



February 2022 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, February 2nd**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

Its a whole New Year, Take Two!

In desperate need for a newsletter topic, I opened last month's to see what I had written. I was optimistic about the new year. And, as plans have changed since then, I figured I would reuse and rearrange some of those words.

We are having our monthly meetings at Bass Pro, Fly tying at Cabelas and Bass Pro (I'm still trying to figure out what to tie for this month, requests are always appreciated, Joan wanted a hare's ear, maybe that!)

The fly fishing show was cancelled. It is planed for 51 weeks later...next year it will be the THIRD Saturday in January. Mark your Calendars.

The Cincinnati and Fort Wayne fly shows have been cancelled as well.

It seems as though against everyone's wishes, we are looking to have another year of the same.

We will be attempting to have club trips, just like in the past. If you want to join us, we'd love to have you. If you have health concerns, we understand.

For fly pattern requests, please e-mail matt@derbycityflyfishers.com, and put "fly request" in the subject line. My inbox has been trimmed down, I currently have 41,045 unread e-mails. I don't want the important ones to get lost in the noise.

Letter from Gerry McDaniel

Most people join a fishing club to meet others with similar interests, enjoy sharing tales and picking up tips to improve their fishing experiences.

As time goes by there is a growth between members that unites us as a family.

In early December, Brian Kaluzny and George Tipker drove to the Cumberland River not for a great day of fishing. They drove down to clean out and close my boat shed. As most know I had a stroke in May, 2020 and had kept the shed in hopes of a quick recovery. Since that time my wife also has developed cancer so we were not able to clean the shed ourselves. Brian and George spend the entire day working to fill a dumpster not for the fun of it but because they saw a fellow member's need and jumped in to assist. I could never have dreamed when we started this club that something like this would happen. They are representatives of the spirit of those in this club who



help others they see with a need. I cannot thank them enough for their help nor to the rest of the club for all the support you have shown. You truly make me proud to be a member.



Gerry wanted to share these photos from his last trip to Florida. Gerry said: "That was a 60lb plus Black Drum would have been a wold record had I been prepared with certified scales and not let the guide touch it"



Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday February 9th , 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.

Derby City Fly Fishers General Membership Meeting Pro Shops,

Clarksville, IN

Wednesday February 16th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

[Google Map Link](#)

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

Our own Ralph Swallows will be there to share additional information about recent exciting trout stocking developments for Floyds Fork. A great deal of the details are outlined in his article found in this addition of the newsletter so read on! Ralph was instrumental in getting this new program off the ground and this will be your best opportunity to ask all your questions of the guy who has the answers!

Fly Fishing 101 this month!!

February's meeting is going to be a "must be there" for newcomers to the sport as well as the more seasoned. Those who want to learn and/or refresh their techniques for knots, line setups, gear, trips and various other aspects of fly fishing will have access to experienced members who will be stationed at different parts of the room to offer instruction and ideas. It will be a great opportunity to meet other members and add to your knowledge and skills.

This will get the year started out right.

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 February 23rd 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville

Thursday February 24th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month, Matt Clements will lead the sessions. Matt will be showing how he ties a "Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear".

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 .



January's well attended tying session at Cabella's.

Other Local Events

Orvis

Is pleased to announce the return of their free [fly tying 101](#) classes.

From Reidar Crosswell, Orvis Louisville Fishing Manager:
"We will be offering 6 classes covering the Woolley Bugger starting January 29th". You can find Orvis' full calendar of events [Here](#).

Quest Outdoors

From David Baker at the Quest Fly Shop: **"We have Secured a Date to have [Blane Chocklett](#) here for a day.** He will be here from Open to Close on MARCH 19th. to Meet and Greet, Sign His Books, Answer Questions, Cast Rods from TFO, and generally just hang out for the day.

THE HIGHLIGHT of the day will be from 3 or 4pm to 6 or 7pm. He will Lead a Tying Class With TWO of his Flies. Likely the Flies will be a Feather Changer & a Craw Changer.

This Class will be \$150.00 per Person with Blanes Book signed and Personalized. Or \$100.00 without the Book.

All Materials are provided. The Class is Limited to 15 People."

Those interested can call and talk to someone in the Fly Shop to sign up. That phone number is: (502) 290-4589

Reminders

Both the 2022 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show (Feb 5th) and the 2022 Fort Wayne Fly Show (Feb 12th) have been **cancelled**.

