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**Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for June, 2018**

## A Word from Our President



On Tuesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 16, 2018, myself, and numerous members of Derby City Fly Fishers, as well as members from the Ohio Valley Fly Rod club (Evansville Indiana), Trout Unlimited of Louisville, Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers (Walton Kentucky), and others, assisted cancer survivors in learning how to fly fish at the 14th annual Reel Recovery Retreat held at Wooded Glen Resort in Henryville, Indiana.

Some of the participants didn't have any previous fly fishing experience, but with the help of the national Reel Recovery organization and local supporters, including our Derby City Fly Fishers club, the men enjoyed camaraderie and courageous conversations with other cancer survivors, all the while focusing on a sport that presented new opportunities for them.

Our club is a proud supporter of Reel Recovery, both monetarily and physically (with event volunteers). We have always been grateful and much obliged to have the opportunity to continue to participate in this worthy and fulfilling event!

Thank you to all of the DCFF members that volunteered as "fishing buddies" at this retreat. And thank you to all of the DCFF members that help support Reel Recovery throughout the year!

I am so very proud to be part of such a fine group of people! Way to go Derby City Fly Fishers!!

George

## Interesting Memorial Day Article by Chris Fisher

**We actually found this writeup on Facebook. George Tipker pointed it out. It describes so well what active life as a DCFF member can be in a way that ties right in with the concept of Memorial Day and remembering old acquaintances and things we did and saw, We asked Chris Fisher if we could publish it. He agreed. Thanks, Chris!**

"I know we have a bunch of new members so I figured I'd share pretty much what I wrote in my journal this morning streamside. It's about some people special to my fly fishing world. It will be a long one, but I think it's worth a read. So, way back in 1998ish, at about 21 years old, I joined a club full of ornery old men. I used to tell people I met on the stream to come out to a meeting or say hi on the water to the others and mention that they met the only young guy in the club.

It was pretty true too. Every year I would spend a week camped alone deep in the Smokies and then meet the club on the NC trip for an end to my vacation. The initial smiles from familiar faces as I pulled up to Sheldon Laurel Creek were always my favorite part of the trip. 3 men were special in my early fly fishing days. Larry Drake, Kim Smith, and Del Streigel. With thoughts of Drake making me cry as I put my waders on in a sea of fog streamside, I realized something was missing. Making an empty Hatchery Creek parking lot feel even emptier.

It dawned on me that every time I get out of my car to have my coffee and prep I expect to see those guys. Even after not having fished with them for years, I

still sink when I realize it's just me. I learned so much from these three. Three of the most patient men alive. Watching and learning how to cast and how to teach from Kim; always a big smile and a laugh heard in the next county. Paying attention to Del as he reads a stream, points out a bird call, moves like a ninja, says "Hey man, check this out" like an old hippie, and never ignores the close fish.

Last but not least is the big guy that sadly many of you won't get to know. Our founding father and my friend, Larry Drake. One of the kindest, most softspoken, stoic, but still a take no BS stern old school Veteran. So stoic that there was generally a few seconds of silence before I would notice his smile and realize he snuck in a joke. He was a wise flyfisherman, and would gladly share if you asked. If you didn't, he'd just keep fishing. Taught me more than I could ever remember. I loved the classic, gentleman things, like store your rod tip up, stay out of the water, streamside etiquette, etc. We once stood about 50 yards apart on the Nantahala. With most guys hopping all over the stream; we caught 100 or so and never moved more than a few feet or changed flies the whole day. Of course his fly was a beadhead crackle back and mine a soft hackle. Just lots of smiles and the occasional yell for big fish recognition.

So with tears filling my eyes I lace up the boots, tie on a beadhead crackleback, and step into the fog. I'll lose myself in my uber focus trout bum bliss in a few minutes and forget all of it. But, until then, this day's for you Drake.

Meet these guys, take a trip with them and I promise they'll change your life and your knowledge. Old cats like Jack/Jack/Bob/Kirkland/Phil/Stu n MaryPat/Gerry or the ones that have taken over the helm and really done great things to forward the club like George/Wes/Wayne/etc. Just for the record, the ol' crackleback caught a 22" female with crazy red sides & cheeks after 2 casts.

## Coming in June, 2018!

**Tuesday, June 5, 2018** - 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 June 6, 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, June 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 and get your questions answered.

**Thursday, June 14** Orvis offers a free fly tying 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. Check to make sure this information is current!

**Wednesday, June 20:** June Membership Meeting; This is a good one!! There won't be much club business under discussion but there will be lots of members, some guests, and plenty of nourishment at this June club meeting. It will be held at the dam at Southern Hills Subdivision lake on the outskirts of Borden, IN. Several of our club members reside there and this meeting is hosted by the Southern Hills Subdivision, for which we are most grateful. We usually have about 100 in attendance. You are welcome to be one of them!

