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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Eat and Talk Shop May 13 at Golden Corral, Clarksville, 6:00 PM

Members Meeting May 20 @ Otter Creek . Arrival up to you. Meeting about 6:30 to 7. BBQ dinner & drinks \$5.00

Fly Tying at 6:30pm at Cabela's May 27 and at Bass Pro May 28.
 Teacher Mark Vincent

UPCOMING TRIPS

May 1-4 Bluegills at Lake Barclay

May 30 DCFF at Blue River

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President's Letter

Brian Kaluzny

My wife and I had a chance to escape the recent rainy weather and spend a few days in Waynesville, North Carolina. Spring was in full bloom and the weather was cool but sunny.

Waynesville is the gateway to trout fishing nirvana. It was a great place to spend a few days fishing, sightseeing, and there are plenty of places to shop if you are so inclined. Trout streams

are in all directions, most of which

were heavy with fish and light on fly fishers. So if you have a little time, check out Waynesville. It's only about six hours from Louisville in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains.



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2016 Kentuckiana Fly Show

Flyshow Director Jim Bearden has engaged two speakers for the 2016 show at Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. They are Terry and Roxanne Wilson, who are standouts in Bluegill and Bass fishing and have authored an excellent book on the Bluegill topic. They and the excellent location we have chosen for January 23, 2016 as well as the Iron Fly Tying Contest, Casting Instruction, and other speakers we are engaging should make this a fine show. The Wilsons' photo is below:



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Events in May

The first travel event of May starts May 1 at Lake Barclay chasing after bluegills and redeyes. This event, led by John Froehlich and counseled and advised by Gerry McDaniel is going to provide reports of outstanding success. We hope so!

The Board of Directors will meet on the first Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 PM at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe on Crittenden Drive. Decisions are made here, hopefully to maintain and improve our club. All members are invited to attend.

Our monthly get-together at Golden Corral is at 6:00 PM or so on the 13th, the second Wednesday. This is a nice chance to see old friends or make new ones and hear who is catching what. Often "how to" kinds of things are taught or discussed.

The third Wednesday, May 20, is the day for our first outdoor meeting of 2015. It will be held at Otter Creek. You are welcome to arrive when you like throughout the day. We will have a nice barbecue deli dinner around 6. Not a great deal of business will be done in the meeting, only the necessary. Charge for the meal and non-alcoholic beverage is \$5.00

On the fourth Wednesday, May 29, we will be at Cabela's at 6:00 PM for fly-tying. The teacher will be Mark Vincent. Mark will teach the following evening at the same time at Bass Pro in Clarksville, Indiana.

Trip to Waynesville, NC

On Thursday April 9 a gang of DCFF folks left for Waynesville, North Carolina to fish for trout in the Pigeon and Tuckasegee

Rivers there. We had 26 or more fishermen through Saturday, and most through Sunday. The weather was fine except for some not-very-heavy rain on Friday. I thought the waters a little high and a little fast, but our deeply experienced Trip Leader, Bob Kincheloe, thought it pretty normal.

Bob did an outstanding job of guiding, assisting, and entertaining all of us. I think DCFF should be proud of its Trip Leaders.



The Oak Park Inn where we resided continues to make improvements to the facilities. Its location just adjacent to Waynesville's center of the city shopping and dining hot spots adds to its desirability. And the costs are very competitive.

The little gathering spot right in the middle of the large parking lot at the Oak Park Inn is now and has always been a fine place to see old friends, make new ones, and recover from efforts expended on the stream, like these folks are doing.



