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## **March, 2017 Newsletter of Derby City Fly Fishers**

### **Letter from our DCFF President**



**Hello Derby City Fly Fishers!**

Well, our membership is off to a great start this year as we already have 145 members on our roll as we just closed only our 2nd calendar month. With that said, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the many new members and thanks to all those who renewed their membership.

The year is shaping up to be filled with outings, trips, great fly tying sessions and an array of summer outdoor meetings. Plans are underway to possibly change the venue of one of our outdoor summer meetings to a local small private lake that we can practice some "on the water" casting and actually do some fly fishing. (more info will follow if this materializes) I would encourage all members to consider taking advantage of as many of the aforementioned outings/gatherings/learning opportunities as possible. You'll be amazed at what you can learn from like-minded people. Continue to check out our website for details and if you are considering participating on some of our trips this year, please

sign up as soon as possible so our trip leaders can begin making advanced plans.

Hope to see you on the water. George

### **Upcoming In February.**

**Wednesday, March 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, March 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, March 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.

One of our very experienced members, Wes Krupicewicz will make a presentation about fly fishing the Ohio River at the Falls of the Ohio.

Our Raffle Director Jack McGuire and Scott DeWees will have some very nice raffle items as well. Last month Valerie Meyers was happy enough to shout a few times as she skipped across the floor to select her raffle prize - a very nice float boat she had crossed her fingers to win.



Valerie Meyers

We don't always have prizes that nice. But they are pretty nice and it is always a pleasure to win.

**Wednesday March 22 & Thursday March 23** - Our fly tying lessons begin at 6:00 on Wednesday the 22nd at Cabela's at 5100 Norton Healthcare Boulevard, Louisville, Kentucky. The teacher will be George Tipker, our club President.. He will teach us to tie a Black and Blue, a Catalpa Worm, and a Zebra Midge. The following night, Thursday, the same fly-tying lessons will be taught by George at Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville, Indiana at 6:00 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 can 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.

## **February Trip to Otter Creek**

Trip Manager Mark Vincent reports we had a nice sized group for our Beginner's class at Otter Creek February 10 through 12. One of the nice things, the nicest really, was that EVERYBODY caught fish! Food was excellent as well. This is certainly not a long trip, but it is a great chance to learn fly fishing and to get to know some folks. All members of DCFF are welcome. Insurance demands that all attendees be DCFF members! After you have your Kentucky license it costs only \$3.00 to enter Otter Creek Park. Please join us!



## **News from Western Kentucky University**

The Western Kentucky University Administration Program working in cooperation with Cabela's who provides financial support as a co-sponsor will again host the 2017 International Fly Fishing Film Festival here in Louisville on March 29 at Village 8 Theatres, 4014 Dutchman's Lane. This event is known as IF4. Doors open at 6:30. There will be a half-hour of silent auctions, and the film will begin at 7:00. Proceeds will be used to support the WKU fly Fishing Programs and to acquire a fly fishing boat. Tickets are \$15.00 ( \$17.00 with fees) for online advance purchases at website <http://bit.ly/if4-wku>. Tickets bought at the door are \$20.00. Information about the event, door prizes, silent auction items, etc. can be obtained by visiting <http://bit.ly/if4-wku>.

A second IF4 screening will take place on the WKU campus on April 11; tickets for that screening are available at the above website.

**A second important news item from WKU** is a summer fly fishing course for college credit. It takes place in Montana. The course is for



high school students and will be relatively low cost because of financial assistance being given to those who qualify by Western Kentucky University and by Cabela's Outdoor Fund.

The program cost for high school students is \$1897 and includes course instruction from WKU professor Dr. Raymond Poff, round trip flight to Missoula, MT, 4 nights lodging, 3 full days of guided fishing, guide tips, and lunch and dinner for three days, instruction, use of necessary fly fishing equipment and supplies, and lunch and dinner for three days.

Parents, grandparents, or guardians are encouraged to participate at a rate of \$2197.00 for the three days in Montana. Questions should be directed to Dr. Raymond Poff at Western Kentucky University, telephone 270-745-2498, or [raymondpoff@wku.edu](mailto:raymondpoff@wku.edu). Deadline for the initial 10 high school students, parents, grandparents and guardians is March 29 or until those 10 spots are filled. Based on interest level, additional students will be considered.

## **Pictures From The Members**



Noah's first fly rod trout, Fly Fishing Class ran by Mark Vincent February, 2017



This young lady tied 13 flies or more at the Kids Fly Tying booth, Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show 2017!

Flies everywhere!



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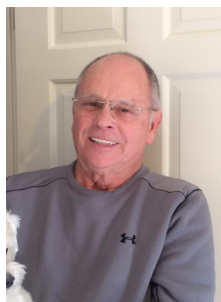
You can now find our club on [Facebook](#) .

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](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!

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