

Derby City Fly Fishers



October, 2021 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, October 6th**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter

Fishin'

By Matt Clements

I started the presidents letter, notably behind schedule, early last week. I reviewed over and over in my head what it should be about. I decided to talk about fly tying. I wrote what turned into a long rambling book chapter's worth on material selection and variances amongst different materials.

I started giving it a once over, and promptly deleted it all.

Now the newsletter is coming to you later than it should because I could not for the life of me figure out what to write about.

I decided to run with the theme. Our club meeting this month is going to be about Euro Nymphing. Fly tying this month is going to be about Euro Nymphing. Once we figure out when the beginners outing is, it will involve Euro

Nymphing! So I decided to write something about Euro Nymphing.

To start off with a not so subtle joke, I began Euro Nymphing as a child with a cane pole, a cricket, and a sinker. Now this is not to say that Euro Nymphing is accurately, anyway like Cane Pole fishing. But it is to say that Euro Nymphing is more akin to cane pole fishing than traditional fly fishing.

Euro Nymphing is a technique that is widely (possibly exclusively) utilized in competitive fly fishing. Competitive fly fishers use it to maximize fish brought to hand/net so they can win the competition, which is based on the total number of fish to hand/net. This is to not be accidentally redundant, but to point out the purpose of the technique. No traditional cast, no traditional fly. It is the bare bones approach to catching fish with a fly rod. I'd like to think that if SpaceX were tasked with catching fish with a fly rod, Euro Nymphing is the technique they would use. But as a fishing technique, it's really akin to cane pole fishing.

I enjoy flyfishing. I enjoy cane pole fishing. I like using a tenkara rod in a hole on a small stream. And I like flinging a streamer with a six weight across the river.

My "success" on the Yellowstone River this summer was a fish hitting a fly on the surface. I was fishing with a hopper. It hit it, and took it,. I never saw that fly again. The fish broke the tippit with the strike. I didn't catch anything there, I only lost a fly to an aggressive (probably small) fish.

All of the fish that I have pictures of, that I actually managed to land in a net, that were brought to hand, were caught via Euro Nymphing. Also, they were outside the park.

I would argue that most of the technique I've seen of salmon fishing on the Pere Marquette has Euro Nymphing tendencies.

There is as little, or as much, strategy to Euro Nymphing as you want to put into it. Somewhere in my house I have the fancy set of long kneepads that all of the team USA competition fly fishers were using a decade ago. I must admit I am a combination of out of shape and old that makes me think the Hank Patterson route of a folding lawnchair in the stream would definitely be the better option. And it may well wind up being an effective one too. Worth trying now that I think about it.

I've used a number of different Rods from less than 9 foot to over 12 to Euto Nymph; as well as a 13 foot tenkara, and an 18 foot extendable carp (which did pull a lot of trout that day). It is a technique that is more productive than average. I can't guarantee that you will have a higher fish count with a day spent Euro Nymphing, but I have always managed to catch a fish when tightline Nymphing.

So I hope if you don't find anything thoughtful or enlightening in what has turned out to be a rather bland presidents letter; I hope that you come out and

join us for a couple different things going on this month on the topic of Euro Nymphing. You might come up with a better way of rigging your hopper dropper rig, your indicator rig, or you might have some insight to add as to what works for you when you nymph. But to all the naysayers out there (specifically to my brother who says that it's just not flyfishing) it is a technique that works. There's a reason that people do it (they want to catch fish).



Obligatory fish picture. My first Yellowstone Cutthroat. Caught Euro Nymphing. It still counts, right?

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday October 13th, 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 October 20th, 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 guest speaker is Doug Evans.

Doug is an accomplished Euro Nymphing enthusiast and will share his experience and knowledge with the group. Unlikely as it may be that you haven't at least heard something about Euro Nymphing, suffice it to say, it has proven a VERY effective technique! We look forward to hearing what Doug has to share. It should be noted that there will be a follow up with Doug on the water at Otter Creek. The date for that has not yet been set, but stay tuned.

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
Wednesday October 27th 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville
Thursday October 28th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month, Matt Clements will lead the sessions. Matt plans to tie two great flies for Euro Nymphing, which should dovetail nicely with Doug Evan's talk at our general meeting. Matt will tie the ***Perdigon and the Frenchie.***

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

NORTH CAROLINA November 11-14

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

OTTER CREEK BEGINNER'S OUTING: November 6th **Save the date.**

This is a great opportunity for those new to fly fishing, or those who feel they would benefit from a tune up or wish to learn a new skill, to get some great instruction or practice! On tap will be casting instruction, useful knots, Advice on fly selection and an opportunity to ask just about anything with a really good chance someone will be able to give you the right information! The outing will take place creek side, so opportunities for practical application of what you learn are available.

Wes Krupiczewicz will lead this outing again this year. Wes does an outstanding job but he can't do it alone. If you are a more seasoned fly fisher willing to share your knowledge, Wes has asked for willing instructors. (Remember, someone did the same for you!) So when asked, please say yes. Or better yet, reach out to Wes and offer!

!! SAVE THE DATE !!

KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW

JOIN US FOR THE 15TH KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show January 29th, 2021
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, 2020, 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

Another remarkable trip!

By: Brian Kaluzny



Just imagine for a minute standing in knee-deep water -- in pitch darkness – with your 10-weight bent in half and your partner trying to net a 34-inch-long, 20+ pound, fish that refuses to give up – oh, and you’re into your backing. That’s what a few of us experienced in late September on the Pere Marquette River in Michigan during the annual chinook salmon spawning run.

You can't imagine the pure power of these fish and the resulting numbness in your arms. You can't imagine the thrill of finally getting the monster to succumb and the awe in watching him swim away to finish his business. And, it's hard to imagine that at 1 o'clock in the morning you really don't care if you catch another one because you're whooped.

That's what it was like during the four nights we fished while staying at the Cloud 9 Resort, our friends Rhonda and John Bueter operate in Baldwin, Michigan. Their hospitality, kindness, and guidance have made for some remarkable fishing over the past 12 years.

To view more pictures taken on the trip, click [HERE](#)

Member submitted photos

Larry Lehman caught this brookie September 11, 2021 in the North Branch of the Au Sable River. Streamer was recommended by staff in fly shop at Gates Au Sable Lodge. Great place to stay with a fine restaurant. 8 miles east of Grayling Michigan



FLY OF THE MONTH

Brassie Midge

Submitted by Jim Wilmouth

The Brassie Midge Pupa pattern is an easy to tie fly, even in small sizes. Most common color is copper but also may be tied in red, green, black, and brown. Tied with and without a bead, with the bead being brass, or

nickel. Hook sizes are usually 14 to 22.

Recipe:

- Hook- Size 14 to 22 nymph hook in 1XL or standard.
- Thread: 8/0 black
- Bead- (optional) Size to match hook, color (brass or nickel)
- Rib- copper, red, green, black, and brown wire (select wire size smaller than hook diameter).
- Collar- Peacock herl



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

Board Members

Matthew Clements, President
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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



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!

And if you have any suggestions for making the newsletter better, please tell me about them.

Thanks in advance!

Steve Cullen

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