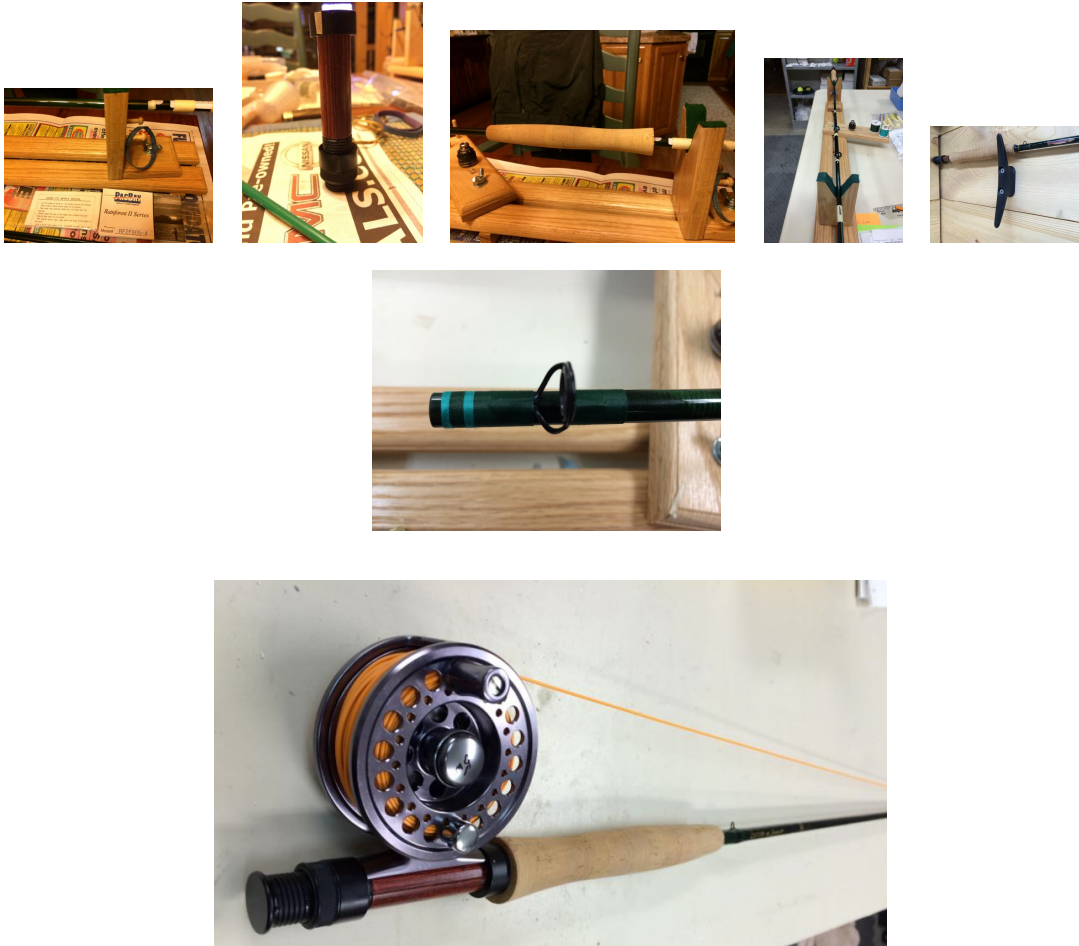
As you can see, this gang had a good time!

Rod Building Classes

We have had classes this winter taught by Gerry McDaniel, Wes Krupiczewicz, and Jim Bearden as one of many projects sponsored by Derby City Fly Fishers. We also had a rod building class at Fort Knox taught by Jim Bearden and Gerry McDaniel. The Fort Knox rods are now entered in a national contest through Project Healing Waters Fly Fishers. We will report on them in the June issue after we see the judges' results. For today's May issue, we have two reports written by rod builders in the DCFF rod-building classes. The first is written by Bennett BecVar and the second by Mike Scheid. We thank both of them for sharing their experiences with us!

Fly Rod Building Class with Gerry McDaniel, Wes Krupiczewicz and Jim Bearden
by Bennett BecVar

Our instructors guided the group of 15 participants through each step during three classes held at Cabella's. The first class showed us how to find the spline in the graphite blank. This is the end seam where the material is rolled up to make the rod. This location allows for the correct placement of the reel seat, cork handle and guides to achieve proper alignment to the natural flex in the rod. We also worked on reaming the inside of the cork handle to obtain a good fit on the rod. The reel seat components were assembled and joined with epoxy. Most in the class completed these steps at home.



In the second class we prepared and placed the guides along the spline line markings. Measurements for the spacing and layout were marked, then the guides were filed and held in place with strips of masking tape or temporary hot glue. In the third class Gerry demonstrated the wrapping of the guides with thread, and explained the technique used for the epoxy finish, which is placed on top of the thread.

The club loaned us the rod building system, which holds the rod and thread while working on it. With the generous help from Gerry and Wes, I was able to build the best fly rod I own. Two applications of rod finish is applied to the thread wraps. There are many skills our instructors have learned in their rod building experience that they pass on to their students. I guarantee you will not look at a fly rod the same after taking this class. I gained a new appreciation of the craftsmanship that goes into building a fly rod. I recommend this class to all who like a challenge.

Winter Rod Building Class Recap

by Mike Scheid



Back in February when the snow was falling and we were dreaming about spring fishing, ten of our members enjoyed a club sponsored and taught rod building class. The Class was taught by our own Jerry McDaniel with his able assistants Wes Krupiczewicz and Jim Bearden. Each of us had the choice of selecting the components to build either a 5 wt or 8 wt 9 ft. rod and we could customize it to our liking.



DCFF Fly Rod Building Class Feb 2015

Speaking personally, the class was very interesting and it added a new element to a sport and hobby I already love. I remember the first fish I caught on my own fly and in this case, even though he wasn't very big, I'll always remember the Blue Gill that first tugged on my new hand-made 5 wt.



