



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for January, 2018

President's Letter



Happy Holidays and I hope everyone is looking forward to a Fishperous New Year!! (fishperous: ADJECTIVE; Definition: successful in fishing terms; bountiful fish catching; having luck and success at fishing).

The winter solstice just arrived and with such, so has old man winter. Christmas is behind us and this is about the time of our fly fishing year that most of us begin thinking about warmer weather and new fishing adventures. I certainly fall into that category. Even though the days are now officially getting longer again, we still have a few months to go before fly fishing begins again in earnest. In the meantime, this is an opportune time to peruse your Derby City Fly Fishers website and break out your calendar and plan, and sign up for, some 2018 fly fishing trips. Incidentally, our club events calendar shows two or more event happenings just about each week for the next 3 months.

Also, I would encourage you to set up your fly tying vise and take this time to enjoy that aspect of our sport this winter. And whether you're a seasoned fly tier or maybe just would like to give it a try, there are many instructional fly-tying sessions throughout the winter months at our local favorites; Quest, Orvis, Bass Pro, and Cabela's. All of these fly tying sessions are free and all materials and equipment are usually provided. The dates of these events can also be found on our DCFF website "events calendar".

Until we meet again on the water, stay warm, and I hope to get to see you indoors this winter.

George

JOIN US FOR THE 13TH KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW

Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show January 27, 2018

[Paroquet Springs Conference Center](#)

Shepherdsville, Ky 40165

The Derby City Fly Fishers will host the 13th annual Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, January 27, 2018, 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center located at 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, Ky. Admission is \$7. Active military and children 12 and under are free.

The Kentuckiana Fly Show is focused on fly fishing and the tools that allow anyone to pursue the sport. The show is for anyone interested in starting to fly-fish, as well as the advanced fly fisher. The show will have over 40 vendors and exhibitors from a number of surrounding states. Casting demonstrations and seminars on fly fishing will be presented throughout the day. We will also have people demonstrating the art and craft of fly tying. As usual, we will have "Kids Corner", where children of all ages are welcome to tie a fly using tools and materials furnished by DCFF. At our show we will have representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Departments of Kentucky and Indiana to answer any questions concerning state fishing regulations.

The "Iron Fly" tying competition will return this year. Each tyer will be given a secret ingredient and a hook. They can then select other materials from the "pantry" to finish the fly. Judging will be based upon workmanship, beauty, and fish ability.

Since Paroquet Springs Conference Center is a larger venue for our show, we will have lots of room for casting demonstrations throughout the day. These demonstrations will be for both the beginner and the advanced fly fisher. If you are interested in learning more about fly fishing, Derby City Fly Fishers welcomes both beginners and experienced fly fishers to join our club.

At this show you can learn so much from the speakers, the rod vendors, the people doing fly tying demos and from the many fly fishers who will attend. There will be fly casting instruction and opportunities to try out rods. There will be vendors offering nice deals on all sorts of fly fishing and fly tying supplies. There will be instructional talks throughout the day on topics you want to hear. Paroquet Springs will have a window where you can acquire food and soft drinks. So please be there!

Some folks come to this Saturday show on Friday evening to help arriving vendors and fly show participants to unload their vehicles and get set up inside the conference center. We have a good deal for those who do this. First, Sleep Inn and Suites near the Paroquet Conference Center will provide you a room that usually runs about \$150.00 for \$75.00 plus tax. Second, DCFF always throws a Pizza party after the work is done. We would appreciate your help and would enjoy getting to know you better.

As you enjoy this 13th Kentuckiana Fly Show and all its content, give thanks to the gentleman who lead by doing nearly all the work and planning for it, Jim Bearden. Jim headed up this show and several others before it. He does an outstanding job and deserves the appreciation of us all! Thank you Jim Bearden.

Coming in January, 2018!

Wednesday January 3, 6:30 PM; Board Meeting: The Board of Directors will meet in a new location. It is Rooster's, 1601 Greentree Boulevard, Clarksville, IN. Guests are welcome. Attending a Board Meeting when you are not a member 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 8:00 or 8:30. It is briefly interrupted for a meal, paid for individually. 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, January 10, 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 and get your questions answered.

Wednesday, January 17 , 6:30 to 8:30: This is our monthly Membership Meeting which will be held at Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville, IN. We gather on the second floor in the auditorium, which is near the Camping displays. We will hear updates from our President, George Tipker, A Tackle Time presentation by guide Gerry McDaniel on rod sizes, line sizes, line shapes, and the reasons for all of them. Then we will have a presentation by Mario Papiano, also a fly-fishing guide and an employee of Bass Pro in the Fly Shop. He will talk about guiding and the relationship between the guide and the fisherman on a fishing excursion. It should be an interesting evening. We will have nice raffle drawings and prizes as well!

Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21. Otter Creek Bunkhouse Outing A winter excursion to Otter Creek in Kentucky! As with all club-sponsored trips it is for members only. Our insurance demands that!

Food will be prepared on site for breakfast and dinner. A campfire will roar in the evening and sleep will be in the Otter Creek bunkhouses. We have reserved two of them. They each can hold as many as 14 people. (Earplugs recommended!) Sign up on our web site using the sign up button.

The leader of this winterfest is Mark Vincent. Thank you Mark! We wish you cooperative weather and good fishing.

Wednesday, January 24 and Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 PM: These dates and times are devoted to fly-tying instruction. The flies to be taught in January are a Soft Hackle Fly and a Wet Fly. The teacher will be Wes Krupiczewicz, who is very

skilled and knowledgeable.

The Wednesday class will be at Cabela's in Louisville, Kentucky. The Thursday session will be at Bass Pro Shop's second floor auditorium in Clarksville, Indiana.

Admission is FREE! Non-members are welcome. You need bring only yourself. All tools and materials are furnished free by Derby City Fly Fishers. The teacher will lead the tying instruction, which is shown on a screen. Experienced tiers will circulate among the students to provide assistance as needed. You will leave with a couple flies you tied that are capable of attracting and catching fish!

Saturday, January 27, 2018 Again, this is the REALLY BIG ONE!!! We hope you can make it to the Derby City Fly Fishers Kentuckiana Fly Show on Saturday, January 27, 2018! Open 9 to 5, admission \$7.00. Free to those 12 and under and to active military personnel. See you there!



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.

Christmas Party Just Grand!!

As you are aware, or should have been, DCFF folks gathered at Endris Lodge in Lapping Park to celebrate Christmas together on December 20, 2017. The Lodge was beautiful thanks to Brian Kaluzny and to Jim and Carol Smith for the table and wall decorations. Carol also arranged door prize drawings for three lucky ladies. We sincerely thank Jim and Carol, who have done this for several years! Their efforts enhance this special evening.

The carry-in dishes were delicious from nuts to desserts.

The club provided soft drinks. Wine and beer were plentiful, provided by our members. Yum! Cheers!

A roaring fire in the fireplace was very beautiful and felt really good too. Our youngest club member, Elijah Clements was in attendance along with parents Matt and Jesse. Unlike everyone else at the party, Elijah was very quiet!

It was simply a grand evening, capped very nicely by awards to Wes Krupiczewicz for discovering a Hellbender in Otter Creek thought to be an historic first and to Charlie Logsdon for the magnificent job he has done as Otter Creek Park Manager in enabling the stream to be so clean as to allow that discovery to occur. Those awards were presented by Ranger Bob Sawtelle who lives on the Blue River and has worked for thirty years to improve habitat for Hellbenders there.

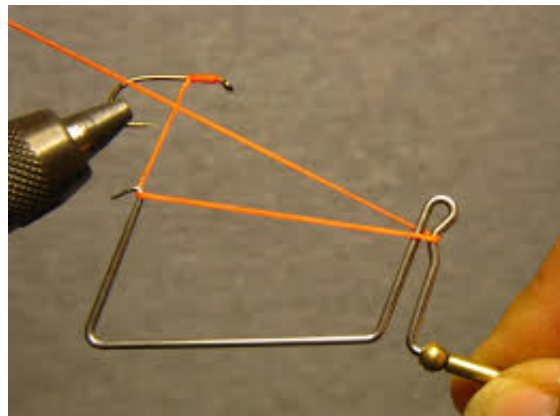
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Pictures from our Members



Charlie Logsdon calls this the Dragon's Flight! How is your imagination?

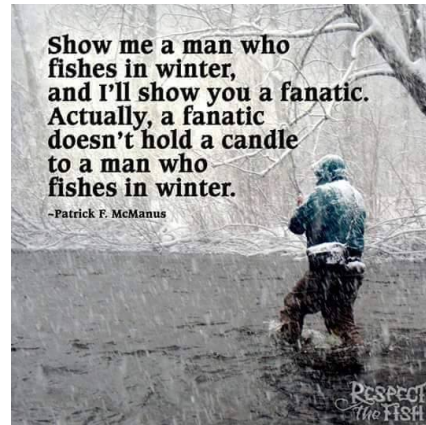
See? There is nothing to it!





Chilly, but nice to be out!
Roger Daily's thought and
photo about winter fishing.

Tim Tipton's comment on the
same topic!



Show me a man who
fishes in winter,
and I'll show you a fanatic.
Actually, a fanatic
doesn't hold a candle
to a man who
fishes in winter.

-Patrick F. McManus

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. or on Derby City Fly Fishers Facebook account. Thanks!

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