



# The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher

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

Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for April, 2018

## President's Letter



Something neat happened for me this past week.

As fly fishers, somehow we all got interested in the sport; whether it be through a friend, a family member, a movie, a magazine, or just as a casual observer etc, etc. My introduction came about a dozen years ago by way of a good friend, a neighbor, and also a long-time club member, Scott Dewees. I am grateful Scott took the initiative and the time to reach out to me and bring me along, whether it was on the water, with the club, or just lending instruction. That is part of the purpose of our club, introducing and educating folks to the sport of fly-fishing.

Anyhow, many years ago my youngest son Gavin was the lucky winner of a fly rod combo set from the Bass Pro booth at our Fly Fishing Show by way of a free raffle drawing. As you can imagine, for a ten-year-old, he was ever so excited. He also spent a considerable amount of time at the Kids Corner that day, dabbling in tying his very first flies that he was so proud of. (He doesn't know it, but I still have them.) Anyhow, as with kids these days, there are 10 million things for them to get involved with while growing up, and he did. But occasionally when he was younger, he and I would go out on the lake with his new fly rod and fly fish for Bluegill.

Many years have passed and Gavin is now a third year, 21 year old (young adult) engineering student at IUPUI in Indianapolis. Just last week I got a call from him asking that I send his fly rod up to school with his brother, so that he could practice

casting in their backyard. (Both of my boys attend IUPUI together.) Gavin has called me since, asking for advice on what he might be doing wrong, as his casting wasn't exactly as he remembered. It's hard to instruct over the phone, but we did the best we could. Anyhow, the bottom line is that Gavin is looking forward to doing some fly fishing for Bluegill with me, on the lake, when his spring semester ends shortly. As a parent, I never pushed the fly fishing thing on my boys too much, as sometimes by doing so; it can drive them away from it. Needless to say however, as a father I am very excited about "his want" to start fly fishing again. I hope that in the future, he will achieve as much pleasure out of our fine sport as I have.

Sometimes it takes the seed a little while to sprout and grow. ....Don't be afraid to sew the seed.

Respectfully, George

## **Coming in April, 2018!**

**Tuesday, April 3** Our good friends at Quest will offer Fly Tying instruction from 6 to 8 PM at Quest Outdoors, 4600 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY. Phone is 502 290 4589.

**Wednesday April 4, 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; Jack Miller, Program Director; Mike Norris, Travel Director; Gerry McDaniel, Education; Ralph Swallow, Marketing; Jack McGuire, Raffles; John Herrin, Conservation; Doug Stull, Newsletter; Scott Webster, Website; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, Club History.**

**Wednesday, April 11, 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, April 18, 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. The Tackle Time

presentation will be done by Wes Krupiciwicz talking about 'Common Sense' as it relates to Fly Fishing. The speaker will be Tom Van Arsdale, the gentleman in charge of the forthcoming restoration of the banks and structure of Otter Creek. It should be a very interesting evening. Be sure to try for a Raffle prize or two as well.

**Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, March 29, at 6:30 PM:** These dates and times are devoted to fly-tying instruction. Krey Keeney will be our instructor. The fly to be tied is the Stealth Bomber.

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 6:30.

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!



## **R. I. P. Lefty Kreh, March 14, 2018**

Lefty Kreh, probably the finest and friendliest flyfisher of our time, passed away March 14, 2018 at age 93. An outstanding fly fisher in both fresh and salt waters,

Lefty got interested in fly fishing by serving as a guide to the late Joe Brooks, a gentleman who preceded Lefty as a great fly fisher. Joe Brooks sought the young Lefty out as a guide because he kept hearing about the young guy who caught more smallmouth bass than anyone else on the Potomac River near Lefty's home in Maryland. At that time Lefty knew nothing of fly fishing. Joe Brooks taught Lefty what Joe knew. The rest was that Lefty made all aspects of our sport part of his life.

A great fly tier, Lefty came up with Lefty's Deceiver. He also helped Bob Clouser come up with the Clouser Minnow. These are two of the greatest flies ever developed.

Lefty fished around the world, every continent but Antarctica, he claimed. He was also a great person at fly shows, able to land a fly in an empty coffee cup at 25 yards, or to pick a handkerchief from a lady's hand or to teach us that fly fishing is not really all that complicated. May he rest in peace. Please give him your thoughts and prayers.

## **2018 Trip and Outing Schedule**

### **Past:**

**January 19-21 Otter Creek Weekend**

**March 10 Otter Creek Instructional Outing**

**March 10 3 PM Floyds Fork Parkland Fly Tying**

**March 26, WF4 gathering and Fund raiser**

### **Coming:**

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

## **Casting for Recovery "Learn to Fish" Class**



Also coming up is a job on which we are committed to help Casting for Recovery at their fundraiser at a pond in Floyds Knobs April 14. This affair will be in a pond in Floyd County, Indiana. Other folks will be teaching ladies to fly fish in the morning. Some and perhaps all of these ladies are cancer survivors. Perhaps some are still patients. They are preparing for 20 participants. We will know in advance what the total is to be.

