



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

### **Larry Drake**

Larry Drake passed away early on Thursday October 20, 2016. Larry was one of the founders of Derby City Fly Fishers and has stayed active in its administration through all those years. In recent years he has served DCFF as the Board of Directors member responsible for administering the club's activities with Project Healing Waters, a national organization dedicated to assisting soldiers, veterans, and other military personnel, mostly at Fort Knox and at the Louisville Veterans Administration Hospital. In fact his death occurred at Otter Creek during a two-day fishing excursion which Larry had arranged to be sponsored by Healing Waters at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area in Meade County, Kentucky.

A good friend and leader, and a fine fisherman, Larry will be mourned and missed by us all. We express deepest sympathy to Larry's wife, Midge, and the family.



Larry Drake

Jack McGuire asked that this writeup of his thoughts and feelings be included as well:

"Larry was a very loving person, especially when it came to his God, country, family and friends. He was dedicated to his projects and loved fly fishing.

Larry's love for his family was evident. He was constantly bragging about his son, daughter-in-law and his two beautiful granddaughters. Their youthful energy wore him out when he got the chance to babysit them, but afterward he had a spring in his step and a twinkle in his eyes when he shared his pictures and stories about them catching fish.

Larry developed a very deep love for his wife Midge. When he talked about her, his face would light up from the glow in his heart. His eyes would sparkle and he had an

aura that surrounded him like a leprechaun. There was no doubt that Midge wasn't a catch and release. She was his prize catch!

His other true love was fly fishing. His passion for it, led him to establish Derby City Fly Fishers. Thanks to his leadership, it was made up of men & women who shared his love of the sport. It was not enough that the club liked to fly fish, but they also wanted to share their knowledge, expertise, love of nature and the sport with any and all who were willing to give it a try.

Being a veteran himself, Larry jumped into Healing Waters to help other veteran's transition back, by having them get involved with fly fishing. He started a Healing Waters unit at Fort Knox and at the VA Hospital in Louisville. No matter what the turnout was during these early meetings, he always stayed positive and upbeat. His ultimate goal was to take the VA Hospital group on an overnight fly fishing trip and he proudly and successfully met his goal on October 18th & 19th of this year.

There are deceased fly fishers in heaven, along with many vets that didn't make it. Most likely, Larry is already organizing them into groups and starting a new unit. When you are out on a stream and you see the bugs hitting the water and the fish is rising to get them, ask yourself: "Is it a hatch or is it Larry's Heavenly Waters group on an outing?"

Love Ya Larry"

### **Upcoming in November**

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

November 9 - Eat and Talk Shop at Golden Corral in Clarksville, 6:00

November 10 through 13 - One of the best trips we sponsor for trout fishing in the country around Waynesville, North Carolina. Most anglers stay at the Oak Park Inn.

Fishing in the Pigeon River is great, as is the Tuckasegee! There are plenty of experienced fishermen willing to help the beginner. Shopping in Waynesville is very good. We are limiting the trip to 20 anglers, so jump on now!

November 10 is fly-tying instruction at Orvis, located at 4288 Summit Drive in Louisville. Phone at Orvis is 502 425 0198. The class is from 6 to 7:30. These are knowledgeable folks in a great store.

November 16 - DCFF's 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.

November 18 (Friday) Lodging is available at Otter Creek at rate of \$30 per day preparatory to **Mystery Fly for Cancer Tournament** which will be held Saturday November 19 from 9 AM until 1 PM. The \$30 per day provides an evening meal, breakfast, firewood for the campfire, and lodging indoors, with a bunkhouse that has

electricity and is heated and contains seven bunk beds. Toilet and showers are nearby. There are four of these structures at Otter Creek; one is held for ladies' use.

November 19, (Saturday) Mystery Fly for Cancer Tournament at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area begins 9:00 AM, runs until 1 PM. This is an outstanding event which raises funds for the Reel Recovery cancer fighting organization. Cost is \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the tournament. Each entrant is provided one fly. Additional copies of that fly are \$5.00 each. No other fly may be used. **ALL INCOME IS PASSED ON TO REEL RECOVERY!** Last year that amounted to over \$9000. Join us!

