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

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### **President's Letter**



Greetings from the "not so oval" office!

Autumn has arrived! The air is crisp. The temperatures are dropping. The leaves are falling. The woods are dappled with brilliant colors. It's a beautiful season and a great time to get out and do some fly fishing!

Fortunately, one thing that is not dropping, is our Derby City 2017 annual membership roll. We have already surpassed the 200 member mark again this year, (204 as of this writing) and still have two months to go before we start another year. And of that number, 61 folks are new members!

It is certainly rewarding and refreshing to observe the enthusiasm surrounding our sport of fly fishing. We have seen that in our club as well. Recently we had a very strong showing of 50 participants in our 2017 Trout Camp event last month at the Cumberland River. Just last Saturday, we had a record amount of nearly 2 dozen "beginners" attend our Beginners Outing at Otter Creek.

We have already had quite a few early sign-ups for our upcoming 5th annual Mystery Fly for Cancer Tournament at Otter Creek. I would encourage all of our membership to consider participating in this event on Saturday, November 18, as not only does it support a great cause, but it is also great fun. More information about it can be found on our website.

Fly fishing interest is growing and I would like to think that our club may play a small part in that. Thanks for being part of it and for everyone's continued participation!

Enjoy Autumn and good fishing to all!

George

### **Coming in November**

Wednesday November 1, 6:30 PM; Board Meeting: The Board of Directors will meet in the Freedom Hall Room of the Hall of Fame Cafe, 2475 Crittenden Drive. 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. It is briefly interrupted for a meal. 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.

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 PM Eat and Talk Shop: We gather 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.

Thursday, November 9, through Sunday, November 12, Fall North Carolina Trip: This is a great trip! Membership in Derby City Fly Fishers is required for all attendees in order to meet insurance requirements. For more information look under North Carolina Trip on our website, DerbyCityFlyFishers.com.

Wednesday, November 15. 6:30 to 8:30: Our general membership meeting at Bass Pro Shoppes, Clarksville, IN in the second floor auditorium. This meeting will include our annual election of officers. The speaker is Lee McClellan, fisherman, author and Member of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife group. Mr. McClellan will be discussing winter bass fishing technique on Kentucky's large impoundment lakes. You do not want to miss his "float and Fly" primer.

Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18: Saturday is the Mystery Fly Tournament, a fund raiser for cancer and fun fishing for the participants!

Friday is mentioned because DCFF has reserved the Otter Creek Bunkhouses so you can sleep on site and be ready for fishing in the morning, having been served a delicious dinner and a great breakfast! The fishing is catch and release. All fisher folk will use the same fly and that fly only. We will supply the flies. The event ends with lunch served about 1:00, with prizes awarded then. There will be door prizes as well. Profits after expenses are paid are given to Reel Recovery, an organization dedicated to providing aid to cancer patients and survivors.

**Fourth Wednesday and Following Thursday, 6:00 PM:** We usually use these days for fly tying instruction, Wednesday at Cabela's in Kentucky and Thursday at Bass Pro in Indiana. But in November and December the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays take precedence. So fly tying instruction will begin again in January.

## 2017 Trout Camp a Success!

Trout Camp began Friday, September 22 and ended Sunday, October 1. About 50 people attended, some for a day or two, some for longer. I believe everyone caught some fish. Also, everyone who wanted to fish from a boat got to do so.

We had folks from northern Indiana, Michigan, Cincinnati, all over!. They all got fed very well and had a good time. Thanks to all for coming and special thanks to the workers. George Tipker headed up the event and poured many hard hours into doing so. Wes Krupiczewicz, Mike Norris, Roy Been, and many others pitched in as well. Thanks to all!



### Missing a Pretty Red Chair??

Someone who participated in Trout Camp last month left this very nice chair.

President George Tipker has it, Please call him at 502 594 2066.



### **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.

# Pictures from our Members (Not all fishing pics this month!)

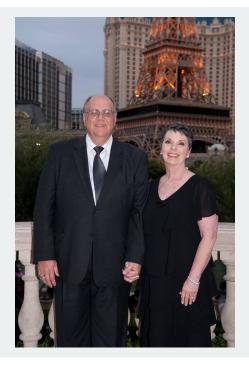
If you are looking for Derby City Fly Fishers and you don't see these guys or most of them, must be the wrong place!!





Michael Spark's wfe Lori took this pic of his first Brown Trout, caught on the Farmington River in Connecticut Cumberland so law that Wes launched in \$ inches of water!





Former VP Dave Sabol and his wife Nancy in gay Paree. All travel doesn't have to do with angling!

Krey Keeney at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, or nearby





Mark Vincent, with Krey Keeney at Steamboat Springs

Ben Allen, Doug Stull's grandson, with a big buck taken October 17, not far from our house!



### **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 calll. 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 abut them.

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

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