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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 4 @ 6:30pm  
 Board of Directors at The  
 Hall of Fame Cafe

Meet and Greet March  
 11 at Golden Corral,  
 Clarksville, 6:00 PM

Members Meeting @ 7  
 March 18 at Bass Pro,  
 Clarksville  
 Tackle Time @ 6:30

Fly Tying at 6:30pm at  
 Cabela's March 25 and  
 at Bass Pro March 26

## UPCOMING TRIPS

March 14 and 15  
 Otter Creek  
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**Kentucky Fishing**  
**License expired**  
**February 28.**

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**Indiana Fishing**  
**License will expire**

## President's Letter

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Welcome new members and thanks to all those who renewed their membership. The year is shaping up to be filled with outings, trips, great fly tying sessions and an array of summer outdoor meetings. Please consider taking advantage of as many learning opportunities as possible. Check out our website for details. You'll be amazed at what you can learn from like-minded people. See you on the water.

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Brian Kaluzny



### **Meeting Site Back to Normal**

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at Bass Pro's Auditorium in Clarksville. Tackle Time is at 6:30 and Our Meeting is 7 PM. The speaker will be Brian Schoenung addressing Smallmouth Bass fishing in Indiana.

### **2015 Kentuckiana Fly Show**

Our show this year was held on Saturday, January 24 and we are happy to say it was a very successful show. The weather helped make it successful, but what contributed most was the planning, communication with phones and email, and just plain hard work by the show's manager, Jim Bearden. Thanks to you so very much, Jim. Thanks also to his right hand, George Tipker, who was on



the mic the whole day, communicating with the crowd (Yes, we did have a crowd!) to keep people aware of what was going on and what was coming up for their interest and enjoyment. And one of the speakers was our own Gerry McDaniel, guide, active club member, Director of Education, founder of our club, author, and on and on! Gerry gathered the largest crowd of all of our speakers. He spoke about "Bugs, Flies, and Fish on the Cumberland

**March 31.**

## **DCFF BOARD MEMBERS**

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## **OTHER LINKS**



River", a stream that he knows and loves. He is happy to talk about the Cumberland to any group at any time, he declares. His lecture's title meant that he tells about the "Bugs" on which trout feed, then about the "Flies" that can be used to imitate those Bugs, and then telling how to fish those flies to catch trout. The audience of fly-fishers loved it. Congratulations, Gerry!



## **Contribution to Cancer Fighters!**

We were able to use the show to make contributions to two outstanding charities which are devoted to the struggle against cancer and in providing aid to those who are or were victims of that disease. They are Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery. Each of those organizations received \$1,000.00 from Derby City Fly Fishers. presented by President Brian Kaluzny.



Ruby Gordon and Mike Lubeach of Reel Recovery and DCFF President Brian Kaluzny



Sharon Williams and Anna Perry of Casting for Recovery and



## **Iron Fly Tying Contest**

A really neat thing was added to our show this year. It is called Iron Fly, and involves contestants tying a fishing fly from a surprise and previously unseen supply of materials provided by Tim Harden, the inventor of this contest.

The players are required in 30 minutes to produce a fly from the materials handed them, along with a hook. The vise and supply of tools used by all the players are identical, supplied by DCFF. There is no entry fee, and the award for winning is a DCFF Fly Box filled with productive flies. The audience members all seemed to thoroughly enjoy watching the show.

There were two winners. Mark Vincent was judged Creator of the Best Fly. As you can see, it's a pretty nice fly, likely to catch fish! Congratulations to Mark!



