



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for February, 2018



President's Letter

Wow!!! How about that 2018 Fly Fishing show?!?!?!?

Derby City Fly Fishers has done it again! Another great Fly Fishing show!!!

I was fortunate enough to be there when it all started Friday, with the show setup kicking off around 4 pm when vendors started arriving. Thereafter the doors to our DCFF hospitality suite opened at the Sleep Inn and Suites hotel, and we treated and welcomed those "over-nighting" vendors and friends from visiting fly fishing clubs with warm hospitality, endless pizza, snacks and drinks. Great camaraderie was shared there for many hours.

Then came Saturday, January 27th. Three cheers to Jim Bearden and all the DCFF volunteers who made our 13th annual 2018 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show a smashing success. We surpassed last year's attendance which previously was the biggest crowd we had in many years! I believe the last count I heard for this year was 455 attendees!

It was great to see a full house of vendors and patrons. I got to see many new faces and lots of old friends we've made over the years. It was also just super seeing so many Derby City members in attendance coming from far and near! It's like a great big fly fishing family reunion, in the middle of winter.

And again, thank you Jim Bearden, (Mr. Show Chairman) for your tireless efforts! Planning and preparing for our show begins many months in advance, and Jim's dedication and commitment, leading this charge, are very much appreciated. It's a big undertaking, but the results are proof that it is worth it.

We (DCFF) again were fortunate enough to be able to present \$1000 donation checks to Casting for Recovery and Reel Recovery for their respective Cancer support efforts/retreats. Our fly casters, fly tiers, guides, state agencies, and visiting fly clubs, really put a lot of effort and expertise into their interactions with attendees. And our guest speakers did a great job as well, captivating their audiences and sharing their experiences with attendees.

I for one had a great time and I received many like compliments during, and after the show. Thanks again to everyone that was able to attend and thanks to all that made the show possible.

George

Fly Show an Outstanding Success!!

All I can do here is repeat the congratulations George Tipker has in the above President's letter and those past-president Wes Krupiczewicz put in Facebook touting the excellent job Jim Bearden has done in planning and executing our Derby City Fly Fishers Kentuckiana Fly Show last Saturday. Thanks to you Jim. We all very much appreciate how the show was just fabulous!

Coming in February, 2018!

Wednesday February 7, 6:30 PM; Board Meeting: The Board of Directors will meet again at 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; Matt Clements, Marketing; Jack McGuire, Raffles; John Herrin, Conservation; Doug Stull, Newsletter; Wes Krupiczewicz, Website; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, Club History.

Wednesday, February 14, 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, February 21, 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, That will be followed by what we call Fly Fishing 101. The stage will be covered by several stations, each station containing a leader and a helper or two to teach and illustrate various aspects of fly fishing. Those aspects include Knot Tying, Leaders, Rods, and Lines.

Any other topic shown by our audience to be of interest will be covered as well. This hobby of ours can get a little complex and we hope to provide the information required to make it simpler and more enjoyable!

Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1, at 6:00 PM: These dates and times are devoted to fly-tying instruction. The flies to be taught in February 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!

• January Trip to Otter Creek a Success!



Despite
some
tough
weather



conditions that preceded it, the **Friday, January 19** through Sunday, January 21 trip to Otter Creek turned out pretty well. Fifteen fishermen made it, six of whom were Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers. Meals in the campground were successful as well,

including Blureberry Pancakes, Salmon, and A new man, Josh Lillard, prepared pork ribs that were hard to believe. Way to go to the cooks, and a special welcome and thank you to Josh Willard. Fishing was also good despite recent weather. Those who found the deepest holes seemed to do best.

This is just a great start to 2018! Thanks to trip leader Mark Vincent!



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.

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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