### **Fly-tying Instruction**

Because of Thanksgiving and Christmas there will be no more fly-tying taught until 2017. We hope you have safe and merry holidays on both of these occasions!

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

A good group of about 35 or so attended this meeting at the Bass Pro in Clarksville. The speaker that evening was Charles Logsdon, the manager of Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area. Charlie has done an outstanding job in that capacity. He has decided to retire effective December 1, 2016, which made his presentation all the more interesting.

Charlie was happy to announce that the long period of waiting for repair and improvement of Otter Creek and its banks is now approved and is expected to begin in early 2017. He also reported that public use of the Otter Creek facilities has continued to increase annually to the point of raising income to nearly offset the expense of operation - an accomplishment that far exceeds the expectations that were held when the state began the task of reactivating Otter Creek.

There are many reasons for that good result, but Charlie's records show that the popularity of stream fishing is a very significant part, and he thanked Derby City Fly Fishers for their impact on that, mentioning specifically our programs such as the Mystery Fly for Cancer tournament, free teaching of fly fishing and fly casting such as was done October 22, the stocking of trophy trout that we arrange twice during the catch and release season in conjunction with the Meade County Tourist Bureau, and the many other club activities we hold at Otter Creek.

An interesting aside was that the stocking of trophy trout has two effects. One is that many anglers come to enjoy catch and release fishing for big fish, some from fairly long distances such as Cincinnati, Fort Wayne, Dayton, and Indy. The other is the jump in local anglers that occurs April 1 after catch and release requirements expire and fishermen can catch some nice big fish to take home.

We congratulate Charlie on all that he has accomplished, and we thank him, wife Carol, and the Otter Creek crew for all their courtesies. Finally, we wish Charlie the best in his after-retirement life.



Charlie Logsdon

### **Members' Meeting**

The November meeting of our membership at 6:30 on the 16th will be at Bass Pro in Clarksville in the second floor auditorium. Showing the extent of our sport, the speaker is Mike Arnold, who will talk about fishing for Muskellunge, the mighty Muskie!

### **Letter from President Brian Kaluzny**



Derby City Fly Fishers has been around for 12 years already. It was established to promote interest, through education, in the sport of fly fishing. I've been a member for over ten years now, and am still amazed at the enthusiasm and diligence put forth by our officers and

directors. I say that as I was reminded so vividly after the sudden passing last week of the club's first president, Larry Drake.

Larry Drake welcomed me into the club, at the first Derby City Fly Fishing Show held at the armory in New Albany. From the get-go, Larry explained what all the club does to promote the sport. He pointed out the opportunities to learn fly casting, fishing techniques, and fly tying. He made sure I knew about the monthly meeting and organized trips the club offered. I could tell Larry was enthusiastic and sincere. It wasn't long before Larry invited me to a board meeting to learn more about the club.

I took advantage of a lot of those opportunities, and even though I had fly fished for many years, I learned so much more during my affiliation with the club.

I hope all the members take advantage of those opportunities to learn, get to know other members, and get involved in the workings of the club. For me, the club started out as a diversion from work and meetings. Now, it has become a huge circle of friends. Thank you for being a part of it.

See you on the water, 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.

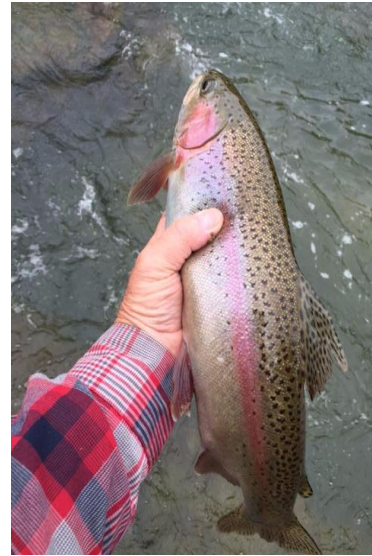
We have developed a new layout which will allow more vendors and other attendees and good speakers again for our 2017 Show, and casting experts who will put on demonstrations.

Please call Jim 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!

Jim is very appreciative of the very good deal for advertising for the show being provided for the Kentuckiana Fly Show by **Southern Trout Magazine**, an electronic magazine that is available on the internet at [southerntrout.com](http://southerntrout.com). I have taken a look at a recent issue. It is very worthwhile!

