



# The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

*...to introduce and educate the sporting public to the sport of fly fishing*

## New Format

*We began in February the use of a new format for the newsletter, one we believe will be more enjoyable for you, the reader. You hopefully will find it more readable.*

**A revision of the March Newsletter with apologies to Phil Kirkland. Doug Stull**

## Upcoming in March

March 2 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive, Louisville

March 9, Eat and Talk Shop, Golden Corral, Clarksville, 6:00

March 16, Club Meeting, Bass Pro, Clarksville, 6:30

March 23, Fly Tying at Cabella's, Louisville, 6:30

March 24, Fly Tying at Bass Pro, Clarksville, 6:30

## Also in March

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We have another Otter Creek Recreational Area trip/event coming up Friday March 11 and ending Sunday March 13. Lodging will be in the Otter Creek cabins, with dinner and breakfast. This event will include special training for novice fly fishers on Saturday, March 10 from 9 AM to 1PM. We will teach fly casting, knot tying, fly selection, and, for those who are in waders, the rudiments of how to catch, handle, and release a fish. Folks who are new to fly fishing are always welcome to an event like this, but this time we are devoting a few hours just to beginners.

## For North Carolina Trip April 7 Through April 11

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The organizers of this popular trip are concerned that recent problems with the DCFF Web Site may be causing problems with trip sign-ups. They ask that those interested in reserving a spot on this trip contact Carol Smith at phone 770 881 0556 or email: [auntcart@yahoo.com](mailto:auntcart@yahoo.com) or contact Jim Bearden at phone 502 439 6804 or email [flyfisherman@gmail.com](mailto:flyfisherman@gmail.com).

**Please Plan to Attend:**

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The International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) is coming to Louisville on March 30 at the Village 8 Theater. WKU professor Raymond Poff and his students in the Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport program are finalizing the details.

"The International Fly Fishing Film Festival® consists of short and feature length films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe, showcasing the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly-fishing. The films at this popular event are capturing the attention of anglers around the world. IF4™ contains exclusive content and is a must see experience coming to a theater near you!"

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The WKU Recreation Administration program, with the generous support of local co-sponsor Cabela's, will host the 2016 International Fly Fishing Film Festival (IF4) in Louisville on March 30th.

The IF4™ features short length films produced by professional filmmakers from all corners of the globe which showcase the passion, lifestyle and culture of fly fishing. These films are capturing the attention of anglers all over the world. This year's IF4 trailers and online ticket sales are available at: <http://www.flyfilmfest.com/>

"This event is a fun way to connect anglers, bid on some great silent auction items, have a chance to win a door prize, watch awesome films, and support a terrific program," says Dr. Raymond Poff. Raymond is the Program Coordinator for the WKU Recreation Administration major and is the driving force behind fly fishing programs on campus including the university's annual fly fishing program in Missoula, Montana.

According to Dr. Poff, "We held our first IF4 screening last spring in Bowling Green to let people in our community learn about fly fishing, promote the WKU Recreation Administration major, and our fly fishing programs. The proceeds from IF4 will help support our fly fishing programs."

"In addition to great films, our generous friends in the industry are stepping up to help provide cool items for auction items and door prizes. To date, G-Loomis, Airflo, Tacky Fishing, Cabela's, Temple Fork Outfitters, Orvis, DeYoung Studios, Fly South, and Canoe Kentucky have either delivered or committed assistance for our event. We will continue to update our online list at <http://bit.ly/if4-wku> as items come in or are committed."

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Over the years, Dr. Poff has taught summer fly fishing courses at WKU; offered workshops through WKU's Lifelong Learning; and led fly fishing trips to Missoula, MT. In recent years he created a fly fishing program that brings together students and community members. The Fly Fishing Montana program includes: 1) WKU 3 credit-hour course for university students with several on-campus class meeting plus a travel component to fly fish in Missoula, MT and 2) travel-based program for community members (non-students) to join the WKU students in Montana and fly fish. The newest program, with details to be

announced very soon, is a pilot program offering a WKU 3 credit hour fly fishing course to high school students. This program will take place in Missoula, MT.

The Louisville screening will be held March 30th at Village 8 Theatres, 4014 Dutchmans Lane, Louisville, KY. Doors open and silent auction begins at 7pm. Films begin 7:30pm.

