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Your Derby City Fly Fishers newsletter for July, 2018





I can't write about one without writing about the other. Last month it was Reel

Recovery. This month it's Casting For Recovery.

Both of these fine organizations are doing absolutely wonderful things for those that have been affected with cancer. Both conduct retreats that are centered around our fine sport of fly fishing.

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, DCFF colleagues Mike Norris, Roy Bean, Larry Lehman, Brian Kaluzny, Jack Sanders, Mike Scheid, David Spayner, David Campbell, Roger Dailey, Steve Cullen, Jessy Clements, Matt Clements, Bob Sawtelle, John Hearin, and Nolan Sawtelle assisted breast cancer survivors with learning to fly cast and catch fish at the Casting for Recovery annual retreat held at Wooded Glen in Henryville, Indiana.

None of the ladies had previous fly fishing experience but through the generosity of the national Casting For Recovery organization, they enjoyed fellowship with other breast cancer survivors while focusing on a sport that presented new opportunities to them. Derby City members helped the ladies catch lots of fish. In fact this was probably our best catching year yet. Derby City Fly Fishers is glad to have the opportunity to continue to participate in this worthy, fun, and fulfilling event. And a special shout out thanks to the aforementioned DCFF members for giving up a Sunday to support this great cause. Also thanks to the wonderful ladies at Casting For Recovery for facilitating this retreat.

Kudos to all of you! Great job, well done!

George Tipker, President

# Coming in July, 2018!

**Tuesday, July 3, 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. Check to make sure this information is current!

Wednesday July 4, 2018: HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY to all the fine fellows and ladies who make up Derby City Fly Fishers.

THERE IS NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY, 2018.

For your information, Current Board Members are:

George Tipker, President; Roy Been, Vice President; Jessy Clements, Secretary; Don Temple, Treasurer; Joe Gahlinger, Membership; Jack Miller, Program Director; Mike Norris, Travel Director; Gerry McDaniel, Education; Ralph Swallows, Marketing; Jack McGuire, Raffles; John Hearin, Conservation; Doug Stull, Newsletter; Scott Webster, Website; Jim Bearden, Healing Waters; Brian Kaluzny, **Club History.** 

Wednesday, July 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.

Thursday, July 12 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!

Friday, July 13 through Sunday, July 15 - This is the time for our club trip to Helm's Landing on the Cumberland River. The last that I heard there is room for more members to sign up. Do so via our Web Site. Insurance requires that attendees be members. We require answers to all the questions about emergency contact names, phone numbers, etc. The Cumberland River is one of the finest trout streams this side of the Mississippi River! Enjoy!!

Wednesday, July 18: Our monthly Members' Meeting will occur at 6:30 PM in the building near the Egg Lawn at Beckley Creek Park, part of The Parklands of Floyds Fork. If you are not familiar, turn South off Shelbyville Road (Route 60) onto S. Beckley Station Road. Drive a half mile plus or minus and turn left into the park. Dinner will be served, catered by Frank's Deli, at a cost of \$5.00 to club members and no-charge to quests. This is a great meeting for chatting and we will have rods set up and guys ready to teach fly-casting to anyone who is interested. See you there!

Wednesday, July 25 and Thursday, July 26, 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 Gerry McDaniel. We will tie two dry flies, a Parachute Adams and a Blue Wing Olive, two very good fish attractors.







**Blue Wing Olive Dry Fly** 

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 vourself!

# **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 June 9 Blue River in Indiana June 26-28 Brookville Indiana Tailwater

#### Coming:

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@derbycity embroidery.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.

## Blue River DCFF Trip, June 9



A nice group attended this DCFF outing in the Blue River, a club event headed by Ranger Bob Sawtelle and aided by Jarett Manek, the Naturalist at O'Bannon State Park. The group first gathered at the Corydon Walmart parking lot and then headed for the assigned put-in at the Blue River. Weather was great as was the condition of the river. The Blue is one of Indiana's cleanest streams! Fishing was good. A fine tale is that of Margaret Helms, a DCFF member who resides in Champaign, IL. She drove down the night before and had no planned partner, but hoped to float the stream. The result is that she coupled up with Nolan Sawtelle in his canoe, and off they went!

Early in the float, Margaret (Maggie) was catching some small fish on poppers. Hoping to get larger fish, she switched to a larger popper. That resulted in the beautiful 16 inch smallmouth bass she is holding in the picture at the top of this article. Margaret was one happy fly fisher! Of course all fish caught were returned carefully to the stream.

The day ended up with a fine hour or so for all of us to chat and get acquainted, followed by a wonderful meal put on by Bob Sawtelle and his lovely wife, Missi! Thanks also to helpers such as Brian Kaluzny, Pete and Rhonda Compise, And Callie and Nolan Sawtelle! Also the Daiguiri Guy, George Tipker!

