



March 2022 Newsletter

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

President's Letter

Buying things I don't *need*

By Matt Clements:

Jessy will happily tell anybody that listens, I buy stuff that we don't need. That we are not going to imminently use, I should say.

I purchase toys for Eli in preparation for birthdays...but way ahead of schedule. I have a LEGO Harry Potter advent calendar for him, purchased two years ago, as a deeply discounted after Christmas clearance item. Before he had a clear understanding of what legos are, and we are now only just now to the point in the first book where Harry arrived at Hogwarts. I figured he would be a fan of Legos and Harry Potter at some Christmas.

I bought a bunch of oil filters for my car, last time I bought oil, it was 6 cases.

I have a stack of fly lines that I plan on using, but currently they exist in unopened boxes.

Potentially, something can happen to me, and I'll never get to use them. But, nonetheless, I looked to the future, and figured it was an investment I needed to make, for whatever reason.

I saw a notice in a club e-mail that KY fishing licenses were due for renewal. Last year I took some Kids fishing. I bought a KY non-resident one day license for that day...a few weeks later I bought the annual non-resident and my trout stamp. And I fished the Salt River one day.

I bought an annual Indiana license to take Eli to the park to fish. I only have distinct memory of one trip.

The question is, did I waste money on something? Or did I spend money then to have something in the future? Did I receive no real value for the license and stamp, because I didn't fish? Or did I help keep some fish and wildlife program going because the state had sufficient money in the coffers?

I'm really hopeful that it is the latter. That by supporting something now, that it will be there whenever it is needed in the future. That I will have access to quality fishing, and that, when he is older, Eli will have access to the same.

I have no guarantee that he will have an interest in fishing when he is older, but I feel there is still value in preserving the opportunity. Even if I don't get to get out and fish this year either. I'm preparing for something in the future.



Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday March 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.

Note that there is one small change from prior meetings at Martins. This month, we'll meet on the PATIO!

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 March 16th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

[Google Map Link](#)

The meeting will open with "tackle time". This month's presentation will be by Tim Guilfoile. Tim will be talking about the August Cody Wyoming trip and Camp Buffalo Bill! Tim's presentation will be followed by a brief discussion related to general club business and activities.

Our speaker this month is Charlie Logsdon. Charlie will be sharing his knowledge about the upcoming White Bass run. If you've fished the spring run in the past, you're probably already thinking about it. If you haven't, you don't know what you're missing! Either way, you're going to want to hear what Charlie has to say.

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

Sweepstakes tickets are still available 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. Tickets will be available at this month's meeting. Tickets are \$5 each.

Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying
Wednesday March 23rd 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville
Thursday March 24th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month, Brian Kaluzny will lead the sessions. Brian will be tying the "Black and Bluegill"

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 .



February's very well attended class at Cabela's, led by Brian Kaluzny. Brian tied a Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear.

Cabela's 14 tiers, (5 first timers)
Bass Pro 8 tiers, (3 first timers)

!!! McNeeley Lake Conservation Project !!! **Saturday March 26th (rain date April 1)**

Thanks to our Conservation Chairman, Jeff Daiber's coordination efforts with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Management, our club has a great opportunity! This project will reflect the spirit of our club. Please read on for more detail!



Report provided by John Froelich:

Shhhhhh..... DON'T TELL ANYONE! According to Ky. Fish and Game, McNeely Lake is full of plus size panfish including Redear as well as crappie and decent size bass! Three DCFF members meet with 2 Fish and Wildlife guys to discuss a conservation project at McNeely. The lake is an L shaped of approximately 50 acres with an

excellent canoe/kayak launching dock in south-west Louisville about 10 minutes off the Snyder. Another little secret from the Fish and Wildlife guys, the south end around the corner, is prime real estate for redear as it is near impossible to reach except from the water.

Here's the background. The banks have become heavily overgrown with what I call "trash trees" and bush honeysuckle to the point that, during the summer, the lake is not even visible from a path about 15 feet away running along the lakes edge. There are a few paths that have been broken thru the underbrush but even then, it is very difficult to fish from the bank and probably nearly impossible for young anglers. This is an excellent "conservation project" for our club.

Here's the plan. DCFF Conservation Chairman Jeff Daiber is organizing the project. The objective is to widen one (possibly 2) of the existing paths to about 6 foot wide, down to a point about 8 to 10 feet from the water and then open up a "fishing spot" about 20 to 30 feet along the lake bank. Most of what needs to be removed is small diameter "scrub" that would then be pulled back into the remaining bushes, creating habitat for small critters. Tools would include limb loopers and small chain saw or similar cutting tool capable of cutting something 3 to 4 inches in diameter. No large trees are involved so we won't need lumberjacks, we need "bushwhackers", in fact.... about 5 or 6 per crew.

Guys, buds are already sneaking on to the bushes and we have to beat the budding season which means moving with the next several weeks. Fred wants to kick this off on **Saturday March 26** (rain date April 1). The plan is to start at 9am and finish about 11:30 followed by lunch "on the club" at a neat Mom and Pop restaurant nearby. Please jump on this and support this project, it will great PR for the Club and be a very satisfying activity for you. Although this was not discussed, we could probably put a sign someplace that "Lakeside Fishing Clearings Courtesy of Derby City Fly Fishing Club".

Call John at 270-314-0362 or Jeff at 502-544-6630.

[Google Map link for MeNeely Lake](#)

Other Local Events

Orvis

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

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

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**

Floyd's Fork Trout Stocking Update

From the first installment of the “**Spring Fishing Frenzy**” series of articles, detailing productive fishing techniques and opportunities across Kentucky, written by Lee McClellan for the **Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**:

"The incredibly popular Parklands of Floyds Fork in Jefferson County began with some small land acquisitions of a former sod farm along the creek and quickly grew into a 4,000-acre park with incredible infrastructure for paddling and fishing.

A dramatic increase in trout stocking in Floyds Fork recently commenced that will make the stream the premier trout fishing opportunity in the Louisville area.

"At the Parklands, we will increase trout stockings from 3,600 fish annually to 12,000," said Jeff Crosby, Central Fisheries District biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"We are stretching out the stockings from three to six months: February, March, April, October, November and December."

and:

"The Cane Run Access recently had improvements to facilitate stocking trout. Work crews from [**Parklands of Floyds Fork**](#) spread out a donation by the **Derby City Fly Fishers** club of a tri-axle truckload of gravel to help keep the stocking truck on solid ground at this access. Workers also installed a 30-foot tube for stocking trout. Cane Run Access is closed to the public during the winter months."

You can read the entire article outlining many more specifics including suggested flies and techniques [**Here**](#)

On March 2nd, several DCFF board members along with Kentucky

Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and representatives of "The Parklands" attended a Media Event at "The Parklands". KDFWR conducted the second stocking of Floyds Fork. Below are a few pictures from that event.





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

Don't forget your 2021 fishing license expired 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

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**](#)

FLY OF THE MONTH

EZ Marabou Streamer

by Jim Wilmouth

Materials:

Hook: Size 2 thru 10 streamer hook
3XL or 4XL.

Thread: White 3/0 or 6/0

Eyes: Silver dumbbell eyes (sized
for hook size)

Tail: White marabou

Tinsel: Silver Krystal flash

Body: White speckled chenille

Wing: White marabou



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

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](#).

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.

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!

Steve Cullen

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