Tickets are \$15 online advance purchase until March 29. Remaining tickets (if any) will be \$20 at the door.

For more information about the event, door prizes, silent auction items, etc., please visit <http://bit.ly/if4-wku>.

A second IF4 screening will take place at WKU on April 5. Details are available on the same event website.: (270) 745-2498 | Office: E.A. Diddle Arena 2042

## **Letter from President Brian Kaluzny**

It was good to see so many fellow club members at Otter Creek on an unseasonably warm weekend at the end of February. The weather was perfect and the fish very cooperative. It may not be technical fishing, some even say it's like fishing in a barrel, but whatever your skill level, method, or flies you use, it is still a perfect place to hone your skills, unwind, enjoy the scenery and have a good time.

We are fortunate to live close enough to such a great resource as Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area. The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources has the perfect manager in Charlie Logsdon who puts his heart and soul into managing the facility.

I was fortunate to be able to take part in this first club trip of the year at Otter Creek. We had ten members stay at the bunkhouse Friday night and seven on Saturday night. It was perfect. We had a chance to fish, visit, swap stories, build friendships and cultivate fishing buddies for future trips. Many thanks to Mark Vincent for organizing the trip and to Mike Norris for keeping us well fed.

We have another overnight trip to Otter Creek scheduled for March 11 & 12. Check out our website for more information and registration details. Don't be bashful - sign up for one or both nights. You'll have a great time.

See you on the water, Brian



Brian Kaluzny

## 2017 Kentuckiana Fly Show

Please begin now to plan on attending DCFF's 2017 Fly Show on Saturday, January 28, 2017! We are planning for an even better show at Paroquet Springs Conference Center in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. Jim Bearden is heading this event again, and welcomes thoughts from club members and vendors on how to make things better.



Jim Bearden

## 2016 DCFF Trips

Trip Director Mike Norris has provided this list of trips that are planned for 2016. Now is the time to tell you of a new policy that applies to all of these.

Trips are one of the really great things that are part of DCFF membership. We have lots of trips, and they are all of comparatively low cost, full of good fly-fishing and making new friendships as well as strengthening old ones.

But we have had one problem regarding trips. They are easy to sign up for, but too easy to forget or put aside because of personal situations when the time comes to meet with other travellers and head out.

That causes problems. First, the group that meets at 5:30 AM so as to travel together, thereby being able to aid one another, doesn't know whether to get on the road or to wait on the person who signed up but has not yet shown up. Then there are other problems with things like unfilled motel reservations, dinner plans, rooms that were to be shared to cut expenses, and others.

So we have decided to ask that a deposit be included when an application to join a trip is made. The amount will vary depending on the trip. But no deposits are refundable unless the reason for cancellation is determined by the Board of Directors to be justified. And the end result should be elimination of problems for all of us.

So, that aside, here are the plans for 2016:

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Overnight Otter Creek	3/11	3/13	Brian Kaluzny	2	Otter Creek	\$30 /night/person
Otter Creek Beginners	3/12	3/12	" "	2	Otter Creek	9 AM to 1 PM
North Carolina	4/7	4/10	Carol Smith Bob Kincheloe	2	Waynesville, NC	
Parklands Cleanup	4/23	4/23		1	Parklands @ Floyds Fork	
Otter Creek	5/14	5/14	Need Coordinator	2	Otter Creek	Need Coordinator

Lake Barkley	5/20	5/22	John Froelich Gerry McDaniel	2	Lake Barkley	Need Watercraft, any kind
Taylorsville Lake	5/28	5/28	Mike Norris	2	Taylorsville Lake	Watercraft or Bank Fish
Blue River	6/22	6/23	Bob Sawtelle	3/4	Blue River	Limit of 15 plus Spouse/Guest
Brookville Tail Waters	6/22	6/23	John Hearin	2	Brookville, IN	
Elkhorn Creek	7/9	7/9	Wes Krupiczewicz	4	Elkhorn Creek	
Cumberland River	7/15	7/17	Need Coordinator	2	Cumberland R.	Coordinator Needed
Cumberland River	8/12	8/14	Wes Krupiczewicz	2	Cumberland R.	
White River, IN	8/19	8/21	Brian Kaluzny	2	White River, IN	
Salmon Camp	9/22	9/25				
Salmon Camp	9/29	10/2		2		
Otter Creek Beginners Outing	10/22	10/22		2	Otter Creek	9 AM to 1 PM
North Carolina Outing	11/3	11/5	Carol Smith Jim Bearden	2	Waynesville, NC	
Mystery Fly Outing & Campout	11/18	11/20		2	Otter Creek	DCFF Campout- Mystery Fly

So, that is it for 2016 unless others get added. Information will be made current with each newsletter. Hope you have a grand time.

