



## September, 2020 Newsletter

**The Board of Directors met via ZOOM on Wednesday, September 2nd. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.**

### President's Letter

#### Wyoming Adventure and Fly Fishing

Recently several of us spent a week in Wyoming at Camp Buffalo Bill. This is a high adventure Scout camp West of Cody Wyoming where the Scout program is conducted in the months of June and July. After the Scout program is finished, the camp conducts four weeks of fly fishing to acquire additional funding for the camp. Each week the camp invites approximately 30 anglers to come and stay at the camp and experience fishing and northwest Wyoming. Our week was the last week of August and originally at capacity but like so many other events, COVID caused several anglers to cancel. There were eleven DCFF members and six other anglers from Ohio, Kansas, and Lexington KY that we got to fellowship with and share our experience. One word about COVID. There are twice as many residents in Jefferson County KY as there are in the entire state of Wyoming. Wyoming is a "social distancing" state.

Our trip was so enjoyable we have reserved the last week of August 2021 for 24 anglers and the board has decided to make this a regular club trip scheduled for August 2021. The camp has agreed to hold our reservation before opening to the public. However, if you want to reserve your spot, a \$200 deposit will be required by December 31. More to come in the following weeks on how to register for this trip.

Following is our experience and what to expect.

Northwest Wyoming – Everywhere you turn in this area looks like a postcard. Some of the most scenic territory you can imagine. We saw mule deer, elk, bison, coyote, fox, and some other un-identifiable critters. It was disappointing that no bears were spotted but that didn't keep the staff from warning you about grizzlies. Truly a beautiful part of our country.

Wyoming Weather in August – Typically the temps can range from 30's to 90's and it has snowed in latter August; however we did not experience snow. I think our coldest morning was mid 40's and our hottest afternoon was mid 90's with most days ranging from mid 50's to mid 80's. We had some rain and a hailstorm but it was at night and did not affect our activities.

The camp – The camp is located right on the Shoshone river where there are miles of fishing opportunities. Accommodations are rustic. Our cabins consisted of bunk beds (mine was very comfortable) with a couple of small tables. There is no cell service or wi-fi but there is a land line for emergency calls. They do have electricity in the cabins but no heat or AC but each cabin has windows that can be opened and a fan. You will be responsible for your own linens, towels, and sleeping bag and pillow. There is a shower house that was always a comfortable temp with ample showers and facilities. But the center of the camp is the dining hall where all the gathering and fellowship occurs. This is a large building that is open 24 hours a day with complimentary snacks and drinks available. Three meals each day are prepared. By the way, the cook is a retired caterer who has served meals to three presidents and catered events for as many as 15,000! I cannot say enough about the meals you will receive. The food was fantastic!

The Staff – The staff is very accommodating. They will take you where ever you want to go on the river and return to pick you up. The camp has four vans and the staff will transport you up or down stream to many fishing locations. If at least 5 folks want to go to Yellowstone (a 1-1/2 hour drive one way) or to Jackson Hole and the Grand Tetons (a long all day trip), they will arrange for that also. For days you want to get out early, a continental breakfast will be waiting on you at

departure. If you want to stay out longer, sandwiches are prepared to take with you.

The Fishing – The fishing was not like I have ever experienced. The best word I heard to describe it was “humbling”. The water is gin clear, fast, and skinny. Wading and walking alongside the river is not easy with rocks from pebbles to boulders ranging from basketball to refrigerator size. Expect to catch rainbow, brown, and cutthroat. A lot are in the greater than 15” range. These fish are not hatchery raised and pellet fed fish like we are used to catching. They are wild fish that are finicky and spooky in the gin clear water. A 10 fish day is an exceptional day. A very exceptional day.

The adventure – This trip is about 50% fishing and 50% adventure. One of the fishing locations near camp is a feeder creek that requires a long hike through rugged terrain. I did not participate in this excursion but the several that did are still talking about it.

One afternoon, I and four others did hike to a unique rock formation along a knife edge ridge about 650 ft in additional elevation above the camp. This was a challenging hike and one of the most enjoyable and memorable things I did.

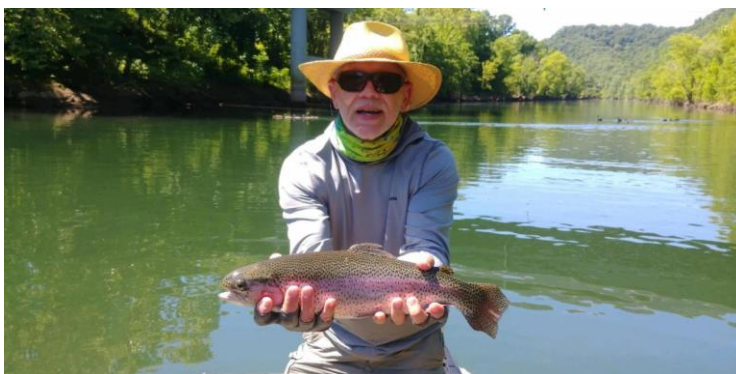
A group of about 15 or so went to Cody one evening to dinner and a rodeo. Cody is an old town with a lot of history and interesting restaurants.