We are invited to join the group for lunch at 11:30 AM. After lunch we will pair with the ladies, a DCFF member with rod, tackle and flies with each of them to help them fish. The students will all have been supplied with rods, tackle and flies. Our job is to help them learn to be capable to catch fish. This pond is privately owned and has plenty of fish. We will fish until 3:00 PM.

Please advise George Tipker if you are willing to sign up for this. If Casting for Recovery is not able to attract 20 participants we will probably reduce the number of DCFF folks required.

## **Lots of Fly Tying Available**

As you are aware, DCFF offers Fly Tying instruction twice a month, on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 at Cabela's in Kentucky and the following evening at 6:30 at Bass Pro, in Indiana. Our classes are at no-charge, as is most of the following.

As stated above in Coming in April, Quest Outdoors offers Fly Tie training in their shop on Shelbyville Road in Louisville. Their next class is Tuesday,



April 3. It runs from 6 to 8 PM. The phone is 502 290 4589. Some of those classes are taught by our own long-time member and skilled angler Del Striegel, a very good guy!

Fly Tying classes are also held by Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers at Barleycorn's in Florence, KY. Their last session is April 12. Then they lay off until September 13.

Orvis offers a free class at their store in Louisville. It is on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. They will supply tools if necessary, but people generally bring their own. The phone is 502 425 0198.

## **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 Swallows has taken over our Merchandising job and has arranged with:

Derby City Embroidery LLC,  
Rhonda Summers, Manager  
310 Breckenridge Street  
Louisville, KY 40203  
Phone 502 394 9922  
FAX 502 266 7525

Email [Rhonda@derbycityembroidery.com](mailto:Rhonda@derbycityembroidery.com), 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. The price per shirt drops with greater quantities. Just about any garment or fabric can be done.



Should you have questions, Ralph Swallows will be glad to help. His phone is 502 836 8841. Ralph's email is [ralphswallows@att.net](mailto:ralphswallows@att.net).

In his job as Merchandise Manager, Ralph Swallows is developing a wide array of DCFF sponsored items you might be interested in acquiring. That includes an interesting variety of fly boxes, a nice wading staff, and other items. These can be seen at indoor fall and winter DCFF meetings, or you can contact Ralph.

## **March Members Meeting**



The Tackle Time topic was Fly Fishing Courtesy and was done by Matt Clements. If you know Matt, I think you will agree that he is knowledgeable in this regard. Courtesy to others on the stream or lake is a matter we all need to bear in mind, all the more so because each of us represents Derby City Fly Fishers to the people we meet. Matt did a nice job!

Then the main speaker was Van Vance with a splendid coverage of his very active life as a fisherman and as a sports radio and TV broadcaster of great renown. Interesting topics included fly fishing, friendships with many interesting folks we all have known of, and really neat pictures of his fishing companion Erin, an Irish Setter of the old style, when Irish Setters were smart, not just pretty. This dog would stand on point right there in the boat when he saw a fly cast or a fish hooked!

Van is a fascinating speaker who held our attention well! Thanks to Van and to Jack Miller, Program Director, for scheduling this fine speaker.

## **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.



## **Fishing Trial**

Matt Clements was so good as to send this report of a day on the stream with Jeff Marlor:

**I went to Hatchery Creek with Jeff Marlor Saturday 3/17. The intention of the trip was to do some Czech style nymphing. We were both successful and brought fish to hand that were generally 14-16 inches,**



and the largest two were an 18 inch male with a pronounced kype and an 18.5 inch female.



## Pictures from Fellow Anglers

This pic of a Lefty's Deceiver offered by David Stearman in memory of the fly's inventor, Lefty Kreh, who passed on March 14, 2018 at the age of 93.



Dustin Tavert, success at Otter Creek at Fly Fishing 101

Another success at Fly Fishers 101, this one led by Ranger Bob and Roger Daily





**A beautiful photo of Floyd's Fork,  
supplied by Stephen Funk. He says  
the fish were hitting well that day.**

**Mike Scheid and a Tarpon!!**



**Hey, LOU! Nice Permit!**

**Nice Sunscreen too!!**

**Editor's Comments**





Contact Me

**Particular thanks to Joe Gahlinger for his help with the Casting for Recovery banner, and to Joan Gentry Norman for the photo of DCFF decorated shirts.**

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](mailto:dougstull@twc.com). or on Derby City Fly Fishers Facebook account. Thanks!

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