



September 2023 Newsletter

President's Letter



Innocent Liars

(the art of the fly-fishing tale)

As a member of Derby City Fly Fishers (DCFF) we have countless benefits and opportunities. Here's a few benefits to consider: fly tying, club trips, casting instruction, club meetings, fly fishing friends, food and fellowship. You can probably add to this list. We also have a DCFF gathering almost every Wednesday night of the year giving us many chances to enjoy these benefits. You can be sure that when one of these gatherings occurs, there's

a “fly-fishing story” to be told. That story, is a DCFF benefit to cherish; here’s why. There’s an art to telling the fly-fishing story. This art has been honed and developed over many years of telling fly fishing tales. It’s the “art of the tale” that has great value. You know that value when you hear the story because it’s a story you enjoy and remember. If you’ve been a fly fisher for a while you’ve probably developed the art of the “tale” yourself.

Most fly-fishing tales are based in truth. We’ve all started a story with, “I lost a big one”. You’ve heard it and most likely said it yourself. How about, “he broke me off”? What about, “he threw the hook”? And we can’t leave out, “my partner knocked him off with the net”. There are others that could be listed but you get the point. All of these mishaps help to build the story of the, “one that got away”. These things happened and we did loose a fish. But when we tell the story we add some color, the fish is a little bigger, maybe even the biggest we ever had on the line. We had the fish on longer. The drama of the story is greater. It was the best day we ever had on the water. You know the drill. Let’s confess, we’re all a little guilty as charged. We are all, “Innocent liars”, carried away by the euphoria of this fantastic adventure we’re on called fly fishing. We share this common ailment of trying to separate fly fishing from fiction, adding a bit of puffery to a fish story is in the fly-fishers DNA. You’ve seen the effects and heard the sounds of this ailment. It’s on display at DCFF meetings, outings and the campfires on our trips. You’ve been entertained, amused and had a downright goodtime because of it. There’s no cure or vaccine that can prevent it. We’ll have it as long as we fly fish and are in the presence of those skilled in the art of the fly-fishing tale. Our common fate is to spread the ailment as we build our collection of fly- fishing tales.

For any of you who might deny that you suffer from this ailment, remember we know you well. Grandiose claims of denial that this is not your plight will be met with a healthy dose of skepticism. In the words of the outdoor writer, John Gierach, “All fisherman are liars, except for you and me, and to tell the truth, I’m having my doubts about you”.

Fish on!

Ralph

Derby City Calendar of Upcoming Events

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday September 13 , 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 food and drink. You can come when you want, eat and drink if you want, tie a fly or two, but mostly just share some camaraderie.

Derby City Fly Fishers
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday September 20, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN
[Google Map Link](#)

As we return to our indoor meeting format, you can look forward to a schedule filled with lots of informative and entertaining guests!

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

Our September guest speaker will be David Baker, Fly Shop Manager at Quest Outdoors.

David will be discussing the mechanics of matching fly, leader/tippet, line and rod weight to assurance proper line turn-over through the fly cast. This will be an excellent discussion for those of us new to fly fishing and a great refresher for us that have been fly fishing for a while.

David brings a wealth of knowledge and experience when it comes to fly fishing. He started fly fishing in 1987 with a family trip to Yellow Stone. Since then, David has managed and guided in Montana (Grizzly Hackle Fly Shop in Missoula), Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and Mexico.

Since Quest Outdoors re-launched Quest Fly Shop in 2016, David has been the Fly Shop Manager/ Buyer, product knowledge expert. Through David, DCFF have enjoyed a membership discount arrangement for the club plus David/Quest was instrumental in landing some quality, high-end items for our fly show.

Following our presenter, a **gear raffle** will be held and Derby City gear will be available for purchase as well.

Also available for purchase, ***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. Now, and for a limited time, there are two formats to choose from. There are 5 of the original large format books **signed by Gerry** and available for \$35. When they are gone, they're gone. We also have available, the NEW smaller format books for \$40. Come check them out!

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 27, 6:30 pm

Cabela's, Louisville

and

Thursday September 28, 6:30 pm

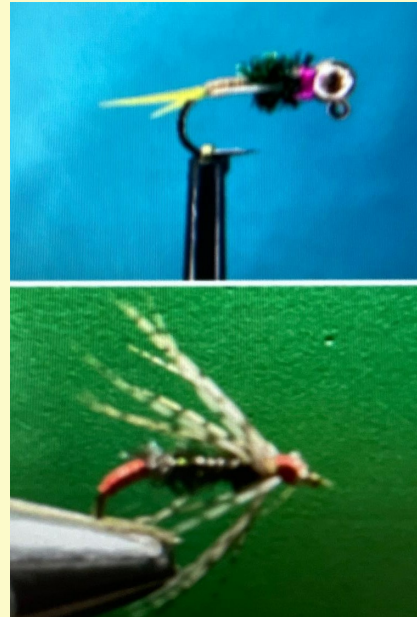
Bass Pro, Clarksville

This month, Dan Jackman will be leading the classes. Dan will be showing us how to tie TWO flies. A Copper Prince and a Red Ass.

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.



Kentuckiana Fly Tyers

3rd Turn

10408 Watterson Trail

Jeffersontown, Ky (the old Moose Lodge).