I and several others made two trips to Yellowstone mixing sightseeing and fishing on the Yellowstone River.

Cost – The entire week cost \$700 (may be subject to change slightly) plus you are responsible for your own transportation to Cody. My flight was about \$400. The camp cost includes transportation from the airport to the camp and return, transportation while at the camp, accommodations, and three excellent meals daily. A 5-day Wyoming non-resident license was \$56 and an additional day is \$14. If you go to Yellowstone, there is an additional license requirement but minimal. This trip is truly a bargain.

See a few pictures from the trip farther down in the Newsletter.

I hope to see you next August in Wyoming!



## Status of Gerry McDaniel and Jim Bearden

Both Jim and Gerry continue their recuperation at home and are making good progress. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. If you are so inclined you can drop them an email note at [jim@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:jim@derbycityflyfishers.com) or [gemcdaniel65@gmail.com](mailto:gemcdaniel65@gmail.com) respectively. They would definitely enjoy hearing from you.

## Board Members

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These Board Members can be reached by email by going to the [Derby City Fly Fishers website](#), clicking on **About** in the header menu,

then **Board of Directors**. There you will find the list of Board Members, job descriptions, and email addresses. Don't hesitate to contact a Board Member with a question or suggestion - we'd love to hear from you.

### **Board Elections**

Election of Board Members for the following year normally takes place in November. We have several positions that will be vacated at the end of 2020 and we need willing souls to step up and take on these responsibilities.

**President** - Dave Campbell will complete his two year term.

**Vice President** - If Matt Clements runs for the Presidency this position will need to be filled.

**Program Director** - Jack Miller,

**Conservation Director** - John Hearin and,

**Newsletter Editor** - Doug Stull will all step down at the end of 2020.

Any one of these positions would be a great opportunity to get more involved with the club and do your part to keep the club vibrant and moving forward. If you are interested please email David Campbell at [president@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:president@derbycityflyfishers.com) to throw your hat in the ring.

### **Plans for the Foreseeable Future**

**DCFF Eat & Talk** - **will take place** this month on **Wednesday Sept 9th at Martin's BBQ at 6:30pm**. Masks required. Martin's has a large event room where attendees can comfortably spread out maintaining social distancing and enjoy some good BBQ. Come on out and get re-acquainted with your club buds!!

**Monthly Members Meetings** - **September**

**Meeting Canceled**. However, Bass Pro has indicated they may be relaxing their meeting restrictions. Our program coordinator is working with Bass Pro and potential presenters for October and November meetings. Keep your fingers crossed!!

**Fly Tying Classes** - **Canceled** for September. Evaluating possibly restarting in October if Cabela's & Bass Pro relax their meeting restrictions.

**Mystery Fly Tournament and Otter Creek Outing - [Canceled](#).**

**2021 Fly Show - [Canceled](#).** Jim Bearden contacted a number of the bigger vendors who normally attend our show and most of them indicated they would **NOT** come this year. That, in addition to numerous complications driven by COVID-19 concerns, led the Board to decide to cancel the show.

## **Trips**

**Trout Camp** on the Cumberland River 9/18 - 9/27 - [Canceled](#).

**Fall North Carolina** 11//12 - 11/15 - [Canceled](#).

On a positive note, a number of members made the **Cody, Wyoming trip (23 - 29 Aug)**. David Campbell recapped the trip in his President's Letter above. Here are some pictures to wet your appetite for next year.



Recognize anybody in the group pic?

Ralph Swallows with a very nice catch!"



Not to be out done, Mike Scheid landed this beauty in Yellowstone.



Mark Vincent simply enjoying the scenery. Catching a fish is just icing on the cake!!

**Webmaster** - Jim Wilmoth continues to update and upgrade our website. He would very much like to incorporate more pictures from members on the site. You can submit pictures to him at [webmaster@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:webmaster@derbycityflyfishers.com). He would also welcome any suggestions for improving the site.



Finally, we want to thank Doug Stull for all his great work on this Newsletter over the last five years. He single handedly revived the Newsletter, turning it into a monthly chronicle of Club happenings, adding pictures to put faces with names and personalizing it to the extent that you felt like you were sitting with him chatting about what was going on in the club. We are truly indebted to him for being the face of Derby City Fly Fishers to everyone, especially those who can't routinely make it to our meetings and events. He leaves a great legacy that will be tough to follow. THANKS DOUG you're one of a kind!!!