



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Member Injured

About three weeks ago Ted Larrison was in a tree working on his tree stand when he suddenly slipped and fell, striking his head. He has since spent quite some time in the hospital and is now recovering and in therapy in Paoli, Indiana at the Paoli Health and Living Community, 559 W. Longest Street, Paoli, IN 47454. We wish him complete recovery and good fortune.

Upcoming In December

December 7 - Board Meeting, 6:30 PM at Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive, Louisville.

December 14 - Eat and Talk Shop at Golden Corral in Clarksville, 6:00.

December 21 - DCFF's annual Christmas get-together begins at 6:30 PM, lasts until folks are through. Spouses are most welcome. Please bring snacks for others to enjoy. Stay as long as you like and enjoy the camaraderie! The party is at Endris Lodge at Lapping Park in Clarksville, IN. To find Endris Lodge, take Broadway Avenue north off Veteran's Parkway to the golf course. Jog a little at the golf course and continue north between the course on your left and the practice range on your right. You will see directional signs as you go along. Endris Lodge is where the road ends. The idea is we all bring nibbles to enjoy and share at this meeting and Christmas Party. Soft drinks are available. Beer, wine, and other alcoholic drinks are up to those attending. This is a beautiful structure. The fireplace will be blazing.

Fly-tying Instruction

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

November Members' Meeting

At last month's meeting President Brian Kaluzny first introduced the subject of election of officers for Derby City Fly Fishers for calendar year 2017. No new nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept as officers those members who had been proposed as nominees by the Board of Directors. As a result the following members will be DCFF members of the Board of Directors for calendar year 2017:

President, George Tipker III; Vice President, Roy Bean; Secretary, Jessy Clements; Treasurer, John Herring; Membership Director, Joe Gahlinger; Programs Director, Jack Miller; Raffles Director, Jack McGuire; Trips Director, Mike Norris; Conservation

Director, Matt Clements; Education Director, Gerry McDaniel; Newsletter Director, Doug Stull; Web Master, Wes Krupiczewicz; Marketing Director, Scott DeWees; Healing Waters Director, Jim Bearden.

Our speakers at the November meeting were two knowledgeable Muskie fishermen from Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Mike Arnold and Brian Calvert. Both have been after those mighty fish for a long time. Mike Arnold usually fishes lakes. Brian Calvert specializes in streams. Both have caught lots of Muskies!

The two of them covered the matter very well. They covered such topics as where to fish, including locations in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. Also covered were what tackle to use, what flies to use and how to fish them, how to land the muskie, and what to do once you have the muskie in the boat. The importance of the figure eight retrieve at the boat was strongly emphasized!! They showed us a raft of big, beautiful flies. It was a fascinating lecture we all enjoyed!

December Members' Meeting

The December meeting of our membership at 6:30 on the 21st will be a Christmas Party at Endris Lodge in Clarksville's Lapping Park. See above on page 1 for details.

Letter from President Brian Kaluzny



President's Letter December 2016

I've enjoyed another great year with the club. It never ceases to amaze me how I continue to get introduced to so many great people through our club meetings, classes, trips and activities. I know it is a reoccurring theme of these short newsletter articles, but the relationships I've gained through my affiliations with DCFF keep me looking forward to more time on the water with all my new friends.

I want to take this opportunity to tip my hat to the outstanding efforts of all you who have taken time to support the club. I am especially grateful to all the board members that take seriously the responsibilities of their position. Their time and talents are reflected in our growing membership and the overall growth of the fly fishing presence in our area. I believe the goals set out by the founding members of DCFF are being met and are probably exceeding their wildest dreams.

With another new year quickly approaching, I am confident that the newly elected officers and directors will continue to offer and develop education opportunities for all those that are now just thinking about taking up the sport. I know they will strive to make you feel welcome and listen for suggestions on how to best get you information that makes you feel comfortable on the water.

Thanks for a great year.

See you on the water, Brian

Dear fellow members,

And I want to thank Brian Kaluzny for the outstanding job he has done in his term as president of Derby City Fly Fishers. I believe I speak for all of you in expressing this thought.

