



Derby City Fly Fishers October, 2022 Newsletter

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

President's Letter

Opportunities

By Matt Clements

One of the deacons at my church was a veterinarian. He kept me supplied with Heart worm medication and gave my dogs their annual rabies shots.

He retired about 15 years ago. He sold his practice to his partner, and agreed to only see large animals, as she didn't, and it would not interfere with her growing what was now her business.

About 7 or so years ago he supplied me with some natural suture material, commonly called "catgut," so I could experiment with some fly patterns I had seen.

Two or three years ago, after church one Sunday, he asked me to take him fly fishing. I talked with him about what he wanted, I offered to take him out in my boat.

He wanted to wade and fish. And he wanted waders. But he didn't have waders. As best as I could understand from the discussion, he wanted me to buy him waders.

I'm enough of a sucker that I could probably be talked into buying a spare set of waders that someone could borrow, but he was different enough from me that waders that fit one of us would not fit the other.

And he was an older fellow, and I wasn't to keen on dragging him out of the water should he lose his footing.

He asked a few other times if I had gotten him waders yet to go fishing. His wife mentioned that he had wanted to try fly fishing.

I found reasons as to not have had time. I probably could have found some cheap waders, or given him the old heavy rubber hip waders I had in the basement from when Jessy first went fishing with me. I think those may have fit him.

He would occasionally bring up that he wanted me to take him fishing. And I would have a reason to not be able to.

His wife pointed out that they had a pond in their yard, and we could simply fish there. The perfect solution, show up with two rods, teach him to cast, foam spider, bluegill, call it a day.

The mention of the pond was not as straightforward as it sounds there. They had been leaving their house following some cold weather and their driveway had iced over. He had slid off the road into a tree (the opposite side of the road was the pond), and they had been stuck there until their son could get there and help get them out and walk them back to their house.

He had missed church that day, due to being sore from the ordeal. From

there, his health spiraled, and he seemed to spend more time in the hospital than out of it.

I'm in the middle of Eli's birthday party, we got the call that he had passed away.

I don't know if he wanted me to buy waders for him, if he intended to pay for them, I never revisited the conversation after my initial understanding of his expectations. I didn't bring him a rod to practice with. I didn't know he had a pond until it was effectively too late.

What I do know is I had the opportunity to take someone fly fishing that wanted to try it, and I didn't. I feel sad about that. Fly fishing is not nearly as important as other thinkings in my life, but I do, at least I'm my mind, enjoy it. And I found each opportunity to not get him involved because of the burden I didn't want to take on.

I'm sure that there is an important point to this story, but I'm also sure that it isn't really about Fly Fishing.

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday October 12th , 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Rooster's

10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY
(at Moser Road, west of Blankenbaker)

[Google Map Link to Roosters](#)

Roosters will be our home for the Monthly Eat & Talk gathering through the end of the year.

We have the private event room so it should be quiet enough for conversation, with plenty of room to get comfortable, 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.

***Derby City Fly Fishers
General Membership Meeting***
Wednesday October 19th 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.

OCTOBER brings a visit from **Lee McClellan**, Co-Editor of Kentucky Afield Magazine. You may recall that Lee was instrumental in bring us the "Blue Water Trails" guide to small streams. He is currently working on a similar project concentrating on small lakes for largemouth and smallmouth. He will be concentrating on telling us about lakes within reasonable driving range of Louisville. For those of you who know Lee, you will be happy to know that he has recovered from his sever illness to the point that his weight gain is enough that he can now keep his pants up with his belt!

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 October 26th 6:30pm
Cabela's, Louisville**

**Thursday October 27th 6:30pm
Bass Pro, Clarksville**

Matt Clements will lead this months fly tying. Matt will be showing us how to tie his version of the EGG pattern.

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.

A big thanks to Matt and all those willing to share their time and talents leading these classes. Please thank them when you see them. **And don't forget!** We're always looking for patterns you would like to see presented. If you have an idea. please let us know. Or better still, give those who have been good enough to lead the lion's share of the sessions and show us how you tie one of your favorite flies.



Join us for the **2023 KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW**

Paroquet Springs Conference Center
Shepherdsville, Ky 40165

The Derby City Fly Fishers will host our annual Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show on **Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center located at 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, Ky.** Admission is \$7. Active military and children 12 and under are free.

The Kentuckiana Fly Show is focused on fly fishing and the tools to allow anyone to pursue the sport from beginner to accomplished and everywhere in between. We will have over 40 vendors and exhibitors from surrounding states to make purchases or just ask questions. Casting demonstrations and seminars on fly fishing will be presented throughout the day. We will also have fly tiers demonstrating the art and craft of fly tying. As usual, we will have “Kids Corner” where children of all ages are welcome to tie a fly that they can take with them. All tools and materials will be furnished free of charge. In addition, representatives from the Kentucky and Indiana Departments of Fish and Wildlife will be available to answer any questions concerning state fishing regulations and opportunities.

