



Derby City Fly Fishers September, 2021 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, September 1st**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.



we even fished some.

President's Letter by Matt Clements A Group of People from DCFF went on a trip...

We had a trip to Camp Buffalo Bill in Wyoming. It sits back off the road, most of the way to

Yellowstone from Cody.



Everyone had their own reasons for going. Some people hadn't been. Some people wanted to return.

I didn't want to go.

Let me clarify. I WANTED to go, I just didn't think it would be feasible. I wanted to go last year. But with Jessy and Eli, it was just too much. My Brother spent a few months fishing his way around the west last year, and wanted to go on the trip. His insistence, and Jessy wanting me to get a break is what allowed me to go on this trip. I figured that when she got pregnant she would change her mind, but she wanted me to go.

My mom came in from St. Louis to watch Eli while Jessy was at work. I hoped that the office would survive my absence (it mostly did). And I threw together underused equipment and headed to meet up for a long drive.

In an act of sheer optimism I purchased a Wyoming license for a total of 7 days (that would include the last day of the trip), and a Yellowstone permit for the same time.

On Monday, we headed out to Yellowstone. Fished the Yellowstone River, fished the Gibbon River, fished the Madison river. Fished. Not caught. If forced to provide evidence that a fish lived in those waters, I would not be able to. My brother claimed to have had a fish hit a fly on the Madison. But the wind seemed to be about 40mph,



and wasn't being cooperative. We did some sightseeing. Drove along the Firehole, saw Old Faithful erupt just after Beehive Geyser across the Firehole erupted. Whitecaps on Yellowstone Lake. I still need to pull the memory card from my camera.

Tuesday we fished the Shoshone immediately out from the camp. I caught what I felt to be an impressive cutthroat (my first ever) while euro-nymphing. My brother, ever the purist, claimed it didn't count as fly fishing.

Wednesday, we returned to the park and fished the Yellowstone River

again. This time I had one fish hit a hopper. Evidence of a fish, which was too small to take the hopper. We fished Middle Creek just inside the park, James reported success; I moved upstream and he moved down, so I cannot confirm.

Thursday we returned to the Shoshone, going downstream from where we started on Tuesday. A few small fish were caught. In the afternoon we joined others for a “good walk” up a hill. I didn’t die.

Friday we went to Middle Creek outside the park, and caught more small, wild, mountain trout.

Saturday we loaded up and headed out.



There was a high windshield time/water time ratio, but it was a lot of fun. I got to know some club members I have only previously had short conversations with. A few dozen flies were donated to the Camp Buffalo Bill Flybrary.

I want to go back because of all of the unfished waters. I want to go back because I only saw some of the southern half of Yellowstone.

Like any other club trip, the “focus” was on fishing. But my memories won’t be as much about the fishing as it will the conversations, friendships, discussions by the fireplace, and general atmosphere of an amazing trip. Also the “good walk” up the hill with George.

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday September 8th, 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 the second Wednesday of the month 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
Wednesday September 15th 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN
[Google Map Link](#)

The meeting will open with "tackle time", followed by a brief discussion related to general club business and activities.

As of the time of publication of this newsletter, we continue to work on finalizing a commitment for a main speaker.

And, Steve Ochs will speak to us about the MayFly Project and how we can get involved! A link to the MayFly Project web site is [HERE](#) should you like to familiarize yourself with the program and their mission.

A gear raffle will be held after the meeting and Derby City gear will be available for purchase as well.

Our General Membership Meetings are an opportunity for us to share what we've been up to and we encourage all of our members to attend!

Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying
Wednesday September 22nd 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville
Thursday September 23rd 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month, Matt Clements will lead the sessions. Matt will be tying a couple of Bluegill patterns, a floating spider and a Bully spider.

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 .

!!! PLEASE HELP US WITH A QUICK SURVEY !!!

We are trying to gauge YOUR interest in an **introduction to fly tying**, delving into basics for those who have never tied, or feel like they would benefit from a little more one on one assistance. Consider it a "Fly tying 101" if you will. If this is something that is of interest, please click on the link to our Education Director's email below and simply put a note in the subject line such as "**Interested in Basic Fly Tying**"

matt@derbycityflyfishers.com

Trips

CUMBERLAND RIVER September 17-19

NORTH CAROLINA November 11-14

All of our **2021 Trips** have been posted to the Web Site with sign up buttons available. There are some additions and deletions from previous years so take a look so you can plan your 2021 outings with your Club mates. Check the [2021 Trips Page](#) routinely to keep up with changes.

Member submitted photos



Mark Rougeaux in Idaho recently. Look for a trip write up in a future newsletter!

Jack Cravelle caught on a surface popper with a 12 weight off the flats of Tybee island by Jonathan Palmer.



FLY OF THE MONTH

Zebra Midge

Submitted by Jim Wilmoth



From Jim: *"The Zebra Midge imitates an insect found in many tailwaters throughout the country. Most common color is black but also may be tied in red, olive, or cream. Tied with and without a bead, with the bead being brass, or nickel. Hook sizes are usually 16 to 24, however I use size 18 to 22 on the Cumberland."*

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

It's not too late to **renew your membership for 2021**. We had a rough start to 2021 due to COVID restrictions, but we're getting back into our full swing of activities now and would love to have you back. Annual dues remain the same, namely: \$20 for individual and \$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 (preferred) 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. 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

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