



May, 2021 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met via ZOOM on **Wednesday, May 5th**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

Daydreaming

Sometimes I feel trapped by work. For the past month there has been an unending pile of paperwork on my desk to process. Field visits to do due to a high number of patients. After hours admissions to service. I had to move a body across a house a few weeks ago. (Don't worry, it was for work.) I end each day with more paperwork waiting on the desk than there was in the morning. Trapped.

The other day as I glanced out the window, I saw an ominous sight. Granted, it was free, I was the one trapped behind glass. I snuck over to snap a photo. I have not the skills to distinguish the exact make and model. The photo, due to lighting and window tint doesn't even accurately portray the color. I did not plan on trying to determine any specifics of the creature.

I knew it came from the creek at the end of the parking lot. A small little "crick" at the head of its watershed. A trickle during the summer

that cannot support fish; a whitewater adventure after a solid rain. But what I saw caused me to daydream. Times when I went fishing with a specific task. To use a particular fly...to catch any fish, just to say I caught a fish on the fly.

Let's face it. I'm a lazy fisherman, I like what works. I fish nymphs. Fish live in the water, they eat food in the water. It just makes sense to me. But there I sat. Staring at this thing, daydreaming of those times when there was a hatch, and I had something close enough to entice a hungry fish.

Summer is here. In my mind, at least.



Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday May 12th, 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
Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area
Garnettsville Picnic Area
Wednesday May 19th 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

[Google Map Link](#)

This is our first outdoor meeting of the summer season. Our first outdoor gathering is traditionally an instructional meeting. This is an opportunity for those new to Fly Fishing, or those wanting to dip their toes in the water to learn some new skills, or for others who would like to hone theirs, an opportunity to get a tip or two. Otter Creek offers an opportunity to get a little time on the water.

Fly rods will be available for instruction, and food, soft drinks and water will be provided. Cost for the meal is \$5.00.

Don't forget to bring a camp chair, as seating is limited or non-existent.

Please be advised there is a \$3.00 entrance fee payable at the gate.

Fly Tying Classes - [will not take place](#) this month.

Trips

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

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.

2021 Lake Barkley Trip

Submitted by John Froelich

Three intrepid DCFF members plowed through eastward bound downpours of rain as they drove to Barkley Lake for the Redear/Bluegill trip. The rain ended shortly before we arrived and setting up camp was soggy but rain free. Cravens Point was ours completely.

So, the wife says “how was the fishing?” to which I reply “oh, the camping, camaraderie and camp fire was great.” “But how was the fishing?” I had to hang my head in shame!

That storm front that passed through Thursday afternoon pretty well did us in. Some fish were caught, the most notable was caught by our Western Kentucky “outpost” member Brent Wortham who lives near Paducah. A really nice 17-inch bass and a smaller bass, about 14-inches. Others caught a few but lockjaw was the prevailing condition. Everyone seemed to really enjoy our gathering in spite of the minimal “catching”. Brent commented to me that it was good to see so many young members around the campfire. My guess is that many will return next year for our annual Barkley trip.

Brent Wortham's first bass on a flyrod. We should all be so lucky!





Mark Spivey doing his circus balancing act at Lake Barkley.

Westover Farm Report

Submitted by George Tipker



A small group of fellow DCFF'ers squeezed in a short trip to Westover Farms (westoverfarms.com) in southeast Missouri in late April. Despite the unusually cold temperatures, including one day of snow, a good time and good camaraderie was had by all. Oh yeah, ...and the fishing was pretty good too!





Member submitted photos

Larry Lehman with a Rainbow trout caught in Little Elkhart River, April 27.



Joe Gahlinger and Steve Cullen spent a beautiful spring day on the Salt picking up some of the tail end of the White Bass run. Here's Joe showing off his form.

Success! Actually, it turned out to be a pretty good day of fishing.



**** 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

Sorry! No Fly of the Month in this edition. If you like this feature and are willing to lend a hand, please reach out to me and I can walk you through the very simple formatting procedure, and you too can brag that you've been PUBLISHED!

Steve Cullen - Newsletter Editor

A link to my email address can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

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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.

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

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