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President's Letter

It appears that warm weather is here! Many club members have had a chance to get out on the water, and I hope that the rest of us get the opportunity soon.

The club spring trip to NC has occurred, and it was a success. Despite water levels being lower than we've seen in many years, folks had success on the Tuckasegee, the Nantahala, and the other rivers fished. Apparently, the greatest success was had by folks that did float trips. While many of us like to wade, float trips can produce fish as well as give us opportunities to see some of the prettiest scenery in the U.S.! Any club members that haven't been on this trip and are looking for opportunities to learn more about our sport, should seriously consider attending in the future. It's a great chance to spend time and fish with great people, see some beautiful country, and catch fish. Our club folks are always very willing to help folks improve their skills, including casting, fly selection, and reading the water.

Apparently, the white bass run in southeast Indiana has, so far, been challenging. This is one of our favorite local-area fishing activities, and we are hoping it comes alive still over the next month.

The club has numerous additional trips and activities over the next couple of months. Be sure to take advantage of these!

While I usually prefer fishing with a fly rod over other fishing pursuits, 20+ years ago I started an annual tradition of jigging for Walleye with a spinning rod on the Detroit River. My buddy for this trip is another club friend, Mike Jenior. I highly recommend this to other club members, particularly if you enjoy consuming this fish! I've done a short article, with a couple of photos, from my annual trip with Mike.

See you at our monthly meeting. Fish on!

Fish on!

Bob Miller

BUFF May Meeting – Wednesday May 13th

Our monthly meeting at the Oasis Center starts at 6:00 PM with a social hour and cash bar. Dinner starts at about 6:30 PM, a short business meeting and announcements 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, May 8th, so we can provide a 'head count' to Oasis for seating and meal preparation. Registration closes on Sunday, May 10th.***

May Speaker – Kevin Feenstra, Feenstra Guide Service; “Spring & Summer: A Great Time to Experience the Trout and Other Game Fish on a Michigan Stream”

This is a do not miss meeting! Kevin is a regular presenter, and one of the best speakers we have. He is a fantastic guide, naturalist and nature photographer. His talks are always interesting and provided with incredible photographs. The images alone that are in his presentations are more than a reason to attend! Many club members, including myself, have fished with Kevin, so ask around about our experiences with him! He primarily fishes out of Newago, MI, which is a very nice small town with several excellent places to stay, and nice restaurants.



Kevin Feenstra started Feenstra Guide Service LLC in 1997. He has spent countless hours on the Muskegon River and still fishes the river system and surrounding waterways every chance he can. While Kevin's passion is swinging flies for steelhead, he loves to fish for any predator fish that is willing to eat a fly. Year after year, Kevin guides the Muskegon River for hundreds of days and still loves it. In addition to guiding, Kevin is an active writer and fly tier. His most recent project is a book, "Matching Baitfish", which was published in November 2020. He has also published several fly fishing DVDS, including Searching for Steelhead, Striking Steel, and Big Appetite, Small mouth. He has authored many magazine articles, and his flies are published in fly tying manuals and magazines. Kevin frequently speaks at fishing shows and clubs throughout the Midwest. His other passion is outdoor photography, where he captures the beauty and majesty of West Michigan both above and below the water. He resides in Newaygo, Michigan, with his lovely wife and three children.

You can find out more about his guide service at <https://feenstraoutdoors.com/wordpress/>

May Dinner Menu –

Oasis will provide a fried chicken buffet. That may make it even more worthwhile to attend, enjoy the company of our fellow members, and Kevin's presentation !

- House Salad with dressings
- Dinner Rolls
- Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes
- Southern Style Green Beans
- Coffee & Tea

May Tech Talk –

Bryan Tudor will present the May Tech Talk. His topic is "***Adding a Tag Line to Your Leader***". We encourage members to stop by the table during social hour to learn and join in on the conversation with fellow Buffers.

We encourage our members to share their knowledge at these brief, informal discussions during our open reception time prior to dinner and the formal meeting. They are well attended, and a great way to exchange thoughts and ideas. If you have an idea or a topic to present, please contact Bryan Tudor at 513-827-5437 or bryan.tudor@yahoo.com, and we'll get you scheduled.

