



November 2023 Newsletter

Happy Thanksgiving!

President's Letter



Mission Impossible (what makes Derby City Fly Fishers work)

I'm a fan of Mission Impossible movies. It started with the 1966 TV series, Mission Impossible. In the TV series, Jim Phelps played the team leader as Peter Graves. Many of you probably remember the series. The mission always started with a self-destructing tape-recorded message that included the phrase, "Mr. Graves: should you and your team choose to accept this mission". The tape would then start to smoke and self-destruct 5 seconds later. What a series it was with each mission being "impossible" but completed in an hour. It's amazing what can be accomplished in an hour with team effort. If we fast forward to today, the Mission Impossible series is a movie franchise with 6 movies. Tom Cruise is the team leader, Ethan Hunt, and he's no slouch as the team leader. Ethan hangs off the sides of flying airplanes, jumps off sky scrapers, and makes unbelievable motorcycle and parachute jumps. I could continue to list all the incredible things Ethan Hunt does but you get my point. It's impossible, but Ethan and his team get it done. It sometimes takes over two hours but, the impossible mission is completed.

The one thing the TV series and the movie franchise have in common is the choice to participate. It's a decision that's made. No one is forced or made to participate. There's a meaningful phrase in the tape-recorded message of the last movie of the 6 movie series. This is the message, "Our lives are the sum of our choices". That's what this letter is about, making the choice to participate. No one is going to force you to participate. But participation is the one thing that makes Derby City Fly Fishers work. It's the Mission Impossible part, your mission should you chose to accept it, is to participate.

Derby City Fly Fishers has a mission. It's stated on our club website under our home tab. Here it is: Derby City Fly Fishers was established with the mission of providing ongoing education to the general public regarding all aspects of the sport of fly fishing. To that end, virtually all of our educational activities are free and open to the public with no continuing cost or ongoing obligation. With that in mind we offer the following opportunities. What's listed after this mission statement is all the club activities from club meetings to fly tying. It's an amazing mission and it's impossible without participation from club members making a choice to volunteer their time to help out.

Over the next few months Derby City Fly Fishers will be planning outings, trips and events for the 2024 calendar year. We'll need your help to complete the Derby City Fly Fishers mission. Don't worry, we won't ask you to hang on the side of an airplane or jump off a building. However, there's a good chance we'll ask you to have fun, make some new friends, learn a few things about fly fishing and generally have a good time. That is a "Mission Possible!"

Fish On!

Derby City Calendar of Upcoming Events

Derby City Fly Fishers Eat and Talk

Wednesday November 8, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Rooster's

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

[Google Map Link](#)

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.

You may have seen a recent "Trip Interest Survey" regarding a potential DCFF trip to Missoula Montana in 2024. If you're interested in hearing more, this month's Eat and Talk will be your first opportunity.

Derby City Fly Fishers General Membership Meeting

Wednesday November 15, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Bass Pro Shops, Clarksville, IN

[Google Map Link](#)

**** Election of Board Members ****

This year's election will take place at our November meeting. **The slate of officers can be found in this newsletter.** Please make every effort to attend the meeting this month!

On November 15th, please come hear an in-depth presentation on what it takes to complete the Wyoming Cut Slam. Walter Montgomery, Steve Kuric and Michael Broome were the first fly fishing anglers to complete this competition from the great State of Kentucky. This presentation will include the detailed description of this ten-day, 4,000 mile road trip and the detailed requirements needed to complete this or any of the seven Trout Slams throughout the US.

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

*** **NOTE** ***

No fly tying for the months of November or December in observance of the Holidays. But be ready to re-join us in 2024. We have some volunteer session leaders lined up but can always use MORE! Please volunteer to show us your favorite fly! You can contact us at education@derbycityflyfishers.com if you wish to help out

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.

