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Sorry folks. The issue sent you last night contained an error in the description of the June 15 Members' meeting. It is corrected here. Doug Stull 5/29/16

Upcoming in June

June 1 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive, Louisville

June 8 - Eat and Talk Shop, Golden Corral, Clarksville, 6:00

June 15 - Club Meeting, Lake Michelle, Southern Hills Subdivision, Borden, , Indiana. Details below. Starts 6:30 to 8:30. Meal included, \$5 for members, free for guests. Starts at 6:00 PM, ends at 10:00 PM

June 22 - Fly Tying, Cabela's, 6:30. Instructor Billy Wilson of Orvis

June 23 Fly Tying, Bass Pro Shops, 6:30. Instructor Billy Wilson of Orvis

DCFF Dues

The year is almost half gone! So if you have not paid your dues for 2016, please take a minute and do it. Thanks very much.

June DCFF Fly Tying Classes

Classes will be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday June 22 at Cabela's and the following day, Thursday June 23 at Bass Pro Shops, also at 6:30. It is good to get there a little early to get your tools, supplies, and set up your vise. The instructor is Billy Wilson from Orvis who volunteered to do a class. (See below for information about a good deal Orvis is offering.) He will teach us to tie a Tailer Trash streamer and a Half 'n Half streamer.

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.

May Members' Meeting

A good group of 33 or so folks gathered for our monthly meeting on a cool May 18 at Otter Creek Park. The stream was a little murky and high but a few of us fished a little anyway. I am aware of only one fish being caught and landed, and that was by Jim Bearden aided by gillie Scott DeWeese.

Another spike to the evening was given by Bill Young who displayed a beautiful little TFO rod, a 0.5 weight fly rod only 63 inches long equipped with a 1 weight line, the smallest he could acquire. It handled a fly very well and Bill is very pleased with it.

Dinner was good, and it is always nice to see the gang.

June Members' Meeting

As Brian says in his letter, try not to miss the June Members' Meeting, which is an outdoor meeting at Southern Hills near Borden, Indiana.

You don't want to miss this one! Our meeting is hosted by Southern Hills subdivision in Borden, Indiana where a number of club members live. The venue includes a private fishing lake where an Indiana fishing license is not required. Around 100 members and guests will be at this meeting. Start time is 6 PM, ends at 10 PM.

We will be catering a pulled pork sandwich dinner from Frank's Deli. Members eat for \$5 while guests are free! The club will provide non-alcoholic drinks. If you wish to enjoy an adult beverage it is BYO, please be responsible.

As usual, we will be offering casting instruction and any other help you may need with fly fishing.

It will be good company in beautiful surroundings, good fishing, plenty to eat and drink. Watercraft are available too, but please use a life preserver. Bringing a chair is a good idea.

The address is 1205 Southern Hills Drive, Borden, IN. Take Route 60 North to the Deam Lake turnoff which is to the right. Do not turn there. Continue 100 yards or so and turn left on Southern Hills Drive. Follow that to the dam where we will gather.

Letter from President Brian Kaluzny



It is starting to feel like summer. Everyone I've been speaking with is grumbling on how wet the spring has been and how most of the streams and rivers have been unfishable. A resourceful few have found some fishing opportunities on lakes and private ponds and are enjoying success catching some of the warm water species.

You'll have a chance to fish with us for those species at our next outdoor meeting scheduled for Wednesday June 15, on Lake Michelle at Southern Hills in Borden, Indiana. Some of our members live there and are graciously hosting us for an evening of food, fishing, casting lessons and storytelling. Check out our webpage for details and directions.

As I write this, I remembered that I have an agenda to prepare for our next DCFF board meeting. The 15 member board is an all-volunteer group who have stepped up and have committed to various responsibilities enabling us to provide programs, classes, projects and trips. I can't tell you how much I appreciate their efforts. If you have an inkling that you would like to get involved, please consider attending a board meeting to see what it's all about. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Cardinal Café beginning at 6:30 pm.

See you on the water, Brian

Orvis Offers a Good Deal

Orvis will offer soon a 20% discount on Orvis fly rods to any buyer who brings in an old rod as a trade-in. Any old rod, not necessarily a fly rod, that can handle a cast will be accepted on trade. That is part of the good deal.

