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February, 2017 Newsletter of Derby City Fly Fishers

Letter from our DCFF President



Wow!!! How about that Fly Fishing show?!?!?!?

Three cheers to Jim Bearden and all the DCFF volunteers who made our 12th Annual 2017 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show a tremendous success. We had the biggest crowd we have had in many years! ...And how great it was to see a full house of vendors and patrons. I got to see many new faces and lots of old friends we have made over the years. It was also just super seeing so many Derby City members in attendance! It's like a great big fly fishing family reunion, in the middle of winter.

And again, thank you Jim Bearden. (Mr. Show Chairman) for your tireless efforts! Planning and preparing for our show begins many months in advance, and Jim's dedication and commitment, leading this charge, are very much appreciated. It's a big undertaking, but the results are proof that it is worth it.

We again were fortunate enough to be able to present \$1000 checks to Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery for their respective Cancer support efforts/retreats. Our fly casters, fly tiers, guides, state agencies,

fly clubs, and the Project Healing Waters folks really put a lot of effort and expertise into their interactions with attendees. And our guest speakers did a great job as well, captivating their audiences and sharing their expertise with attendees.

I for one had a great time and I received many like compliments after the show. Thanks again to everyone that was able to attend and thanks to everyone that made the show possible.

Looking forward to next year's show, George Tipker

Upcoming In February

Wednesday, February 1 - At 6:30 is the Board of Directors meeting at the Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe, 2745 Crittenden Drive in Louisville. Board members will attend to discuss matters listed on the agenda and any other items needing discussions or decisions. The meeting is in the Freedom Hall Room. We moved there because it is very spacious, which allows attendance of guests. We invite guests who are DCFF members but not on the Board of Directors. This is so you can see what we do and how we do it. You are welcome to express your thoughts and ask questions at the meeting! The meeting is interrupted for an evening meal, paid for individually. It is then continued and wraps up about 8 or 8:30. Please consider joining us.

Wednesday, February 8 - Eat and Talk Shop at Golden Corral, 1402 Cedar Street, Clarksville, Indiana. You will enjoy fine buffet dining in a large private room the restaurant holds for Derby City Fly Fishers. Come and enjoy, and learn how to fish, how to tie knots, how to cast, all of that and lots more and camaraderie as well. Time is 6 PM until 8 or so.

Wednesday, February 15 - At 6:30 come to Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville, Indiana for our monthly meeting of the members of Derby City Fly Fishers. We meet in the auditorium on the second floor, near the Camping displays. This is a very good session for beginners, or for others who need some reminders.. We call it Fly Fishing 101! We will cover fly fishing, knots, how to make your own leaders, and other aspects of how to fish enjoyably and successfully.

Jack McGuire and Scott DeWees will have some very nice raffle items as well.

Wednesday February 22 & Thursday February 23 - Our fly tying lessons begin at 6:30 on Wednesday the 22nd at Cabela's at 5100 Norton Healthcare Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky. The teacher will be Wes Krupiczewicz. He will teach us to tie a Girdle Bug and a Bitch Creek Nymph. The following night, Thursday, the same fly-tying lessons will be taught at Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville, Indiana at 6:30 PM.

It is good to get there a little early to either of these places to give you time to get your tools and tying materials and be ready for class. There is no need for you to bring your own tools or materials. They will be supplied at no-charge, as is the instruction.

The class is set up so you see the instructor on a screen so you watch and listen as he ties his own fly. There will also be experienced tiers floating around to aid those who need help. Also, membership in Derby City Fly Fishers is not necessary in order to attend class and receive the treatment described above.

Winter Clothing for Wading Comfort

Thanks so much to Wes Krupiczewicz for writing a copy of the talk he gave for Tackle Time at our January meeting. If you can stay warm and dry your enjoyment of a cold day of fishing is much closer to success. Here are ways to help that happen.



Wes On A Cold Day

I fish year around as long as the temperature is about 25 F and above. Staying warm is a matter of dressing right and eating a balanced diet.

This article is about dressing right. Breathable layers of synthetic materials coupled with wool are the way to go. There are also some new fabrics out there that use reflective technology, but I have no experience with those fabrics. One thing for sure, you want to avoid cotton! Cotton traps and holds sweat, a process guaranteed to get you cold.

Above the waist:

I adjust the number of layers depending on the air temperature.

From about 25 F to 40 F, I will use 4 layers including a long sleeve polypropylene tee (or a merino wool shirt), a polypropylene/nylon long sleeve fishing shirt, a polypropylene (PP) fleece jacket and a breathable ripstop nylon jacket. As the temperature warms, I first go to a short sleeve PP tee and maybe change out the PP fleece jacket to a PP vest.

At 50 F, I go to 3 layers, eliminating the tee.

At 60 F, I'm down to the fishing shirt and jacket. By dressing in layers, I can also adjust my outfit to changing conditions over the course of the day.

If it is raining, I swap out the ripstop nylon jacket for a "Frogg Togg" jacket. "Frogg Toggs" are dry, breathable, and relatively inexpensive; the downside is they are not very durable.

If it is 25 F - 45 F with rain or snow, I will wear a dry jacket (mine is a Gul GCX2). It is breathable and waterproof. It seals at the wrists, waist, and neck with rubber closures and will keep you dry even if you fall into the stream. It's the type of jacket white water kayakers will use in the winter.

Below the waist:

I base what I wear below the waist more on water temperature and wading conditions. In any case, my underwear layer is a pair of polypropylene boxers - leave the cotton tidy-whiteys at home!

If I'm going to be wading waist deep or if the water temperature is below 40 F, I will wear a pair of fleece wading pants under my nylon fishing pants. If the water is above 40 F and wading conditions are mostly knee deep or less, I will go to a heavy insulated base layer and then a lighter base layer as the temperature warms. On a stream like Hatchery Creek, where you are seldom in the water, I will skip the base layer altogether.

I always wear breathable stocking foot waders. Some claim that neoprene foam waders will keep you warmer, but based on my experience, they keep you wetter because they do not breath. Hiking around and wading will cause you to sweat; you must use breathable materials to stay dry.

Feet and hands and head:

For my feet, I always wear some type of wool sock, even in the summer, because wool will soak up moisture and still keep you warm. Smart wool is good, but a pair of polypropylene socks with old fashion 100% heavy wool socks are better.

I never wear gloves when fishing. If you dress properly and have eaten enough so that you are not hungry, I do not believe gloves are necessary. If you are hungry, you're going to be cold no matter what - eat an energy bar!

I like a wool hat, but not above 40 F because they tend to itch; mine has flaps that pull down over the ears for really cold days. A knit hat is always a good choice for cold days and I'll sometime wear one under a baseball cap. Above 45 F, I generally wear a broad brim fishing hat. If it's raining, I'll wear a baseball hat to go under my rain jacket hood.

Pictures From The Members



Roger Daily catches them all!



Otter Creek last

week! By Mike Borger



Trout caught! By Michael Fisher



Cannot help but love this fish!!



But there is nothing wrong with this one, from Roger Daily!



Stocking Otter Creek this week, from Mark Rougeaux

Thank you all for the pictures! Doug

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!

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. Jim is the Director of our Project Healing Waters. His phone is 502 439 6804. He will be glad to suggest to you how you might participate in this meaningful activity.

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!

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