The prize for the Ugliest Fly was won by Bennett BecVar. The picture is below. Ben was kind enough to provide this fascinating description of how and why the fly was generated. As you can tell, Ben is one clever guy:

"With 30 minutes to go and the clock ticking like my pounding heart, I saw the task that lay before me. Master fly-tiers were seated beside me, and with the steel gaze of my fellow competitors Bennett took inspiration for his fly from the "Tsetse fly" sometimes spelled "Tzetze", large biting flies that inhabit much of mid-continental Africa between the Sahara and the Kalahari deserts. The unique characteristics have been passed down through generations of fly-tiers in Africa who rarely share their tightly held secrets of fly-tying. Having been raised by wolves in the woods and forced to learn how to forage at an early age, fly-tying became a necessity for survival. The result is a fly that not only gets the fish's attention quickly, but can actually make the hair stand up on the back of its neck, and places the fish in a state of chaotic confusion making it bite at anything. I was astonished to learn that the ingredients given to us for the Iron Fly Chef tying contest were the exact materials needed to create the "six legged green streamer". Against all odds, I had no choice but to bring forth this secret fly. The only question that remained in my mind was, could a fly that normally takes two days to tie be completed in just 30 minutes. I left my best effort in the hands of the judges. Being a part of the competition was a lot of fun and as you can see you don't have to have a lot of experience in order to compete. "

Thank you Bennett! Here is the photo:





And here are a couple of strong runner-ups, produced by Bernie and Carla Rauen, I believe:



## **NEW CLUB EVENT!!**

### **Hank Patterson, World's Greatest Fishing Guide**

Derby City Fly Fishers is going to be hosting a special screening of Hank Patterson's feature film, "Hank Patterson's Reel Montana Adventure".

Hank is, among other things, a high school graduate, men's department employee of the month, Alpaca enthusiast, a role model, and self proclaimed "World's Greatest Fly Fishing Guide". Of course, he also owns three copies of "A River Runs Through it" on Blu-ray.

## **The event is: Wednesday, April 29, 2015 - Village 8 Theaters, 7:30 PM.**

Tickets are \$10 with the proceeds going toward the Kentucky/Indiana Reel Recovery Retreat in Henryville, Indiana. (Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from life-threatening cancer. <http://reelrecovery.org/> )Please, plan to join us for our first of its kind, Club Movie Night, for some fun and laughs and to benefit our local Reel Recovery program.

Hank Patterson's Reel Montana Adventure trailer [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeIP\\_GyZrLc#t=33](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeIP_GyZrLc#t=33)

Doors open at 7:00 PM. Seating is limited. Tickets are soon to become available online via PayPal thru our Derby City Fly Fishers website. ( [DerbyCityFlyFishers.com](http://DerbyCityFlyFishers.com) ) and/or in person from a Derby City Fly Fishers board member at any one of our various upcoming monthly club events. Advanced ticket purchases recommended. Please check our website soon for ticket purchase availability. Tickets, (if any remain), may also become available the evening of the movie at the theater on a first come, first served basis. You can also email [george@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:george@derbycityflyfishers.com) or call 502-594-2066.

Village 8 Theater, 4014 Dutchmans Lane #16, Louisville, KY 40207

We hope to see you there!

## **March Events**

The March Board of Directors meeting will be held at 6:30 on March 4 at Hall of Fame Cafe on Crittenden Drive in Louisville. All aspects of DCFF management are covered. Any club member is welcome to attend. Should you think you might like to help your club as an officer, attending a Board meeting is one good way to see what is involved. And DCFF does need fresh faces to help manage the club. You are welcome to attend.

On the second Wednesday of the month, March 11 many of us will attend Meet and Greet at Golden Corral in Clarksville. A good meal, and a chance to chat with fellow fly-fishers, and sometimes some instructional speaking by fellow DCFF members as well.

On the weekend of Friday, March 13 through Sunday, March 15 is a couple of fine Otter Creek Park events!

We have reserved three of the four cabins at the Otter Creek Campground. Each cabin contains seven bunk beds, enabling it to sleep fourteen campers. Nearby are two heated outbuildings, which contain separate restrooms and showers for males and females. Each cabin also has a nice outdoor fire ring for campfires. There is an outdoor pavilion as well, where we serve breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and evening meals on Friday and Saturday.

Cost is \$25.00 per night. That covers cost of food and lodging and firewood. (All firewood used at Otter Creek must be purchased there.) Reservations for these overnight stays must be made by Sunday, March 8 using the DCFF Web Site. That gives Chef Mike Norris time to acquire needed food. We all thank Mike and his helpers for doing that job for fellow DCFF members.

