

May 2022 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, May 4th**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

My other target species

By Matt Clements:

So, I've said before, I enjoy trout fishing. I fish in the cool seasons (because that is when the fish are local), and tie in the summer time. Seriously, it is downright miserable in this region in the summertime.

I went fishing with Jessy, my brother, and his friend on the Cumberland in June or July one year. We quit early on day three because the temperature made it "not fun." James literally turned to me and said "this is stupid, I'm going home." And he was right. Heat like that was inspiration for Dante's Inferno.

But I also enjoy bluegill fishing. Fishing at a farm pond, the random

pond or lake in a park, the pond at Norton Commons after work at my old job.

Many evenings in high school were spent at a park south of St. Louis that we had access to through my dad's union. There was a golf course that most of the park patrons went for, and a lake that almost no one fished.

We would get the grill going and cook some bratwurst or hot dogs, and fly fish with foam spiders for bluegill along the bank. On the east side of a hill, protected from the sun. I think there is something to be said for the ability to spend the waning hours of an evening in the shade with some gently moving air, tossing a foam spider to aggressive fish.

Eli mentions going fishing, always when it is oppressive outside. If I can manage to get him to take a nap, I think we need to plan an evening trip.

It's warming up outside, and the bluegills are getting restless!

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

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

Derby City Fly Eat & Talk

!! NEW LOCATION !!

Wednesday May 11th, 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
Wednesday May 18th:30 to 8:30 pm.**

!!! This is our first outdoor meeting of the season !!!

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

Our first outdoor gathering is traditionally an instructional meeting. This is an opportunity for those new to Fly Fishing, or those wanting to dip their toes in the water to learn some new skills, or for others who would like to hone theirs, an opportunity to get a tip or two. The Parklands offers an opportunity to get a little time on the water if you desire.

Fly rods will be available for instruction, and food, soft drinks and water will be provided. Cost for the meal is \$5.00.

And in case you missed our last General Meeting...



One Very happy Ranger Bob Sawtelle (left) had the winning ticket for the Beautiful Winston rod hand built by Gerry McDaniel, (middle) and Jim Bearden, (right). A very big THANKS to Gerry and Jim!

Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying
Wednesday May 25th 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville
Thursday May 26th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month, We'll be tying the "Zonker"

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 .

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:

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



Bernie Rauen with a nice Pigeon River Brown

Derby City Fly Fishers, North Carolina Report

By Mike Parker

Wow! First it's 80 and sunny, next it's snowing and 32!!! Crazy, crazy, crazy! At least the fish weren't too bothered!

Well, we just wrapped up another DCFE sponsored club trip to the beautiful creeks and streams in the mountains of western, North Carolina.

Attendance was fantastic with a total of 18 (4 non-fishers) all enjoying some great fishing on the West Fork of the Pigeon, the West Fork of the Tuckasegee, and the Raven Fork (Cherokee Trophy Water), and Jonathan Creek.

Our evening drinks and dinners were again at Bocelli's (upstairs) in Waynesville and at the Bearwater Brewing Company (next door to the Jonathan Creek Inn) in Maggie Valley. Several people also tried out Bogart's Restaurant and Tavern and Boojum Brewery Taproom both in Waynesville, receiving rave reviews, as well as Maggie's Galley Seafood. Lodging for some was the Econolodge in Waynesville as

well as the tried and true Jonathan Creek Inn in Maggie Valley. A special thanks and shoutout goes to Shannon, guide and owner of KSOUTDOORS for working with Joan and the Knowles boys (Steve and Jamie). Check out the videos in the links included [here](#) and [here](#) for a little taste of our members in action. All in all, I think it was another great trip! Nobody went swimming (that I know of) and everyone enjoyed both the fishing and the comradery. Remember, we head that way again in November so get on the list early.
Thanks all, Mike and Mike



Editors note: Thanks to Mike Parker and Michael Ragan for leading the trip!.

A successful Instructional Outing at the Parklands!

On Saturday, April 30th, Derby City Fly Fishers hosted an instructional outing at the Parklands. This outing was conducted in conjunction with a Fishing Workshop hosted by The Parklands Education team with support from Kentucky

Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. DCFF provided fly casting and knot tying instruction as well information on lines & leaders, flies, rods & reels and general fly fishing topics. The event was very well attended with roughly 30 participants as well as a terrific number of DCFF volunteer helpers. Long time DCFF member

Wes Krupiczewicz did an incredible job coordinated the outing. A BIG THANKS to Wes!!

As a fantastic bonus, several families and individuals signed up as new members !

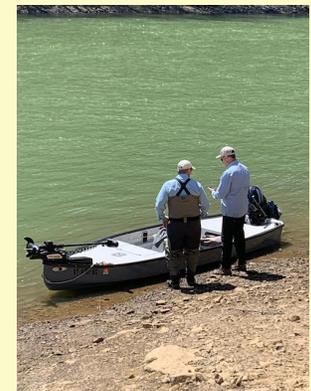


Rare Springtime Low Water on the Cumberland

By George Tipker



Ralph



Swallows and I met fellow club members Mike Scheid and his son-in-law JT, for a weekend (April 2 & 3) of fishing on the Cumberland. Both parties boated approximately 40 fish a day. Unusually Low Cumberland River water levels(for this time of year) availed itself to us for eight daylight hours in the afternoon/evenings. Had a wonderful early spring weekend of good weather, great camaraderie and pretty decent catching.

****** 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 form 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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