



## **Derby City Fly Fishers July, 2021 Newsletter**

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

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### **President's Letter**

#### **Deadlines and Inspirations**

By Matt Clements

I try to be sure that this letter provoked some thought in the reader, assuming you bother reading it. I have been struggling for a topic to write about. Something that will inspire a story of some sort, with

some point to be taken by the reader; in some, hopefully useful, manner. I turned to my wife this evening and said, "I need some inspiration for the president's letter."

She excitedly opened a photo of a fishing trip she went on, without me, to wave in my face. "Inspiration, inspiration, inspiration!" She said. I guess she was accidentally correct. I sat at the table and thought to myself, she is ornery. But she had a point, I was inspired to have a poignant thought.

Find something you enjoy, and find someone that enjoys the same thing. You can enjoy it together, and go do that thing, and you can enjoy it separately and go do it yourself.

I've never been jealous of that fish that she shows off. She provided me with a framed print of the photo for Father's Day last year. She gave me other photos to swap out, but I have always left the same photo in the frame. Sitting on the corner of my desk.

It makes me happy that we have things in common. It makes it easy to agree. Life is better when you get along.

That is the thought that comes to mind, well after the deadline for the newsletter. I try to be precise in my language. I enjoy fly fishing.

Enjoy - in'joi,en'joi: *verb*

take delight or pleasure in (an activity or occasion).

I need more opportunities to enjoy fly fishing. But I'll take whatever I can get. Memories, talks, other people's stories and photos. Even one of a trip I couldn't go on.





# **Plans for the Foreseeable Future**

## ***Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk***

**Wednesday July 14th, 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 (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 Pricewaterhouse Pavillion, The Parklands***

**Wednesday July 21, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

[Google Maps Link to Pricewaterhouse Cooper Pavilion](#)

This is our third outdoor meeting of the summer season. Come out and join us for some great camaraderie.

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.

## ***Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying***

*Wednesday July 28th 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville*

*Thursday July 29th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville*

This month, Matt Clements will lead the sessions. Matt will be tying ***Barr's Meat Whistle***.

As always, beginners are welcome. There will be experienced tyers available for individual instruction.

**Remember**, tools and materials are provided at **no cost**. But if you have your own tools, feel free to bring them. Hope to see you there .



There was a good turnout last month, with several first timers in attendance! Here's the group at Bass Pro with Matt Clements leading. You can see what he tied by checking out the July "Fly of the Month".

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## **Trips**

**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.

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**Ever dream of fishing the Boundary Waters? A small group of DCFF members did just that recently!**





**Check out these reports!**

### **From John Froelich**

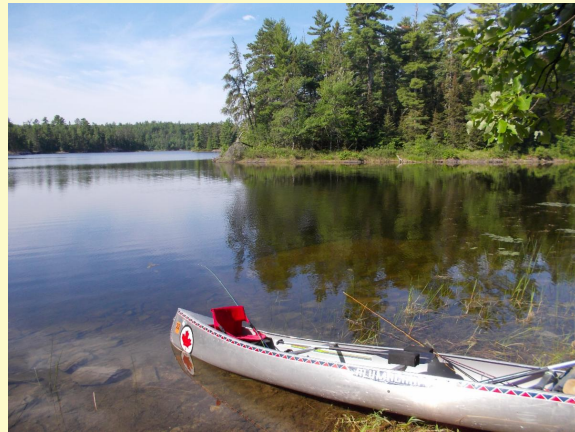
Zero dark 30 Monday 21 June. 6 cranked up DCFF members (Brian Kaluzny, Pat Brucoli, Mark Shambaugh, Ralph Swallows, George Tipker and John Froehlich) departed for Crane Lake Minnesota. Following overnight stay in Duluth, we arrive Tuesday at 0800, met the outfitter, loaded the gear and around 0930, rip off across Crane Lake pushed by a 250hp outboard. For the next 90 minutes, we venture deep into Boundary Waters Canoe Area, traversing numerous lakes, the Loon River and 2 “marine railroads” which bypass rapids in the river. Loon River is very serpentine and is the border between Canada and the US. In most places, a good t-ball player could throw a baseball across the river! Blasting away from the last RXR portage, we head toward the entry to Snow Bay where Jan, our boat Captain, will drop us, our three 18 ft. canoes and a ton of gear. No motorized craft are allowed past this point on the US side of the border. Fortunately, we only had about a mile to paddle to our campsite, our home for the next 6 days. [Read more](#)

