



## June 2022 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, June 1st**. 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

#### **Fly Tying in Popular Culture**

**By Matt Clements**

And, of course, by popular culture, I'm referring to Hollywood productions.

Movies and TV, showing sports of all types, occasionally even fly fishing.

There are even occasions where characters will go fly fishing.

The first season of The Walking Dead, episode 4, starts with a poorly written discussion between two sisters sitting in a canoe with fly rods. Dad taught one to fish with “wet lures” and they kept everything, the other only with “dry lures” and only practiced catch and release.

They just sat holding the rods and staring like they were watching bobbers, sitting in the middle of a water filled quarry.

A romantic comedy came out a decade ago titled, and about “salmon fishing in the Yemen.” I cannot recommend it.

Blah blah blah A River Runs Through It blah blah blah.

There was a documentary about the Hardy brothers, manufacturers of tackle. “The lost world of Mr. Hardy.” It discusses today and reels, and the selling of flies, but nothing of the tying.

A documentary named Kiss the Water came out a few years later, about the life of Megan Boyd, a Scottish woman who made a life of fly tying, whose flies are highly sought after collectibles, and who worked flying ties until she was unable. To the point that she refused an invitation to London to receive an award from the queen, because she had no one to look after her dog. People would go to learn to tie salmon flies from her. She would have them spend days on each part of one fly, cutting off the work, and telling them to start over. We would never get through a club tying class with that approach. The documentary intersperses location shots with a close up of someone tying a salmon fly with an old vice in a dark room.

That is all of the fly tying references I can think of. It just isn’t something that you see on tv. It doesn’t exist in pop culture.

But I was watching the current iteration of Loony Toons with Eli. And there it was, for a glorious two seconds!

Porky Pig with a fly in a Rotary Vice!!!!

I was overly excited, I called Jessy into the room, rewound the episode, she was excited. We rewound it again.

All of this due to the brief moment that Porky Pig popped onto an episode to answer a question...

The world is changing...fly tying is becoming mainstream!

Then I checked, the episode is from 2011...before the documentary on Megan Boyd.



Perhaps the high point of fly tying in popular culture has already passed.



Porky Pig - famous fly tyer

## **Plans for the Foreseeable Future**

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

**Wednesday June 8th, 2022 6:30 - 8:30pm**

**Mission BBQ**

**4607 Shelbyville Rd, St Matthews, KY 40207**

**[Google Map Link](#)**

We will meet again this month at our new location - 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***  
***Lake Michelle (Southern Hills),***  
***Carr Township, Indiana***  
**Wednesday June 15th 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

**[Google Maps Link to Southern Hills](#)**

This is our second outdoor meeting of the summer season. Southern Hills Lake provides a beautiful setting for some great camaraderie and an opportunity to do a little fishing as well should you so desire.

Fishing is **Catch and Release, no Indiana fishing license required**. Lake Michelle is private property.

Kayaks or other similar small boats are welcome. Don't forget your PFDs!

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.

BYOB if desired. Please act responsibly!

**Don't forget to bring a camp chair!**

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***Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying***  
**Wednesday June 22nd 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville**  
**Thursday June 23rd 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 .

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# **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.

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

## **TRIP SCHEDULE:**

### **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**

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**Derby City Fly  
Fishers, Cumberland  
River Trip  
May, 2022**



This was our first official DCFF Cumberland River Trip of 2022. Mother Nature blessed us with good weather. And the Corp of Engineers also cooperated by providing us with a generally favorable release schedule. Here are a few photos from the trip.



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## Outreach

John Froelich (Programs Director) and Jeff Daiber (Conservation Director) volunteered their time this past Saturday June 4, 2022 to educate and teach children to cast, bait a hook, and enjoy the sport of fishing.

The event, hosted by Program Manager Jessica Kane of Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation and supported by Kentucky Department Fish and



Wildlife showcased not just the fishing skills, but conservation, naturalist considerations while in the woods, bird identification, climbing skills, and even a live animal presentation.

The next event should include Canoeing, paddling instruction, and PFD instruction- it would be great to have fellow members bring their Kayaks in support.

This event as well as the upcoming events like Hook and Cook ([Easton.Copley@ky.gov](mailto:Easton.Copley@ky.gov)) are ways our club works with other organizations to bring awareness and skill sets for the next generation.

See you on the Water.  
Jeff







## Reader submitted photos



Van Vance in Vienna Indiana, with a nice Crappie





Don Temple and Larry Lehman had two great days fishing with Ranger Bob in his drift boat on the Blue River back in May.





## \*\*\*\* 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)

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## 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 seller 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](#)

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## Membership

Quick reminder that our annual club dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. You have three-month grace period before you become inactive (April 1<sup>st</sup>), 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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## 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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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!

Steve Cullen

Derby City Fly Fishers

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