Trips

Here's the current trips list. Be sure to check out the [web site](#) as **all trip sign ups are now active!**

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

April:

6th - 9th - **N. Carolina Spring Trip**

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**

Note: The sign up for the trip to Cody, WY is now active. Click [here](#) for information and to sign up. The deadline for signing up is March 31, 2022. If you want to go, sign up and pay through the DCFF signup and NOT the Boy Scout website. Please read the Trip Description carefully to ensure you understand the commitment and the trip requirements.

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**

Elkhorn Creek Camping Trip

When: April 28 - May 1, 2022

Place: Still Waters Campground

Coordinator: John Froehlich

Number of Spots: no limit

LEVEL 4 Trip

Elkhorn Creek is a premier smallmouth stream in Central Kentucky, East of Frankfort. Lighter weight 4, 5, and 6 weight fly rods are appropriate. Dries, poppers, nymphs, and streamers will all take fish. We will park and camp at the Still Waters Campground Primitive Campground for the take out and shuttle to the upstream launch. Depending on the number of participants, we will either self-shuttle and/or use a shuttle service. Primitive camp sites cost \$27.00 per night, 2 tents per site (split the cost). RV spots cost \$35.00 per night. You should pay for your own fees and get a parking pass at the office. Bring your own food and drinks. Shower house is on site.

The Elkhorn Creek trip is a float trip, with wet wading opportunities around the many rapids that are encountered. Canoes, kayaks, and inflatable pontoons can all be used on the creek. Caution must be used around the frequent class 1 (or with higher water class 2) rapids on the creek.

The shuttle trip takes about 15 minutes and the 6-mile float and fishing trip back to the campground takes about 6 hours. For more information on the creek, see the Stream Information section of the website.

Due to the nature of the float trip, there will be limited opportunities while on the water for beginner instruction but experienced members will be happy to answer questions in camp. At a minimum, participants should be comfortable using small craft in a moving stream where the danger of an upset and the possibility of losing equipment is real.

If you have any questions, contact John Froehlich at wolleybugger9014@gmail.com or 270-314-0362.

Floyd's Fork Trout Stocking

By Ralph Swallows

Great news! Floyds Fork at the Parklands is slated to receive 12,000 trout over the next 12 months. The first stocking of 2000 trout is scheduled to occur Friday February 11th. The trout will be distributed over four to five stocking locations. This picture below shows one of the stocking sites, the Cane Run Paddling Access. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife worked with the Parklands to install a stocking tube at this site. Improvement on the site was needed to make the site accessible for stocking, and Derby City Fly Fishers got involved. DCFF made a donation of \$500 for gravel needed to allow the stocking truck to get to the site. This is truly an exciting development for our club and our community. We'll have access to great trout fishing right in our backyard! Floyds Fork in the Parklands is under catch and release regulations October 1st through March 31st. Stockings for 2022 are slated for February, March and April, with a break through the summer, and begin again for October, November and December. We'll have maps of the Parklands available at our next club meeting February 16th at Bass Pro Shops. So mark your calendars now, you may get a chance to find out where all the stocking locations will be!



Photos of one of the new stocking locations. The gravel access road seen here was made possible by a donation of \$500 from Derby City Fly Fishers. The stocking tube can also be seen by looking closely at the right side of the photo above and the left side of the photo below.



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

Don't forget your fishing license expires 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](#).

MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS LAUNCHED!

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).

Member Submitted Photos



Ralph Swallows gets in a little cold weather fishing. Highs in the 20's. No excuses folks! Get out there!

FLY OF THE MONTH

Jiggy CDC Flashback

by Steve Cullen

This is an adaptation of a fly I found at charliesflyboxinc.com On their

site it's called a "CDC Pheasant Tail" which they shortened from the original name given it by its creator, Randall Kauffman. The original name was the "Bead Head CDC Flashback Pheasant Tail". Charlies thought that was way too long. I gotta agree.

My one small change is tying it on a jig hook. This guy is SUPER heavy and I felt like it would be beneficial to make it somewhat less likely to snag bottom.

The CDC soft hackle collar imitates emerging wings and when wet produces a lot of movement.



While I used natural colored materials, this pattern can easily be changed up by using different colored Pheasant Tail for the abdomen and tail.

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

Membership

Please don't forget. The New Membership Year began January 1st. It's time to renew your annual DCFF membership. Dues remain unchanged for 2022, namely \$20 for individual memberships and \$25 for family memberships. For those interested in Lifetime memberships, the dues are \$350 for an individual, and \$500 for a 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
 - opportunities 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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