



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

### **Upcoming in October**

October 5 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive, Louisville

October 12 - Eat and Talk Shop at Golden Corral in Clarksville, 6:00

October 19 - Club Meeting begins at 6:30 PM, ends about 8:30 PM at Bass Pro in Clarksville, IN. We meet in the auditorium on the second floor. Our speaker this month will be Charles Logsdon, the head man at Kentucky's Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, DCFF's favorite place for stream fly-fishing. We will also hear reports about DCFF's FIRST EVER Trout Camp on the Cumberland River which occurred September 23 through October 2, and get a chance to support our club by buying lots of raffle tickets and winning prizes! It is not uncommon for attendees to meet again afterward at Hooter's on Lewis and Clark for their Wednesday night all you can eat deal on chicken wings!

October 26 and 27 - Fly Tying, Cabela's in Louisville, at 6:30 on Wednesday the 26th and at 6:30 on Thursday the 27th at Bass Pro in Clarksville. Instructor at both places is Brian Kaluzny and he will teach us two flies, a Zonker and a Pink-a-boo.

You are welcome to attend these sessions. You are not even required to be a member of Derby City Fly Fishers. The price is no-charge! We will give you all the materials you will need and we will loan you a fly-tying vise and all the tools you will require. It is a good idea to arrive a little early to give you time for getting organized.

Brian will sit at a table in front of you and all his actions are projected on a large screen. There will also be a helper or two to help anyone who needs it. And after an hour or so you will walk away a little better educated and in possession of a couple of nice fish-catching flies.

### **Last Month's Members' Meeting**

A good group of about 35 or so attended this meeting at the Bass Pro in Clarksville. Members and long-time fly-tiers Gerry McDaniel and Ray Zavata gave a very interesting presentation about how fly-tying materials have changed, developed, and become more plentiful over the last four decades or so. Back and neck hackle have changed so much because of the interest that has grown so strongly among domestic chicken farmers supplemented by the use of genetics in the breeding of birds. A back feather in a rooster 40 years ago might make one fly, sometimes a part of a fly. Today a feather from the same place on a modern bird might make 6 or 8 flies. And of course the effects of mylar, of

molded eyes, etc. have had similar effects. All in all this was a fascinating presentation by these talented fellows.

## **October Members' Meeting**

The October meeting of our membership will be at Bass Pro in Clarksville in the second floor auditorium. Our speaker will be Charlie Logsdon, manager at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area near Brandenburg, Kentucky. Otter Creek is a great trout stream and Charlie is a great speaker who is always full of interesting topics about outdoor activities.

## **Letter from President Brian Kaluzny**



After our last board meeting, I reflected on how many individuals have given their time and talent to our club over the years, especially this year. The efforts of our officers, directors and volunteers are evidenced by our growing participation in meetings, outings, trips and programs. Over the past 12 years, we have grown to almost 200 members, have a solid treasury, and have helped countless fly fishers hone their skills because of our education emphasis.

With all that being said, I have to ask for your help. It's time to start thinking about next year. Please consider helping steer the club by getting involved in the decision making. Several board members' terms will have reached their limit. Some directors would like someone else to step in and take a turn. You may have some ideas you'd like to advocate.

Our By-Laws are published on our website and include a description of the officers' and directors' duties and responsibilities. Look them over and consider a position where you could be of help. We definitely need a president nomination next year, as my term limit will be reached. Our current membership director, Mike Scheid, whose efforts to account for membership information and to keep us informed have been outstanding. Unfortunately, Mike wants to take a break. His position might be right for you.

The election of officers and directors will be held at our November 16th meeting. If you have a desire to lend a hand, let me know and I'll add your name to the ballot. If you'd like to nominate

someone, or know of someone who would do a good job, let me know and I'll contact them to see if they are interested. Drop me an email at: [brian@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:brian@derbycityflyfishers.com). Our next board meeting is at Cardinal Café at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 5. Come out and see what we do.

Thanks in advance for your consideration, Brian

## **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. 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 Sleep Inn Friday evening.

Jim Bearden has developed a new layout which will allow more vendors and other attendees and 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](mailto: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!

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.

## Editor's Comments

Derby City Fly Fishers is dedicated to helping people learn and enjoy fly fishing, fly casting and knots. We also work to provide support to several charities. And we strive to have lots of fun as well. All for \$20.00 per year per member or \$25.00 including the family. We hope you are enjoying it all!

Your comments, good or bad, about the newsletter are encouraged. 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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