



## **Derby City Fly Fishers September, 2022 Newsletter**

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, September 7th**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

### **President's Letter**

#### **Normalcy on the Horizon?**

By Matt Clements

I don't want to jinx it, but I feel like life may be returning to normal.

We are planning for the fly show. (As I type this, I have deja vu that maybe I said the same thing this time last year.) We are planning on having a Christmas party. (Hopefully on a Wednesday this year!)

I was recently able to stop in Feather Craft, and they had a full wall of rods available for sale, a far cry from the scarcity that popped up during the pandemic, where you were hard pressed to find a rod there between less production, and more people wanting to get outside, some of them trying fly fishing.

There were a few people at the recent meeting that inquired about rod

building, and we would like to offer the class again. And fly tying this month will be an “as true as we can” Frank Sawyer’s Killer Bug. We, as a club, have a goal of teaching people about fly fishing, and there should be a number of people out there that could use some teachin’.

If you see someone out on the water flailing with a rod, let them know about the club. Of course, that person may be me. I’m out of practice.

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## **Headline news!**

### **Gerry McDaniel’s Fly-Fishing Hotline**

Gerry McDaniel, a world record holder, a licensed and professional guide and a founding father of Derby City Fly Fishers, will answer your phone calls to discuss any of your fly fishing questions. With over 60 years of fly-fishing expertise for bluegill, bass and trout, and countless hours on the Cumberland River, Gerry can help beginners to experts with any subject, whether it be equipment, rod setup, fly selection, techniques, fly tying, rod building or anything that has to do with the Cumberland River. Gerry has graciously offered to take your call and help the club promote its mission to introduce and educate the sporting public to fly fishing. Give Gerry a call at 502-432-2995.

*A Guide to the Lower Cumberland River*, by Gerald E. McDaniel, consisting of a series of USGS topographic maps from Wolf Creek Dam to the Tennessee border. It includes points of interest and public access points. It will be available for purchase at our general membership meetings the third Wednesday of each month.

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## **Plans for the Foreseeable Future**

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

**Wednesday September 14th , 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**!!! NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION !!!**

Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint  
3408 Indian Lake Drive, Louisville, KY  
(off of Westport Rd near Gene Snyder)

[Google Map Link](#)

**We're moving back to Martin's BBQ Joint next Wednesday for the Monthly Eat & Talk gathering. This change should be effective for the remainder of the calendar year.**

We have the private event room so it should be quiet enough for conversation, with plenty of room to get comfortable, 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***  
**Wednesday September 21st 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**  
Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN  
[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 this month is **Bill Carman**. Bill will talk to us about smallmouth fishing. You can read about Bill's background in John Froelich's writeup about our upcoming guests which can be found in this newsletter, so read on.

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 September 28th 6:30pm - Cabela's, Louisville**  
**Thursday August 29th 6:30pm - Bass Pro, Clarksville**

Matt Clements will lead this months fly tying. Matt will be showing us how to tie Frank Sawyer's "Killer Bug".

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.

A big thanks to Matt and all those willing to share their time and talents leading these classes. Please thank them when you see them. **And don't forget!** We're always looking for patterns you would like to see presented. If you have an idea. please let us know. Or better still, give those who have been good enough to lead the lion's share of the sessions and show us how you tie one of your favorite flies.





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## **2023 KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW**

**Save the date. January 21, 2023**

After a two year hiatus, Derby City Fly Fishers is pleased to announce the return of the **Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show!** Vendors and speakers are being lined up and this years show promises to be a great one!

This event requires a lot of effort, before and on the day of the show. **DCFF** only works because people just like you help make it happen. When given an opportunity to volunteer to help with this year's show, say **YES!**

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### **Derby City Speakers, Sept, Oct, Nov 2022**

By John Froelich, DCFF Program Director

#### **OUTSTANDING SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER!!**

I recently attended a NKFF meeting where I heard an excellent speaker. I invited him to our club and he will be our guest speaker at our September 21 meeting at Bass Pro. He gave an outstanding

program on smallmouth fishing. Yes, I realize we had one several months ago but Bill will be worth the time listening to his material. Here is a bio on Bill.

**Bill Carman** is a graduate of UK with a Master's Degree from Utah State University. He worked for 30 years designing parks and recreation areas before retiring and taking the position of Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Bill retired after 10 years of wildlife conservation for RMEF and started Kentucky Wild LLC. In that capacity he guides hunters and anglers, conducts outdoor skill clinics, and is an accomplished outdoor writer. He has extensive knowledge and experience in chasing and guiding for smallmouth. Check him out at [kentuckywildoutdoors.com](http://kentuckywildoutdoors.com)

**PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!!...** pretend you hear trumpets!!

**OCTOBER** brings a visit from **Lee McClellan**, Co-Editor of Kentucky Afield Magazine. You may recall that Lee was instrumental in bring us the "Blue Water Trails" guide to small streams. He is currently working on a similar project concentrating on small lakes for largemouth and smallmouth. He will be concentrating on telling us about lakes within reasonable driving range of Louisville. For those of you who know Lee, you will be happy to know that he has recovered from his sever illness to the point that his weight gain is enough that he can now keep his pants up with his belt!