The second of the two events that weekend is a Derby City Fly Fisher's Beginner's Outing which will take place on Saturday March 14 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM near Otter Creek Park's Garnettsville parking lot. **Non-members are welcome to this training session. There is no charge for this event.** You may use your own equipment. If you prefer, DCFF will loan you rod, reel, line, leader, tippet and fly for use in this session. We are unable to provide waders for use in the stream, but much of what needs to be learned can be taught on land. Don't think of wading the stream without waders or hip-boots. But if you do bring waders, we will take you into the stream, water-flow permitting. **Note: If you do wish to fish, you must have a Fishing License. Also, all fishing at Otter Creek this time of year is Catch and Release, with barbless fish-hooks.** Teaching will include rigging a rod, tying knots, how to cast, wading the stream, fly selection, and how to fish. All this is at no-cost other than the \$3.00 that is charged those over 12 for entry into the park. A fishing license can be purchased at the park entry. We have trained people of all ages in how to fly fish, and look forward to this training event.

The third Wednesday, March 18, brings us ordinarily to Bass Pro in Clarksville for Tackle Time at 6:30 pm followed by our March members' meeting at 7:00. The March speaker is Brian Schoenung talking about fly fishing for Smallmouth Bass.

Wednesday the 25th we have Fly Tying at Cabela's with George Tipker teaching how to tie Bluegill flies. The same training session will be at Bass Pro in Clarksville, Indiana the following evening, the 26th. Both of those are at 6:30. Non-members are welcome. All participants will be loaned the needed fly-tying tools, equipment, and material for their use at the meeting. There is expert instruction and there are guides roaming among the tiers to aid as needed. Everyone should finish the session with some new knowledge of how to tie and one or two fish-catching flies. Flies that are easy to copy and will catch lots of Bluegills.

## **A Cumberland River Trip on a Couple Lucky Days**

by George Tipker

Halleluiah!!! May wonders never cease! ...All day wade-fishing on the Cumberland!

I have been fishing the Cumberland River since 2005, and it is hard for me to recall very many days that no power generation occurred during the day for the entire daylight hours. But guess what? Due to a special project going on at Hatchery Creek, the generators were shut off all day recently, for 4 days in a row!

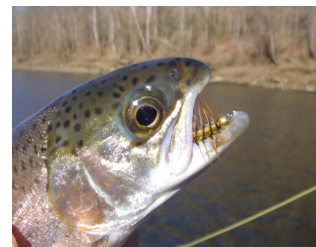


Fellow Derby City Fly Fisher (DCFF) club member Tom Urekew and I were fortunate enough to be able to take advantage of this rare phenomenon on Wednesday and Thursday, January 28 and 29, 2015. With short notice, Tom and I gathered our "stuff" (technical term we fly fishers use), made contact with Paula Barnes for last minute lodging (Riverside Retreat, 270/566-4944) and made a cherished Wintertime trip to the upper section of the Cumberland River Tailwater. It was cold, it was winter, it was midweek, and it was ... WORTH IT!! I am still not sure if it was the 21 degree morning starts, the ice in our guides til after noon, the midweek time frame, or maybe everybody was at home getting ready for the second to the last, of the "Happy Holidays", Ground Hog's Day, ....but regardless, we had the river virtually all to ourselves!!! How sweet !?!

Tom and I drove down Tuesday evening, overnighted, and we were "up and at em" 1st thing Wednesday morning and drove up to the dam and waded and fished that area for a few hours. We had marginal success, in that we caught about 10 trout. The generators were shut off from 7 AM until 5 PM Eastern Time. I have been told that with "No flow" at all, going on at the dam, this area does not fish as well as when water flow is moving. On this particular morning, I would attest to that. In relatively short order, we loaded the canoe back on the trailer and headed back to our "home" waters at Helms Landing and found the water already low enough to wade comfortably. That move proved to be of great benefit.



