

# The Kentuckiana Fly Fisher



## Large Numbers Enjoy Outdoor Meeting in Southern Indiana

June's outdoor meeting drew another huge crowd, as an estimated 70+ members and guests enjoyed a gorgeous evening of food, socializing, casting practice and fishing at a private lake in southern Indiana. Thanks to George Tipker, Scott DeWeese and the other members of the Hoosier contingent



that secured access for us. We'll continue to hold meetings outdoors for another couple months, with July's scheduled for Long Run Park in eastern Jefferson County. There are always a number of enjoyable activities to choose from, so come on out and join us. Look for additional details on succeeding pages and on the web site.

### Upcoming Events:

- Regular Club Meeting  
Long Run Park July 16
- Club Outing  
Cumberland River July 19
- Fly Tying  
Bass Pro Shops July 23
- Board Meeting  
Corner Café August 6

See details inside and at [www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com)

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# Upcoming Meetings and Outings

## Monthly Meeting (Outdoors) - July 16th

This month's meeting will again be held outdoors and will be staged this time at Long Run Park in eastern Jefferson County. A sizeable lake is centrally located within the park and the meeting will be held at the pavilion on the west side. Feel free to bring a rod and get some fishing in from the bank or from the watercraft of your choice. As with all of this year's outdoor meetings, a delicious meal will be catered by Frank's Market

and a raffle will be held for a number of exciting prizes. This month's meeting will also feature a casting accuracy workshop and several casting games.

A modest \$5.00 fee (waived for guests) will be collected to defray the cost of food, and you can help us plan for the right amount of food by registering via the web site or email to Kim Smith at [kim@derbycityflyfishers.com](mailto:kim@derbycityflyfishers.com).

## Fly Tying - July 23rd

David Campbell will lead this month's fly tying session, teaching us how to tie the popular Stimulator. This staple pattern is fished all around the country and used in a wide variety of situations. Depending on the color and size, the Stimulator is used to imitate everything from caddis to stoneflies, as well as salmonflies and other naturals. The pattern is also extremely effective as a generic attractor pattern and is often used as the dry fly in a dry-dropper rig, due to its buoyancy and broad appeal to fish.

Join us at 7:00 at Bass Pro Shops in Clarksville to learn how to tie this great fly, and you'll never let yourself be without one again. Materials will be provided, and a limited number of vises are available for those that don't have one of their own.

### July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

#### Recipe (Many variations possible)

**Hook:** 2-3x long dry fly hook, size 2-16  
**Thread:** Hot Orange  
**Tail:** Elk  
**Rib:** Gold Wire  
**Abdomen:** Tan or Gold Dubbing  
**Wing:** Elk  
**Hackle:** Grizzly

## Day Trip to Cumberland River - July 19

DCFF will be taking a day trip to fish the Cumberland River on Saturday, July 19. This trip will be geared especially toward the new or inexperienced fly fisher, and current river conditions should mean easy wading and the potential for some good fishing. Club members who are interested

will be able to caravan with others from Louisville.

Check the web site for details and make sure to check in with organizers again beforehand, as sudden changes in water conditions can dictate a late change to or cancellation of the plans for this trip.



## President's Corner

### **The Benefits of Club Outings**

#### **Learn and Laugh**

The short version of Derby City Fly Fishers' mission is to teach the sport of fly fishing and fly tying through engaging programs and outings while encouraging fellowship among our members. As I reflect on recent club outings where we have been successful developing our fishing skills we have also enjoyed the opportunity to get to better know one another. We have a very diverse membership of expert to beginner fly fishers, all of whom provide positive participation.

One can read a book, watch a video, take in a seminar at the Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show, etc, but nothing beats hands on experience on the water. Unlike golf (speaking for myself), I submit that no one reduces his fly fishing skill by fishing more. After some jam up trips earlier this year steelheading in Ohio and wading in North Carolina, perhaps one of the best trips in recent times was on our "home waters" of the Cumberland River.

The weekend of June 20-22 brought together 11 intrepid club members to wade, float, and motor the river. We kicked off Friday at Helms Landing where canoeists George Tipker paired with Scott Dewees, and David Ross



*Shown on the left is one of several fine fish taken on the recent DCFF trip to the Cumberland River, in this case on a foam pattern designed to approximate one of the Cicadas that have been dropping into the river this summer. On the right, George Tipker strikes a pose, drawing a chuckle from Phil Kirkland.*

teamed with Ben BecVar. They went upstream via trolling motor from Helm's while Howard Eaton, Mike Stich, and I waded the area. The water was high early and limited the waders but the canoeists did well fishing mostly cicada patterns. Some fine bows and browns were landed up to 20". As the water lowered in the PM, the waders caught a few more fish.

After fishing, we all met at 'Traces on the Cumberland', Burkesville, KY, where we were joined by Bob Kincheloe, Buddy Sattich, Chris Cron, and Gerry McDaniel. After some hospitality and story telling, we all took off for Dale Hollow State Park where we dined on a seafood buffet. My directions home were off the mark and the guys that knew the right way asked me later if I enjoyed my trip to Knoxville! I did make it back prior to dawn. Must have been something in the cocktail sauce.