Sincerely,

Doug Stull

"Mystery Fly for Cancer" fly fishing tournament - 4th
Annual - Another Great Success!
(Chairman George Tipker III's Report)

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In conjunction with Reel Recovery of Kentucky/Indiana, along with the assistance of many others, Derby City Fly Fishers (DCFF) hosted our 4th annual "Mystery Fly for Cancer" fly fishing tournament and raised over \$8,600 for our local KY/IN Reel Recovery organization. (Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from life-threatening cancer.)

This fun fly fishing tournament took place on Saturday, November 19th, 2016, at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and by all accounts was a tremendous success. As 80 degree temperatures greeted fishers from afar on Friday, 40 degree temperatures settled in for Saturday's Tournament.. Despite the fact that Otter Creek was very low and gin clear, many trout were caught over the weekend and especially during the tournament. The 2016 winning team consisted of 2 Derby City members, Dale Charles and Billy Wilson with a combined total of 25 trout. Congratulations to Dale and Billy!

A total of 75 people registered and/or contributed to this worthy event and on the day of the tournament we had 19 teams (38 fishers) competing. This year's "Mystery Fly" was a size 14 Bead Head Pheasant Tail Soft Hackle. Participants came from near and far to participate, as we had 8 different fly fishing clubs/organizations represented in this year's tournament. (BUFF- Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Cincinnati, OH), (NKFF - Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Hebron, KY), (OVRC - Ohio Valley Fly Rod Club, Evansville, IN), (IFC - Indianapolis Fly Casters, Indianapolis, IN), (TU - Trout Unlimited, Louisville, KY), (WKU - Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY), (3 RFF - 3 Rivers Fly Fishers, Fort Wayne, IN), (DCFF - Derby City Fly Fishers, Louisville, KY). Twenty-three patrons made this event a weekend trip by spending Friday or Saturday night(s) in the bunnies in the campground area at Otter Creek Park. Great camaraderie and friendship was shared around the roaring campfires in the evenings and at breakfast.

In addition to our winners, registrants (who consisted of fishers and volunteer helpers alike) all received very nice door prizes courtesy of Orvis, Bass Pro, Cabelas, TFO or one of the many others of our kind sponsors and donors. Morning coffee was donated by Charlie Logsdon, Manager of Otter Creek Recreation Area and after the fishing was done, everyone enjoyed an outstanding BBQ lunch provided by, and with the support of our club favorite ...Frank's Meat and Produce. Lots of fun was had by all!

Derby City Fly Fishers would like to thank Otter Creek Outdoor Recreational Area, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Meade County KY tourism and all of our sponsors, donors, contributors, participants, and the many volunteers that made this tournament possible and a tremendous success.

Please consider supporting this very worthwhile event next fall and come spend time with fellow fly fishing friends for a fun time of fly fishing, good food, good prizes, and good camaraderie.

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.

For those who would like to arrive on Friday and help with setup we have two good deals. One is pizza and snacks at a party Friday evening at the Sleep and Suites motel party room (breakfast room) Friday evening after work is done. The other is a Queen size non-smoking room at Sleep Inn Suites for \$75.00 plus tax. The rooms are pretty nice..

Please call Jim 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 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. I have taken a look at a recent issue. It is very worthwhile!


Photos From the Members



North Carolina Trip

The photo just above and in the center shows most of the group who travelled to Waynesville, NC to fish the Pigeon and Tuckasegee Rivers. As in so much of the Eastern U.S, drought was bad and streams were low. Despite that, N.C. Fish and Wildlife had done an outstanding job of stocking trout. Not just ordinary 9 to 11 inchers! Lots of truly nice sized fish were caught. Forest fires were not nearby, but

were close enough to give our gang some breathing problems both there and on the way home. That was too bad, but overall the excellent fishing and the camaradery made the trip a great success.

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!

Jim Bearden has agreed to manage our activities with Project Healing Waters, the job formerly handled by Larry Drake. So he is now a member of the DCFF Board of Directors.

The Healing Waters organization is a large national charity that works with clubs like ours to support and improve the lives of current military personnel and veterans. Healing Waters goal is to do that by helping those people learn fly fishing in all of its aspects.

Our representatives give time for that twice each month at the Louisville Veterans Hospital, teaching and practicing fly casting, fly fishing, fly tying, rod building and all aspects of our sport.



If you would like to participate, give Jim Bearden a call. Phone 502 439 6804.

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.

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. 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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