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President's Letter

The club picnic was a great success! I look forward to this event each year, and I'm sure there are a whole lot of others in the club who do also! It was a great chance to meet a bunch of new members, share time with great friends, share some fishing lies, and enjoy wonderful fried chicken, baked beans, watermelon, amazing potato salad, and assorted other fixing's. Thank you to Bryan Tudor, Tom Bachey, and all the others who put this event together and made it happen!

July included some record-breaking hot days as well as several BIG storms, one of which apparently broke the official record for Cincinnati rainfall in a 1-hour period. While this weather has been challenging for fishing, several of our club members have reported significant success on several local waterways, including the Little Miami and Great Miami rivers. Now if we can just get these folks to own up to their "secret spots"!

We have some great trips on the schedule including a trip organized by Bill Krimmer on August 17 to fish Cowan Lake. Cowan is a local jewel that doesn't see a lot of pressure from fly fishermen and has an excellent variety of fish, including reports of musky. While the club has a number of great 'destination trips' during the year, these 1-day events can be a great break for us!

Our next meeting will be on August 12. Our old friend Jeff Georgin will be presenting on fishing in New Zealand, a place on many of our bucket-lists!

See you at the August Dinner Meeting. Fish on!

Bob Miller, President



Bob Miller

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Editor's Notebook

Greetings!

Lin and I recently took a cruise in the Cape Cod area. One of our stops was New Bedford, MA, which at one time was the whaling capital of the world. Commercial fishing still holds a main industry in New Bedford.

During our port stop in New Bedford, two local spokespersons came aboard to talk about fishing and lobstering. And I was surprised to hear about the levels of conservation practiced in these waters.

Conservation is key. The spokesperson speaking about scalloping said they are limited to taking scallops only 36 days per year. 36 DAYS. That means each haul has to be enough to pay all the expenses—boat, crew, supplies, etc.—to make it profitable. She said an average scallop haul was about 30,000 pounds of scallops, bringing in about \$500k.

The lobsterman talked about the lobster traps and how each lobster caught had to fall within a certain size limit. Too small, throw it back. Too big, throw it back. A female lobster with hundreds of eggs on her tail? Throw it back. All to conserve the fisheries into the future.

Commercial fishing permits are a limited number. For a new fisherman to get one, it's basically buy a boat with a permit.

Some of those conservation efforts were well displayed in the New Bedford Whaling Museum and the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center.

In our recreational fishing, we practice conservation too. We buy our fishing licenses which help support local fisheries. We practice catch and release ... mostly. Often, we run into streams that allow fishing only during certain dates of the year—that's to protect and conserve a healthy fishery. We also have size limits when we are taking fish. It's all to conserve a future for our sport.

So, when you are out fishing next time, think of yourself not only as a fly fisher person, but also a conservationist.

Aldo Leopold, *Sand County Almanac*, would be proud of you.

See you on the water!

D. Brent Miller, Editor

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August Dinner Meeting – Wednesday August 12

BUFF members are invited to attend the monthly dinner meeting at the Oasis Conference Center, Wednesday, August 12. Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner: Served at 6:30 PM

Dinner includes:

Salad: Caesar w/ Caesar & Italian
Entree: Grilled Pork w/ Pears
Side: Oven Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
Side: Summer Squash Medley
Bread: Rolls

Schedule:

6:00 Social Hour & Cash Bar
6:10 Ten-Minute Tech Talk (TBD)
6:30 Dinner
7:15 Announcements
7:45 Program

August 12th. Meeting Program:

Fishing New Zealand, by Jeff Georgin



Jeff Georgin is life-long fisherman and a fly fisherman primarily since he joined BUFF in 2008. Jeff has been fortunate enough to travel to many places in the world in the last 25 years and have fished in many of them. But he puts New Zealand at the top of the list. Jeff will be sharing with our members why it is such a special place and well worth the trip.

Committee Corner

2027 Fly Fishing Expo 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 has started working on the show. Our team is a small group, but we work together to make the show happen. We have several team activities that we need to fill as some of our past team members are stepping down. 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.

2027 Banquet Committee

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.

BUFF 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. 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).

BUFF Library

The listing of library holdings is now on the website. You can search the list, but the 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. 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).

2027 Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show – Saturday, February 6th 2027

From Ken Mandel & Tom Bachey, 2027 Show Planning Co-Chairs

The team working on the 2027 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show is working away! We have a great team of club members working together since April, and we've made great progress. The 2027 show will again be held at the Oasis facility, which offers excellent space for our exhibitors and presentations. As usual, the main show will be held from 9 AM – 4 PM on Saturday, February 6th, and we will have for-fee tying workshops, and classes with our headliner on Friday, February 5th.

