



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

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President's Letter



Happy Labor Day! I sincerely hope you have a wonderful holiday and hopefully have a chance to wet a line. Most of all enjoy your family and count yourself lucky to be in this wonderful country. We are truly blessed to have so many opportunities to enjoy our passion for fly fishing. Never forget to enjoy the pursuit, as much as the catch.

On a recent trip to the Cumberland River we had a tough day battling high water. One fish was boated the whole day. Many might think that's not a great day on the water. But was it? Our expectations are often too focused on catching, rather than enjoying the wonders of fly fishing. It was a beautiful day and time spent with great friends. Yes, a few more fish would have been great, But focusing on catching more than on pursuit causes us to lose the magic and wonder of what our sport is really about. Keep your expectations reasonable. Appreciate the great outdoors and the tremendous opportunity our club offers to learn and spend time with fellow fly fishers. It's not so much about the catching!! George

P S: Trout Camp is just around the corner. Sign up for some great times on the water and around the campfire.

George

Coming in September

The first Wednesday of the month is September 6 and the Board of Directors will meet in the Freedom Hall Room of the Hall of Fame Cafe, 2475 Crittenden Drive at 6:30 that evening. There is room for guests, and guests are welcome. Attending a Board Meeting gives interested people the chance to see concerns we have, hear our thoughts and even to express their own thoughts and to see decisions proposed and approved or denied. The meeting usually lasts until 8 or 8:30. Everyone orders a meal which splits the meeting apart. Each individual pays for their own meal. One reason we encourage everyone to attend this meeting is that we would like you to evaluate for yourself whether you would like to help manage our club. Derby City Fly Fishers is a good, strong club. But as in all such organizations we need members to become active and help manage. Doing so can be very

satisfying and lots of fun as well.

Current Board Members are:

George Tipker, President; Roy Been, Vice President; Jesse Clements, Secretary; John Hearin, Treasurer; Joe Gahlinger, Membership; Mike Norris, Travel Director; Gerry McDaniel, Education; Roy Been, Marketing; Jack McGuire, Raffles; Matt Clements, Conservation; Doug Stull, Newsletter; Wesly Krewpicziwicz, Web Site; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, Club History

The next DCFF activity happens on the second Wednesday, September 13. We gather at 6:00 PM at Golden Corral, 1402 Cedar Street in Clarksville, IN for Eat and Talk Shop. This is a fun evening where food is tasty and plentiful and the talk can range widely, from fly fishing techniques and equipment, to questions and answers, to planning for the next outing or event. It is a great place to get to know fellow anglers.

The following evening, September 14, is a non-club event that you might find very interesting. Orvis offers free fly tying lessons at their store in the Paddock Shops from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. If you wish to attend, please call to let them know.

The third Wednesday of each month is our Membership Meeting. This will be the first inside meeting of the Fall season, and will be held at Bass Pro in Clarksville IN at 6:30 in the evening.

September 22 through October 1 is the time for our **TROUT CAMP** which is "headquartered" at Helm's Landing on the Cumberland River. See the writeup below for details.

September's last DCFF gathering will be instruction in fly-tying. This is on two successive evenings starting at 6:00, Wednesday the 27th at Cabela's in Louisville and Thursday the 28th at Bass Pro in Clarksville, IN. Both classes will be taught by Dustin Tabert, a knowledgeable flyfisher and fly tier whom you will enjoy. He will teach us to tie a shad pattern. All are welcome to our fly-tying classes, members and non-members. You need bring nothing. A vise, tying tools, hooks, thread and materials you will need will all be supplied free of charge.. The instructor will tie the fly as he teaches you, and that is shown on screen. Other knowledgeable individuals will roam the tying area to assist as needed.



September 22 Thru October 1 DCFF TROUT CAMP!

This is so popular you need to decide now and make a reservation if you wish to participate. We speak of the annual **Trout Camp**, scheduled for **September 22nd through October 1st**. The sign up link is now live on the DerbyCityFlyFishers.com web site. The inaugural event last year was a huge success and we expect this year's to be just as good and even more popular. Some will stay one day, others might even stay the whole time. That is up to the individual and the availability of lodging.

There are lots of moving parts to this trip so **PLEASE** read the entire description on the web site so you know what to expect and can choose wisely when you sign up. Sign ups will cutoff **Sept 17th** so the trip coordinators can get everything organized. Don't forget to volunteer for meal prep and



"kitchen help".

Check out our [Web Site](#) for more details on these and other events as well as our upcoming trips.

Helm's Landing - Cumberland River, August 2017

by Wes Krupiczewicz, George Tipker and Mark Rougeux



We had a full house at Paula's Riverside Retreat with all 4 rooms in the main building occupied. Joining us on the trip were Steve Koon and Steve Pugh (DCFF members from Madisonville Kentucky). Don Temple, Joe Gahlinger, and Bob Hancock from the Louisville Area. Kenneth Kloeppel (DCFF member from Nashville) joined us on Saturday afternoon. We also had a pair of Black Vultures join us on the deck (uninvited). And of course, Paula's rescue Labs, Eva and Buck, always on the lookout for handouts and love!