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).

Committee Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in getting involved with club events? We have great opportunities for club members to volunteer on teams that plan club events and activities. These include planning for BUFF's 50th Anniversary as a club, planning for the 2027 Fly Fishing Show next February, and planning for the 2027 BUFF Banquet held in March. Volunteering for these activities is an excellent way to contribute to BUFF, and enhance your experience and enjoyment with the club.

2027 Fly Fishing Show Planning Team

While the 2027 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show seems far off – it will be Saturday, February 6th, 2027, planning the show is pretty much a year-long activity. The planning team is starting its work. Early initial needs are to identify, contact, and book a headliner and other presenters. Many of the presenters who come to our show book their calendars a year ahead. We also have other specific roles that we need to fill, as some of our past team members are stepping down. Our team is a small group, but we work together to make the show happen. If interested, please reach out to our team co-chairs, Tom Bachey (513-543-4056; h2oguy@fuse.net), or Ken Mandel (513-675-8488; kengmandel@gmail.com). We would be very happy to have you as part of the group.

Banquet Committee – 2027 & Beyond

Looking ahead to the 2027 Buckeye United Fly Fishers Annual Banquet, needs to assemble a new planning team. The banquet remains the major fund raising activity for our club and supports needs for the club as well as our ability to support various other charitable organizations.

After 15 years of as Banquet Chairperson, Bryan Tudor has announced that he is stepping down from this leadership role. In addition, a couple of other team members have also indicated that they are stepping down as well.

We are seeking a member (or members) to take on the Banquet Chair position, along with volunteers to serve on the planning committee. This is a great opportunity to get involved, bring new ideas to the event, and help continue its success. Planning the banquet is very much a team effort, and there are many ways to contribute. Past committee members will be available to help ensure a smooth transition.

If you are interested in taking on a leadership role or joining the banquet team, please reach out to Bryan Tudor (513-827-5437; bryan.tudor@yahoo.com) who can provide more information. Your involvement will help carry this important activity forward.

50th Anniversary!

Yes! BUFF was founded in 1977, so 2027 will mark our 50th. A lot has changed over half a century. Cari Vota and Bob Miller have offered to organize a team to work on ideas and plans for a celebration. It is not too early to start thinking and working on ideas as to what we want to do, location, activities, etc. All of these require up-front planning.

We are looking to form a small team for the project. Nothing has been set regarding type of event, location, program(s), etc. That will be what the team will work on. If interested, please contact Bob Miller (513-378-6904; bob.miller@alta-gila.com) or Cari Vota (413-476-7112; vota@zoomtown.com).

Most of the team leaders for these activities are regulars at meetings, so feel free to chat with us! Bottom line is that without volunteers, none of these programs can happen.

2026 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – Vendor Summary Part 2

From Ken Mandel

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’s installment 2 –

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| <p>Maggie Valley Fly Shop https://www.maggievalleyflyshop.com/ maggievalleyflyshop@gmail.com 828-736-5288</p> | <p>Shannon Young is the owner and operator of this premier NC fly shop and outfitter. Their guides lead wade- and float-trips on the local waters of western NC, and they offer technique and casting instruction. The shop also specializes in equipment and fishing needs for women anglers.</p> |
| <p>Mountain Laurel Guide Service https://www.mountainlaurelguideservice.com/ mountainlaurelguideservice@gmail.com 814-744-4755</p> | <p>This was the first show for this vendor who brings a new guiding destination, west & central PA to us. James Hill offers guided, and limited access fishing on some fantastic waters, including the Clarion, Little Juniata, Allegheny & Youghioghny Rivers. They also guide for steelhead in PA and OH.</p> |
| <p>Spring Creek Fly Fishing https://springcreekfly.com/ info@springcreekfly.com 513-437-8207</p> | <p>David Fraley, a BUFF member, established Spring Creek as an on-line fly shop in 2021. Items include tying materials, vises & tools, lines, leader and tippet materials. Good quality merchandise at good prices, and he’s local.</p> |
| <p>Pristine Products, Ltd www.pristineprod.com contact@pristineprod.com 330-217-9476</p> | <p>Bill Bush from Akron, OH is a regular vendor at the show. He makes and sells custom furred leaders, tenkara lines, and accessories for these.</p> |