[Google Map Link](#)

KFT conducts their monthly meeting the **First Tuesday of each Month** at the **3rd Turn, 10408 Watterson Trail in Jeffersontown** (the old Moose Lodge). 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
4600 Shelbyville Road
[Google Map Link](#)

Quest Outdoors conducts fly tying classes the 3rd Saturday of each month. And like DCFF classes, tools and materials are provided at no cost. But if you have your own tools, feel free to bring them.

2023 CLUB TRIPS

Below are the planned trips for 2023. . 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.

SEPTEMBER:

[15th – 17th Cumberland River \(Helm's Landing\)](#)

OCTOBER:

[10th -13th North Carolina \(Waynesville, NC\)](#)

NOVEMBER:

[4th Otter Creek \(Beginners Outing\)](#)

White River Trip Report

Our friends at 3 Rivers Fly Fishers from Fort Wayne, Indiana invited our club members to participate in their annual smallmouth fishing trip on the White River in Daleville, Indiana. Six members of DCFF made the trip September 7th through the 10th.



Each year we are welcomed to camp at Canoe Country in Daleville and fish the White River from Muncie to Anderson. Canoe Country provides the primitive and private campsites while 3RFF volunteers clear any tall grass and set up the cooking facilities at no charge to the participants. 3RFF also provides complimentary breakfast and supper on Saturday. The food was plentiful and delicious. They have some awesome cooks!

We mostly wade-fished several stretches of the White while a few fished from their kayaks. The water was low and clear but easily fishable. Catching was a little slow, but we all caught fish and learned from each other along the way.

Probably the best part of the trip were the evening campfires where everyone shared stories, laughed a lot, and listened to a little bluegrass.

It was a good time to get to know one another and share some comradery with the 3 Rivers club. Many thanks to their club for the food, hospitality, and fishing tips they were so eager to share.

If you get a chance, please don't be bashful and try out one of our club trips or outings. You'll be happy you did.

Brian Kaluzny, Trip coordinator



Gangler's North Seal, Manitoba, Canada

July, 2023

David Strong

This July, I had a great fishing adventure in northern Manitoba. I had to step out of my comfort zone on two counts: I almost always fish with a guide, and I always fly on commercial airlines. The place was Gangler's North Seal, a remote lodge with five outposts. I was one of six anglers at the Stevens-Nicklin Lake outpost, where we spent one week alone with a camp manager/guide on a 21-mile lake. The target fish are Northern Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, and Arctic Grayling. I had never caught any of these fish.....



My wife Laura and I will try to attend an upcoming DCFF meeting, at which time I'll be happy to tell you about the Pike that got away.....



You really want to see David's full trip write up! For that, full details about arrangements and more pictures, click [HERE!](#)

Volunteer Opportunity - Quick Response Needed

Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife is continuing their annual small stream stocking program for 2023 and is looking for some energetic volunteers. The program consists of backpacking in trout to various streams summarized below. The first event will occur at Swift Creek and is the one I am suggesting our team volunteer for. Please contact Jeff Daiber at 502.544.6630 or jdaiber@derbycityflyfishers.com for more information

and to RSVP by September 14, 2023.

We can car/truck pool together and possibly combine a morning of fishing followed by the hike in and out of the creek.

2023 Cumberland River Rendezvous
Saturday September 23, 3:30 - 6:30pm (CDT)
Trout Haus, Creelsboro, KY

Bluegrass Trout Unlimited (BGTU) and the Trout Haus are hosting a Cumberland River Rendezvous on September 23, 2023. They've invited local guides to bring out their boats, talk about the river, and share stories! There will be free food for anyone who attends and guests may BYOB. Activities will include a casting contest, door prizes (thanks to the support of Orvis of Louisville), fly tying, information ranging from types of insect life on the Cumberland to how to properly prepare for a wading trip around the generation schedule.

The event is from 3:30 pm-6:30 pm (Central Time) but feel free to come out whenever during that time frame. The organizers are asking people to RSVP. The event is open to all ages of the general public.

Click [here](#) for more details and to RSVP.

**** 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

For those out there new to the club or who might not know him, Gerry is a world record holder, a licensed and professional guide and a founding father of Derby City Fly Fishers. He will gladly 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.

***** KENTUCKY FISHING LICENSE RENEWALS ******

All Kentucky hunting and fishing licenses and permits can be purchased at [Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Online License Sales site](#). (Annual License is valid through February)

****** INDIANA FISHING LICENSE RENEWALS ******

[Renew your IN Fishing License Here](#) (Annual License is valid through March)

New Otter Creek Hours and Entrance Policy

Otter Creek is now open seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

The entrance booth at the main gate is no longer open, you must buy daily or annual passes online before entering.

Click [here](#) for more information on Otter Creek and the links to buy passes online.

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

Our club membership is growing! I want to thank everyone for joining and renewing their memberships. If you need to reach another member and don't have their contact information, please feel free to contact me at membership@derbycityflyfishers.com.

Michael Ragan

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 August:

2023 Members (Total): 232

2022 Members : 197

Lifetime Members: 12

New Members: 80

New Members August:

Max & Jennifer Green

Rob & Koltan Willging

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.
Fishing opportunities have opened up with the change of seasons! Hopefully you are getting out there. if you have something to share, PLEASE DO!

Also, please consider the possibility of helping me out with the newsletter, I'm looking for someone to back me up and assist with content generation, editing and anything else you have to offer to make the newsletter better. Trust me, this doesn't require a high level of technical skill or expertise. If it did, you wouldn't be reading this. :-)

Thanks in advance!

Steve Cullen

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