



Derby City Fly Fishers January 2023 Newsletter

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

President's Letter

Greetings fellow fly fishers. This is my first attempt at the "President's Letter". I'm as hopeful as you are that the letters will get better. First, I would like to thank my predecessor, Matt Clements, for the fine job he did leading us through the past two years. It was a time of great change and transition. We had to learn new ways of meeting and conducting business. We cancelled Fly Shows, club trips and endured meetings by Zoom. Matt held us steady and kept us on course. Our hat's off to you Matt, thanks for your service.

Maybe I'm Amazed.....my journey here

The iconic Beatle, Paul McCartney, wrote the song "Maybe I'm Amazed" in 1970. I'm sure most of you know the song and lyrics. You're probably singing the song in your head right now. The song is about how amazed a man is at the love he feels for his woman and the love his woman feels for him. The man is even afraid of how much he loves and needs his woman. By now, you might be asking, 'what does this song have to do with Fly Fishing? Well, I've loved fishing for as long as I can remember, and I've come to love fly fishing even more. I'm amazed at the way I love fly fishing and how she's loved me back.

There has even have been times when I've been afraid of how much I love fly fishing. Let me see.....how many fly rods do I need? Oh yeah, fly tying save's money! This trip is a real bargain, I can't pass it up! I'm sure you can relate, to some degree. If you can't relate yet, you're in the middle of something you don't really understand, for it's hard for this love not to grow.

The match maker in this romance was, Dave DeBold and Double D Outfitters. On a whim I booked a trip on the Cumberland River with Dave. After an extremely successful trip Dave told me about Derby City Fly Fishers and how the club helped beginners get started in fly fishing. His advice was, "if you want to learn and get started in fly fishing join a club like Derby City Fly Fishers, that helps and teaches beginners". Turns out this was sage advice. I came to my first meeting not knowing a soul and was warmly welcomed and felt right at home. If you read this letter and come to the next general membership club meeting, say the word mop fly to me and I'll include you in a prize drawing for that night. I was amazed at how helpful and friendly everyone was and how many opportunities there were to learn the art of fly fishing, to take trips, to learn fly tying, to meet people, to make friends, and truly enjoy being part of Derby City Fly Fishers. Yes, I'm amazed, fly fishing has loved me back.

That's the legacy of Derby City Fly Fishers, and it has certainly been my experience and journey here. We're a club that welcomes people and teaches people how to fly fish. But, there's much more to it than just fly fishing. I'm honored to be your President and pledge to keep this warm and welcoming spirit, the main thing. We've got a great year ahead of us with our Fly Show, club meetings, fly tying and club trips. I'm amazed, and really looking forward to a great year, and I hope you'll be amazed as well.

Ralph,



1st Brown Trout July 4th 2014, fishing with Dave DeBold.

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers
Eat and Talk
Wednesday January 11th , 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Rooster's
10430 Shelbyville Rd Louisville, KY
(at Moser Road, west of Blankenbaker)

[*Google Map Link to Roosters*](#)

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 January 18th 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.

January brings a visit from **Rachel Crume** with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. Rachel oversees Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) programs. For information about the program, click [*HERE*](#).

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 January 25th 6:30pm
Cabela's, Louisville

Thursday January 26th 6:30pm

Bass Pro, Clarksville

Matt Clements will lead this months fly tying. Matt will be showing us how to tie the "Don't Ask" pattern. (Seriously)

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.

Join us for the **2023 KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHING SHOW**

Paroquet Springs Conference Center
Shepherdsville, Ky 40165

The Derby City Fly Fishers will host our annual Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show on **Saturday, January 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center located at 395 Paroquet Springs Drive, Shepherdsville, Ky.** Admission is \$10. Active military and children 12 and under are free.

The Kentuckiana Fly Show is focused on fly fishing and the tools to allow anyone to pursue the sport from beginner to accomplished and everywhere in between. We will have over 40 vendors and exhibitors from surrounding states to make purchases or just ask questions. Casting demonstrations and seminars on fly fishing will be presented throughout the day. We will also have fly tiers demonstrating the art and craft of fly tying. As usual, we will have "Kids Corner" where children of all ages are welcome to tie a fly that they can take with them. All tools and materials will be furnished free of charge. In addition, representatives from the Kentucky and Indiana Departments of Fish and Wildlife will be available to answer any questions concerning state fishing regulations and opportunities.

