



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for November, 2017

President's Letter



All I can say is, "Wow!", what an amazing Mystery Fly for Cancer Tournament we helped with Saturday, November 18th! I'm so proud of all the DCFE members who supported, participated, volunteered, and welcomed all the guests from other clubs!

Reel Recovery is such a great organization and its continued success relies on many of you. Thanks to all of you who gave your time and talents to make this year's event the best ever.

Ruby Gordon's dedication and passion for Reel Recovery over the years has made it easy for us to join her efforts in assuring the mission continues. (For results and more information about this year's Mystery Fly for Cancer tournament, please see the detailed article in this edition of your newsletter.)

On a separate note, please be thinking about some outings or trips you would like to see, or organize, for the upcoming season. Our trip coordinators are getting a little burned out and we would like to have some fresh ideas and some help in offering different opportunities to our club members. We are putting together next year's club trip schedule now, so this would be a great time to share your ideas. You can reach me at: george@derbycityflyfishers.com.

Finally, during this “thanks giving” time of year, I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of our members whom I have grown to know over the years. I appreciate your friendship and am thankful for it. Thanks also to those of you that volunteer throughout the year to help make some of our specific activities and events as successful as they are. In addition, I would like to offer special thanks for those volunteers who serve as our DCFF board of directors. Their continued dedication to our club makes Derby City Fly Fishers a great and wonderful club to be a part of!

Be thankful for what you have. Be thankful for what we have.

George

Coming in December

Wednesday December 6, 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 express their own thoughts, and 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; David Temple, Treasurer; Joe Gahlinger, Membership; Mike Norris, Travel Director; Gerry McDaniel, Education; Roy Been, Marketing; Jack McGuire, Raffles; John Herrin, Conservation; Doug Stull, Newsletter; Wesley Krupiczewicz, Website; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, Club History.

Wednesday, December 13, 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.

Wednesday, December 20. 6:30 to 8:30: Our annual Christmas Party! Bring some food that you can share with others. We will have soft drinks. Alcoholic beverages are allowed but they will not be provided by Derby City Fly Fishers. We do ask that you be moderate in alcohol consumption.

Where? It is held at **Endris Lodge**. You and your spouse or friend are invited and welcome! To get there, turn north on Broadway Avenue off Veteran's Parkway in Clarksville, IN. That is the location for Target stores, at Broadway and Veteran's Parkway. Follow Broadway to the Lapping Hills golf course where there is a stop

sign. Make a **TINY** right-left jog and continue to drive between the golf course on your left and the golf practice range on your right. The terrain changes to woods and park. Keep going to the end of the road where you will find **Endris Lodge**. Come in and enjoy your evening!

Fourth Wednesday and Following Thursday, 6:00 PM: These dates and times are devoted to fly-tying instruction for 10 months of the year. We do not do that in November and December because of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mystery Fly Tournament a Success!

by Doug Stull

DCFF is very pleased with the results of the Mystery Fly Tournament that was held at Otter Creek Park on Saturday, November 18! Early analysis led us to believe we might have raised \$10,000 in this fundraiser in which all the profits remaining after expenses are paid are donated to Reel Recovery, an organization dedicated to assisting men recovering from cancer.

Fifty-one- people gathered early on that very windy Saturday morning to find the creek in great shape for angling. Then 18 two-person teams attacked the stream at 9:00 AM to fly-fish on a catch and release basis using the "Mystery Fly". The "Mystery Fly" was revealed at 8:30 AM to be a crackle-back. Each contestant was given one fly at that time. Other identical flies were available to be purchased from DCFF. The only fly allowed to be used was that crackle back fly provided by Derby City Fly Fishers. Each team was told which of four stream locations where they must start fishing. After starting there they were free to move as they liked.

