



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

Upcoming in May

May 4 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive, Louisville

May 11, Eat and Talk Shop, Golden Corral, Clarksville, 6:00

May 18, Club Meeting, Bass Pro, Clarksville, 6:30

May 25, Fly Tying, Cabela's, 6:30

May 26, Fly Tying, Bass Pro Shops

Plus three fine trips detailed in the **2016 DCFF Trips** Section. Please check them out.

May DCFF Fly Tying Classes

Classes will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday May 25 at Cabela's and the following day, Thursday May 26 at Bass Pro Shops. It is a good to get there a little early to get your tools and supplies and your vise set up. The flies this month are the House Fly and the Washington fly, both by by Dustin Tabert. You need no tools or tying supplies. DCFF furnishes them to all who attend along with instruction and personal guidance as needed. Membership in Derby City Fly Fishers is not required either. All are welcome.

Letter from President Brian Kaluzny



I was thinking the other day how long I've been in our club. My best recollection is about 10 years. It amazes me to think about how many fellow fly fishers I've met and fished with

over the years. I took a look at last year's membership roster and decided to count how many different people I fished with in various places. I was surprised that my count came to 89. The majority I met and got to know on our club trips and outings.

It sure has been a fantastic way to get to know someone and share techniques and stories. I would encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and sign up for a trip. One thing is for sure, I now have all of those 89 fly fishers' phone numbers to reach out to if I need a fishing pal.

Our trips are great, but anytime you have that many contacts, it is easy to arrange or get invited on other trips that are more conducive to maybe just one other person or small groups of 4 to 6. I have had the opportunity to travel with some of those I met to fish local water and in surrounding states and even farther.

We all have our special places or certain kinds of fish we like to pursue. One thing about our club is we have a diverse group and you can pretty much hook up with someone with the same interests as you and are available when you can go.

I haven't been able to sign up lately for many club trips because of my work and family schedule. But, if someone calls with an opportunity that meshes with my timeline, I'm going.

So please give one of our trips a try. If you can't, call someone you met at a meeting or at a club function. You'll surely have fun and it's always better when you can share your stories and experiences with someone. Heck, you may even learn something. Remember, friends have friends, and you might get invited on another fishing trip.

See you on the water, Brian

PS Thanks to all those in our club, who over the years have organized and coordinated all those trips. If you know of a place you'd like to go let us know. And..... if you'd like to coordinate a trip we could use your help.

April's DCFF Members' Meeting

We don't usually cover what happened at the prior month's members' meeting, but maybe we should. The Tackle Time topic was just fascinating and very much worthwhile. It was done by Lou Komis, a long-time member and an outstanding fly fisher. But that was not what he talked about.

Lou Komis

Lou's topic was the danger of exposure to the sun. He is able to speak knowledgeably on this topic because of many skin problems that exposure to sunshine has caused for him.

He emphasized the importance of using highly rated sunscreens (90 +), wearing a hat, preferably one that is not widely vented and is made of material that will not allow invasion of the rays of the sun, and wearing clothing that is protective of sun's rays. Lou even wears gloves (made by Glacier), available via an on-line Bass Pro order, that protect the

hands and the area above the wrist that gets bare even when you are wearing long sleeves. And your face is very important to protect and the NOSE and EARS most of all.



This is a recent top view of Lou's scalp. The area that has been operated on started out the size of a dime. The dime was removed and skin adjacent to it was analyzed. Because that test showed more cancer was there more was removed. That was repeated until success was achieved. In this case the dime ended up about the size of a half-dollar.

Fishermen are more susceptible to serious bad effects because the water which is often around us reflects the sun's rays, thereby seriously increasing the danger of the situation.

A very dangerous act is to show a growth on your skin to your wife, a friend, or even to yourself in a mirror. An untrained eye may declare a very dangerous situation as "no problem". Should the growth be skin cancer, postponement of treatment can lead to very serious problems or even to death. This is a most serious matter.

