



June, 2020 Newsletter

So here is a newsletter that should be better than recent ones.

Mostly we will try to bring you up to date as to the current thinking and decisions of the Board of Directors in their recent meeting June 3, which was done electronically via Zoom. As usual, we will start with the Letter from Dave Campbell, our President. Thank you, David!



Greetings DCFF Fly Fishers

There are a great number of things that I would have never thought would happen have happened in the last few months. One of which occurred this past Wednesday evening. Since we are practicing social distancing and being responsible citizens, the DCFF board had a "Zoom" meeting. Heck, I had never heard of a Zoom meeting a few months ago. Anyway in preparing for the meeting I was looking for a suitable background for the meeting video that would represent some sort of fishing theme.

I have a room upstairs that is mine. It is not influenced by the women in my life (wife and two daughters) that pretty much determine the décor of the rest of the house. My room is sort of man cave or more suitably described as a man "attic". I call it my fishing room and I am left to do with it what I may. There are many photographs of fish and fishing trips along with all my rods, fly tying table, and other memorabilia of outdoor adventures. As I looked around the room, I was drawn to one photo in particular. It is a small framed photo of a not too large smallmouth alongside a fly rod taken in the fading light of the evening of one particular impromptu afternoon fishing trip at Elkhorn creek. The fish is not impressive, but the memory is a big one.

One of my business acquaintances who happened to live close to the Elkhorn invited me to meet him and a friend at the creek. It is important that I mention that these two guys know the creek very well and have caught many impressive Smallmouth, Largemouth, and various other fish species in this river. But the biggest thing is they are bait fishermen and very competitive. They get excited about finding big sucker minnows and are ready with a seine to catch their favorite bait. This afternoon was no exception. As we waded toward a deep hole that is known to hold some lunkers, they seined up a bucket full of suckers and offered to let me share in their beloved bait of choice. Actually "offered" is not the best word. They almost insisted as in their words, "if you want to catch these fish, you got to have a big sucker minnow and I was wasting my time with a fly". I politely declined and stayed behind as they waded out of sight around a bend in the creek.

There was not that much action that particular evening but as the sun was setting, I managed to connect with the smallmouth in the picture. As it grew dark, I saw the bait guys returning. The usual conversation took place. "How did you do?" "Did you catch any?" They were very dejected as the minnows had failed to produce not one bite. When asked how I did, I showed them the picture on my phone taken just minutes earlier. They were very quite on the walk back to the truck. Now every time I see that photo, I am reminded of the evening when the "fly guy" beat the bait guys.

I hope you are taking advantage of social distancing on the water and making a memory of your own.

Hope to see you soon,

David Campbell

Status of Gerry McDaniel

As you may be aware, Gerry had a stroke recently. He is in recovery, which can be a long and sometimes difficult process. (I know. I was in those shoes in 2010.)

He specifically asked me to say that something that gives him pleasure is the affection he knows he receives from all his fishing buddies! Be aware of that when you pray.

Gerry has been a key figure in all that Derby City Fly Fishers has done since he helped found the club.

Hopefully he will be back with us soon.

Plans for the Rest of 2020

That is what most of the Board Meeting on June 3 was about - how was Gerry doing and what about all the DCFF events planned for the remainder of the year.

Speaking of which, I think it would be wise to move the newsletter's timing to immediately after the Board of Directors meeting that takes place on the first Wednesday of the month. That change to Newsletter timing begins now.

Current Board Members are:

David Campbell, President; Matthew Clements, Vice President; Jessy Clements, Secretary; Mark Rougeux, Treasurer; Joe Gahlinger, Membership Director; Jack Miller; Program Director; Mike Norris, Travel Director; Matt Clements, Education Director; Roy Been, Marketing Director; Mike Parker, Raffles; John Hearin, Conservation Director; Doug Stull, Newsletter Editor; Jim Bearden, Fly Show Director; Webmaster, Jim Wilmoth; Brian Kaluzny, History; George Tipker, Immediate Past President.

These Board Members can be reached by email by going to our [derbycityflyfishers](http://derbycityflyfishers.com) website, then tapping Board of Directors. A list of Board members' names, job descriptions, and email addresses will appear. Use the email address given there for the member you wish to email.

There are no third Wednesday of the month Member's meetings planned at this point, nor second Wednesday Meet n Greets, or fly tying.

Financially, things remain very stable except for refunds to DCFF members for the cancelled Green River trip amounting to \$1230.00.

We have accumulated some old bamboo fly rods that need to be sold or given away. If you are interested in an old bamboo fly rod, contact Dave Campbell.

A request for virtual video instruction about fly casting was received from the Bullitt County Library. DCFF does not have the equipment to produce such a video and there are many other sources of video instruction.

The June members' meeting at Southern Hills is canceled because of the conflict people would face over a large gathering combined with how to provide food when so many might decide not to attend. Whether to hold the July members meeting at Floyd's Fork/ Parklands will be determined at the July Board meeting.

Members are encouraged to write Commissioner Rich Storm of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to ask that the Palmer Road Access to the Salt River not be closed during Turkey Season. A similar letter might be beneficial if sent to our own Ralph Swallows, the Third District Commissioner.

Otter Creek Park has posted on their Facebook page that no groups or or events will be allowed for the remainder of 2020. There will be no facilities, no camping other than in self contained RVs or trailers, no portapotties or cabin rentals. If this continues to be the case we will cancel meetings there and perhaps the Mystery Fly Tournament as well. We will decide about the tournament at the September Board meeting

Membership Our membership is 177 at this point. 40 of those are new members. DCFF pays for close to 500 email recipients. The cost for over 500 emails almost doubles! We are reaching the 500 mark and so will start to send emails only to paid members. In the

next 30 days, email recipients will receive information on how they can continue to get DCFF communications.

Trips

Trips for later in 2020 include:

Green River - May 20-22 Canceled

Obey River - June 10-13 Four guys heading out.

Brookville - 6/23 - 6/25 May be canceled; group to be contacted.

Cumberland River - 7/8 - 7/10. Still on, limited to 8.

White River - 8/14 - 8/16 (Indiana's White River, near Fort Wayne) The hosts (Fort Wayne) canceled.

Cody, Wyoming 8/23 - 8/29 Still on!

Trout Camp on the Cumberland River - 9/18 - 9/27. To be decided at August Board meeting.

Fall North Carolina - 11//12 - 11/15. To be determined.



We hope you enjoyed the Newsletter. If you have a suggestion or a complaint, I would like to know it. My phone is 812 786 1223. Or you can email me at dougstull@twc.com. Take care and good fishing! Doug Stull, Editor