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| <p>Wilderness Lite, LLC https://wildernesslitefloattubes.com/ wildernesslite@gmail.com 712-463-2504</p> | <p>Phil Hayes produces a line of fly fishing float tubes that are light, portable and back-packable. They have been around for over 12 years, but until recently have focused sales primarily in the western US. This was his second show, and he intends to return for the future.</p> |
| <p>Davidson River Outiftters https://www.davidsonflyfishing.com/ kevin@davidsonflyfishing.com 828-877-4181</p> | <p>Kevin Howell is a guide and owner of Davidson River Outfitters. They are in Pisgah Forest, which is in western NC. They guide wade and float trips for trout, bass, and musky on the Davidson, French Broad, and other area rivers.</p> |
| <p>Northern Michigan on the Fly northernmichiganonthefly@gmail.com <u>989-387-9725</u></p> | <p>John Schmidt was another new vendor at the 2026 show. He is based out of Bay City, MI, and guides Au Sable, Rifle, and other rivers in northern Michigan. He does not have a website.</p> |
| <p>Southeastern Anglers https://www.southeasternanglers.com/ danelaw@southeasternanglers.com 770-655-9210</p> | <p>Dane Law provides guided wade and boat trips and instruction. He fishes waters in the Southern Appalachians, including the Clinch, Cumberland, Hiwassee, Holtson, Tellico & Toccoa Rivers. He also does destination trips.</p> |
| <p>Dayton Fly Fishing https://daytonflyfishing.com/ 1stcast@gmail.com 740-591-4829</p> | <p>Matt Parker is a well known area guide and instructor. He guides on local waters of SW Ohio. Many of us know 'Parker' from when he was general manager at ReelFlyRod.</p> |
| <p>Ripple Guide Service http://www.rippleguides.com/ news@rippleguides.com 574-993-74532</p> | <p>Dustan Harley is another of our show regulars. He is from South Bend, IN and is an excellent guide and instructor. He guides on a range of waters in Northern IN and Southern MI. Species are steelhead, bass, gar, pike, salmon and trout. Many of our members have fished with Dustan and recommend him.</p> |
| <p>Clearstream Flt Fishing https://clearstreamflyfishing.com ; kevin@clearstreamflyfishing.com 724-674-9694</p> | <p>Kevin Kresowaty is a newer participant in the show. He has a fly shop in New Castle, PA. He offers a range of leader and furred leaders and materials, premium hooks, beads and other accessories through his on-line shop.</p> |

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| <p>Delamere & Hopkins www.dhoutfitters.com mhw@fuse.net 513-871-3474</p> | <p>D&H, owned by Mark Walters, is our local Cincinnati fly fishing shop. They are located on Hyde Park Square and offer a full range of angling equipment and tying supplies. They offer instruction and guided trips as well.</p> |
| <p>Emergence Angling Services benhunting@comcast.net</p> | <p>Ben is a manufacturers representative. He shows and demonstrates a range of angling products that are available through the shops he represents.</p> |
| <p>Kentucky Wild LLC https://www.kentuckywildoutdoors.com kentuckywildbill@gmail.com 859-489-1593</p> | <p>Bill Carman is a long-time show participant. He guides fly fishing and hunting adventures in KY. He is also a creative and accomplished outdoors writer with books on hunting and fly fishing.</p> |
| <p>Trifecta Fly Fishing https://trifectaflyfishing.com/ info@trifectaflyfishing.com 502-655-9282</p> | <p>Trifecta was another new vendor at the show. It is owned and operated by Drew Hebdon from the Louisville area. Drew is a rod maker and offers a range of quality graphite rods at very affordable price. If you are newer to the sport, Trifecta would be an excellent place to shop for a rod that won't break the bank. He had a fantastic show!</p> |
| <p>JA Sharpe Fly Fishing https://www.sharpefly.com/ jeff@sharpefly.com 865-936-1557</p> | <p>Jeff Sharpe was a new vendor at the 2026 show. He worked as a guide for several outfitters and in 2023 set up his own guide service on the Clinch, Cumberland & Holsten Rivers in KY & TN.</p> |

