



April 2023 Newsletter

President's Letter



Get Involved!

It's early April and 18 club members just completed the first club trip of the year. The group had a very successful trip to North Carolina fishing the Tuck, Pigeon and the Shelton Laurel rivers. There was a 100 fish day on the Tuck which included two 20" Browns. Although the trip was cut short because of rain and storms it was a very successful start to the season and the year. What's most important is that there was great fellowship and camaraderie. Lasting memories and friendships were formed. If you missed this trip to North Carolina Derby City will be there again this coming November. Check your schedule and sign up. There's no guarantee the fishing will this good in November but you can be assured of a good time with some great people.

Our next scheduled club trip is the Green River Float trip beginning May 17th. When I checked last there was one opening on this trip. The Green is an excellent Smallmouth River, and it holds Muskie too. There are multiple sections of the river we'll be floating and we're expecting to have some great topwater action. If you have a kayak and enjoy smallmouth fishing this trip is for you. No guarantee we'll do as good as the North Carolina group....but we'll give it our best! On the education front Derby City has been on the move. Your club held a beginners Fly Tying class and Fly Fishing 101 class in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) and Fern Creek Sportsman's Club. These events were well attended and the club gained some new members from these events. Our next instructional outing is at the Parklands on April 29th and we'll be needing volunteers. This will be a Fly Fishing 101 in partnership with KDFWR. Come join us if you can.

Our next club meeting is this Wednesday the 12th at Roosters on Shelbyville Road. This is a combined Meet and Greet and Board meeting so it should be an interesting night. Our board meeting is the first Wednesday of the month and we were bumped out of our first location at Cabelas by the Easter Bunny. We moved our board meeting to another location and were blown out by the tornado. They say, "tragedy comes in 3's, so I'm hopeful we have a meeting this Wednesday 😊. Anyway, if things go as planned, you'll have a chance to see how your club operates. As you can see Derby City Fly Fishers is an active club with a lot going on. We are all volunteers who love fly fishing and passing on our knowledge and experience to others. It takes some work to make this club the great organization that it is. The best way to make the most of you club membership is to get involved. Come join us!

Ralph

Plans for the Foreseeable Future

**Derby City Fly Fishers
Eat and Talk
And Monthly Board Meeting
Wednesday April 12th , 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

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

[Google Map Link to Roosters](#)

This month, our regularly scheduled Board Meeting was postponed due to dangerously stormy weather. The Board decided to conduct their meeting in conjunction with the 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 DCFE 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**

***** BACK TO OUR OLD START TIME *****

Wednesday April 19th 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN

[Google Map Link](#)

The meeting will open with a brief discussion related to general club business and activities.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL!!

Greg Williams is the owner / operator of Cumberland Bottom Ticklers, LLC and is a licensed guide and USCG Captain. Greg has fished the Cumberland for over 20 years and has been guiding professionally on the river since 2013. Greg is passionate about the Cumberland tailwater and sharing his knowledge with anglers. Whether you're new to fly fishing or a seasoned veteran, the quality of fish and high fish numbers of the Cumberland river will leave you impressed. Greg's river knowledge, patient instruction, personality and passion ensure a fun and productive day of fly fishing.

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 April 26th 6:30 pm

Cabela's, Louisville

and

Thursday April 27th 6:30 pm

Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month,, Dan Jackman Sr. will be leading the classes. Dan will be tying the "Bass Master" and the "Gurgler".

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 Dan and all those willing to share their time and talents leading these classes.



Beginner's Outing **April 29th Noon till 4:00** **Floyds Fork**

This is a great opportunity for anyone new to fly fishing or even those of you who are more "seasoned", looking to learn a new skill or bone up on some old ones. And we can always use help with instruction as well if you just want to come out to lend a hand. For more details, click [here](#).

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.

Quest Outdoors FLY TYING

Quest Outdoors is pleased to announce they have acquired additional space in the Fly Shop and are resuming fly tying classes the 3rd Saturday of each month, beginning in April. The next class will therefor be:

April 15th, 10:30 to 12:00
Quest Outdoors
4600 Shelbyville Road
[Google Map Link](#)

2023 CLUB TRIPS



A fine looking group of participants for the spring North Carolina trip. Thanks to Mike Parker and Michael Broome for coordinating!

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

April:

[**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)

**** 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.

Have you ever caught a great fish and want to remember it? Here is a great and economical way to do just that.

[DIY Gyotaku Fish Printing](#)

This is a link recommended by Jon Fillingham, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, Nolin River Lake, US Army Corps of Engineers. It's a video demonstrating a DIY technique to create a print of your prize catch. Jon had a booth at our 2023 Fly Show and provided a lot of valuable and interesting information about Nolin River Lake, Barren River and other water bodies in south central Kentucky. Thanks to Jon for recommending this link. He can be reached at (270) 286-4511 ext. 6606.



***** 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.

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:	63
2023 Members (Total):	208
2022 Members	197

New Members for March 2023:

John Wheatley
John Dixon
Dean Krueger
Tom John

- **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: newsletter@derbycityflyfishers.com

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