*** **SAVE THE DATE** ***

**Derby City Fly Fishers
Christmas Party**

Wednesday December 20, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Endris Lodge at Lapping Park, Clarksville, IN

[Google Map Link](#)

This is a purely social event to enjoy each others company at this festive time of year. The Club provides non-alcoholic drinks, plates, cups, plastic ware and napkins. Club members are encouraged to bring a dish to share (don't forget a serving utensil if needed.) The lodge will be decorated in fine Holiday fashion and with a roaring fire in the fireplace even Scrooge would get into the Christmas spirit. Endris Lodge does allow alcoholic beverages, so BYO if so inclined - just be responsible. Spouses and significant others are most welcome and encouraged to attend.

Join us for the **2024 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 20, 2024, 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. 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:

*** NOTE ***

We need help up front with a number of tasks but most important among them is securing vendors. If you have any ideas, guides you may have used, merchants, or something we may have not even considered, PLEASE contact Steve Kuric at stevek@derbycityflyfishers.com

This event requires a lot of effort, before and on the day of the show. **DCFF** only works because people just like you help make it happen. When given an opportunity to volunteer to help with this year's show, say **YES!**

2024 CLUB TRIPS

All of our 2023 club trips are behind us. BUT, 2024 is just around the corner and there's lots to look forward to! We should be listing some planned trips in the near future, and you will be able to find information by clicking the links found in upcoming newsletters, and details will also be available on our web sites they become available.

Recap of the Fall North Carolina Trip

By Michael Regan

The North Carolina trip was DCFF's last trip of the 2023 year. Despite the low river levels, we had a great time. There was twelve of us that made the trip, for several members, this was their first DCFF fishing trip. We did discover a new restaurant by accident, Fat Buddies BBQ. Great food and service! The group also dined at Bearwaters Brewing and Bocelli's. As always, Bocelli's met our expectations for excellent food and service. Bearwaters Brewery was disappointing, slow to no service. They have just reopened and were struggling a bit.



The October timeframe yielded warmer temperatures and less leaves to fight in the water.

Several of the folks took advantage of the



Top: Shannon Young lands a nice fish on the Nantahala

Center: Tom Moore with a nice catch

Bottom: Shane Burke with a good looking fish caught on Jonathan Creek. Shane is a local and Jonathan Creek is virtually in his back yard. Lucky guy.



20% discount on guided trips with the Maggie Valley Fly Shop. Because of the low water levels, float trips were canceled.

Casting For Recovery

Several Derby City members participated as "River Helpers at the October "Casting for Recovery" retreat held at Lake Cumberland. Participants fished Hatchery Creek These outings are always a lot of fun and rewarding as well. We encourage anyone to consider helping out with this project when another opportunity arrises. For those not familiar with the program, click [here](#) for details. And for more photos from the trip, click [here](#).



Do you have a legal background?

From time to time, *Derby City Fly Fishers* finds itself in want of legal guidance. If you have a legal background and would be willing and able to assist the Club on an informal basis, please let us know. You can contact **Ralph Swallows** at ralph@derbycityflyfishers.com or **Roger Charbonneau** at rcharb@derbycityflyfishers.com

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)

[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 seller 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 October:

2023 Members (Total): 242

2022 Members : 197

Lifetime Members: 12

New Members: 86

New Members for October:

David Noe

Brian Phillips

Jay Johnson

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.**

President - Ralph Swallows

Vice President - John Froelich

Secretary - David Campbell

Treasurer - Roger Charbonneau

Membership Director - Michael Ragan

Program Director - John Froelich

Trips Director - Mike Norris

Education Director - Matthew Clements

Marketing Director - Steve Kuric

Fund Raising - Mike Parker

Conservation Director - Jeff Daiber

Newsletter Editor - Steve Cullen

Webmaster - Joe Gahlinger

Brian Kaluzny - Historian

Derby City Fly Fishers Slate of Candidates - 2024

Executive Board

President - Ralph Swallows
Vice President - Michael Broome
Secretary - David Campbell
Treasurer - Roger Charbonneau

Directors Board

Membership - Ted Richards
Programs - Michael Ragan
Education - John Froelich
Trips - Michael Norris
Marketing - Steve Kuric
Development and Donations - Michael Parker
Conservation - Jeff Daiber
Newsletter - Jeff Moore
Website - Joe Gahlinger

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!

Steve Cullen

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