

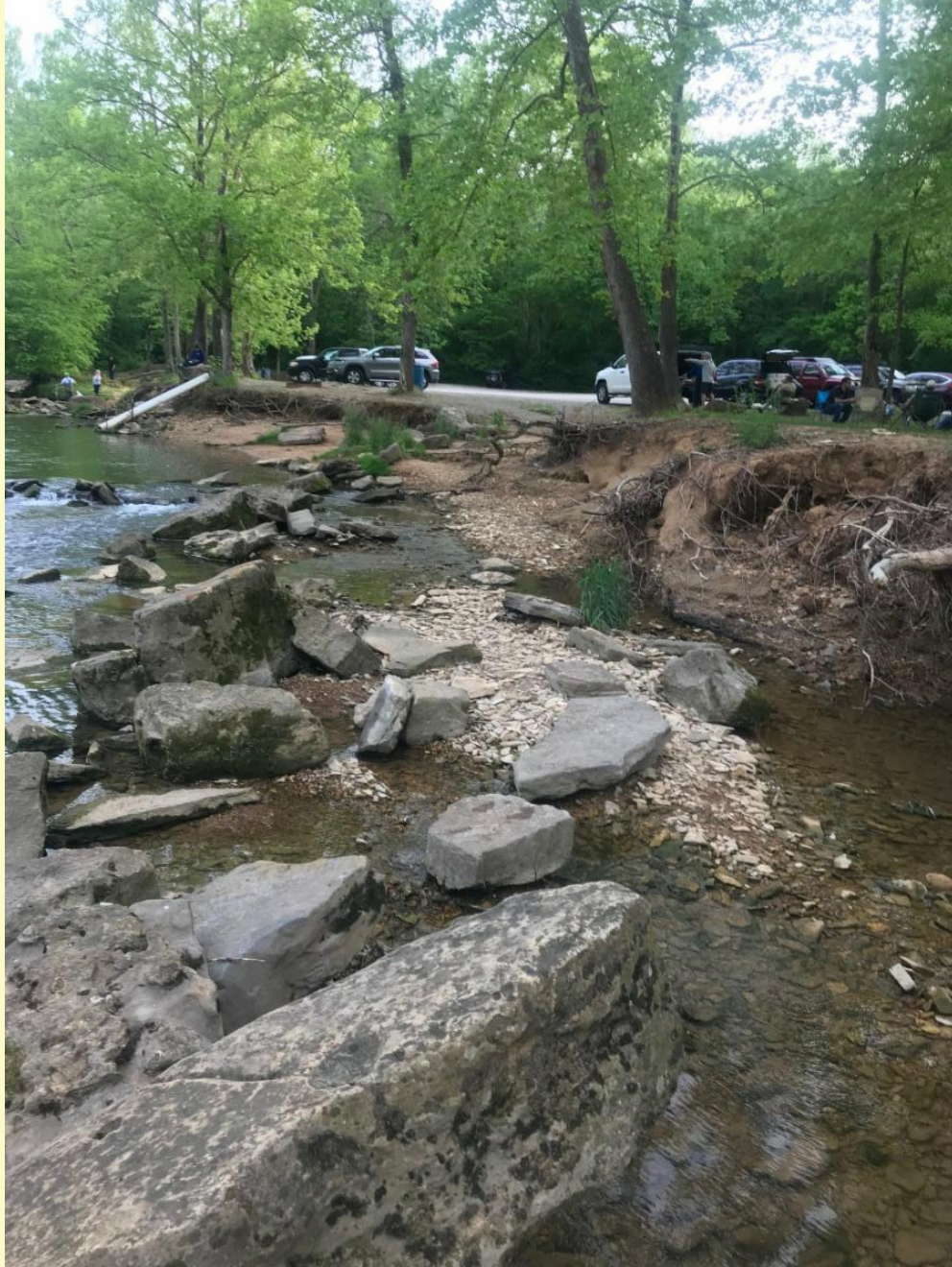
June, 2021 Newsletter

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

President's Letter

The Ravages of Time

By Matt Clements



After more than a year, we have finally returned to in-person meetings. Seeing faces we haven't seen outside of some zoom calls. A camaraderie instantly returning when we get into the same room.

