



Derby City Fly Fishers March 2023 Newsletter

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

President's Letter



Get Out There!

Spring has sprung! We're certainly having a fast start to the season change with all this early warm weather. The water temperatures in many of our local waters have already reached the mid- 40 degree range. With the rain we've had lately the White Bass are soon to start their run. It's time to get out there and enjoy the great opportunities we have in our local waters. Be sure you make it to the general membership meeting on March 15th at Bass Pro Shops. Our program is going to be about where to go, what flies to use, and how to fish our local waters. We'll have several club members making presentations with maps and handouts that give you the "skinny" on how to make it happen when you're on the water. Spring is my favorite season of the year and I'm already geared up for the season and ready to go. Derby City club trips kick off in April with the North Carolina trip. This is a great trip for beginners and intermediate fly fishers. It's a wade trip for trout. There are great accommodations and evening restaurant meals. We follow that trip up in May with the Green River float trip. This trip is a kayak trip for smallmouth bass and is best for a more experienced fly fisher with some kayak experience. Fly fishing from a kayak is a little challenging at times. If you are new to this type of fishing you might experience a little frustration. We have Cumberland River trips scheduled monthly beginning in June and running through the summer. The Cumberland River trips are boat trips with accommodations at Helms landing right on the river. There are many club trips planned and all club trips are listed on our web page at: www.derbycityflyfishers.com; check out the available trips and see what might interest you.

This is the time of year I plan most of my trips. It's exciting to plan and think about all the fish you plan to catch. As most of us know sometimes things don't go as planned. This month's word for the President's drawing is , White's, mention this word to me at the general club meeting to be included in the drawing that night. The fish don't cooperate or we get rained out. We can have equipment issues or our fishing partner can't make it. All the spaces on the scheduled club trip are filled. These things can be frustrating for sure. When these things happen take an alternative approach and fish local waters. Try fishing Floyds Fork, Otter Creek, Salt River at Palmer Road Access, and the Green River. All these places have wading opportunities and offer great fishing this time of year. You just need to get out there and remember there are great resources available at your Derby City club from website information to experienced membership. Our club was founded to pass on knowledge and teach the art of Fly Fishing. We want you to be successful and have a great time on the water. The opportunity is yours!

Ralph
President

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday March 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 March 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 a brief discussion related to general club business and activities.

The topic for this months meeting Fly Fishing in your own backyard!!

March's meeting is going to be a great opportunity for newcomers and those more experienced fly fishers alike.

Some of our club members have volunteered to share their knowledge of local waters. Discussion will cover the "where. when how and whats" to help you make the most out of your fishing experiences on our most accessible local resources.

Some of the specific fisheries to be covered are:

**The Salt and Nolin River headwaters
Floyd's Fork and Otter Creek
Green River**

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 March 22nd 6:30 pm

Cabela's, Louisville

and

Thursday March 23rd 6:00 pm

Bass Pro, Clarksville

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

Mike Parker will lead this months fly tying. Mike will be showing us how to tie two flies, Walt's Worm, and one of his own creation, a jig of some sort and you'll just have to show up to find out the rest!

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 Mike 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)

WIMPS NEED NOT APPLY!

By John Froelich

2nd Boundary Waters Trip
Being Planned

Monday June 21, 2021 at 0-dark-30, 6 intrepid members of DCFF departed for an adventure. 6 days of hardcore camping,

awesome smallmouth and muskie fishing from canoes and viewing of some of the most beautiful landscapes on God's green earth. The crew STILL talks about this adventure! I WANT TO GO BACK!!

A second trip is being planned! Participation will be limited to 6 due to the size limitations of campsites. The date is yet to be determined (participants could determine) and the cost for 5 days of fishing will be less than \$1,000.00 including possible overnight stay on return trip.

If you are interested, call or text John Froehlich at 270-314-0362 or email wolleybugger9014@gmail.com



And also from John ...

WE BLEW THE LID OFF!!!

There was a lot of concern over how the 2023 DCFF Fly Fishing Show would do after the long covid shutdown. GOOD NEWS... WE BLEW THE LID OFF!! Show Chairman Jeff Daiber led us to a fantastic outcome... over 400 visitors and the revenue was thru the roof. Details will be discussed at our monthly membership meeting at BassPro Wednesday March 15. Because of this success we can continue our significant financial contributions to organizations such as Reel Recovery and Casting for Recovery (both are cancer support programs) and others. The 2024 show is already being planned under the leadership of Steve Kuric. BIG THANK YOU TO JEFF FOR WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHED AND STEVE FOR STEPPING UP.

**** 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 February:

Lifetime Members:	12
New Members as of 10-31-22:	48
2023 Members (Total):	169

New Members for February 2023:

Keith Doane
Dominic Augustine
Bob Korkin
Julie Bensing
David Kennedy
Louis Kaufman
Cory Placek
Dennis Bolton
JoemKlan
Mark Klan
William Arledge

- **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.

****HELP WANTED******MUST OWN FLYROD AND HAVE INTEREST IN SHARING PLEASURE OF FLY FISHING WITH ALL AGES.**

Every effective organization needs functioning committees. DCFF leadership invites you to step up and join one or more of our committees. You will help improve the operation and you will get better acquainted with other members and fishing partners. Be part of the “in crowd” (the folks who do all the work!) not a “newbie” or “outsider”. The “old farts” need your input and assistance in order to improve and grow the club.

Here are the committees and leaders. Please help improve the community's knowledge of and access to good fly fishing thru education and conservation. But most of all, improve your own knowledge and skills **SO YOU CAN GO CATCH THE BIG ONE!!**

Please contact one or more of the following to volunteer.

Membership - Mic Ragan Membership@derbycityflyfishers.com

Programs - John Froelich JFroehlich@derbycityflyfishers.com

Education - Matt Clements education@derbycityflyfishers.com

Trips Mike Norris mikenorris@derbycityflyfishers.com

Marketing/Merchandising - Steve Kuric stevek@derbycityflyfishers.com

Raffle - Mike Parker mparker@derbycityflyfishers.com

Conservation - Jeff Daiber jdaiber@derbycityflyfishers.com

Newsletter - Steve Cullen newsletter@derbycityflyfishers.com

Website - Joe Gahlinger webmaster@derbycityflyfishers.com

John Froelich.

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.**

President - Ralph Swallows

Vice President - John Froelich

Secretary - Jesse Clements

Treasurer - Roger Charbonneau

Membership Director - Michael Ragan

Program Director - John Froelich

Trips Director - Mike Norris

Education Director - Matthew Clements

Marketing Director - Steve Kuric

Raffles - Mike Parker

Conservation Director - Jeff Daiber

Newsletter Editor - Steve Cullen

Webmaster - Joe Gahlinger

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

You can reach me at:

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