



Derby City Fly Fishers January, 2021 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met via ZOOM on **Wednesday, January 6th**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

I hope you all had a great Holiday season and you spent as much time as you could with family while staying healthy. Usually at this time of year our conversations are centered around the Fly Fishing Show. However, this year we are not having a show as it is part of long 9-month list of DCFF cancellations. But I am optimistic about 2021 and anticipate a year of fellowship on and off the water. We have many scheduled club trips for Spring and Summer and a few more to be added soon. Keep checking the website for trips and events.

Hopefully the vaccine will be administered at "warp speed" and COVID will in the rear-view shortly. Keep praying!

Now is a good time to be inside tying flies and examining the condition of your arsenal. Take this time of the year to clean your fly lines, oil reels, clean waders, and organizing fly boxes, bags, and vests. Don't forget to renew your DCFF membership.

Hope to see you all in person real soon. Stay healthy.

David Campbell



Plans for the Foreseeable Future

DCFF Eat & Talk - will not take place this month due to current Covid-19 restrictions and concerns.

Monthly Members Meetings - will not take place this month due to current Covid-19 restrictions and concerns. Note however, we have a GREAT lineup of speakers for 2021, so we look forward to the new year!

Fly Tying Classes - will not take place this month.

2021 Fly Show - Canceled.

Trips

LAKE BARKLEY May 1-2

GREEN RIVER May 19-21

CUMBERLAND RIVER May 21-23

OBEY RIVER / CUMBERLAND RIVER June 9-13

CUMBERLAND RIVER July 9-11

CUMBERLAND RIVER August 13-15

CODY, WY Aug 22 - 28, 2021

CUMBERLAND RIVER September 17-19

NORTH CAROLINA November 11-1

Please be sure to visit the web site for details on these and other trips as they become available.

FISHING ROUNDSTONE CREEK.

Submitted by Joe Gahlinger

Charlie Logsdon's mention of Roundstone Creek in his November Club Meeting presentation peaked Steve Cullen's and my interest and we finally managed to check it out on December 9th. The following is a brief synopsis of our experience.

First a little info from KDFWR's web site and our observations. Roundstone Creek is in Hart County southwest of Upton, Kentucky. Access is at the KY-1140 bridge over the creek ([Google Map Link](#)). This site is part of KDFWR's Voluntary Public Access Program and is the only public access point on the creek. It is also the trout stocking point for the creek. The creek is stocked monthly from April through October for an annual total of 2,800 rainbows and 200 browns. It is a "put grow take" stream which means State-wide Trout Regulations apply, namely Daily limits of 8 rainbows (no size limit) and 1 brown (min 16"). KDFWR classifies Roundstone as a Class I (exceptional) trout stream defined as having water temperatures above 72°F less than 5 days annually. A trout stamp is required.

According to Charlie, the water level remains fairly constant year-round, varying no more than about a foot. Run off from rain can taint the creek, but otherwise the water remains clear. On both of my trips the water was clear to slightly tainted. The creek bed is mostly rock with some silt covered sections. This creates silt clouds if you are a clumsy wader like me.

Parking at the bridge consists of two small roadside pull-offs that can accommodate 2 vehicles each at best. Concrete steps on the southeast side of the bridge go all the way to the water. Bank fishing is almost non-existent, so plan to wade. Once in the water there are very few opportunities to get out, and all are on private property. I would rate wading as moderately difficult as there are numerous obstructions – mostly fallen trees and some moderate sized boulders. Deep holes are abundant and drop offs are steep in some cases. There is a deep hole (4 – 5') immediately downstream of the bridge that proved productive on a previous trip I made, but not on the day Steve and I were there. We worked our way about a third of a mile upstream from the bridge and found several good-looking runs, most notably a pool below a low creek-wide waterfall a couple hundred yards above the bridge. We managed to score a half dozen or so stocker-sized rainbows there. We stopped about 1/3rd of a mile upstream when we ran into a deep hole we couldn't find a way around – admittedly we didn't try very hard. On a previous trip I made in late November I went a about a quarter of a mile downstream from the bridge and found lots of downed trees with frequent 3-4' pools. I managed to catch one or two trout in a couple of the pools and associated riffles. I caught most of my fish on mop flies and one on a rainbow warrior. I would try whatever flies work for you on Otter Creek.

In summary, this could be a nice alternative to Otter Creek, especially in the warmer months when KDFWR is stocking monthly. Steve and I were there about 6 weeks after the last stocking in October, so the

pickings were slim. Given the spring fed nature of the creek and its cool annual water temperature, there should be hold-over fish that grow to a decent size. Wading is slow and tedious with all the obstructions and deep pools, so you probably won't cover a lot of water. On a cautionary note, I would highly recommend buddy fishing this creek. Cell service is spotty, and you are isolated, so if something bad happens you may not get any help for a long time if you're by yourself.

FLY OF THE MONTH

CDC Golden Stone Fly

By Joe Gahlinger



A Charlie Craven creation, it is an offshoot of the CDC Pheasant Tail. Intended as a trout fly, especially in the Western United States where Golden Stone Flies are common, I accidentally discovered this to be a remarkably effective panfish fly (particularly Bluegill). In fact, I have rarely caught trout on this fly in our regional

waters. My favorite size is a #12, 1X long Nymph hook with tan, amber or dun dubbing and hackle. I tie #10s and 14s for a change of pace and sometimes use two different sizes in a double fly configuration if I am fishing deep (over 4') to get the flies down quicker. In the Spring when Bluegill are on nest it is not uncommon to catch two fish at the same time with the double fly setup – a real thrill on a 3 or 4 weight rod. I also fish it underneath a red or pink squirmy wormy San Juan pattern with similar results. I almost always fish it under an indicator. After letting the fly(ies) settle to full depth I start a slow retrieve using very short jigging strips (6 inches or less) to take advantage of the underlying CDC hackle to create a pulsing or puffing motion. The CDC hackle holds air bulbs and tends to keep the Hen hackle puffed out.

For tying instructions, click the following link:

<https://derbycityflyfishers.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/CDC-Golden-Stone-Fly-Instructions.pdf>

Guided Cumberland River Trip Opportunity

Jim Sauerheber of Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing is a regular at our Fly Fishing Show and donates a trip each year for DCFF fundraising. This year is no exception and he has generously donated another guided Cumberland trip. Since we will not be meeting in person in the foreseeable future, we have no way to raffle this trip. So, the board has decided to offer the trip to someone who would like a discounted Cumberland guided trip.

This trip will be one 8-hour fly-fishing day on the River for two persons. Lunch will be provided. Regular price for this trip is \$350. You can purchase it for a \$250 donation to DCFF. If interested, contact David Campbell at president@derbycityflyfishers.com First come, first serve.

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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.

Membership

Just a heads up that memberships renew in January for 2021. **Since we are not having a 2021 Fly Show, those of you who normally renew at the show will need to do so either online (preferred) or in person at a club meeting (it may be a while before we have one.)** Annual dues are \$20 for individual or \$25 for family. Also available is a Lifetime Individual Membership for \$350 (details at the web link below.) You can easily join or renew online by clicking on the link below.

Click [here](#) to Join or Renew your DCFF Membership



Happy New Year!
I hope you found the newsletter an informative and enjoyable read. To make them so, 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 DCFF about it. I enjoy hearing about your experiences as do others. I look forward to hearing from you!

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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