Always a lot of fun and looked forward to is the "Iron Fly" tying competition. Each tyer will be given a mystery ingredient, revealed at the show, to incorporate in his or her fly. Judging will be based upon use of the mystery ingredient, workmanship, beauty, and fish ability. Casting instruction will be conducted throughout the day for anyone interested in learning to cast a fly rod

Please visit our [web site](#) for additional details pertaining to vendor and contact information:

Kentuckiana Fly Tyers

KFT conducts their monthly meeting the **First Tuesday of each Month** at the **3rd Turn, 10408 Watterson Trail in Jeffersontown** (the old Moose Lodge). [Google Map Link](#) If you haven't tied before, and would like to learn, they will provide you with the equipment, materials, and instruction to start you out. If you already tie, come out and bring whatever you would like to tie, and socialize.

Please **RSVP** to kentuckianaflytyers@gmail.com stating you plan to attend so they can make sure they have enough materials.

Remember that 3rd Turn does not serve food, so bring any snack you want, and you can even bring your dog for a night out.

2023 CLUB TRIPS

Below are the planned trips for 2023. Details for some of these trips have been finalized and are ready for signups (highlighted in **green**) and can be found on our [web site](#).

***** Please note*****

For insurance purposes, participants in club trips must be members of Derby City Fly Fishers and have a signed Liability Waiver on file.

All DCFF club trips are subject to cancellation. If a trip is cancelled any deposit made will be refunded.

April:

5th-9th North Carolina (Waynesville, NC)
29th Floyds Fork. (Beginners Outing)

MAY:

5th-6th Elkhorn River
10th-14th Green-Sullivan State Forest & Shakamak State Park. IN
17th-20th Green River

JUNE:

8th-9th Obey River in TN (tail waters of Dale Hollow)
9th-11th Helms Landing / Cumberland River

JULY:

14th-16th Helms Landing / Cumberland River

AUGUST:

18th-20th Helms Landing / Cumberland River

27th-Sept 2nd Camp Buffalo Bill / Cody Wyoming

SEPTEMBER:

8th-10th White River / Fort Wayne Ind

15th-17th Helms Landing / Cumberland River

NOVEMBER:

4th-Beginners Outing Otter Creek

8th-12th North Carolina / Fall Outing

**** Request for raffle items ****

Inventory of items raffled off at our General Membership Meetings each month is getting low ! If you have any fly fishing items you haven't used in a while, or if you are looking for a way to kill some cold winter hours, maybe you could tie up some of your favorite flies and please consider donating them to the club. You can contact our Raffles Director at mparker@derbycityflyfishers.com if you have any questions or suggestions, or just bring your donated items to our next General Meeting at Bass Pro. Thanks in advance!

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.

*** 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 must be 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 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](#)

MEMBERSHIP

**Don't forget, 2022 memberships expired December 31st!
But you can renew NOW!**

Annual dues are \$25 for individuals, and \$30 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](#).

Membership Stats through December:

2022 Total Memberships: 197

2022 New Members:	78
Lifetime Members:	11
2023 Memberships:	33

New Members:

Eric Lee

Shannon & Kristin Young

Ken & Pam Wilson

Frank, Samantha and Frank Holobinko

- **Note:** If your contact information has changed, especially your email address, let our Membership Director, Michael Ragan, (membership@derbycityflyfishers.com) know ASAP so you won't miss any club emails.

Board Members through 2023

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.**

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Webmaster - Joe Gahlinger serves in the role of Webmaster. You can continue to send pictures to for inclusion on our website at webmaster@derbycityflyfishers.com. Joe would welcome any suggestions or content.



Thanks for taking a look at the newsletter!

I hope you found it to be an enjoyable read.

I know the winter months make for sparse fishing opportunities, but if you have something to share, PLEASE DO!

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!

Thanks in advance!

Steve Cullen

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