As usual for a club trip, there was rain, but there was also a good bit of sunshine to keep things toasty on the river.

Lake Cumberland had started to develop a strong thermocline and river water quality (specifically oxygen content) had started to decline the week before. That led the Corp of Engineers to quit running a normal on/off generation schedule in favor of more steady generation and finally opening a sluice gate 24/7 to get more oxygen in the river. So the first part of the trip was high water and the last part of the trip was actually low water with a constant 1600 CFS from the sluice gate and then generation late in the afternoon.

The result of all this variety? We caught fish from the Dam all the way down to Burkesville, but did not have high catch rate days with the higher water. Streamers tended to be more effective during high water and we pounded the banks. Inside bends with woody structure were typically productive.





With the sluice gate open and no generation, both nymphing and streamer fishing were very good with high catch rates. You could wade at the island below the dam and swing streamers - you just need a boat to get there. Floating was also easier at the lower flow rates and both nymphing and streamer fishing were productive.

We fished Hatchery Creek and is happy to report the fish are there in good numbers. And so are the weeds! The banks are pretty well grown up with weeds and watercress has covered all the woody structure in the creek. You had to manage your line on the bank to keep from getting tangled in the weeds. You also had to pick a spot relatively free of watercress to fight and land a fish if you were able to hook up.

A number of flies took fish. Best nymphs were the chartreuse and the orange mop fly, egg patterns, Olive Hare's Ear (#16), Rainbow Warrior (#18), Crackleback, and the Trout Magnet. Effective streamers included the Chicago Fly, Olive Woolly Bugger, and a Yellow Sculpzilla.

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 permitted 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 report on either kind of trip in this newsletter.

A Good Tale from Gerry McDaniel

Waiting last month for the Board meeting to start, Gerry McDaniel told us this story:

" Friday and Saturday I was supposed to meet George Tipker and Brian Kaluzny



down by the river (Cumberland) for some fishing. Friday I had boat trouble so I went by my repair dealer to get my motor fixed. So Friday night we sat around and talked and Saturday we got together in the boat and went out fishing.. We went upstream from Burksville and we had low water. It started out high but it dropped all day and we didn't do too bad but we didn't do all that good. I caught maybe six fish and lost a couple big ones. I had bragged to Brian the night before that I wasn't losing fish, and that was bad Karma. I think he and George caught maybe 12 apiece. It wasn't that great a day. But we were using the wrong flies!

There are two fellows that had been clients a couple of times in the past. They stopped by and we all talked that evening. They joined me on Sunday and we fished the Lightning Bug as we had on other occasions.

They got maybe forty apiece! Fishing was great! There were several fish over 20 inches!

The next day I had Don Temple and Joe Galligher from the club. We used Lightning Bugs, They just had a fantastic day! Don caught the biggest rainbow he has ever caught. I caught the second largest rainbow I have ever caught. It was over 22 inches, but when viewed from above it was over 6 inches wide! Simply an immense rainbow!

Don Temple firstt caught the largest rainbow he had ever caught on the rod he was using. Later he caught the biggest trout he had ever caught in his life!

Then on Tuesday I had two Louisville men that do not belong to DCFF. That also went very well. We simply had good luck I could not believe. One huge Brown trout made a six foot wake coming after a large dry fly. The angler fought it and lost it. But later he caught a very large rainbow.

I'm sorry all that good luck didn't extend to George and Brian. But the subsequent three days were the best I have had in my life!"

Pictures from our Members



Fibreglas rods; how we used to love them! Some still do!

Thanks to David Stearman

First bass on a fly rod for Connie Bigelow



Connie again, with a nice trout from his camp in Pennsylvania.

"What a tourist terms a plague of insects, the fly fisher calls a great hatch."

~Patrick F. McManus



www.rivertraditions.com

Nice thought! Thanks to David Stearman



Roger Daily. Good man. good fisherman!

Project Healing Waters

We are happy to say that Jim Bearden, our chairman of Project Healing Waters is now so good that he singlehandedly replaced a blowout on my truck Wednesday. One very strong and healthy Jim Bearden! Thank you Jim.

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

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

A special thanks to Wes Krupicewicz, George Tipker and Mark Rougeux for the



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excellent article about fishing the Cumberland River from Helm's Landing! Very nice job guys! We very much appreciate your work!

The piece about the good fortune Gerry McDaniel had recently was unusual because we don't usually write about guides. Should any other guide who is a member have an experience they would like written up we will be glad to do so. Also for any member who is not a guide for that matter!

We can make this newsletter better if more photos are sent me either by email to dougstull@twc.com. or on derbycityflyfishers Facebook account. Thanks!

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