



Derby City Fly Fishers February 2023 Newsletter

The Board of Directors met on **Wednesday, February 1st**. This newsletter will update you on the results of that meeting as it relates to upcoming club events.

President's Letter



Let's Celebrate!!

The American band Kool and the Gang, released the song "Celebration" in 1980. It's a feel good song and easy to sing along with. So....what does that song have to do with Derby City and Fly Fishing? Well, it's the way I'm feeling after the success of our fly show. It's time to celebrate good times, come on!

After a two year delay, Derby City Fly Fishers Club returned to the fly show scene this with a tremendous splash! Our Kentuckiana Fly Show was well attended by over 400 fly fishers with 40+ vendors. Since the close of the show we've many sincere compliments from vendors and show attendees about how well they liked the show and have already put it on their calendars for next year. The most mentioned compliment was how friendly and helpful all the DCFF volunteers were and that's a wonderful reason to celebrate. What a compliment this is, after a two year postponement of the show due to Covid-19 restrictions and fears. To come back as strong as we did after that long, is quiet and accomplishment. This type of success speaks well of the reputation the Derby City Fly Fishers club has built. A wonderful foundation of excellence has been laid for us over the years and we have an obligation to continue building on that foundation. That level of excellence was well illustrated by the outstanding effort of show director, Jeff Diaber and his wife Vickie. They worked tirelessly and with great determination to make the show the tremendous splash that it was. Our hats are off to you, Jeff and Vickie, job well done! Along with Jeff and Vickie's effort we saw our club members show up strong! DCFF volunteers put in great effort to help our vendors and work the show to see that everything went as

planned. My sincere thanks to all who volunteered. It was Derby City at it's best and certainly a team effort and that's something to "celebrate".

Next years show will be here before we know and planning for the 2024 show is already in the works. We'll be forming a 2024 show committee to plan an execute another great DCFF event. Think about what you can contribute and pitch in to help to make the 2024 show another great reason to celebrate. The word "celebration" is the word of the night for the President's drawing at the general club meeting February 15th. Let me know the word at the meeting that night and I'll place your name in a drawing.

Another great reason to celebrate at DCFF are all the club trips on the calendar. We have 13 trips currently on the calendar and now's the time to make your plans. These trips will fill up fast. There are wade trips, kayak trips and boat trips. You can fish locally, multiple states, and as far west as Wyoming. This is just one of the many benefits that comes with DCFF membership. These trips are filled with great times of fun and fellowship along with excellent opportunities to catch fish and gain fly fishing knowledge. What a great reason to "celebrate", come on!

Ralph,

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday February 8th , 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

***** NOTE NEW START TIME *****

Wednesday February 15th 6:00 to 7:45 pm.

Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN

[Google Map Link](#)

In conformance with Bass Pro's hours, we will be meeting at 6:00 moving forward.

The meeting will open with "tackle time", followed by a brief discussion related to general club business and activities.

Fly Fishing 101 this month!!

February's meeting is going to be a "must be there" for newcomers to the sport as well as the more seasoned. Those who want to learn and/or refresh their techniques for knots, line setups, gear, trips and various other aspects of fly fishing will have access to experienced members who will be stationed at different parts of the room to offer instruction and ideas. It will be a great opportunity to meet other members and add to your knowledge and skills.

This will get the year started out right.

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 February 22nd 6:30 pm

Cabela's, Louisville

Thursday February 23rd 6:00 pm

Bass Pro, Clarksville

***** NOTE NEW START TIME, BASS PRO ONLY *****

Brian Kaluzny will lead this months fly tying. Brian will be showing us how to tie THREE flies, a foam beetle, the San Juan Worm and his take on the Mop Fly.

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 Brian and all those willing to share their time

and talents leading these classes.

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 the majority of these trips have been finalized and are ready for signups. You can find information by clicking the links below or details can also 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 costs are based on the best information available at the time of publication of the trip. Any subsequent price increases will be communicated as soon as the Club is aware of them. Participants will be responsible for any price increases. Trip coordinators will determine the best method for handling payment of the increase

*** 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:

[10th – 14th Green-Sullivan State Forest & Shakamak State Park,](#)

IN

17th – 20th Green River (Greensburg, KY)

JUNE:

2nd – 4th Elkhorn River

8th – 9th Obey River (Dale Hollow Tail Waters, Celina, TN)

9th – 11th Cumberland River (Helm's Landing)

JULY:

14th – 16th Cumberland River (Helm's Landing)

AUGUST:

18th – 20th Cumberland River (Helm's Landing)

27th – Sep 2nd Camp Buffalo Bill (Cody, WY)

SEPTEMBER:

8th – 10th White River (Ft Wayne, IN)

15th – 17th Cumberland River (Helm's Landing)

NOVEMBER:

4th Otter Creek (Beginners Outing)

8th -12th North Carolina (Waynesville, NC)

WHAT A SHOW!



If you attended, or better yet, helped out at the **2023 Derby City Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show**, you already know what a huge success it was!. We can't begin to thank Jeff and Vickie Daiber enough for the incredible job they did pulling the show together. First time doing this and so many moving parts and yet,

day of show, it all ran as smooth as butter! Thanks also, to all the DCFF members who volunteered their time and talents. Without YOU the show would not be possible.

There was an impressive number of guest speakers covering a broad range of topics, lots of great vendors, terrific sponsorship, lots to be excited about.





Attendance was great, a bunch of new members were signed up and a great time was had by all.

Here are the very impressive stats:

Attendance - 410 adults and 47 kids

Total Paid Memberships - 73

New Memberships - 28

Lifetime Memberships - 1
Comeback Renewals - 15

And the lucky Winner of the \$100 Bass Pro gift card drawing for new members signing up during the Fly Show was Sam (Skip) Call.

We want to give a big shout out to our terrific sponsors who support us year round and really stepped up to help make the show such a success.

Many thanks to our sponsors:

Bass Pro

Quest Outdoors

Orvis

Cumberland Bottom Ticklers

Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing

Echo

Feather Craft

Kentuckiana Fly Tyers

Kentucky Afield

Kentucky Wild LLC

Maggie Valley Fly Shop

TFO (Temple Fork Outfitters)

Rocky Top Anglers

Suspenz Kayak

Vortex Optics

Mission BBQ

Trout Haus

Wes Krupciczewicz

Please be sure to thank these folks when you get a chance. They are all phenomenal folks and real assets to the club and the fly fishing community as a whole.

To view a slideshow and for more show information or for links to vendor web sites, click [here](#).

**** 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 January:

Lifetime Members:	12
New Members for 2023:	40
2023 Members (Total):	145

New Members for January 2023

Cap Stanley
Patrick Likins
Daniel Barriere
Allen & Debbie Billips
James Bronson
Sam (Skip) Call
Richard Dannenberg
Nick Daugherty
Timothy England
Allen Gailor
Connor Gingrich
Bob & Susan Grammer
Jeffrey Harper
Bill Harrod
Danny Jackman
Ed Kroszkewicz
Sandra Miranda-Duverge
Ed Motley
Edmund Mount
Patrick Overall
Nicholas Roby
Kristin Royster
Michael Schroeder
Michael Smith
Ivy Stevens

Joe & Jenny Sutherland
Shawn Valuch
Greg Wilson
Dave Thulier
Chris Duke
Ryan Perry
Derek Morris
Clay Snowden
Mary Beth Froehlich

- **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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Brian Kaluzny - Historian

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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