## Good Things in February





The Meade County Bureau of Tourism decided to supplement stockings of trout by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Game with about 275 larger Rainbow Trout. DCFF was fortunate to be asked by Charlie Logsdon, Manager of Otter Creek Outdoor Recreational Area, to participate in that effort. The job was done on Friday, February 5. Wes Krupiczewicz, John Hearin, Jim Smith and Doug Stull were there for DCFF.

The fish were purchased by the Meade County Bureau of Tourism, hauled to Otter Creek by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Game in a specialized truck, and off-loaded in a joint effort by Kentucky Fish and Game, Otter Creek personnel headed by Charlie Logsdon, and members of Derby City Fly Fishers.

The stream was quite high, which perhaps aided in the effort to put the fish safely into the water. Stocking was done at Garnettsville, the Pipe Line, the Gun Range and the Blue Hole. Fish ranged in size from 14 to 15 inches to 21 inches plus! They are available for catch and release fly fishing and spin fishing that meets the posted rules at Otter Creek Park. DCFF extends sincere thanks to Meade County Bureau of Tourism, Kentucky Department of Fish and Game, and to Charlie Logsdon and Otter Creek Recreational Area.

### **February Club Trip**

Our first DCFF club trip was Friday the 19th of February through Sunday the 21st. The location was Otter Creek Recreational Area with those who desired to stay in the bunkhouse overnight paying \$30.00 per night. That amount paid for a night's lodging in a very nice bunkhouse, dinner prepared by outstanding chef Mike Norris, a roaring campfire through the evening, a night's rest and a delicious breakfast in the morning. (Flush toilets and hot showers are nearby.)

Fishermen did well on Friday. The tough part was very strong winds. That was offset by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Game making a stocking of Rainbow Trout Friday. Saturday was an extremely grand day to be out fishing! Then Mother Nature brought lots of rain Sunday morning.

### **Fly Tying Classes Improved!**

DCFF members and others that attend fly tying classes on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Cabela's and the following Thursday at Bass Pro were treated with improvements in the camera setup that helps tyers follow and understand the leader of the class. Further improvements in the camera system are also underway. March flies to be tied are the ESP Caddis Emerger and the Peeking Caddis. Come to learn and enjoy! Wednesday, March 23 at Cabela's and Thursday, March 24 at Bass Pro. Both classes start at 6:30, but it is good to arrive a little early to get set up. Understand that no one has to bring tools or supplies. DCFF will supply what you need and provide guidance as needed. You will leave with some nice fishing flies.

## Worthwhile Thoughts For You

Spring is here, no matter what the calendar says. That makes it a good time to talk about how to be more safe in all our outdoor activities, especially those done on the water. Former President and founding father Phil Kirkland wrote the following article in the DCFF newsletter in 2008. It addresses a worthy topic, **SAFETY**, one we all need to keep in mind. Thank you very much, Phil:

### FROM STEEL MILLS TO FISH

From steel mills to fish; what's that all about?

A steel mill is a collection of very hazardous processes; huge equipment processing heavy loads at temperatures approaching 3000 degrees F! Did you know that one of the safest places to be.....is in a steel mill? The steel industry has about the best safety record of any major industry - - -also considerably safer than your home environment.

Why is this? Because everyone is constantly training, considering, reacting and reminding themselves of safety practices and procedures. At the start of almost every shift all hands discuss and are reminded of safety in the workplace.

We should all practice the same diligence in safety as it applies to our fly fishing endeavor. Young or old, none us are bulletproof when it comes to accidents involving our fishing experiences. I relate some of my personal experiences and safe practices herewith.