# Mike Scheid and Shirley, at the Casting for Recovery **Outing June 3!**

Here is a nice photo and an outstanding commentary written by **Nolan Sawtelle** about DCFF, about our support of cancer-fighting organizations and about fly-fishing bringing people together! I hope you enjoy it too!



While going through the photos I captured at the Casting for Recovery event there was one in particular that I believe shows the reason why so many of the Derby City Fly Fishing members are willing to volunteer their time to organizations such as Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery.

The Derby City river helpers and the Casting for Recovery ladies made their way down to

the pond where they were to be paired together with strangers for the next few hours of fishing and bonding. The fishing had started off hot for just about everyone, as you could hear the ladies and men yelling "FISH ON" from just about everywhere on the pond with the Reel Recovery volunteers running around trying to capture pictures of everyone.

After about an hour of pure excitement, the fishing slowed down during the heat of the day and just about everyone had found a seat in the shade except for a few anglers and helpers on each end of the pond. As the call for lunch was about to be made some hollering caught everybody's attention on the far side of the pond.

Everyone quickly made their way over to see Mike Scheid keeping Shirley calm as she held onto a rod that looked ready to snap! They had hooked into a HUGE catfish and it was putting up a fight! After a few minutes of excitement and cheering from the spectators, Shirley had managed to get the catfish to the bank where Mike was able to net the giant. It was at that moment I caught a picture where these once strangers had bonded in such a short time over the sport of fly fishing and were able to land the biggest fish of the day. Now while I did not manage to capture Shirley's smile in the picture, I can assure you it was one the biggest smiles and from just seeing it you could tell that Mike, the Derby City Fly Fishers and Casting for Recovery had given her a memory she's likely never forget.

Nolan Sawtelle

Thank you Nolan. Nice writeup!

# DCFF Helps in Ohio River Cleanup June 9

We did have members helping on the highly publicized Ohio River Cleanup. That is the good news. The bad news is that it was hot as can be, and as humid. And there were only five of us. I think the membership is now 208. We ought to be able to supply more than five people to this sort of community project.

Think it over. And I will too. I certainly was not one of the five.

# June Members Meeting

The meeting was at the Southern Hills lake, which I learned is named Lake Michelle. It is a lovely place and is where we have held our June Members' Meetings for some time. The June, 2018 meeting was threatened by rain but turned out fine, with good weather and a nice breeze, Plenty of members attended, although we did end up with some leftover food. Quite a few people fished from kayaks, canoes, the piers, and the shore. Very, very nice! Thank you to our President, George Tipker. He lives at this lake and invites us there for this June meeting. That results in lots of work in meeting preparation and cleanup after. We appreciate his efforts! Thanks again, George!

# June Trip to the Brookville Lake Tailwater

The Trip Leader for this event was John Hearin. He worked out a plan for ten club members to stay at Hermitage Bed and Breakfast in Brookville, Indiana. It is located very close to the park through which the Brookville Lake backwater

flows. The cold water coming from the lake is what makes the tailwater stream so able to support trout.

This is an excellent place to fish barring two things: weather and too many anglers. So John made this a mid-week trip to avoid the likely number of fishermen. He also arranged with the landlord to allow us to have a campfire and to allow us to cook out. So our group had a fine bed and breakfast start to their days followed by lunch and dinner and campfire like DCFF participants often enjoy at DCFF events.

It is now Wednesday evening, toward the end of the second day of this event. John Hearin reports that a few people canceled but the rest are having a fine event, catching some fish, and really enjoying the Heritage Bed and Breakfast, the excellent breakfasts, Mike Norris with his lunches and suppers, and the veranda and lots of cameraderie. That is all we could wish considering the recent frequent rains!

# **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.

Jim Bearden is a little laid up right now, having had shoulder surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, and maybe a card or a visit.

### **Pictures From Our Members**

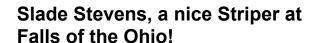
Scott Webster with a 20 Inch Smallmouth on the Boundary Waters!



Stephen Funk with a Floyds Fork Smallmouth!



Wes Krupiczewicz with one of the carp he caught on the flats!







### **Scott Preston with nice** Smallmouth from the Green River!

**Steve Funk Still Getting Trout** at Otter Creek





Scott Preston says lots of fish at the Falls, including this gar!

Ralph Swallows took his greatnephew Jonathon, visiting from Kansas to the **Cumberland River for his first** trout fishing outing! A successful day! What a good

### uncle! And way to go, Jonathon!





**Nice Largemouth for Corrie** Bigelow! From a farm pond.

**Dustin Tabert says Stripers are** great!



Ralph Hager with a nice one from the Cumberland River!



Great color on this Smallmouth, caught in the **Boundary Waters by Steve** Ochs!



# **Editor's Comments**



Contact Me

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 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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