**NOVEMBER** will be fantastic for those who fish the Cumberland River. Our own **Gerry McDaniel** will reveal all his secrets! Using a power point presentation and a laser pointer, Jerry is going to gives us the skinny on the most productive spots. His laminated 10 page map of the river will be available for sale. I plan to have mine and a red grease pencil and make notes!!! If it runs up to the time BassPro kick us out at closing time, so be it. This is a great opportunity not to be missed! copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

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**Introduction to Fly Fishing**  
**Saturday September 17th, 10:00 AM**  
Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN  
[Google Map Link](#)

Gerry McDaniel will be conducting an intro to flyfishing class including beginners casting and knot tying at Bass Pro this Saturday, September 17, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Call Jack Miller at the White River Fly Shop at Bass Pro to let them know you will be attending.

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## *From Kentuckiana Fly Tyers*

On the first Wednesday of each month, we are conducting our fly tying sessions again. If you haven't tied before, and would like to learn, we will provide you with the equipment, materials, and instruction to start you out. If you already tie, come out and bring what ever you would like to tie, and socialize with us. We can even have you tie one of your favorite flies on screen for all to see and learn. We will be starting at 7 pm, and stay as long as you would like.



Our new location is the "3rd Turn at 10408 Watterson Trail in Jeffersontown, (the old Moose Lodge). It's located to the right of Jeffersontown City Hall. Plenty of parking in rear, and Jason Chism the manager is letting us have the room in the back. This is a craft brewery, with 20 plus craft beers on tap. Plenty of seating, and we can rearrange the seating if we need to. Now they don't have any food service, but you can bring anything you want to eat or snack on. Jason said you can even bring you dog if you so desire.

So with all this, we like to invite you to come and join us for an evening of fly tying, and socializing. If you need any other information, you can contact us at [kentuckianaflytyers@gmail.com](mailto:kentuckianaflytyers@gmail.com).

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### **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 16th. PLEASE mark your calender and make every effort to attend.**

Positions on the Board or Directors are available. If you are interested please email Matt Clements at [president@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:president@derbycityflyfishers.com) to throw your hat in the ring.

### **The current slate is:**

**President** - Ralph Swallows  
**Vice President - Open for nominations**  
**Secretary** - Jesse Clements  
**Treasurer - Open for nominations**  
**Membership Director** - Michael Ragan  
**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 - Open for nominations**  
**Brian Kaluzny** - Historian

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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:**

#### **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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# **! Outreach Opportunities!**

## **Teach a child to fish**

Start them early and teach them right. Derby City has the opportunity to participate in a Fishing Derby which could draw 30 to 40 kids to Waverly Park Lake. Other participants are Louisville Parks Department and the KDFWR. Both trout and catfish will be stocked in the days before the Derby. The event will be from 10am to 2pm (you ready for this) Saturday, November 5. OH GREAT!! Same day as our Otter Creek beginner's day!! HEY, we are a big club, why should that be a problem? I know a lot of you may not feel ready to "teach" others flyfishing.... BUT I'll bet you know more than a 10 year old using a closed face spinning rod. RIGHT?

With this event we can accomplish several goals. Acquaint the community with our club, possibly find new members, but most importantly, TEACH A CHILD TO FISH! To make it easier on you old codgers who can't stand for long periods of time (except in ice cold water) I thought we can run two shifts, 10 to 12 and 12 to 2. Or both if you are not that old! I'm going to be beating the drum on this so please email [wolleybugger@gmail.com](mailto:wolleybugger@gmail.com) or call me at 270-314-0362 with your preferred time.

John Froelich

## **Casting For Recovery Retreat October 28-30th Lure Lodge, Lake Cumberland**

*Casting for Recovery (CfR) provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer, at no cost to the participants. CfR's retreats offer opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature. The retreats are open to women with breast cancer of all ages, in all stages of treatment and recovery. For over 25 years, women from all walks of life have benefitted from CfR's inspiring program model.*

For more information pertaining to the Casting for Recovery program, please click [HERE](#). Those of you who have participated in previous years already know this is a very important program and a rewarding experience for all involved.

The ladies will fish with the river helpers at Hatchery Creek on Sunday, October 30. All the river helpers we can round up from DCFF



will be welcomed and of course, lunch will be provided after the fishing back at the lodge.

Important to note: River helpers must have that first series of the Covid vaccine (boosters are recommended but not required). Proof of vaccination in the form of a snapshot of vaccination cards will suffice. More detail on that will be provided to those of you who wish to participate. Also please note, Masking is encouraged for indoor activities.

If you can help with the retreat, please reach out to [George Tipker](#) who has volunteered to serve as liaison for Derby City Fly Fishers.

In related news, CfR will be having a fund raiser on November 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Martin's BBQ Joint. There will be a silent auction and bucket raffles to raise money for next year's retreat if anyone at DCFF would be interested. Food will be provided free and there will be an open bar.

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## Recent Events

### **Fern Creek Sportsman Beginner's Class**

Fern Creek Sportsman Club, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and Derby City Fly Fishers recently partnered in offering a Beginners Fly Fishing Clinic. The session which was limited to 20 participants, was completely booked with individuals from all over the region. The 3 hour session was promoted by KDFWR state wide and consisted of a wide range of information designed to aid the beginner in getting a good start including casting instruction. The event gave DCFF the opportunity to advance its education mission and introduce individuals to the advantages of membership in DCFF. Big THANK YOU to the large number of DCFF members who assisted and special thanks to Ralph Swallows for getting it organized. There will probably be other sessions in the future.

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### **\*\*\* 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 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](#)

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## Membership

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 on in stock items in Quest Fly Shop (some restrictions apply)



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## Board Members

Matthew Clements, President  
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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](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.  
I appreciate the help I'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  
Derby City Fly Fishers  
You can reach me at: [newsletter@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:newsletter@derbycityflyfishers.com)

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