Always a lot of fun and looked forward to is the "Iron Fly" tying competition. Each tyer will be given a mystery ingredient, revealed at the show, to incorporate in his or her fly. Judging will be based upon use of the mystery ingredient, workmanship, beauty, and fish ability. Casting instruction will be conducted throughout the day for anyone interested in learning to cast a fly rod

Please visit our [web site](#) for additional details pertaining to vendor and contact information:

***** NOTE *****

We need help up front with a number of tasks but most important among them is securing vendors. Jeff Daiber has taken the lead on this but needs help. If you are willing and able to take a few of the names on his list and call some of these vendors, you would be performing a GREAT service to the club. You can contact Jeff at jdaiber@derbycityflyfishers.com

This event requires a lot of effort, before and on the day of the show. **DCFF** only works because people just like you help make it happen. When given an opportunity to volunteer to help with this year's show, say YES!

Derby City Speakers, Nov 2022

By John Froelich, DCFF Program Director

NOVEMBER will be fantastic for those who fish the Cumberland River. Our own **Gerry McDaniel** will reveal all his secrets! Using a power point presentation and a laser pointer, Jerry is going to give us the skinny on the most productive spots. His laminated 10 page map of the river will be available for sale. I plan to have mine and a red grease pencil and make notes!!! If it runs up to the time BassPro kick us out at closing time, so be it. This is a great opportunity not to be missed!

Introduction to Fly Fishing Saturday October 15th, 10:00 AM

Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN

[Google Map Link](#)

Gerry McDaniel will be conducting an intro to flyfishing class including beginners casting and knot tying at Bass Pro this Saturday, September 15, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Call Jack Miller at the White

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

**Derby City Fly Fishers
Christmas Party**

Wednesday **December 21st**, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Endris Lodge at Lapping Park, Clarksville, IN

[Google Map Link](#)

From Kentuckiana Fly Tyers

Kentuckiana Fly Tyers have changed their monthly meeting date to the **First Tuesday of the Month** starting on **October 4th** at the **3rd Turn, 10408 Watterson Trail in Jeffersontown** (the old Moose Lodge). [Google Map Link](#) If you haven't tied before, and would like to learn, they will provide you with the equipment, materials, and instruction to start you out. If you already tie, come out and bring what ever you would like to tie. You can even tie one of your favorite flies on screen for all to see and learn. Meeting starts at 7 pm and you can stay as long as you would like. For more information email kentuckianaflytyers@gmail.com.

Board Election

*****IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE*****

Election of Board Members for the following year normally takes place at our November General Meeting. This year's meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th. PLEASE mark your calender and make every effort to attend.

Positions on the Board or Directors are available. If you are interested please email Matt Clements at president@derbycityflyfishers.com to throw your hat in the ring.

The current slate is:

President - Ralph Swallows
Vice President - John Froelich
Secretary - Jesse Clements
Treasurer - Roger Charbonneau
Membership Director - Michael Ragan
Program Director - John Froelich
Trips Director - Mike Norris
Education Director - Matthew Clements
Marketing Director - Roy Bean
Raffles - Mike Parker
Conservation Director - Jeff Daiber
Newsletter Editor - Steve Cullen
Webmaster - Joe Gahlinger
Brian Kaluzny - Historian

Trips

All 2022 Trip Descriptions and Sign Up links are now active on our [web site](#). Check them out and sign up!! Some trips (particularly the Cumberland Trips) are already nearing capacity so if you plan to go, sign up now to guarantee a spot.

TRIP SCHEDULE:

NOVEMBER:

5th - Otter creek (Beginners Outing)

We'll hold our [Fall Instructional Outing at Otter Creek on Saturday Nov 5th](#). Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up. **Note: This is open to everyone, you don't have to be a member.** So, if you know someone who interested in fly fishing, bring them out. We also need some volunteers for instructors and fishing buddies. You can sign up by clicking on the link above.

10th-14th - N.Carolina Fall Trip

There are still spots available on the November North Carolina trip - the last Club trip for 2022. If you plan to go, sign up now [here](#). (Club membership required to participate.)

! OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES !

Teach a child to fish

Start them early and teach them right. Derby City has the opportunity to participate in a Fishing Derby which could draw 30 to 40 kids to Waverly Park Lake. Other participants are Louisville Parks Department and the KDFWR. Both trout and catfish will be stocked in the days before the Derby. The event will be from **10am to 2pm (you**

ready for this) **Saturday, November 5.** OH GREAT!! Same day as our Otter Creek beginner's day!! HEY, we are a big club, why should that be a problem? I know a lot of you may not feel ready to "teach" others flyfishing.... BUT I'll bet you know more than a 10 year old using a closed face spinning rod. RIGHT?

With this event we can accomplish several goals. Acquaint the community with our club, possibly find new members, but most importantly, **TEACH A CHILD TO FISH!** To make it easier on you old codgers who can't stand for long periods of time (except in ice cold water) I thought we can run two shifts, 10 to 12 and 12 to 2. Or both if you are not that old! I'm going to be beating the drum on this so please email wolleybugger@gmail.com or call me at 270-314-0362 with your preferred time.

John Froelich

Casting For Recovery Retreat October 30th Lure Lodge, Lake Cumberland

***** RIVER HELPERS NEEDED *****

Casting for Recovery (CfR) provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer, at no cost to the participants. CfR's retreats offer opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature. The retreats are open to women with breast cancer of all ages, in all stages of treatment and recovery. For over 25 years, women from all walks of life have benefitted from CfR's inspiring program model.

For more information pertaining to the Casting for Recovery program, please click [HERE](#). Those of you who have participated in previous years already know this is a very important program and a rewarding experience for all involved.

The ladies will fish with the river helpers at Hatchery Creek on **Sunday, October 30.** All the river helpers we can round up from DCFF will be welcomed and of course, lunch will be provided after the fishing back at the lodge.

Important to note: River helpers must have that first series of the Covid vaccine (boosters are recommended but not required). Proof of vaccination in the form of a snapshot of vaccination cards will suffice. More detail on that will be provided to those of you who wish to

participate. Also please note, Masking is encouraged for indoor activities.

If you can help with the retreat, please reach out to [George Tipker](#) who has volunteered to serve as liaison for Derby City Fly Fishers.

In related news, CfR will be having a fund raiser on November 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Martin's BBQ Joint. There will be a silent auction and bucket raffles to raise money for next year's retreat if anyone at DCFF would be interested. Food will be provided free and there will be an open bar.

Gerry McDaniel's Fly-Fishing Hotline

Gerry McDaniel, a world record holder, a licensed and professional guide and a founding father of Derby City Fly Fishers, will answer your phone calls to discuss any of your fly fishing questions. With over 60 years of fly-fishing expertise for bluegill, bass and trout, and countless hours on the Cumberland River, Gerry can help beginners to experts with any subject, whether it be equipment, rod setup, fly selection, techniques, fly tying, rod building or anything that has to do with the Cumberland River. Gerry has graciously offered to take your call and help the club promote its mission to introduce and educate the sporting public to fly fishing. Give Gerry a call at 502-432-2995.

A Guide to the Lower Cumberland River, by Gerald E. McDaniel, consisting of a series of USGS topographic maps from Wolf Creek Dam to the Tennessee border. It includes points of interest and public access points. It will be available for purchase at our general membership meetings the third Wednesday of each month.

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

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased at [Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Online License Sales site](#).

****** INDIANA FISHING LICENSE RENEWALS ******

[Renew your IN Fishing License Here](#) (Annual License renewed April 1st)

MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

DCFF Classified ad section - a location for club members to advertise fishing equipment for sale or purchase used gear from other club members. Classifieds are live with some items listed for sale already.

There is NO cost to advertise; however a sellers must be a club member who is current on their dues and is registered on the website. Anyone can see the items for sale, only sellers must be registered to sell.

[**Derby City Fly Fishers Classifieds – Derby City Fly Fishers**](#)

Member registration on website. DCFF club members can register on the DCFF website for membership This will allow club members to sell items on the classified ad section, and provide access to members only website content (coming soon).

[**Website Membership Registration – Derby City Fly Fishers**](#)

MEMBERSHIP

194 members strong and growing!

Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, and \$25 for family memberships. Life-time memberships can be purchased for \$350 for individual or \$500 for a family membership (immediate household family.) You can get more information on membership benefits, types of membership, as well as pay online by clicking [here](#).

- **Note:** If your contact information has changed, especially your email address, let our Membership Director, Michael Ragan, (membership@derbycityflyfishers.com) know ASAP so you won't miss any club emails.
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Board Members

Matthew Clements, President
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Brian Kaluzny, History

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.**

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.



Thanks for taking a look at the newsletter!
I hope you found it to be an enjoyable read.
I appreciate the help I'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
You can reach me at: newsletter@derbycityflyfishers.com

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