Spring Casting Classes

From: Jim Vota

The introductory classes have been completed this past month. There are two additional classes, for more advanced techniques on the calendar –

- “Fishing Casts” Sunday May 24th
- “Advanced Casting” Sunday, June 14th

Both are scheduled from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Cottell Park in Mason. Watch for emails announcing registration availability on the website and for more information.

Whitewater River Smorgasbord with Little Miami River Outfitters

From: Tim Cassani

Dan Tomaka and I signed recently fished with Drake Perry's Little Miami River Outfitters for what we referred to as a 'smallmouth trip', but we got a whole lot more. We're not smallmouth snobs but they do hold a certain superiority in our mind. More than trout? Yes.....sorry.

This was my fifth trip with Drake and we have another scheduled for this October. I fish for trout more often, but I can't tell you why. If you haven't fished with LMRO you may know Drake as he was the speaker at the recent April club meeting. He spoke mostly about the Little Miami River, but when prompted by Bob Miller, Drake explained that 95% of his trips are on the Whitewater, which is another great local river, probably an hour or less drive for many of us.



On this particular day the weather was pleasant. Low water conditions had the water gin clear. Water temps varied from 62 - 66°F. We floated about eight miles, putting in at Brookville and floating down to the Route 1 take out. Depending on conditions, Drake mixes up the stretches he floats. He has also arranged for sole access to certain put in spots, which provides some unique access to areas of the river. Many of our takes were visual which added to the fun.

We landed about 45 fish that day. More than half were smallmouth, but we also caught spotted bass, white bass, rock bass, and crappie. As for myself, I caught all of these species on the same fly! Want to know what that fly was and how we fished it? I'd suggest setting up a day trip with Drake and LMRO! He makes a fantastic shore lunch and his boat is extremely comfortable.

You can contact Drake and Little Miami River Outfitters (www.littlemiamiriveroutfitters.com) at littlemiamiriveroutfitters@gmail.com or 513-720-3032.

Spring North Carolina Trip

From: Harry Pass

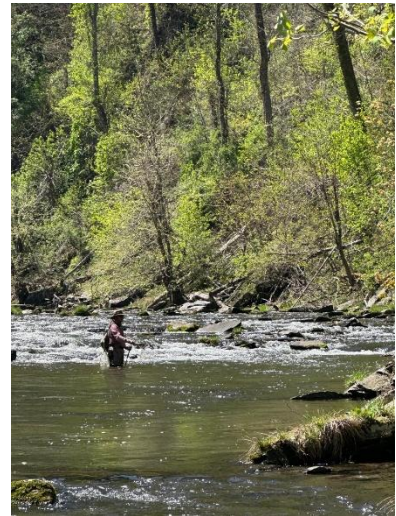
The trip to Bryson City was very successful. We had great weather and everyone caught fish. The cabins were nice and we had no major issues. I wish more could have been there.

The streams that were fished were the Nantehalla, the Tuck, East Fork of the Pigeon river, and at Cherokee. There were some that went on guided float trips on the Tuckasegee River that were very successful trips.

One highlight of the trip was Saturday night when Chef Tom Bachev fixed up a taco bar. This included Tom's sausage which everyone used for their tacos. Of course this writer helped chop onions, mushrooms and whatever Tom asked for. John McGinnis helped as well. We know everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had time to socialize and had a lot of laughs. I hope we have a successful trip for the Fall trip which will be October 7th. We have 3 cabins reserved. One is for the ladies and two are for anyone else including couples. Be on the look out for this in the future.

Several photos (*many more on on the FaceBook page!*) –





Whitewater River Cleanup



A successful litter cleanup along the banks of the Whitewater River outside of Liberty, Indiana brought together about 20 dedicated volunteers from Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Central Indiana Trout Unlimited, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

On March 28th, under cool but sunny skies, the group worked hard to make a difference—removing several truck and trailer loads of trash bags and discarded tires from the area.