April's general club meeting was at Bass Pro. It seemed well attended for the short notice. We knew there would not be a large crowd, so we opted to forgo the speaker (I blathered on about something or another, fishing related, I think). There was a brief presentation on the Boundary Waters trip that made you long for the solitude that a lot of us have lived with for the past year.

May was our first outdoor meeting, I believe since 2019. We sat up shop at the Garnettsville picnic area. There were 13 of us counting Eli. We ate pulled pork sandwiches, including Eli. Some folks fished, including Eli. And also Eli took it upon himself to play in the creek.

There was a time, a few years ago, when I would go to Otter Creek up

to 3 days a week to fish. I knew where to expect fish, where there was a submerged branch to steal my fly, where to expect a rock sticking up to trip me when I'm wading. I fished in the summer, deciding it was too hot out for my liking, and resorted to tying flies in the air conditioning. I fished in the winter, fighting frozen guides. I remember fishing once, temperature started at 4°F, warmed up to all of 7°F that afternoon. I managed to dodge ice floes and catch a single fish that day.

The creek that I saw on that Wednesday was not the creek I fished. The bank has eroded into the picnic area. The large rocks that once lined the edge of the creek were now sitting in the middle of it. To clarify, the rocks hadn't moved, they were stalwartly sitting where they had been. The creek had shifted. All of that missing dirt undoubtedly sitting in former holes downstream, accumulating against the hidden branches and rocks I knew so well. Changing it from the stream I knew to one I don't.

The club will undoubtedly be affected to some degree by people's willingness to gather, at least in the immediate future. But I fully expect us to cope with the changes and keep going, even if aspects wind up being a little different. We plan to restart fly-tying this month. I'm still waiting to hear from Bass Pro and Cabelas if their locations are available. So we may have to find a different path to get to the same destination. Much like Otter Creek has over the last few years.

It isn't a different stream than it was, it just changed in a few places. It is not cause to give up, to not fish it again; but to find the new holes, the new branches, the new hidden rocks to trip on. If the creek never changed, would I continue to appreciate it?

I hope to see each of you soon at an upcoming DCFF event.

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday June 9th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint

3408 Indian Lake Drive, Louisville, KY
(off of Westport Rd near Gene Snyder)

[Google Map Link](#)

We will be gathering this coming Wednesday at Martin's BBQ Joint. There is plenty of room to observe appropriate social distancing, good lighting (would be great for fly tying) and good food. This is a great opportunity to get to know some of your DCFF club mates a little better, swap some fish stories, all while enjoying some good BBQ and drink. You can come when you want, eat and drink if you want, tie a fly or two if you want but mostly just share some camaraderie. (State restrictions/requirements will be observed.)

Derby City Fly Fishers
General Membership Meeting
Southern Hills Lake, Carr Township, Indiana
Wednesday June 16th 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

[*Google Maps Link to Southern Hills Lake*](#)

This is our second outdoor meeting of the summer season. Southern Hills Lake provides a beautiful setting for some great camaraderie and an opportunity to do a little fishing as well should you so desire.

Fishing is **Catch and Release, no Indiana fishing license required.** Southern Hills lake is private property.

Kayaks or other similar small boats are welcome. Don't forget your PFDs!

Fly rods and reels will be available for those looking for some casting instruction or just an opportunity to practice.

Food, soft drinks and water will be provided. Cost for the meal is \$5.00.

BYOB if desired. Please act responsibly!

Don't forget to bring a camp chair!

Fly Tying Classes

DCFF will conduct Fly Tying Class or classes this month. A location is being scouted and will be announced when plans are finalized. So stay tuned and look for an announcement coming soon.

Trips

OBEY RIVER / CUMBERLAND RIVER June 9-13

CUMBERLAND RIVER July 9-11

CUMBERLAND RIVER August 13-15

CODY, WY Aug 22 - 28

CUMBERLAND RIVER September 17-19

NORTH CAROLINA November 11-14

Note: All listed trips are now available for sign ups. Please be sure to visit the web site for links to these trips.