### **And from Mark Schambaugh**

This is a “short report” on the recent Minnesota Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) Trip coordinated by longtime DCFF member John Froehlich. Having just retired, I found myself with the extra time and plenty of reasons to sign up as soon as I heard about the trip from a fellow fisher. This trip, organized by a really special member of the DCFF was coined a “fishing expedition” to determine if this could/would become another annual DCFF trip. At least half of the six members who went on the trip had been to the BWCA before; nevertheless, once you have been there you always have an “itch” to go back. One of the largest and most pristine natural areas in these United States, this



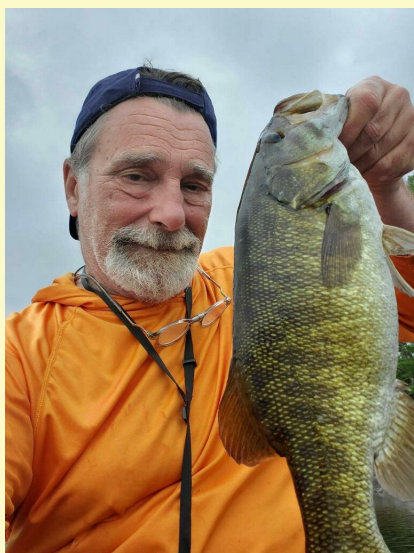
Superior National Forest land and water known as the BWCA is truly a unique outdoor wonderland. The loons, eagles, grouse, beaver, (an occasional) moose or bear, and of course plentiful and multiple species of fish make this an area akin to what Lewis and Clark must have seen when they carved their way into the American Frontier. [Read more](#)











For a slideshow with a few more pictures, click [HERE](#)

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## July 2021 Cumberland River Trip Report





A group of DCFF members fished the Cumberland River, mostly out of Helms Landing. Water conditions were good and the fishing reflected that.

Camaraderie was as usual, the best part of the trip! the weather was "interesting" on Sunday as the group got caught by a pretty significant cloudburst. But after all, our unofficial Motto is... "We bring the rain".







## FLY OF THE MONTH

**Something that kinda resembles the “Just Keep Swimming Streamer”**

In the color pattern  
“Electric Chicken”

**Submitted by Matt Clements**

For those that missed the tying class in June, Electric Chicken is a Chartreuse





and Pink color combination.

### **Recipe**

Streamer hook, I used a Firehole 839 size 10, 3xl, 2xg, heavy  
140 denier thread (pink)

Glow in the dark body wrap (it's what I had available)

Pink dubbing (I used Sea Dragon Hot Pink, from Fly Tyers Dungeon)

Chartreuse Dubbing (again, Sea Dragon)

Chartreuse Buck Tail

Chartreuse Krystal Flash

5mm Silver Tab Eyes

UV resin

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

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## **Protect Yourself from the Sun**

**Submitted by David Campbell, Past President**

We as fly fishers spend a lot of time in the sun and we need to protect ourselves. The sun's UV rays can cause skin cancer and ageing. I know a lot of you have had spots and even cancers removed from your arms, ears, and faces. Here is my story:

About two years ago, I was with a group Salmon fishing in Michigan. At that time one person in the group was nursing a wound on his scalp where he had a melanoma removed. He encouraged me to see a Dermatologist since I had never done so. Following his advice and encouragement, I made the skin doctor appointment. Thank God he convinced me to go as on my recent annual visit, my dermatologist found a suspicious spot on my scalp which proved to be a melanoma. Needless to say, I had the cancer removed which was not pleasant at all. Painful with 28 stiches. I am sharing this to hopefully alarm you to protect yourselves for a healthy and long life!

\*Below is a reprint from the Skin Cancer Foundation -  
[www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org)

\*UV radiation from the sun isn't just dangerous, it is also tricky. Not only can it cause premature aging and skin cancer, it reaches you even when you're trying to avoid it – penetrating clouds and glass, and bouncing off snow, water and sand. What's more, sun damage accumulates over the years, from prolonged outdoor exposure to simple activities like walking the dog, going from your car to the store and bringing in the mail.

That's why preventing skin cancer by protecting yourself completely requires a comprehensive approach. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends that you:



- Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
  - Don't get sunburned.
  - Avoid tanning, and never use UV tanning beds.
  - Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
  - Use a broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
  - Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or after swimming or excessive sweating...
  - Keep newborns out of the sun. Use sunscreen on babies over the age of six months.
  - Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
  - See a dermatologist at least once a year for a professional skin exam.
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## 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.

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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](mailto:webmaster@derbycityflyfishers.com). He would also welcome any suggestions for improving the site.



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## 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

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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. Keep it coming! We're always looking for another "Fly of the Month". 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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