A big thank you to everyone who showed up and put in the effort to help protect and preserve our waterways. Your work truly makes an impact!

Take a Kid Fishing –

Sunday, April 26th was our annual ‘Take a Kid Fishing’ outing. It is held at the pond at Miami Meadows Park (site for our July picnic). The weather was sunny and warm, and we had several families attend and participate. We’d like to thank Dave Longtin who has taken this on as the new leader for the program. We also thank others from the club who volunteered to help. Here are a few photos !



Whitewater River – White Bass Run

The end of April saw our annual white bass outings on the Whitewater above Brookville. There were 3 trips this year.

Day 1 attendees were Dan Bonam, Phil Huff, & Carin Meijer. Kathy Newsom was our leader.



Second trip – attendees were Jack, Denise & Dan Gormley and Lisa Morrisette. Again, Kathy was the leader.



The third and last trip for this season was attended by Jack & Ginny Walker. Kathy led this one as well, and the group ran into several other club members who were out there on their own.



Fishing for Monster Walleye in Downtown Detroit

From: Bob Miller

While there's nothing, I love more than catch-and-release fishing in the Smoky Mountains, Michigan, Pennsylvania, or any of the western states, for beautiful trout, there is one annual fishing trip, without fly rods, that I will not miss!

Each April, myself, fellow BUFF member Mike Jenior, and a handful of other friends drive to Detroit for 2 days of walleye fishing in the Detroit River. All fishing is done with guides from boats, which does cost a bit (about \$600 a day divided by the number of folks, up to four, that you fish with). In addition, you're required to purchase both a Michigan and Canadian license. and have the cost of a hotel room and meals. While it sounds expensive, there's a good argument for this not the true case!



At this time of year, there is a big migration of large Great Lakes walleye from Lake Huron down to Lake Erie. While we have had a few years where the fishing was a bit light, I estimate we limit out on walleye (you are allowed 6 per person, per day) about 90% of the time. The fish frequently average in the 3 to 4 pound range, however 9 and 10 pounders are not unheard of! This April trip was typical, and I came home with around 25 pounds of Walleye fillet. At \$20 a pound that works out to about \$500 of fish. When I subtract costs, the trip usually either breaks even or I come out a little bit ahead!



In addition to bringing home some of the best tasting fish in America, the experience of fishing near downtown Detroit with factories belching fire into the sky and being surrounded by hundreds of both American and Canadian boats doing the same thing is a unique and fun experience.

I've been questioned over the years about the concept of catching fish in a river that flows through one of the most industrial cities in the United States, and whether the fish from that type of river are safe to eat. Unlike our Ohio river, the Detroit river originates in Lake Huron, which is very clean, and the flow from Huron to Erie is only a 2 – 3 day cycle. Unlike years ago, the water quality of the Detroit River has improved incredibly, as the EPA and other environmental programs have minimized any pollution that gets into the river. Net, the Detroit River is very clean, fish from this waterway are very clean, and a lot of official testing supports this.



Now for the downsides... the weather can be unpredictable. The month of April is extremely unpredictable in Detroit, and fishing in the more extreme conditions can be a bit unpleasant! While the average temperature for this past trip was around 60°F, we've been out there when it was 30°F and it was sleeting. Additionally, fishing with Jigs (bouncing a lure up and down on the bottom for 6 hours) is definitely not in the league of fly fishing skills, and it is not a skill that I am especially proud of 😊

At the end of the day however, this is a trip that I truly love and which I intend to continue! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need any information on the fishery, logistics, or guides in this area; I know quite a few!

Some Things of Interest

From: Ken Mandel

“Unhook Thyself”

Sooner or later, even the best of casters can put a hook into themselves. Here is a link to a short video on the Gink & Gasoline blog page that explains, and demonstrates how to simply and quickly remove a barbed hook. Barbless hooks are relatively easy, as they should just slide out. *The presenter actually hooked himself for the demo!* <https://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/unhook-thyself/>

Maybe we can get someone to repeat this as a 'tech talk, at a club meeting! We can suggest it to Bryan Tudor, along with nominees for 'hooke' at the presentation!

