

November, 2021 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, November 3rd**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

At a loss for words

By Matt Clements

I have no clue what to write about for the president's letter this month.

I haven't been fishing in a while.

I need to tie flies.

I think it would have been great to go salmon fishing in Michigan this year.

I need to organize my rods and reels.

The pastor's kid wants me to take him fishing.

Eli wants to go fishing.
My tying materials need to be organized.
I have work to do (for my real job).
Club fly tying is done for the year, we will start up again in January.
(PLEASE, let me know if there are flies you want to learn!)

And I don't know when I'm going to get to any of it. My hands are full.



Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday November 10th, 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
Bass Pro Shops,
Clarksville, IN***

Wednesday November 17th, 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.

OF SPECIAL NOTE: Board elections will take place at the November General Meeting. More information on Board Elections can be found by reading on in this newsletter.

Nathan Depenbrock of Canoe Kentucky will present on Elkhorn Creek dam removal, productive waters and other fishing related topics.

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

Our General Membership Meetings are an opportunity for us to share what we've been up to and we encourage all of our members to attend!

Derby City Fly Fishers' Fly Tying

There will be no fly tying the months of November or December due to the Holidays.

Fly Tying will resume in January!

Trips

Note: The North Carolina trip is available for sign up. Please be sure to visit the web site for links to this trip.

!! SAVE THE DATE !!

KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW

JOIN US FOR THE 15TH KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show January 29th, 2022
Paroquet Springs Conference Center Shepherdsville, Ky 40165

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP !

The Derby City Fly Fishers will host the 15th annual Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show on Saturday, January 29th, 2022, 9:00am to 5:00 at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center located at 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, Ky.

For those who may be new to the club or are new to the area, The Kentuckiana Fly Show is focused on fly fishing and the tools that allow anyone to pursue the sport. The show is for anyone interested in starting to fly fish, as well as the advanced fly fisher. Casting demonstrations and seminars on fly fishing will be presented throughout the day. As many as 40 vendors will have booths where you can purchase gear, trips and just about anything related to fly fishing. We will also have people demonstrating the art and craft of fly tying. As usual, we will have "Kids Corner". Where children of all ages are welcome to tie using tools and materials furnished by DCFF.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP OUT, PLEASE EMAIL JIM BEARDEN AT:
jim@derbycityflyfishers.com

Otter Creek Instructional Outing

By: Joe Gahlinger

What a picture
perfect day we
had for our
first
instructional
outing since



pre-COVID. We had 5 instructors and 15 students ranging in skills sets from first time touching a fly rod to some

wily veterans wanting to learn more about Euro Nymphing. The water was gin clear but a little low, which helped with pointing out the structure in the creek and actually seeing the pods of trout. Catching them under these conditions was a little more challenging, but most folks managed to get some action and catch a few. Wes Krupiczewicz tutored four experienced anglers on the finer points of Euro Nymphing while the rest of the “instructors” worked with the other students on basic casting, line management, reading the water and actually fishing the different stream structures that Otter Creek has to offer. Joe Gahlinger got the pleasure of working with the youngest student, Alex (I’m guessing maybe 11 years old.) A truly special young man who was both enthusiastic and a quick study. He developed a very effective roll cast in no time and was chasing trout up and down the stream. Unfortunately, he didn’t catch any, a clear reflection of the ineptitude of his instructor, but he has the heart and soul of a fly fisher and will no doubt be hauling them in soon ala George Tipker. We capped off the day with some hot dogs & chips and fish stories. A wonderful way to spend a gorgeous fall day!!

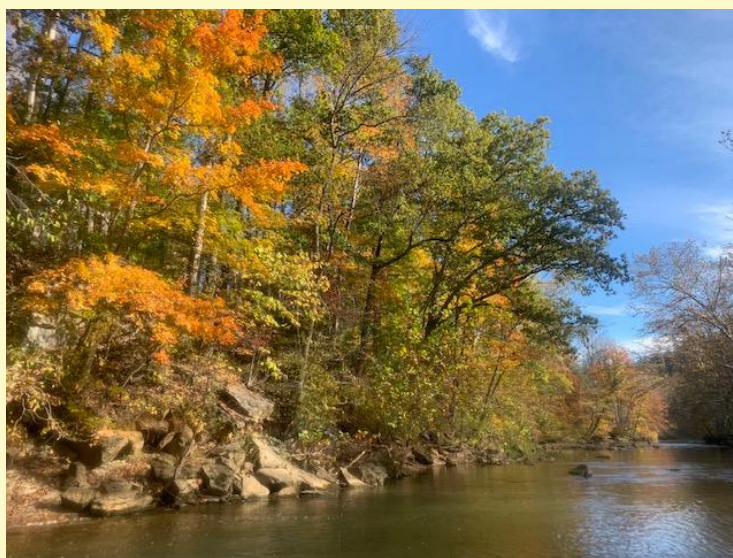




Photos submitted by Joe Gahlinger and Michael Ragan

Member submitted photos

Mike Parker sent in this beautiful photograph he took on a recent trip to Otter Creek.



FLY OF THE MONTH

France Fly

Submitted by Matt Clements

Fishing the French Fly: designer to be Euro-nymphed through water just off the bottom. Keep your rod tip downstream of the fly to keep it moving. The jigged

hook keeps the hook point up, reducing snags.

If you just don't want to Euro-Nymph, you can put it under a float. And indicator fish with it. Don't plan on suspending it under a dry fly or most hoppers, the Tungsten won't go for that.



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

Board Election

*****IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE*****

Election of Board Members for the following year normally takes place at our November General Meeting. This year's meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17th. We need at least 17 members present at our November meeting to hold a vote. PLEASE make every effort to attend.

One position that will be vacated at the end of 2021 is:
Membership Director - Currently held by Joe Gahlinger

Joe has done a remarkable job for many years and the club owes him a debt of gratitude!

This position would be a great opportunity to get more involved with the club and to do your part to keep the club vibrant and moving forward. If you are interested please email Matt Clements at president@derbycityflyfishers.com to throw your hat in the ring.

The current slate is:

Secretary - Jesse Clements
Membership Director - ?
Program Director - John Froelich
Trips Director - Mike Norris
Education Director - Matthew Clements
Marketing Director - Roy Bean
Raffles - Mike Parker
Conservation Director - Jeff Daiber
Newsletter Editor - Steve Cullen
Webmaster - Jim Wilmouth

Board Members

Matthew Clements, President
Ralph Swallows, Vice President
Jessy Clements, Secretary
Mark Rougeux, Treasurer
Joe Gahlinger, Membership Director
John Froelich, Program Director
Mike Norris, Trips Director
Matt Clements, Education Director
Roy Been, Marketing Director
Mike Parker, Raffles
Jeff Daiber, Conservation Director
Steve Cullen, Newsletter Editor
Jim Bearden, Fly Show Director
Webmaster, Jim Wilmoth
Brian Kaluzny, History

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.

Membership

It's not too late to **renew your membership for 2021**. We had a rough start to 2021 due to COVID restrictions, but we're getting back into our full swing of activities now and would love to have you back. Annual dues remain the same, namely: \$20 for individual and \$25 for family. Also available are a Lifetime Individual Membership for \$350 and a Lifetime Family Membership for \$500 (details at the web link below.) You can easily join or renew online (preferred) by clicking on the link below.

Click [here](#) to Join or Renew your DCFF Membership