After the tournament ended at noon, we all convened in the shelter at the Otter Creek Park Campground for a nice lunch furnished free by Frank's Deli in Louisville. We thank them sincerely! Each contestant received a door-prize. Each team presented a report on number of fish caught and released in the allowed time. The winning team was Matt Clements and Josh Lillard. They each caught 41 trout! For that achievement they each received a plaque from Reel Recovery designating them to be the winners. They received no money and no other prize except the right to brag whenever and however they wish!



About ready!



Hard at it!



Young guys too!

Comments by Club President and Event Director George Tipker

A direct and 5th Annual "Mystery Fly for Cancer" fly fishing tournament - Another Great Success!

In conjunction with Reel Recovery of Kentucky/Indiana, along with the assistance

of many others, Derby City Fly Fishers (DCFF) hosted our 5th annual “Mystery Fly for Cancer” fly fishing tournament and raised a record of over \$10,000 for our local KY/IN Reel Recovery organization. (Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization that conducts free fly-fishing retreats for men recovering from life-threatening cancer.)

Our tournament took place on Saturday, November 18th, 2017, at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and by all accounts was a tremendous success. Mother Nature blessed us with warm temperatures which reached into the 60’s during our tournament along with gusty winds. Fortunately, the strong forecasted cold front, and rain, held off until after the fishing and lunch was over. Despite the fact that Otter Creek was low and clear, and the fact that we shortened the tournament by one hour to stay ahead of the rain, lots of trout were caught. The bragging rights for 2117, go to the winning 2 person team of Matt Clements (DCFF) and Josh Lillard (NKFF) who combined for a total of 82 trout. Congratulations to Matt and Josh!

A total of 67 people registered and supported this worthy event and on the day of the tournament we had 18 teams (36 fishers) competing. This year’s “Mystery Fly” was a size 14 Classic Tied Crackle Back. Participants from near and far supported this event, as we had 6 different fly fishing clubs/organizations represented in this year’s tournament. (NKFF - Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Hebron KY), (OVFRC – Ohio Valley Fly Rod Club, Evansville IN), (IFC - Indianapolis Fly Casters, Indianapolis IN), (TU – Trout Unlimited, Louisville, KY), (WKU – Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green KY), (DCFF – Derby City Fly Fishers, Louisville KY). Twenty six (26) patrons made this event a weekend trip by spending Friday and/or Saturday night(s) in the bunkhouses in the campground area at Otter Creek Park. Morning breakfasts consisted of scrambled eggs, potatoes O’Brien, biscuits and gravy, sausage patties, juice and coffee. Friday’s dinner was cheeseburgers and bratwursts on the grill, potato salad, chips and snacks. And for Saturday’s dinner, grilled to perfection, mouth watering filet mignon, fresh greens and smashed red potatoes pleased everyone’s palate. Great camaraderie and friendship was shared around the roaring campfires in the evenings and at morning breakfasts.

Derby City Fly Fishers would like to thank TFO (Fly rod of winner’s choice), Gerry McDaniel (Cumberland River guided trip), Dave DeBold (Cumberland River guided trip), and Guy Prewitt Handcrafted wooden engraved fly fishing plaque) for their great donations for our “bucket raffles”. In addition to our winners, all registrants

(who consisted of fishers and volunteer helpers alike) received GREAT door prizes courtesy of our great supporters, Orvis, Quest Outdoors, Cabela's, Bass Pro, or one of our many other kind sponsors and individual donors. And for our tournament lunch, everyone enjoyed an outstanding BBQ lunch including pasta salad and a fresh fruit salad provided by, and with the support of our club favorite, ...Frank's Meat and Produce. I think all would agree that patrons received a lot more than just an entry into the tournament, in return for their registration fee.

Derby City Fly Fishers would also like to thank Otter Creek Outdoor Recreational Area, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Meade County KY tourism and all of our other sponsors, donors, contributors, participants, and the many volunteers that made this tournament possible, and a tremendous success. Please consider supporting this very worth while event next fall and come spend time with fellow fly fishing friends for a fun time of fly fishing, great food, great prizes, and great camaraderie.

