



# The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for October, 2017

## President's Letter



The President's Letter says: **"Sorry! Gone Fishing! George"**

(That is because George is at Trout Camp, for which he has done a tremendous amount of work. We are all grateful!)

## Coming in October

The first Wednesday of the month is October 4. 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; Jessy 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 Krupiczewicz, Website; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, Club History.

The next DCFF activity happens on the second Wednesday, October 11. We gather at 6:00 PM at the Golden Corral restaurant, 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, Thursday October 12, 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. Telephone 502 425 0188.

The third Wednesday of each month is our Membership Meeting which in October will be held in a new location. That is the Clarksville Community Center at 2311 Sam Gwin Drive in Clarksville. The time is 6:30 in the evening of October 18.

October's last DCFF gathering will be instruction in **Fly-tying**. This is on two successive evenings starting at 6:00, Wednesday the 25th at Cabela's in Louisville and Thursday the 26th at Bass Pro in Clarksville, IN. Both classes will be taught by Gerry McDaniel. He will teach us to tie a Gerry's Grande, a very versatile fly that has provided excellent results in recent weeks!

All of you 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 a large screen as he does so. Other knowledgeable individuals will roam the tying area to assist anyone who needs it.

### **There Are 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.

## **SAFETY on the Stream or LAKE**

### **A Number One Concern!**

**It is always a good time to make safety a major part of your thinking. How to be more safe in all our outdoor activities, especially those done on the**

water, is of primary importance. Former President and founding father Phil Kirkland wrote the following article in the DCFF newsletter in 2008. It addresses a worthy topic, SAFETY, one we all need to keep in mind. Thank you very much, Phil:

### FROM STEEL MILLS TO FISH

From steel mills to fish; what's that all about?

A steel mill is a collection of very hazardous processes; huge equipment processing heavy loads at temperatures approaching 3000 degrees F! Did you know that one of the safest places to be.....is in a steel mill? The steel industry has about the best safety record of any major industry - - -also considerably safer than your home environment.

Why is this? Because everyone is constantly training, considering, reacting and reminding themselves of safety practices and procedures. At the start of almost every shift all hands discuss and are reminded of safety in the workplace.

We should all practice the same diligence in safety as it applies to our fly fishing endeavor. Young or old, none us are bulletproof when it comes to accidents involving our fishing experiences. I relate some of my personal experiences and safe practices herewith.

### Water Safety

When wading always wear a tight belt as high as practical around your waders; you will fall in the water, and this will keep your waders from loading up with water and limiting your mobility - like keeping you on top of the water. Wear wading boots with felt or felt/stud soles - they will grip rocks better. Use a wading staff - swift water as much as knee deep is practically impossible to wade upright without a staff. The staff is a good "probe" in dark, untested water. Spend the money on a collapsible staff - well worth it. Wear a life preserver if there is any chance you would fall in deep water - I like the CO2 variety - don't even know you have it on.

## **ENTERING THE RIVER**

From afar, there are great looking pools and rivers to fish - what's the best way to get there? Be very careful to survey the foliage and bank contour for the best entry point. Examine the path for the best foot purchase. Look for trees, limbs to help you down. Consider that if you do fall, how and where will you land? Once in the river understand that you have to get back up the bank also. Don't be lazy or hasty and enter at a challenging spot when you could enter at an easier point up or downstream.

## **GO WITH A BUDDY**

It's tough to get back to the truck if you are alone and disabled. Cell phones often don't work in the bush. Keep each other in sight and/or carry "walkee talkees".

## **CUTS, BRUISES, HOOK REMOVAL**

Have some fashion of first aid available on your person or nearby. Educate yourself on hook removal.

## **HYPOTHERMIA**

Do you realize that you may become seriously disabled or die from hypothermia - not just in cold weather but in the middle of summer? Cold water, wet bodies, and wind can hurt you. Have dry clothes available and some means to warm your body should you become unreasonably cold. Read up on the subject and understand that you can develop hypothermia to the extent that you don't realize what trouble you are in. Recognize the signs.

## **SUNBURN**

Most of us have been here. Avoid the pain and the potential "Big C". apply sunscreen properly.

## EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Have all of your gear in good working order. When you anticipate catching big fish; salmon, tarpon, etc. know where your line is and where it's going once you hook up. You don't want your hand or foot tangled in the line when a 120# tarpon takes off and snaps the line tight.

## MINORS

All minors are to be accompanied by their parent or guardian on all club outings.

## WEAR GLASSES

Don't get hooked in the eye; wear glasses. Good polarized glasses with UV protection are good for your eye health and help you see the fish better.

## SURVIVAL

We should all thoughtfully consider the risks we take when venturing out to encounter our quarry. The more risks we take, the more resources we should have with us should we become lost or disabled. Shelter, warmth, food and water are paramount. Educate and equip yourself for these contingencies.

There are loads of books and other resources that expand on these topics. Your fly fishing experiences should not be marred by an accident that can be avoided by simply reminding yourself of safe practices. You can avoid falling into that "ladle of molten steel" by being keenly aware of what you are doing.

SAFETY TO ALL! by Phil Kirkland, November, 2008

Thank you Phillip for being the author of this worthy document!

## **Pictures from our Members**

**Congratulations and best wishes to  
Jessy, Matt, and Elijah Clayton  
Clements, born September 17, 2017!**



**Kim Rougeux and husband Mark in  
Utah!**

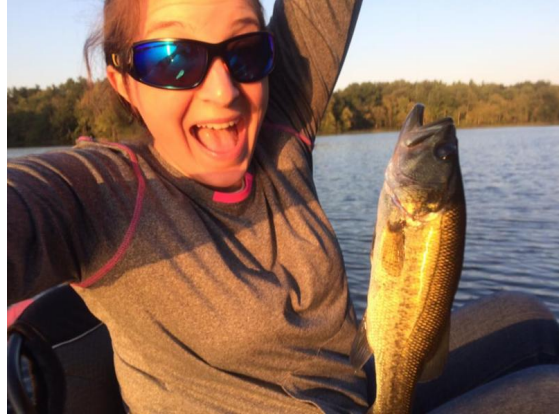
**Mike Scheid! Does he just catch big  
ones?**



**Bill Wilson with a fine smallie,  
caught on a big Swingin D streamer  
in Harrod's Creek.**



**Valerie Meyers with a nice largemouth caught at Lincoln Lake State Park.**



**NEW MEMBER Jk. Mabry with a beauty caught at Hatchery Creek!**

**Per Wes on his early arrival on the first Friday:**

**TROUT CAMP IS NOW OPEN!!**



## **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 email to [dougstull@twc.com](mailto:dougstull@twc.com). or on Derby City Fly Fishers Facebook account. Thanks!

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