



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

This is your DCFF Newsletter. I want to tell you this is a new Constant Contact template. To see it best on your iPhone hold your phone in the horizontal direction. Doug Stull

And from Scott DeWeese: Said by Zane Grey, famous author and fisher of the world around: ***"If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago."***

President's Letter



Spring sprang, and so did the rain clouds. Literally!! It seems to me as if we've had MORE than our fair share of rain in our part of the country. The creeks got out of their banks, rivers roared, and reservoirs flooded. Not once, but multiple times recently. Even some of the smaller lakes and ponds are still high and stained muddy. Enough already, RIGHT? I'd say! Well the good news is that even though we may have missed some normally excellent spring time fishing in the last month or so, the law of averages soon should be kicking in. And with such, let us hope things start to dry out and our fishing opportunities increase.

In the mean time, I would encourage all to check out some of our regular and extra Derby City Fly Fishers events. Outdoor summer meetings are upon us, summer fishing trips are starting to fill in our club events calendar, and every Wednesday there is something DCFF going on. And in fact, this Wednesday, some of us are turning to the golf course for our second of its kind, "5th Wednesday of the month DCFF golf scramble". Most of us aren't good at golf, but it's good camaraderie with great people hacking the ball around. I can assure you that lots of laughs will take place on the course, temporarily allowing us to forget about the lack of fishing opportunities that are getting/got away from us, due to all the heavy rains. It's not too late to join us.

Our club provides an outlet every week for us, whether we're on the water fly fishing or not, and I am glad to be a part of it. I hope you are too. I look forward to seeing you at one of our many activities.

George Tipker

Coming in June, 2017

June 3 through 10: June starts off with what is not a DCFF trip. Rather it is one put on by our friends at Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers. They have a group heading out for the Florida Panhandle for the period from June 3 through June 10. They have invited DCFF

members to join them. I don't know that any of us are going along; but if there is I would appreciate hearing about the trip. We do extend appreciation to NKFF for giving us the invite. And we will try harder to make sure you are aware should similar invitations occur.

June 7: This first Wednesday of the month is the DCFF Board Meeting at Cardinal Cafe, 2475 Crittenden Drive, Louisville, KY. We meet at 6:30 in the Freedom Hall Room. We discuss DCFF matters ranging from coming activities to status of financial concerns and how we are doing at managing training and activities for our 170 or so members. You are welcome to attend be you member or visitor. We would like to have you aware of what we do and how we do it.

June 8: Fly Tying at Orvis, in the Paddock Shops, 4288 Summit Plaza Drive, Louisville, KY. Our partners at Orvis sponsor and host fly tying from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Come and you will experience instruction by teachers who earn their living doing what we do for the pleasure of it!

June 10: This Saturday is the date for the Blue River Indiana June 2017 Trip. Participants meet at the Walmart parking lot in Corydon, IN just off Exit 105 on I 64 at 9:00 AM. Coordinator for the trip is Bob Sawtelle, phone 812 267 3029. As of the date of this writing the 12 slots originally available for this trip are full.

June 14: Eat and Talk Shop; as always at 6:30 until PM 9:00 on the second Wednesday of each month we gather at Golden Corral, 1402 Cedar Street, Clarksville, IN. This is sometimes just some fly fishers, experienced or new, getting together to chat. Other times there are important matters taught or discussed. We would be glad to have you there. Food there is very good as well.

June 21: June Membership Meeting; This is a good one!! There won't be much club business under discussion but there will be lots of members, some guests, and plenty of nourishment at this June club meeting. It will be held at the dam at Southern Hills Subdivision lake on the outskirts of Borden, IN. Several of our club members reside there and this meeting is hosted by the Southern Hills Subdivision, for which we are most grateful. We usually have about 100 in attendance. You are welcome to be one of them!

We meet at the dam of this nice large private lake which often has very good fishing. An Indiana fishing license is not required. We will be catering a pulled pork sandwich dinner from Frank's Deli in Louisville. Guests eat free. Members pay \$5.00. If an adult beverage is desired it is allowed, but Bring Your Own.

June 28: Fly Tying at Cabela's at 6:00 PM; Jack Miller, a truly talented and knowledgeable individual, will teach us two flies, a Kreelex Minnow and Jack Miller's version of the ever-popular Clouser Minnow.

It is good to get there ahead of time, so as to get your tools and supplies and have time to set up the vice. We do supply the vice, all necessary supplies, the hooks, the thread, and everything you will need. Jack will instruct and other individuals will roam the class looking for who needs assistance. Come and enjoy. You will walk away smarter with two nice flies which were tied by you in your possession!