For the next day and a half, Tom and I proceeded to fish the stretch between Helms Landing and the Blackfish Creek area (the chute) and amassed well over a hundred fish between the two of us. We predominantly indicator fished/dead drifted nymphs and the like, but we were



also pleasantly treated to catching a couple dozen or so feisty trout, swinging and stripping flies in the current. The best flies for such proved to be a tandem rig of a Chicago Fly, trailed by a Bead Head Crackle Back (in fact the very same crackle back fly we used for our Mystery Fly for Cancer Tournament this year).



Tom caught the "big fish" of the trip, with a 19 inch plump rainbow he took on a Chicago Fly. Both of the aforementioned flies are Cumberland River staples and are flies that have been featured at DCFF fly tying and said recipes can be found on our website.



A few notes about wintertime, low generation, Cumberland fishing: Dress warmly! Wading is optimal/recommended, but if you want to navigate the river, a SMALL craft is basically your only viable option, as portage of larger boats would be necessary, but likely impossible. Riverside Retreat(RR) has no running water in the winter. (No shower, no sink, no toilet, no drinking water)(Minor inconveniences) I suggest microwavable meals, paper plates and bring your own drinking water. Otherwise RR was a comfy, warm, convenient and a welcomed haven after a long day on the water. Keep an eye on the generation schedule; be flexible and ready to go if possible. The beauty, productivity, and serenity of having a Cumberland River basically to yourself, is unsurpassed.

## **Healing Waters**

Derby City Fly Fishers works with veterans and active soldiers as partners of a national organization known as Healing Waters. Healing Waters' goal is to aid military veterans and soldiers. We are happy to help them. DCFF would be happy to have you join us in working with these folks.

We meet at the Veterans Hospital at 5 pm on the first and third Monday of each month. We spend about two hours at each session. We try to stimulate interest in fly-fishing and all the things it involves as a means of helping people relax and enjoy themselves.

We do the same things at Fort Knox on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Kentucky folks who do this meet at Meijer's on Preston near I-264 at 11:00 AM and carpool. Indiana participants meet at Exit 118 off I-64 at 11:30 or so. The time we work after arrival at any of these sites is about 2 hours. We have a great fly-tyer in Gerry McDaniel, and both he and Jim Bearden are fine rod-builders.

We teach those things plus casting, knot-tying, and whatever else is needed. But most of us are just fly-fishers who love that sport and want to help. Give it some thought. Larry Drake directs our activities and would be glad to talk with you. His phone is 502 964 6887; his email is [larrydrake@bellsouth.net](mailto:larrydrake@bellsouth.net).

**Newsletter Director, Doug Stull**





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Your comments of any sort are welcome too. Also, I would like to hear from you about fishing-related things that you do or that you experience or perhaps hear about. If I do, you will be given credit in what I write up. Thanks!

Good examples of what you might offer to the Newsletter is George Tipker's article about the Cumberland and the book Tom Maier told us about in the next article.

### A Book Worth Having

Kentucky has more streams of flowing water than any other state of the United States except for Alaska! That is an astounding thing to be able to say about this wonderful state. I learned it from the book, "**A Fishing Guide to the Streams of Kentucky**", written by Bob Sehlinger and Win Underwood in 1980. It is an outstanding document loaned to me at the February Board of Directors meeting by one of our DCFF members, **Tom Maier**.

Tom says he and his wife have used this book extensively for helping them to enjoy Kentucky's streams and rivers since they bought it 30+ years ago. It is available still. I found it for sale by Amazon.

Topics covered include the location of fishing sites, complete descriptions of available fish, what our laws do or don't do for you, the fisherman, and for the landowner, tackle required, and dangers that exist and how to handle them. Just everything a stream fisherman needs to know.

If you acquire a copy you will find it worth having.

Doug Stull

## Web Manager

David Campbell has volunteered to take over the job of Web Manager. We all sincerely appreciate this willing worker offering to do so. Thanks to retiring Ken Kloeppel as well.