Kayln Hoggard, from Madison, Wisconsin will be our 2027 Headliner. Kayln is well known and highly respected casting instructor (FFI Certified Instructor & FFI Upper Midwest Casting Director). He is also a competitive caster and is a member of the US team competing in the World Fly Casting Championships later this month in Italy. In addition, Kayln has over 15 years experience as a fly fishing guide, fishing in a range of waters and areas. We are looking forward to Kayln's presentations and a 'trick casting demonstration' that he will be offering on the Saturday of the show, and two, hands on 'master classes' on casting techniques on Friday, February 5th.

Gary Begley and Matt Redmond are the leaders for the Friday fly tying workshops. Gary has built a strong following from his on-line tying programs, and will lead a tying workshop on Friday morning. Matt Redmond, who hails from northern Ohio, and largely fishes for bass and steelhead, will lead the two afternoon workshops. Matt learned to tie from Jerry

Darkes who strongly recommended him for the show. We are waiting to learn the types of flies and patterns we will be tying and will share that in a future note.

We'll open registration for all the workshops in November, with BUFF members being offered first opportunity to sign up for these programs.

This month will also be the opening of show registration for vendors. We'll first offer invitations to our 2026 show participants, and expect many of them to return for the 2027 show. We had a few vendors who, due to weather or other personal issues, could not make it to the 2026 show. We've been in contact, and most have already indicated their intent to return for 2027. We'll make sure they have space! If anyone reading this note has worked with fly fishing vendors or guides who have not participated in our show, feel free to inform them of the show, and if they are possible interested in participating, they should contact Ken Mandel (kengmandel@gmail.com). Ken is the team contact for vendors and exhibitors.

Interested in working on planning for this, and future shows, consider joining our team. Our next team meeting will be on August 10th, and if interested let us know and possibly join us at the meeting.

Mark your calendars to hold Saturday February 6th to attend the show, and watch for more information as we progress forward.

After Work Fishing – 7/9/2026 Little Miami River, Memorial Park, Camp Dennison



It was a warm, humid 86° evening, and wading the Little Miami was a perfect way to beat the heat. Water levels were about a foot higher than the previous day, with slightly stained conditions.

Eight anglers joined us for the evening. While the fish were challenging, it was a great display of fly-fishing skills. I was impressed by the tight loops, accuracy, and control shown by experienced anglers who have clearly put in the time to master their casting. It was also great to welcome a new fly-fisher who eagerly learned, practiced, and kept a positive attitude despite the inevitable frustrations. We've all been there, and BUFF is about sharing knowledge, encouraging one another, and helping keep this wonderful sport alive.

After Work Fishing will continue in August, September, and October. Dates and locations TBD, so watch for updates.

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the evening!

Bill Krimmer

Buff Picnic Thank You

The Buff Picnic was held on Wednesday, July 8, at Miami Meadows Park. Thank you to the picnic planning team for organizing another successful event, as well as everyone who helped with setup and cleanup.

We also want to thank everyone who attended. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with great food, socializing, fishing, and sharing stories. Events like these are a great reminder of the friendships and camaraderie that make our club so special.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone at next year's picnic!

Bryan Tudor



Photo by D. Brent Miller



Photo by Tom Bachey

More picnic photos can be seen on the [Your Photos](#) page.

Your Photos

Picnic photos by Tom Bachey



Ivan Zoot in Boise, Idaho



SQM on the Little Miami River by Tim Cassani



Brian Nunes, Cumberland River



Longear Sunfish
caught at Caesar
Creek Tailwater, by
Carin Meier



Bob Askin was fishing for Blue Gills
at our Veterans Fly Fishing event
and hooked something bigger—a
huge catfish!

BUFF Calendar

<u>Trip/Activity & Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Trip /Activity Coordinator</u>
Veterans Fly Fishing YMCA Camp Kern	Saturday, August 1 9:00 a.m. – Noon	Brent Miller
Veterans Fly Fishing Kingswood Park	Tuesday, August 11 9:00 a.m. – Noon	Brent Miller
Boone County KY Volunteers Fly Fishing 101	Tuesday, August 11 6:00 – 7:30 PM	
BUFF Dinner Meeting Oasis Conference Center	Wednesday, August 12 6:00 – 9:00 PM	Bob Miller
Fishing Cowan Lake Cowan Lake State Park	Monday, August 17 8:00 – Noon	Bill Krimmer
BUFF Board Meeting Springdale Community Center	Wednesday, August 19 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Bob Miller
Ohio Fly Tying Guild Online Zoom Meeting	Friday, August 21 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Gary Begley
Women's Fishing Day Trip Mad River, Urbana	Thursday, August 22 8:30 – 4:00 pm	Cari Vota

Directions to August Dinner Meeting at the Oasis Conference Center

Click on [link to Google Maps](#). 902 Loveland-Miamiville Rd, Loveland, OH 45140.

