



Derby City Fly Fishers October, 2020 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 7th. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

With the pandemic, like many other functions, we have not been able to meet in person. Many other fly fishing clubs are in the same boat and it is interesting the challenges we are all facing and how they are coping. An article was forwarded to me concerning this and the link to the article is attached if you care to read it.

<https://www.idahostatesman.com/outdoors/fishing/article245722585.html>

However after several months of no meetings, we have decided to begin cautiously meeting again. We have met the last two months at Martin's Barbeque Joint for our "Meet and talk Shop" social gathering. There have been several folks in attendance, and it has been very enjoyable. This meeting is the second Wednesday of each month and the next meeting will be 6:30 October 14. Good food and good conversation. Hope to see you there.

Bass Pro has relaxed their requirements so we can resume general meetings and fly tying. Cabelas is still not allowing meetings and use of their conference room so tying at Cabelas is currently not an option. Last month, we had our regular fly tying at BPS and a few attended. Our next fly tying will be 6:30 October 29 at Bass Pro. We will only have time for one fly.

Our first in-person club meeting in 6 months will be 6:30, October 21 at Bass Pro. Bass Pro has limited our number to 50 and we have to be out of the store by 7:50 p.m. That doesn't give us much time so meetings may be somewhat abbreviated. The board is still working on a time and location for a possible Christmas party so stayed tuned.

As with all our meetings, masks are required to be worn and social distancing practiced (6' separation).



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 or gemcdaniel65@gmail.com respectively. They would definitely enjoy hearing 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

Newsletter Editor - Doug Stull

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 to throw your hat in the ring.

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

DCFF Eat & Talk - will take place this month on **Wednesday October 14th 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 - will take place this month on **Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 at Bass Pro** (In their Theater). Masks are required and our number will be limited to 50.

Fly Tying Classes - will take place this month, **Thursday, October 29th at Bass Pro at 6:30**. Masks are required. Note: Cabela's has not yet loosened their restrictions, so there will be no Wednesday fly tying class. This is the case until further notice.

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 cancel the show.

2020 Holiday Party - Cancelled, due to Covid 19 facility capacity restrictions.

Trips

Fall North Carolina Nov 12 - 15 - Canceled.

CODY, WY Aug 22 - 28, 2021

The club has reserved 24 slots for next year's Cody, WY trip the week of Aug 22 thru 28. This will be a Club Trip limited to members. Those wishing to go on the trip must sign up through the Club's website and pay a \$200 nonrefundable deposit by Dec 15, 2020. Trip details and sign-up bu on will be available on the DCFF website on **Nov 1, 2020**. Slots will be filled on a first come basis as tracked by SignUpGenius (the Club's online trip registra on app.)

2020 IF4 (International Fly Fishing Film Festival)

IF4 Live Virtual Event | November 10, 2020

Film begins at 7:30 PM EST (6:30 PM CST)

Hosted By: WKU Recreation Administration Website for tickets and info on the virtual

event: <https://watch.eventive.org/if4us/play/5f735bb7815f2f004cf582ff>

Ticket pricing:

\$15 + \$0.99 fee single viewer

\$30 + \$0.99 fee group watch party (*hopefully people are super smart and careful if doing this*) From the organizers:

"Your ticket entitles you to watch IF4 live on the time and date indicated. If something comes up, no problem! You can log in at any time within 48 hours of the event date and you will have up to 7 days to watch the film festival.

Bonus! We will be awarding swag and sponsor offers to viewers at each and every screening. Plus, one lucky attendee will be selected to win the 2020 Grand Prize draw including thousands in the most cutting-edge gear offered by our sponsors!"

Here's an account of a recent trip shared by George Tipker. Enjoy!



What an amazing experience!!

Salmoning??

...may not be a word, but it could be. Such describes what a few of us fly fishers did recently (went Salmon fishing). Even though most of our club functions and fishing trips have been canceled, that doesn't prevent members from going fishing on their own, and I'm sure glad we did!

It was my first time fly fishing for salmon. WOW!!

A small group of us (Brian Kaluzny, Mark Vincent, Stuart Cape, David Campbell, and myself) traveled to Baldwin Michigan and fished the well renowned Pere Marquette River for Chinook "king" Salmon. We shacked up at John Bueter's wonderfully modest Cloud 9 Resort.



This is the time of year (mid September/October) that these king salmon leave the confines of Lake Michigan, where they have spent a handful of years, and travel into the adjoining rivers to spawn. This annual happening avails these monsters to be caught as they move upstream.

It is quite unbelievable just how big, strong ... and ferocious these fish are! Having one of these guys at the end of your fly line is daunting, but oh, how worth it! For those that have fished for and caught salmon in the past, you know what I'm talking about. For those who haven't, you may want to make it a fly fishing "bucket list" item.



If you go, make sure you eat your Wheaties beforehand. It's heavy weight tackle. 8 weight and heavier rods. Corresponding heavy weight fly line and leaders, and 20 pound tippet. Make sure your flies are tied on heavy salmon hooks, otherwise the salmon straighten hooks like they're paper clips. And don't plan on landing most of your hook ups. Even with all that heavy weight gear, landing a 30" to 40+", 20 pound angry fish in river current is an adventure, and basically a two person job. (One to "hook up", and a buddy to net it for you, ...if you're lucky.) And many times, the battle often ends in a break off. A couple other words of wisdom that I learned. 1. Bring a big STRONG net. Practice doing chin-ups on it. It'll build up your arm strength as you'll need it, and 2. if the net bends or breaks, then it's not strong enough for these salmon. And remember to keep your hands out of their mouths!

Good luck and happy salmoning!! George Tipker

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.

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. He would also welcome any suggestions for improving the site.



Greetings!

As your Interim Newsletter Editor, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself AND to ask you all for a favor. I want this newsletter to be something we all look forward to, as much as I did while the newsletter was under Doug Stull's excellent watch. We need content!! If you fish, send me some pictures. Even better, take a couple

of minutes to write a short paragraph or two to tell your friends at DCFE about it. I enjoy hearing about

your experiences as do others. SHARE! And a special thanks to George Tipker for this month's excellent contribution!

And if you have any suggestions for making the newsletter better, please tell me about them. Thanks in advance!

Steve Cullen

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