



April 2022 Newsletter

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

President's Letter

I mean, it wasn't fishing, but...

By Matt Clements:

It was a group of people hanging out, thinking about fishing, discussing fishing, contemplating fishing trips, planning the dream fishing trip for when someone gives them a winning lottery ticket.

Maybe that last one was just me, but I doubt it.

For those that couldn't make it, March 30 was a 5th Wednesday, and we were given the opportunity to attend a screening of the International Fly Fishing Film Festival hosted by WKU at the Village 8 Theater in St. Matthews.

In my personal opinion, the videos, on average, were a little bland compared to

previous years; but the good videos were good.

The purpose of the IF4 for us is twofold; to enjoy some films on fly fishing, and to raise some funds for the WKU Recreation Administration program, which seeks to educate students looking for a career entertaining people by having them be at least minimally physically active, and taking groups to Montana to go fishing each fall.

The turnout was a little less than has happened in the past, but the camaraderie was there. And if anyone feels left out, and wants to donate something to WKU, I can get you their contact info.

I for one, am going to be looking forward to the opportunity to try out the caddis technique developed by Lance Egan, and shown in the film Caddis Magic.

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk Derby City Fly Eat & Talk !! NEW LOCATION !!

Wednesday April 13th, 2022 6:30 - 8:30pm

Mission BBQ

4607 Shelbyville Rd, St Matthews, KY 40207

[Google Map Link](#)

We will try a new location this month - Mission BBQ on Shelbyville, Rd, in Louisville (on the north side of Shelbyville Rd just west of the I-264 interchange.) We'll be in the party room.

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, but mostly just share some camaraderie.

***Derby City Fly Fishers
General Membership Meeting
Pro Shops,
Clarksville, IN***

Wednesday April 20th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

[Google Map Link](#)

Our speaker this month is David Rodgers (owner of Feared by Fish Bait and Tackle in Georgetown, KY and local guide.) David will talk about smallmouth bass fishing on Elkhorn Creek.

We will hold the drawing for the 7wt, "Winston Salt" rod, custom built by our own Gerry McDaniel and Jim Bearden. This is a beautifully hand crafted rod and would retail for well over \$900. You will still have time to get in on the drawing at the meeting.

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

Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying

Wednesday April 27th 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville

Thursday April 28th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville

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 .

Floyd's Fork Instructional Outing (April 30th)

Time: 9AM til Noon

Location: The Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP Pavillion at the Egg Lawn at the Parklands [Google Map Link](#).

This will be held in conjunction with a Fishing Workshop hosted by The Parklands Education team with support from Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and DCFF. Get more information on the Parklands event [here](#). DCFF will provide fly casting and knot tying instruction as well information on lines & leaders, flies, rods & reels and general fly fishing topics. If you're interested in casting instruction or can volunteer to help with instruction click [here](#) to sign up. We already have a number of students signed up but we **need more volunteers** to assist with instruction. This is open to the

public, so spread the word, or better yet bring a friend.

NOTE: KDFWR has significantly increased the number of stocking locations (5) and the number of trout stocked (12,000 annually) in Floyd's Fork. This would be a good opportunity to get familiar with this wonderful local resource or re-acquaint yourself if you haven't been there in a while. **Bring waders if you plan to fish as bank fishing is very limited in the section of the creek where we will be.**

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.

The Elkhorn Creek Trip (April 28 - May 1) has slots available. If you plan to go, please sign up now so the trip coordinator can plan accordingly. You can get trip details and sign up [here](#).

Please note: Participation in these trips requires Derby City Fly Fishers membership

TRIP SCHEDULE:

April:

28th-May1st - **Elkhorn Creek**. See details below.

30th - **Beginner's Outing, Floyds Fork, The Parklands**

MAY:

18th-20th - **Green River**

20th-22nd - **Cumberland River (Helms)**

JUNE:

9th-10th - **Obey River Tail Waters**

11th-12th - **Cumberland Tail Waters**

JULY:

15th-17th - **Cumberland River (Helms)**

AUGUST:

19th-21st - **Cumberland River (Helms)**

21st-27th - **Cody Wyoming**

SEPTEMBER:

9th-11th - **WhiteRiver (Canoe Country)**
16th-18th - **Cumberland River (Helms)**

OCTOBER:

7th-9th - **Cumberland River (Helms)**

NOVEMBER:

5th - **Otter creek (Beginners Outing)**

10th-14th - **N.Carolina Fall Trip**

McNeely Lake Project Completed !

By John Froelich

In the initial planning stages, DCFF Conservation Chairman Jeff Daiber had hopes of getting enough members to clear out one section of overgrown shoreline on McNeely Lake for use by

bank fishermen. Working with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Jeff's plan was to clear an 8-foot-wide path from the existing walking path, opening up to an approximate 30-foot X 10-foot cleared area for several people to fish from the bank. He crossed his fingers and announced a date.

WOW... did he hit the jackpot! 13 DCFF members with loppers, hand saws, clippers and chain saws teamed with 2 KYDFW employees, attacking the tangled underbrush and hacked and stacked brush, opening 3... that's 3!! new fishing areas for use by the bank fishermen visiting McNeely Lake this summer. Louisville City Councilman James Peden stopped by to express his thanks for the work done by DCFF for the benefit of his constituents. Councilman Peden organizes a park cleanup day in the spring of each year. As an additional conservation project, he invited the Club to participate.





As you can see from the before and after pictures, this was no small undertaking. A tremendous crew, identified in the accompanying picture, did a fantastic job and had a great fun time doing it. THANK YOU, CREW!! AND THANK YOU JEFF for seeking out and organizing this project. After a period of recuperation (at our age we needed it!) Jeff plans to launch other conservation projects.

For a slideshow of the project work dayclick [HERE](#)

**** 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

Quick reminder that our annual club dues are due January 1st of every year. You have three-month grace period before you become inactive (April 1st), at which time inactive members will not be eligible to participate on trips or receive the monthly newsletter. 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](#).

Some of the benefits of DCFF membership include:

- our monthly newsletter
 - eligible for club sponsored trips
 - fly casting instruction
 - fly tying classes
 - fly fishing instruction (on and off the water)
 - rod building classes
 - eligible for special members-only events
 - discounted fly fishing gear/accessories through the club
 - discounted embroidery services for DCFF logo (Derby City Embroidery)
 - meet people with a common interest/passion for fly fishing
 - oppourtunities to make new friends
 - Quest Outdoors Discount - 15% off in stock items in Quest Fly Shop (some restrictions apply) For details, click [here](#).
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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.

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.
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!



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