North Carolina Trip: Tough Fishing But A Good Time

Trip Leader Jim Bearden reports that about a dozen members of DCFF made the November, 2017 trip to North Carolina for trout fishing. , Past trips had as many as 30 members. The general attitude was that this was a better situation for the main goal of such a trip: HAVING FUN!

As you should already know, membership in Derby City is required for all those who wish to join a DCFF sponsored trip. That is needed to make our insurance policies valid!

Angling in North Carolina is usually very productive. But that was not true for this trip and that led to some exploration which pushed the group over to the Turchasegee River in Bryson City, NC, which proved to be a worthwhile discovery!



- **Stanley Helm at Bryson City, NC**



- **Island Park at Bryson City, NC**

There Are Two Kinds of Trips!



2017 Kentuckiana
Fly Fishing Show
September 29-30
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Paroquet Springs Conference Center
1000 Paroquet Springs Blvd
Shepherdsville, KY 40363
Admission:
Adults: \$2.00
Children and Active Duty: \$1.00
For More Information Go To
www.dcflyfishers.com

- 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.

Twelfth Annual Kentuckiana Fly Show

Remember as you think and plan that the **2018 DCFF Fly Show** will take place at **Paroquet Springs Conference Center** in **Shepherdsville, Kentucky** on Saturday, January 27.

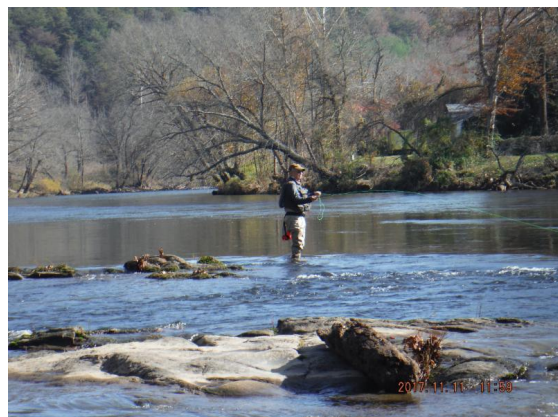
Event Chairman Jim Bearden has done lots of planning and lots of work directed to giving us a great fly show. There will be interesting speakers and sales booths just plain full of good deals!

Pictures from our Members



**Tammy and Bernie Rauen,
on the Tuch at Byson City,
NC! Photo by Joe
Gahlinger.**

**Jim Bearden, Also on the ?
Tuch at Bryson City**



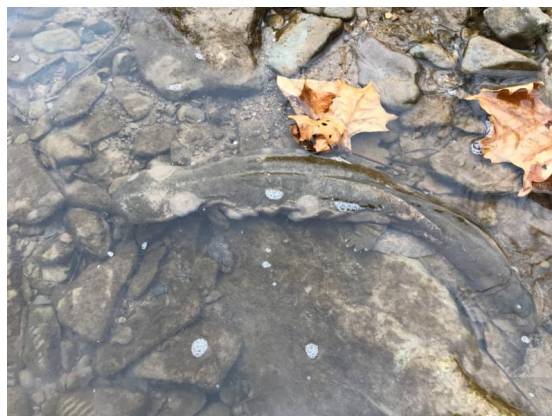


A Hellbender found in the waters of Otter Creek. A rarity. Certainly a first in recent times. Thanks to Wesley Krupiczewicz.

Heading Here

Another photo of the same Hellbender

So what is a Hellbender? It is a species of large aquatic giant salamander endemic to Eastern North America. Scientific name is *Cryptobranchus Alleganiensis*. They live to 25 years and beyond. They feed on crayfish and small minnows, mostly crayfish. Wes saw this one on Otter Creek in Kentucky. Purdue University is studying them in the Blue River of Indiana and both Del Striegel and Wyatt Dayvault, a friend of Ranger Bob's, have done in-stream work on that. I found one on the bank of Rocky Fork Creek, a fork of Paint Creek in Ohio. They are also reported in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.



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

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



Contact Me

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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