I am looking forward to building my next rod but not next winter. Mike Scheid

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishers

As you probably know, several DCFF members spend a few hours every couple of weeks at Fort Knox, and some of them do the same on a couple of Monday evening a month at the Veteran's Hospital in Louisville. Why? They are working with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishers to expose people who are in recovery at these places to all aspects of fly-fishing. The hope is to create interests that will help people who are suffering from trauma to settle down, get involved in something fun, interesting, and mentally challenging. We hope that by doing so they will gain in their recovery and have better lives. There is also the hope that if doing fly-fishing things now is good, it might be something they enjoy throughout their lives.

One sees nothing wrong with these folks. They look fine and act fine. They are well-dressed, healthy looking and strong in appearance. When you first start working with them as part of Project Healing Waters you wonder when you are going to see folks who have been injured. You slowly become wiser.

We do not try to learn the problems Fort Knox is helping these soldiers fight and what caused them. But occasionally one of these fine people expresses interest in opening those doors. Such is the case with Sergeant E-5 Dara DeLong of B Company, who was raised in the Columbus, Ohio area, a lady of about thirty nine.

Dara joined our fly-tying sessions. I believe she also spent some time with Jack McGuire in front of the building in which we meet. That is where we encourage those passing by to try casting a fly. She has learned to cast and to fish with a fly. She built a new fly rod with guidance from Jim Bearden. The rod Dara built is now being judged in a national contest put on by Project Healing Waters, which supports efforts like ours throughout our Nation. Several rods built by soldiers in our group are also being judged.

Dara has served in the Army for over eleven years. She had hoped to stay in the Army until full retirement, but recently received the Form 199 that tells her she is to be discharged from active service in the Army. She is the soldier on your right in the Afghan photo.



Her assignment through most of the 11 years of service has been Chaplain Assistant. In that capacity she assists the Chaplain in services, memorial ceremonies and the like. She also assists the Medics in treating and rescuing soldiers who have been wounded as well as those who are dying or deceased. She describes it as "...working hand in hand with the medics."

The award Dara values most highly as she looks back on her time in the Army is not one of the medals she received; it is the Certificate of Appreciation given her in recognition of the outstanding job she did in saving the lives of battle-wounded personnel!

There is an interesting aspect of the relationship and assignment between Chaplain and Chaplain Assistant in the U.S Army. Regulations do not allow the Chaplain to be armed in any way. The Chaplain Assistant is armed - a rifle at minimum, side-arms and other armaments as necessary, all to enable the Chaplain Assistant to provide protection for the Chaplain.

Sergeant DeLong has served as Chaplain Assistant in three different combat tours of duty. Two of them have been in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. The Afghan assignment was by far the worst of the three. There were many convoys, that being a group of vehicles travelling together accompanied by an armed escort. There was also lots of travel by helicopter. There was no mention made of damage to helicopters. There was more than one instance of being in a convoy-supported vehicle that came under small arms fire. She feels very fortunate that there were no IEDs (Improvised Explosive Device) in the convoys she was part of.

She will need two knee replacements in the future, and has a herniated disc with degenerative disc disease and stenosis from the neck down into the left arm. Last week she was taken to the Emergency Room two times for severe back pain, with little resultant help despite use of the strongest pain reliever available. She has been told that cauterization of some nerves will likely be required.

Other unfortunate situations: A Chaplain in Afghanistan who opposed having a female Chaplain Assistant be responsible for his protection; and worse, a sexual attack that nearly succeeded when an Afghan officer attempted to rape her. This was stopped only when an American soldier locked and loaded his weapon at the Afghan commander's staff, demanding for Dara to be brought from the room in which she was held. An investigation by the Army decided nothing could be done because the criminal was an Afghan.

Dara is also being treated for some mental health issues. She is required to attend counseling sessions with a therapist every day of the week, for posttraumatic stress disorder and major depression. Yet she is not sorry she volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army. She feels she did a good, effective, and necessary job in a fine organization, the U. S. Army.

Her goal for the future is to acquire a Ph. D. in either clinical psychology or social work, and then to aid people like those with whom she is associated at Fort Knox. She is concerned that after discharge from active service she will be unable to get the levels of service and assistance that she has had and continues to receive at Fort Knox.

I hope she does. I thank her for all she has contributed and accomplished for us and our troops. God bless her! To her and to the thousands of others who have served we say **"THANK YOU"!**

Doug Stull

Newsletter Director, Doug Stull

We join a club like Derby City Fly Fishers because we are thinking of what we can get out of it. After you have been here awhile, made some friends or acquaintances, learned some things, it is time to think in terms of what you can give as opposed to what you can get. And that is what Derby City Fly Fishers needs - people who want to help, and are willing to work at it. Trip leaders, workers at club events, Board Members, and on and on. We would be happy to see you involved. Look forward to seeing you!

Pass the word to me or other Board members should you or a friend realize you are not receiving this Newsletter. We should be able to correct the problem quickly.

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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!

Doug



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