



The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for March, 2018

Update on Jack McGuire's Status

You may or may not be aware that Jack recently had brain surgery on Friday, February 9. It was a very sudden thing on which we have sent you some reports. Jack called recently to give some details.

He has struggled with cancer for some time. On a Thursday, February 8 he was in Louisville having an MRI. The MRI Technician was alarmed at the results and phoned Jack's doctor at Vanderbilt Medical in Nashville, TN. That doctor told Jack at that time to get to the Emergency Room at Vanderbilt in Nashville immediately!

An operation was done Friday by that surgeon at Vanderbilt to remove a tumor from Jack's brain. Phenomenally, Jack was released from the hospital two days later, on Sunday afternoon! The following day, Monday Jack took an hour and a quarter walk, and has continued to do so every other day since!

Jack asked that this message be passed on to you fellow DCFF members:

"I found that prayer is the greatest support for modern medicine. I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and support and I truly appreciate all of you!"

We thank you, Jack.

Update

Then after the DCFF members meeting Wednesday, I received more good news via this message from Jack:

"They took the strain off the brain. They took out the 29 staples. Got a lot off my mind! (LOL)

President's Letter

One of the founding principles of our club is educating and introducing folks to the sport of fly fishing. It is not only enjoyable and rewarding for those seeking such knowledge, but also for those of us that are helping them along the way. And I am pretty certain that most of us can look back to our fly

fishing beginnings and feel grateful and appreciative, to those individuals that helped us begin our journey.

So as a club, we are often approached to do just that ...introduce our sport, and help novices learn to fly cast and/or learn some of the other basic skills related to fly fishing. And here is the great part. Any and all of you are able to help the club do this.



Helping to teach beginners and beginner classes are very basic. You do not need to be an expert to be of help and your assistance would be most welcomed. Every couple/few years, we recompile a list of potential members that would be able to possibly help volunteer at some of these happenings. So if you think you might be willing to give back a little, and be willing to volunteer, please let us know and we can add your name to a list of possible helpers.

That way when we get a request to provide help, or need help with one of our club classes or events, we can fire off an email to ask for help fulfilling that need. This will enable us to spread our workload, so that no one gets overloaded.

Please email me at George@derbycityflyfishers or Brian Kaluzny at brian@derbycityflyfishers to be included on the list of possible helpers.

Thank you in advance.
George

Coming in March, 2018!

Wednesday March 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; Scott Webster, Website; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, Club History.

Wednesday, March 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, March 21, 6:30 to 8:30: This is our monthly Membership Meeting which will be held at Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville, IN. We meet on the second floor in the auditorium, which is near the Camping displays.

We will hear updates from our President, George Tipker, followed by a Tackle Time presentation on Stream Etiquette. The speaker will be Van Vance, which we can be sure will be interesting and enjoyable.

Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 PM: These dates and times are devoted to fly-tying instruction. Brian Kaluzny will be our instructor. The flies to be tied are the Hot Spot Pheasant Tail and the Copper John, two very productive flies.

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, both at 6:00 as stated above.

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, and the ability to tie more of them yourself!

Thank you Wes

The list of who does what on the Board of Directors shows that Scott Webster has taken over the job of Website Director, replacing Wes Krupiczewicz. That is great. Wes deserves a break. What we need to recall is that a few years ago when the website was a mess and we could not find someone to fix it, Wes offered to take it on, The web site is very important. It shows our members and prospective members who

we are and what we do.

Wes did a lot of digging and research and solved the problem, making our website, DerbyCityFlyFishers.com easy to use, informative for all our activities, and very functional. For that, Wesley deserves our thanks and applause. Thank you Wes for a job well done!



2018 Trip and Outing Schedule

January 19-21 Otter Creek Weekend

March 10 Otter Creek Instructional Outing

March 10 3 PM Floyds Fork Parkland Fly Tying

April 5-8 North Carolina Trip @ Waynesville, NC

May 25-27 Lake Barclay for Bluegill

June 9 Blue River in Indiana

June 26-28 Brookville Indiana Tailwater

July 13-15 Cumberland Tailwater @ Helm's Landing

August 17-19 White River near Anderson, IN with 3RFF

September 21-30 Trout Camp @ Helm's Landing

October 20 Otter Creek Instructional Outing

November 8-11 North Carolina Trip @ Waynesville, NC

November 16-18 Otter Creek Weekend November 17 Mystery Fly

Tournament for Reel Recovery @ Otter Creek

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.

Decorate Shirts, Jackets, Etc.

Ralph Swallow has taken over our Merchandising job and has arranged with

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to have clothing stitched with the DCFF Logo. It is your responsibility to deliver the garments, pick them up on completion and pay for them. The price for 1 to 5 shirts is \$5.75 each.



Kudos to Gerry McDaniel!

Why kudos? Gerry McDaniel, DCFF Co-founder, Education Director, Fly Tying Instructor, rod-building teacher, fly-fishing guide and all around good guy was featured in an article in the Winter issue of Kentucky Afield magazine.

The topic is Float and Fly fishing, a technique for cold-water fishing for big bass, Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted, as well as other fish that feed on schools of baitfish that are close-packed because of frigid water temperatures. This is used often in large steep-sided lakes such as Dale Hollow, Cumberland, and Laurel.

It is a technique originally applied by spin fishermen which Gerry has applied to fly-fishing using a 10 foot eight weight and a soft high cast. He will be glad to tell you more.

But the point is: congratulations, Gerry!

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.

WF4 Gathering and Fund Raiser

WF4 denotes a program applied by Western Kentucky University for raising funds to use to enable young people to go to Montana to learn fly-fishing and to enjoy the sport that we love and enjoy. The Louisville WF4 screening will be held Match 26 at Village 8 Theaters. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the films begin at 7 PM. You will see quite a few other DCFE folks there, see films of some fabulous fly-fishing, and possibly have a chance for a nice prize.

Pictures from Fellow Anglers

From the Outdoor Indiana magazine. a thing of beauty!



Ranger Bob is ready for Spring!

And Roger Daily has tropics in mind!





Leavenworth Indiana, February, 2018.

Crappie Time, coming soon!



Dustin's new rod!



Gerry with a nice striper!



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!

Sincerely,

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