## Photos From the Members



Good Fishing, Some During 2016 Trout Camp at Hatchery Creek  
by Ralph Swallows. Thank you Ralph



### **Ranger Bob's "Simple Campfire Dutch Oven Cobbler"**

Bisquick Recipe. Feeds approximately 20, give or take an angler's appetite or two.

14" Traditional Deep Dutch Oven with legs and lipped top. I prefer LODGE. Wagner, Griswold.

#### **Ingredients:**

1. 60 oz. of fruit filling (three 21 oz. cans), I also add fresh fruit if I have it. Adjust the amount as you like. Peach, cherry and blue berry all good choices. Blue berry is my favorite.
2. 1 cup of sugar, again adjust as you like, but I don't over sugar. Most canned fruit fillings are loaded with sugar.

3. 4 eggs
4. 1 tablespoon of cinnamon, more or less.
5. 4 c. Bisquick
6. 4 c. milk, adjust for consistency, don't get your batter too thin.
7. 1 c. melted butter,

**Steps:**

1. Start a full tower of charcoal briquettes.
2. Mix the ingredients
3. Add some butter to the Dutch oven, smear it around the bottom and sides.
4. Preheat the Dutch Oven with a half a dozen burning briquettes on bottom and top.
5. Add the fruit filling, about three 21 oz. cans plus some fresh fruit.
6. Pour the batter on top of the fruit filling.
7. Add more charcoal underneath of the oven and top of the lid. For 350 degrees on a #14 oven, that is 12 briquettes underneath and 16 briquettes on top of the lid. Cook for approximately 40 minutes.
8. Every 15 minutes or so give the oven a ¼ turn clockwise, and the lid a ¼ counter clockwise. You do this to avoid hot spots from the coals. Don't peak until you are nearing the end or getting nervous. If you need to advance the browning of the batter, remove some of the bottom coals and add those coals to the lid.
9. When the batter is nearly baked, add a few butter pads on top and sprinkle a little more cinnamon on top.
10. Always assign two campers to watch the cobbler cooking!

That recipe and photos supplied by "Ranger Bob" Sawtelle. Thank you Robert! Bob also says, "We are really an eating and drinking club with a fishing problem." Thanks again, Bob.



Well after all, hard-working anglers do require nourishment! Here some of our gang is flipping fish fillets for the 2016 Trout Camp group. Bluegills they are! Trout we catch and release!



Call it campfire or call it cameraderie. Trout Camp 2016. Thanks to Jessy Clements

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. The address is simply Derby City Fly Fishers.

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

Dave Spanyer was with Larry Drake at Otter Creek on the Healing Waters fishing trip on which Larry passed away. Dave has provided a report of that gathering:

"On Oct 18-20 the Louisville Chapter of Project Healing Waters held their first overnight fishing trip at Otter Creek. This was the first opportunity for these veterans to put to test, the rods they built, flies they tied, and the casting instructions they learned during the past year. Michael Norris and his wife, Peggy, made a special trip after work to prepare a wonderful stir fry and chili. Wednesday morning Charlie Logsdon prepared a pancake and sausage breakfast. Overnight fishing trips usually allow everyone to relax and get to know each other; this trip was no exception. Everyone had a great time even though the fish didn't cooperate as we hoped.

I don't want the untimely passing of Larry Drake to overshadow the fun and companionship this trip brought to these veterans. Larry worked very hard to make this trip a success and he definitely succeeded. Larry was very proud to see everyone share stories and bond friendships. I know Larry would want this trip to

be all about the veterans and volunteers that made this trip a success. Great job Larry! You'll be missed by many. "



Thank you David Spanyer. Doug

## Editor's Comments

Derby City Fly Fishers is dedicated to helping people learn and enjoy fly fishing, fly casting and knots and all other aspects of our sport. 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. Our web site is [derbycityflyfishers.com](http://derbycityflyfishers.com).

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. Send whatever to [dougstull@twc.com](mailto:dougstull@twc.com). I will write it up for you. Try to have it to me by the end of the third week of the month. Thanks!

Doug



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