can contact Mike Jones with any questions (mikenitrojones@gmail.com; 513-265-2811).

2026 White Bass Fishing on the Whitewater River

Registration is open for the annual club white bass trips on the Whitewater River in Indiana. This is the spawning run, and it promises an opportunity to land a good number of sizable fish in local waters. Of 4 scheduled, 2 still have openings. These are on Wednesday April 22nd, and Wednesday April 29th. The trip on the 29th is limited to new club members/those who have never done this outing before. Register on the website. **Register on the BUFF website.**

The general plan is to meet in Liberty, IN at 8:30 AM, and fish until about 3:00 PM. These are wading trips, so bring needed equipment. Specific information on what to bring, rods and set-up, fly suggestions, directions, licenses, etc. on the website. Trip leaders are Dan Bonham (dbonham14@gmail.com), Jeff Georgin (jsgeorgin@fuse.net), & Kathy Newsom (knewsom@cinci.rr.com); reach out to them with any questions.



Take a Kid Fishing – Sunday, April 26th

Fishing is a great way for families to bond together and expose kids to the fun and challenge of fishing. The outing is designed to make it simple! Don't overthink gear. We bring club fly rods, crappie poles, and bait (hot dogs). If the child has a rod, bring it; it will work. We'll have snacks and something to drink.

The event is Sunday, April 26th, from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, at Miami Meadows Park (1546 State Rt 131, Milford, OH). Every child needs to have at least one adult with them. **Pre-registration (website) and completion of the liability waiver is required.** The map shows the pond location.



If you have questions, contact the trip leader, Dave Longtin (dlongtin@zoomtown.com; 513 505-4244).

Getting Out to Fish & Activities!



Jim Vota, Gary Begley, and Cari Vota were at the North Coast Fly Fishing Show in Cleveland this past month representing BUFF, and supporting the show



—Bryan Tudor got up north to the Chagrin River, where he landed this nice steelhead

Scott Biser also did some fishing up north for steelhead. This was back in December and he, and friends fished the Conneaut River.





A few more photos from Scott. This time fishing in NC on Jonathon's Creek. Not sure when it was, but some nice wild brookies, rainbows and brown trout



Lane Stocker shared a few of the flies that were tied in her classes –



Upcoming BUFF Activities

In-person activities require registration (online on club Website). Activities on water require signing our liability waiver

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
North Carolina Spring Trip Bryson City, NC	Wednesday, April 8 th – Sunday April 12 th <i>Registration Closed</i>	Harry Pass
Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH	Wednesday, April 8 th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Register by April 5th	Bob Miller
Fly Tying Class Bluegill & Bass Flies Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Tuesday, April 14 th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM <i>Register on Website</i>	Lane Stocker
Casting Warm-up Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Tuesday, April 14 th 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM <i>No Registration Needed</i>	Jim Vota
BUFF Board Meeting Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH	Wednesday, April 15 th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Bob Miller
Ohio Fly Tying Guild	Friday, April 17 th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM On line - Zoom Link	Gary Begley
Basic Casting Session 1 – Loop Control Cottell Park Mason, OH	Sunday, April 19 th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM <i>Register on Website</i>	Jim Vota
Mad River Day Trip	Tuesday, April 21 st All Day Trip <i>Waitlist</i>	Bryan Tudor
White Bass Trip 1 East Fork Whitewater River Liberty, IN	Tuesday, April 21 st 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM <i>Waitlist</i>	Kathy Newsom Dan Bonham Jeff Georgan

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Brookville Tailwaters Day Trip Brookville, IN	Wednesday, April 22 nd Meet 8:00 AM <i>Register on Website</i>	Mike Jones
White Bass Trip 2 East Fork Whitewater River Liberty, IN	Wednesday, April 22 nd 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM 4-slots available	Kathy Newsom Dan Bonham Jeff Georgin
White Bass Trip 3 East Fork Whitewater River Liberty, IN	Thursday, April 23 rd 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM <i>New Members Only</i> Waitlist	Kathy Newsom Dan Bonham Jeff Georgin
Basic Casting Session 2 – Loop Control Cottell Park Mason, OH	Sunday, April 26 th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM <i>Register on Website</i>	Jim Vota
Take a Kid Fishing Miami Meadows Park Millford, OH	Sunday, April 26 th 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
White Bass Trip 4 East Fork Whitewater River Liberty, IN	Wednesday, April 26 th 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM <i>New Members Only</i> 3 slots available	Kathy Newsom Dan Bonham Jeff Georgin

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.