Your physician who is a GP may not be the one to count on. I personally showed my long term and very capable GP a growth on my cheek, right above the point where your jaw flexes. She declared it "no problem". I fortunately had an appointment a few weeks later with a dermatologist. He no more than entered the room before declaring that growth to be a melanoma, a very dangerous skin cancer absolutely capable of spreading and of causing death. Surgery followed immediately and after two efforts, the first of which did not get it all, I was declared OK. Several additional checks in the last four years find it is still so. But I see a dermatologist every six months to assure I am OK elsewhere. Lou has had similar experience as well. Please take all of this most seriously.

Charlie Logsdon

Lou's presentation was followed by one by Charlie Logsdon, DCFF member and Property Manager at Kentucky's Otter Creek Park. Charlie talked about White Bass (Striper) fishing, mostly as done with a fly rod. This guy is an outdoorsman's outdoorsman! It was fascinating!

Boiling it down, Charlie likes to use a 4 weight rod using about an 8' Jack's leader made with 8 pound fluorocarbon, and casting a 8 or 10 size streamer fly tied light and weighted so as to have the hook point up. The fish are usually found where fast water dumps into a pool. They will be attracted to the fly that is dark on top and light underneath and is low enough in the water to be out of the angler's sight.. Charlie's favorite pattern is chartreuse on top, white or light below, with a bright crystal flash as the lateral line. He also thinks tying with red thread is often beneficial. The white bass spawning runs might begin as early as mid-January but are usually later in the Spring. Limits in Kentucky run 15 per angler.

And then he adds tales of occasionally picking up one of the larger striper species, or maybe a 4 to 7 pound walleye! Thank the Lord for folks like Charlie! It was a great lecture!

2017 Kentuckians 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.

We are asking Sleep Inn and Suites to hold 20 double rooms at reduced rates because we filled more than 15 rooms last year despite the weather. Those who arrive on Friday to help with setup activities or for whatever reason are encouraged to attend a pizza and beer and snacks get together in the eating area at Sleeps Inn Friday evening.

Jim Bearden is looking for ideas for good speakers for our 2017 Show, or for casting experts willing to put on demonstrations. Please call him at 502 439 6804 or email him at flyfisherbearden@gmail.com if you have suggestions. He would appreciate your effort.

Last year's show was much better than those prior and we plan to make this one even better. See you there!



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. No deposits are refundable unless the reason for cancellation is determined by the Board of Directors to be justified.

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 Jim Bearden	2	Waynesville, NC	
Townsend, Tennessee	4/22	4/24	Joan Norman		Near Cade's Cove	
Parklands Cleanup	4/23	4/23		1	Parklands @ Floyds Fork	See Web Site
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.	Need Coordinator
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.

Report on the April, 2016 DCFF Trip to North Carolina



Roger Daily, Lookin' Good in North Carolina!

This report was provided by Carol Smith, the Trip Director for this outing:

"The April 2016 NC trip is in the history books. We had two new members accompany us who have not been on the trip. We had a blustery cold couple of days. Mother Nature gave us temps in the 30's and 40's, with 30 mile an hour winds. she threw in snow flurries and sleet, but we persevered!

We had 9 members who caught over 400 trout together. A few were in the 19,17, and 16 inch range. Most of our activity was on the Pigeon.



Jim Bearden and Stanley Helm fished the Tuks on Saturday afternoon for 2 hours. They caught 20 plus fish each and lost that many more. They said the water was perfect for fishing and hardly had anyone else on the water.

The food was delicious, as usual, camaraderie was awesome, and best of all the fishing was fabulous! We are looking ahead to the November outing already!"

Carol Smith



Thank you, Carol! Sounds like a great trip despite the weather!

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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 national 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. Start by calling Larry Drake at 502 287 8836. Just be willing to help. You will learn a great deal, just like the soldiers and veterans do.

Right now at the end of March several veterans are building fly rods with the aid of DCFF's Jim Bearden for entry into a national rod building contest being held by Project Healing Waters. A few years ago one of our entrants won first in the nation and a trip to Alaska.

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!

Give thoughts and prayers for Mike Norris, our Trip Director, who will have double knee replacement surgery on Friday, April 29! Best wishes, Mike for success and rapid healing!

Your comments about the newsletter are welcome. A report from you or pictures from one of your outings 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. Try to have it to me by the end of the third week of the month. Thanks!

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