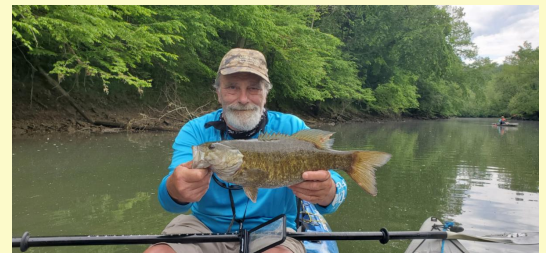
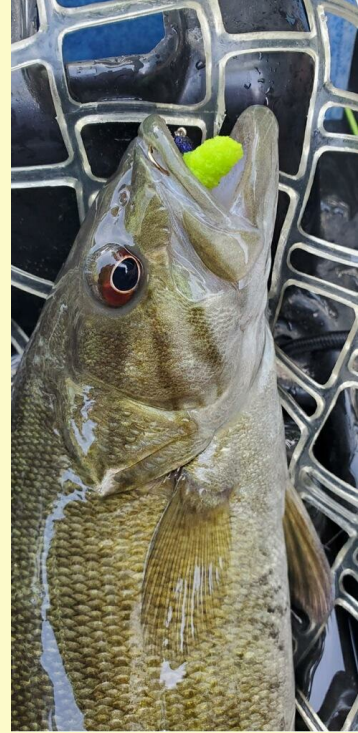
May 2021 Green River Trip Report

Ralph Swallows organized a GREAT trip on the Green River. The trip was well attended and the float was Beautiful. And the weather was perfect to boot! Touch and go at first, the dam release schedule ultimately worked out for our trip. The group of 12 split up into two, each doing a different float each day for variety. Float logistics are always challenging, but it came off without a hitch

Here are a few pictures submitted by some of those who went.

Our trip leader Ralph with Jeff Hatfield (left) and Patrick Brucoli.(Right)





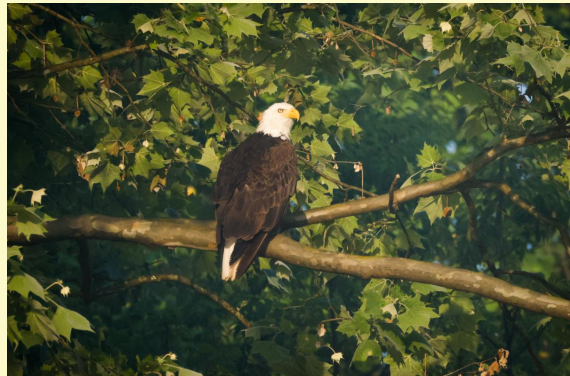


May 2021 Cumberland River Trip Report



A group of 12 or so, led by Wes Krupiczewicz, gathered at Riverside Retreat at Helms Landing for a few days of fishing. While water conditions weren't ideal this trip, the fishing turned out to be pretty good once the right patterns and techniques were figured out. The camaraderie enhanced by a fire every evening was the topper to some great days on the water.







Member submitted photos

Larry Lehman with a 15" Largemouth caught on a Chicago Flying a 2 wt rod. Larry was fishing a small pond in southern Indiana. Nice fish Larry!



Ralph Swallows had a great day recently fishing below the Markland

Dam on the Ohio.



Clouser Minnow were working for Ralph on this particular trip.



****** KENTUCKY FISHING LICENSE RENEWALS ******

Don't forget your fishing license expired February 28!!

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased through the secured [Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Online License Sales site](#). Replacement licenses can be [printed online for free](#).

FLY OF THE MONTH

Foam Cicada

Submitted by Gerry McDaniel

Materials:

- UTC 140 d. fluorescent fire orange thread
- Eagle Claw 214F size 2 hooks
- Body -1/4 inch black foam
- UV Krystal Flash – orange for wing
- Krystal Flash fluorescent orange for wing
- Deer tail - honey brown for over wing
- Round, orange, medium size rubber legs 1-2 strands per leg
- Head- 1/8-inch black foam
- Super glue



Complete instructions for tying can be found: [here](#)

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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 membership dues for 2021 are now due. If you haven't done so already, **please renew now, 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 are a Lifetime Individual Membership for \$350 and a Lifetime Family Membership for \$500 (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



Thanks for taking a look at the newsletter!

I hope you found it to be an enjoyable read.

We appreciate the help We've received with content. Feedback has been very positive. Keep it coming! We're looking for more "Fly of the Month" submittals. If you have one you would like to see published, let me know and I'll be happy to assist

you with getting it done.

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

Derby City Fly Fishers

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