Increasing Cost for Tungsten Beads

The Feather Craft Fly Shop site had an article discussing the increasing cost for tungsten beads. Like a lot of items, the cost of tungsten beads, which have become a 'staple' for smaller weighted flies, has gone up significantly. Tungsten bead materials have become the standard for weighting nymphs and streamers as their greater density (1.7-times that of brass) gets a fly deeper into the water column more quickly than when using brass beads. It provides improved presentation and drift over using a brass bead and adding weight with split-shot.

The key to the issue and cost is global supply. There are few sources of tungsten, most of it is manufactured in China, so the tariff wars have not helps. Tungsten is also in high demand for major manufacturing areas – aerospace, semiconductors, renewable energy equipment and battery

development, advanced machining, etc. These industries are the major users of the metal, and drive pricing. Tungsten for use in fly fishing beads is at the bottom end of supply, and hence these producers have virtually no say in negotiating cost of goods. There is also more limited supply, so we may also see reduced availability and selection regarding sizing and colors.

The pricing is influencing tiers and users. Some are reducing use of tungsten to those flies where getting the fly down in the water column quickly is essential. Others are using other weighting systems – going with a brass bead and some wire, for example, while trying not to overly bulk a fly. Using jig hooks are another way to improve efficiency.

Don't expect prices to drop anytime soon as demand will not go away and supply will remain limited. A good idea is that if you find a decent price for a good product, it could be worth stocking up!

Michigan Steelhead Egg Collection Impacted by Flooding

The mid-April flooding throughout Michigan had a serious impact on the DNR program which collects steelhead eggs. Steelhead held at a weir on the Little Manistee river were killed due to flooding and loss of aeration pumps. At the time, this was to be the exclusive source for collection of eggs from this species. A weir on the Lower Platte River is being considered as a substitute site. The goal is to collect between 3.6 – 4.5 million eggs for hatch and fish generation. Hopefully an alternative can be found to reduce this loss. Here are links to a couple of articles from the MI DNR on the subject.

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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



First pike

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.



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.

2026 Yellowstone Anglers Basecamp Registration Now Open –

We'll make this the last reminder for the Yellowstone Basecamp Trip, as it has been posted in a few prior BUFFERS. If interested, you need to act on it.

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).

Getting Out to Fish & Activities!

Bryan Tudor got out early last month at Kingswood Park and landed a couple of prizes –



Scott Biser also got to fish some ponds this past month as well. The large mouth bass was on Summit Park Lake –



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> |
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| Pennsylvania Fishing Trip Potter County, PA | Sunday, May 3 rd – Saturday, May 9 th <i>Registration Closed</i> | Mike Jones |
| Monthly Meeting Oasis Conference Center Loveland, OH | Wednesday, May 13 th 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Register by April 10th | Bob Miller |
| Ohio Fly Tying Guild | Friday, May 15 th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM On line - Zoom Link | Gary Begley |
| Stream Quality Monitoring Little Miami River – Bass Island Access Cincinnati, OH | Saturday, May 16 th 10:00 AM – Noon <i>Register & Sign-Waiver on Website</i> | Tom Britton |

| <u>Trip/Activity & Location</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u> |
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| Stream Quality Monitoring Four Mile Creek Hamilton, OH | Wednesday, May 20 th 10:00 AM – Noon <i>Register & Sign-Waiver on Website</i> | Tim Cassani |
| BUFF Board Meeting Springdale Community Center Springdale, OH | Wednesday, May 20 th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM | Bob Miller |
| Mad River Day Trip Springfield, OH | Thursday, May 21 st All Day <i>Waitlist on Website</i> | Bryan Tudor |
| Women’s Fishing Day Trip Brookville Tailwaters Brookville, IN | Thursday, May 28 th All Day <i>Register & Sign-Waiver on Website</i> | Cari Vota |

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.