We meet at the dam of this nice large private lake which often has very good fishing. An Indiana fishing license is not required. We will be catering a pulled pork sandwich dinner from Frank's Deli in Louisville. Guests eat free. Members pay \$5.00. If an adult beverage is desired it is allowed, but **Bring Your Own**.

**June 26 through June 28** These are the dates for our trip to Brookville, Indiana for tailwater fishing for nice brown trout recently stocked by the State of Indiana. John Herrin is the leader and he speaks very highly of the bed and breakfast where we will lodge. Not far, great trip. Sign up on our web site.

**Wednesday, June 27 and Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 PM:** These dates and times are devoted to fly-tying instruction. 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. It is good to get there early so as to find a seat and set up your vice and organize your tools. Our instructor on both evenings this month is Joe Badall, who will teach us to tie two saltwater patterns.

Admission to our fly tying classes is **FREE!** Club membership is not required!

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 if you need it.. 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!

## **Club Membership**

Club membership is important. It is also very low cost to each individual. But it yields fun, fellowship, education, and fishing info that are of great advantage to you. The fee is only \$20.00 per year for you; \$25.00 per year for the whole family.

For non-members, we ask that you consider it. For active members, we remind you to pay your dues each year. Thank you.

## **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**

**April 5-8 North Carolina Trip @ Waynesville, NC**

**May 25-27 Lake Barclay for Bluegill**

### **Coming:**

**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 3 Rivers FF**

**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 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,  
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 used.**



**Should you have questions, Ralph Swallows will be glad to help. His phone is 502 836 8841. Ralph's email is 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.**

## **May Members Meeting**

**The Tackle Time topic was "Small Stream Fishing", which was done by Scott Webster. Scott is one dedicated fisherman. He had many photos of streams, some in Arizona and some in North Carolina, with a wide divergence in between ranging from Mexico to Colorado, Missouri, and Arkansas. Scott is also a tough individual who is willing to do some serious hiking in order to get to good waters which hold truly wild trout. It was a fascinating presentation covering difficulties in casting and presentation in small stream fly-fishing and the need for safety that is always present. Thanks for a fine job, Scott.**

## **May Trip to Lake Barkley**

**On this long standing trip we go off to find blue-gills and redears on the nest and ready to hit our flies with a vengeance. Well, it didn't go so well this year, because of weather and water conditions. Weather brought in warm water that made the nesting very strong and the fishing very good about the second week of May. Water conditions brought in a flood of very warm water later in May which had the water temperature where Gerry McDaniel was fishing at 80 degrees Fahrenheit!**

We started out with 15 or so fly fishers, maybe 18 or 20. Six of them were in motels, the rest camping. A very strong storm Friday afternoon coupled with doom and gloom from Louisville forecasters caused several of the folks to head home. Gerry got there after the storm Friday and stayed until Monday and never saw any rain.

On the plus side, Darren and Valerie Meyers, who also stayed most of the weekend found a nest of pumpkinseeds and caught fish far larger than expected. And, if you don't mind, being fly fishers and all, Marilyn McDaniel, Gerry's wife, caught an enormous number of Channel Catfish up to 5 pounds using crickets and worms!

So, fishing and weather make a tough combination. Thank goodness we love it anyway!

## **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.

## **Pictures From Our Members**

**Matt Devine with a Floyds Fork  
Smallmouth**







**Steve Funk hit smallmouth and a few trout on Floyd's Fork**

**Michael T. Herne, fishing OtterCreek**



**Patrick Campbell with Bluegills on his Temple Fork Outfitters Rod!**

**Kim Rougeaux, fishing the South Holston with...**



**...husband Mark Rougeaux!**

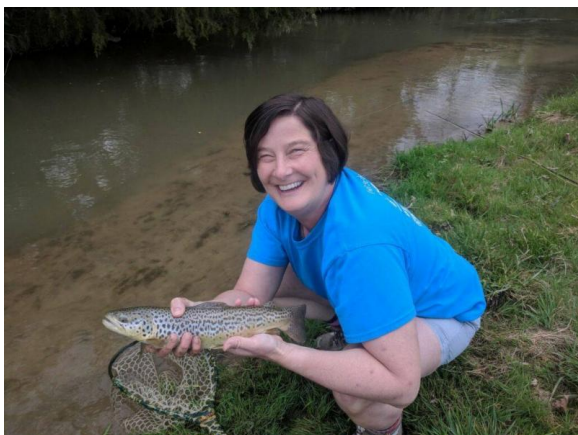




**Another pair:  
Karen Anne Tyrell Krupiczewicz  
fishing Kenlake SP with...**

**... her husband Wes Krupiczewicz.  
Doing well, aren't they!**





**Charla Kraft Perez with a nice Brown Trout from Mossey Creek in Virginia.**

**Dustin Tabert points out they are hitting poppers now!**



**Valerie Meyers with a largemouth caught on a peacock feather woollybugger she tied!**

## Editor's Comments

Thanks to all the donors of fishing pictures! We have so many very capable members!

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



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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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