June 29: The same Fly-tying session and the same start time and the same flies and the same teacher. Only this one is at Bass Pro in Clarksville, IN.

A Report on Fishin' the Pigeon

SPRING FISHING IN NORTH CAROLINA

By: Dan Jackman & Roy Weeks

This May, Roy and I decided to take a break from our fly tying outings, and just do some fishing with the flies we've been tying. We haven't been to North Carolina yet this year, so we decided that we would give it a try. I had received reports from others that the fishing in the beginning of the month was terrible. The water was high, and running fast, and it was

constantly raining. Never the less, we ventured on.

We had tied flies at Cabela's on Saturday for Mother's Day weekend, and left on Monday the 15th. I arrived early and checked in at the Oak Park Inn, and then went to the West Fork of the Pigeon River. I went to the church parking lot, and fished with some black ruby midges that I had some luck with there in the past. Caught a nice rainbow, and a small brook.

I left the church and went to the steel bridge road parking lot. Although there were quite a few others fishing there, I managed to find a spot and fished for a while. With no luck there, I went back to meet Roy at the hotel.

Tuesday, we started out with our usual stop at Clyde's for breakfast, and discussed where to start out fishing today. We opted for West Fork, and proceeded there. We stopped at the lower parking lot first, and that's where Roy landed a nice size brook.

We fished there for a while, then went to the steel bridge, where we spent the rest of the day. We were a little crowded, but managed to fit in, and catch fish. When we finished for the day, and were heading back I decided to check out Logan's Lake and see if it was open to the public. I read in the Southern Edition of Trout Magazine, that it was open to the public.

We drove to the dock, and checked out some of the cabins we saw from the roadway. The whole area was really in pristine condition. We drove over to the check-in lodge, but no one was available for us to ask questions. We did find out from brochures that we obtained, that it cost \$25.00 a day to fish the lake and the private stocked stream. \$35.00 if you want lunch served to you, (either in the cafeteria or a box lunch brought to you streamside). The cabins are available for rental also, and they do have a barracks style unit for large groups, or if you don't want to rent a cabin. They all include three meals a day served in the cafeteria, buffet style. Alcohols are allowed, but need to be in moderation. Pets are welcome. This was something that we both thought would be a place worth considering more.

Wednesday, we went back to the bridge and fished all day there. We caught some nice fish, and it seems that the stream was being taken over by people using the Tenkara fishing system. I took a break, and decided to watch the demonstration they were putting on. It was different, but watching them fish, and Roy, it seems that Roy was catching a little more fish using dry flies.

Thursday, we kept to the West Fork, and fished the rapids above the bridge. I landed several nice fish.

We stayed at the bridge for the rest of the day, which seemed to be getting busier than I've seen in the past. The water was running at what is about normal for this time of year, so the fishing should have been decent all up and down the stream, but it appeared that everyone was wanting to be where we were fishing.

Friday was going to be our last day on the stream, I went back to the rapids above the bridge, and Roy headed down under the bridge. It was again crowded, but we managed to fit into spots that were open.

Roy caught about a dozen along the bank under the bridge, using a dry fly. This is not unusual for him, he's one of the better dry fly fishermen around. I've watched him fish them, as well as tie them, and he does love his dry flies.

I caught a couple of nice fish in the rapids, and around noon, a wounded warrior and his helper came to the stream. I let him have my spot, and told him to use a grey woolly bugger. I moved down next to him, and finished out the day assisting him when and if he needed it.

All in all, we had a great week of fishing, and didn't make it to the Tuck. The weather was perfect, the water was just right, so we didn't need to go anywhere else but the West Fork.

Two Kinds of Trips

There are lots of fly fishers in DCFF, and, naturally, lots of trips are taken. What newcomers need to understand is that only club members who have paid their dues are allowed to go on trips sponsored by Derby City Fly Fishers. We strictly enforce that rule because if we do not we jeopardize our insurance coverage.

There are other trips organized by individuals who would like to go someplace together and fish. The rule stated above does not apply to that sort of trip. You will see that we cover either kind of trip in this newsletter.

Pictures from our Members



It must be one of the great flies of all time, the Woolly Bugger!



Thanks to Jim Riney for this pic of a Mop Fly catch

Project Healing Waters



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



Contact Me

I hope you enjoyed the newsletter. If you have complaints or suggestions I would like to hear about them.

We can make this newsletter better if more photos are sent me either by Facebook or by direct mail to dougstull@twc.com.

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