Going beyond that, Orvis intends to supply the rods they acquire as trade-ins to Derby City Fly Fishers. We hope to fix the trade-ins up as needed and use them for club activities, casting instruction, as give-a-ways to young would-be fly fishers, and some things we haven't even thought of yet.

So take a look at your inventory and go shopping at Orvis for an all-around good deal that will help them and assist us in our mission.

News Flash: Trout Camp

Stay tuned for details on a new club trip this fall. Logistics are being worked out to offer a "Trout Camp" at Paula's Riverside Retreat at Helm's Landing on the Cumberland River.

This trip is an alternative to Salmon Camp that we have participated in for the past six years. There have been requests over the years for the club to consider a similar experience closer to home, pursuing a fish we know, and one we don't have to wade in a river at night to catch.

We will still offer details and an invitation from John Bueter for Salmon Camp, as in the past. However, since the salmon have been fewer and fewer the last two years conversations have accelerated toward a trout fishing experience in our own backyard.

In the next several weeks, more information will be available on our website. Dates to be used will probably be September 23 through October 2.

2016 DCFF Trips

Shown below are trips which are planned for the remainder of 2016. Our Trip Director is Mike Norris. Should you wish to participate in a trip, sign up via the derbycityflyfishers.com Web site. Some trips require a deposit and those deposits are not refundable.

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Trip Leader</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Cumberland River	August 12-14		Mike Norris			
Whitewater River	August 19 -21		Mike Norris		Whitewater R. With 3 River Fly Fishers	
Salmon Camp #1	Sept. 23-25		Mike Norris		Camps @ Baldwin, MI on Pere Marquette River	
Salmon Camp #2	Sept. 30- Oct 2		Mike Norris		Ditto	
Cumberland River	Sept.23- Oct. 2		Mike Norris		Helms Landing	
Otter Creek Beginners Outing	October 22		Mike Norris		Otter Creek Park, KY	
North Carolina's Pigeon R. & Tuckasegee R.	November 3-6		Mike Norris		Waynesville, NC	
Mystery Fly Outing	November 18 -20		George Tipker		Otter Creek; Camping Available	

Opening of Hatchery Creek, Jamestown, Kentucky

We now have a true phenomenon open to our angling pleasure. It is a 6,000 foot long stream of cold fishable water. It is named Hatchery Creek, and is near the fish hatchery at Wolfcreek Dam on the Cumberland River. It is fed cold water at the dam and runs about 6,000 feet to the Cumberland near the tailwater. The stream is divided into two sections, the Upper Section and the Lower section, each of which is clearly marked by signs.

In the 400 feet long Upper Section, anglers are allowed to catch and keep 5 trout per day. Trout of any size are allowed.

The Lower Section comprises the remaining 5600 feet beginning at the barrier falls and running to the Cumberland River. In the Lower Section fishing is catch and release only. No harvest is allowed and only artificial lures and flies can be used for fishing.

DCFF Fishermen who have given Hatchery Creek a try are most complimentary in telling of the experience. Very nice pools and runs, lots of cover, both wood and rock, and lots of fish caught. The number of fish is surprising in that the stream has reportedly not been stocked yet. So it appears that trout are moving up from the Cumberland River. Our guys also speak of fish averaging 14 to 15 inches. And one of them was photographed with a 21 inch Rainbow.

Many thanks to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the United States Army Core of Engineers for all the work, planning, engineering and construction that has brought this Hatchery Creek about. It is a fine and beautiful achievement which is only likely to become more so in the future.

Thanks also to Bob Kincheloe, Roger Daily, and George Tipker for their input of information.

May Bluegill Trip

A good group headed over to Barclay Lake in Western Kentucky on Friday, May 20 to look for nesting bluegills, specifically, to look for big nesting bluegills. Unfortunately, cool water temperatures at 66 degrees seemed to sour the likelihood of success. Few large ones were caught. As luck would have it a hot sun brought about 72 degree water temperature that arrived at around 3 PM Sunday and did start to bring better success. But it was also time to head home.

All was not lost. Spawning catfish were very active, which led to lots of fun and lots of activity. And one fisherman, Roy Been, tried a nearby pond and did very well on largemouth bass. This was all reported by Trip Leader Gerry McDaniel, who also reported a good time was had by all!

Thanks to Gerry McDaniel for this report!

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 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!

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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