### Water Safety

When wading always wear a tight belt as high as practical around your waders; you will fall in the water, and this will keep your waders from loading up with water and limiting your mobility - like keeping you on top of the water. Wear wading boots with felt or felt/stud soles - they will grip rocks better. Use a wading staff - swift water as much as knee deep is practically impossible to wade upright without a staff. The staff is a good "probe" in dark, untested water. Spend the money on a collapsible staff - well worth it. Wear a life preserver if there is any chance you would fall in deep water - I like the CO2 variety - don't even know you have it on.

### ENTERING THE RIVER

From afar, there are great looking pools and rivers to fish - what's the best way to get there? Be very careful to survey the foliage and bank contour for the best entry point. Examine the path for the best foot purchase. Look for trees, limbs to help you down. Consider that if you do fall, how and where will you land? Once in the river understand that you have to get back up the bank also. Don't be lazy or hasty and enter at a challenging spot when you could enter at an easier point up or downstream.

### GO WITH A BUDDY

It's tough to get back to the truck if you are alone and disabled. Cell phones often don't work in the bush. Keep each other in sight and/or carry "walkee talkies".

### CUTS, BRUISES, HOOK REMOVAL

Have some fashion of first aid available on your person or nearby. Educate yourself on hook removal.

### **HYPOTHERMIA**

Do you realize that you may become seriously disabled or die from hypothermia - not just in cold weather but in the middle of summer? Cold water, wet bodies, and wind can hurt you. Have dry clothes available and some means to warm your body should you become unreasonably cold. Read up on the subject and understand that you can develop hypothermia to the extent that you don't realize what trouble you are in. Recognize the signs.

### **SUNBURN**

Most of us have been here. Avoid the pain and the potential "Big C". apply sunscreen properly.

### **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Have all of your gear in good working order. When you anticipate catching big fish; salmon, tarpon, etc. know where your line is and where it's going once you hook up. You don't want your hand or foot tangled in the line when a 120# tarpon takes off and snaps the line tight.

### **MINORS**

All minors are to be accompanied by their parent or guardian on all club outings.

### **WEAR GLASSES**

Don't get hooked in the eye; wear glasses. Good polarized glasses with UV protection are good for your eye health and help you see the fish better.

### **SURVIVAL**

We should all thoughtfully consider the risks we take when venturing out to encounter our quarry. The more risks we take, the more resources we should have with us should we become lost or disabled. Shelter, warmth, food and water are paramount. Educate and equip yourself for these contingencies.

There are loads of books and other resources that expand on these topics. Your fly fishing experiences should not be marred by an accident that can be avoided by simply reminding yourself of safe practices. You can avoid falling into that "ladle of molten steel" by being keenly aware of what you are doing.

**SAFETY TO ALL!** by **Phil Kirkland, November, 2008**



**Phil Kirkland**

Find us on  You can now find our club on [Facebook](#) .

Many of our members and friends of the club are on the Derby City Fly Fishers Facebook page. It's a closed group so only admitted members can post or comment on posts. It's a great way to share pictures, stories and fishing reports... Just click the JOIN button and we will admit you to the group.

## *Project Healing Waters, helping our military!*



**Larry Drake**

The Healing Waters organization is a large charity which works with clubs like ours to support and improve the lives of soldiers and veterans through helping them to learn fly fishing in all of its aspects.

Larry Drake heads this activity for our club. Our representatives go to the Louisville Veterans Hospital twice each month to teach and practice fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, and all other requirements of our sport. You don't need to be expert yourself to be of assistance. Just be willing to help. You will learn a great deal, just like the soldiers and veterans do. Start by calling Larry Drake at 502 287 8836.

## **Editor's Comments**

Derby City Fly Fishers continues to grow well and to help people learn and enjoy fly fishing, fly casting, knots and what to use them for and how to tie them, and to support several

charities, and to just provide lots of fun. All for \$20.00 per year per member or \$25.00 including the family. We hope you are enjoying it all!

**Two fine fellows, Bob Kincheloe and Larry Drake are recovering from and/or undergoing serious medical procedures. Please give them your thoughts and prayers.**

Your comments about the newsletter are welcome. A report from you on one of your outings or other would be of interest to other club members. You tell me about it and I will write it, then let you check it before it is printed.

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