Saturday was the big day. Some of us had breakfast and sandwiches made at the IGA. We then launched 4 canoes and a pontoon float boat at Bakerton about 8:30am and prepared for the 6.7 mile float and wade trip down to

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## **The Benefits of Club Outings (continued)**

Burkesville. Thanks to George, Ben, and Howard for providing the canoes. Mike piloted his pontoon. This was a blast.

The trip began at the Bakerton Bar, down to the Ostrich Farm, then Renox, Thomas Island, Alexander Bar, and river stretches in between. All people caught fish with the most notable catches by George and Scott --- a number of browns to 21". Again, the fly de jour were cicada and hopper patterns fished dry. Some trout were caught on Chicago and crackle back, and other nymphs. Although there was little to no evidence of live cicadas flying or drifting in the water, the trout continued to feed on those patterns. Overall, the fishing slacked off somewhat compared to Friday; perhaps caused by the moon phase and gorged fish.

A few of the fellows went home Saturday evening but the rest of us enjoyed swapping stories and revealing the 'expert' techniques one employed for fishing success. Fly patterns by Chris, Ben, George, and Gerry were reviewed for their artfulness, originality, and most of all – effectiveness. Those flies brought home the fish.

Sunday morning several guys fished Helm's with some success. The real success was that all had a safe and 'social' experience while enjoying floating the mighty Cumberland. Of course the main objective was to catch trout and improve our fly fishing skills. This was accomplished in splendid fashion and all involved left with great memories.

Try to make our July and August outdoor meetings where you can learn firsthand about upcoming events. If we miss you at our meetings, tune in regularly to [www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com) for details on upcoming outings and other news. No one is a stranger and I encourage all of you to participate.

Catch and release one for the next guy!

Good Fishin'

Phil

*DCFF member George Tipker shows off a beautiful 20" brown trout from the Cumberland outing.*



*DCFF members floating the river on last month's outing enjoyed scenic views at every stretch.*

# The Last Few Casts

## ***Suggest and Lead an Outing***

Kenneth Kloeppe is the club's "Trips Director" and provides oversight on the club's various outings and trips. Many of our trips are day trips to nearby waters in Kentucky or Indiana. Other trips might take us to North Carolina, Michigan, Tennessee, Ohio, and other spots for 'overnight' venues. Many of the trips are planned as a result of a member's experience on certain waters. This is where you can help the club by suggesting, and perhaps, leading a trip to a spot that you

believe our membership would enjoy. Outings could have as few as 2 people but normally have 8-14 members involved. Don't keep all those secrets to yourself! Share the wealth and fun with others. Typically we try to get the most bang for your buck on these trips; most have been quite reasonable costwise. Contact your officers or directors with your trip of interest.

Thank you.....

Phil

## ***Member Feedback***

Hi Phil,

I would like to thank you for all your individual efforts in putting together a very enjoyable trip. Thanks for driving and giving me a chance to enjoy some excellent Kentucky trout fishing.

I was very impressed that Kentucky has such a prolific fishery, not only in the number of available fish, but the size and quantity of the river's trout population. I have had the opportunity to fish some of the west's better rivers, and while rivers like the Green in Utah are smaller than the Cumberland which gives it perhaps more fish per mile, it would appear that the Cumberland will produce great fishing for many years, and although the numbers of fishermen seems to be growing, the pressure is less than in the west's rivers.

For the club members who missed the trip, you missed a great time and fishing experience. The first day I had the opportunity to ride with Ben BecVar in his canoe, powered by an electric trolling motor. This allowed us to go up river and fish the banks

with dry flies. The Cicada hatch was just winding down, but we got lucky and had a cicada pattern we picked up at Louisville's Forward Cast. We caught the first rising fish about fifty feet after we cast off, and the action continued most of the afternoon. We tried and had some success wading and throwing the Chicago fly, a new fly for me. George Tipker and Scott DeWeese were also in a powered canoe, and had success, although they concentrated mostly on nymph fishing, using the drift method.

After fishing, we all enjoyed a dinner together at Lake Cumberland Lodge where we also learned a great deal about Louisville's restaurants through a dissertation by our own galloping gourmet, Buddy Sattich.

Day two everyone rides. With two people per canoe, the group got to enjoy a good long trip with stops along the way to explore wade fishing. It seems the Cicada hatch had slowed considerably, but fish were still taken by a variety of methods.

There was one space available on Gerry McDaniel's boat, and I got to occupy that space. Fishing with the

## ***Come One, Come All***

Ladies, Gentlemen and Young People:

Derby City Fly Fishers has added many new members this year; some "old pros", some beginners, men, women, and young people. All have been drawn to the club for a number of reasons; improving their casting, tying flies, networking with members, outings, programs, etc. I want to emphasize to all members that DCF is all inclusive and we particularly encourage the participation of women - married or single, and of course, our young people. The officers and board members are charged with serving the membership's many fly fishing and club needs. We can do a more thorough job of meeting your individual needs if we hear from you. Please don't be bashful; we promise not to be offended by constructive criticism.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best Regards,

Phil

best guide on the Cumberland is a real treat. He knows the river so well, we seemed to be in the right place at the right time often. We spent the day using dry flies only, and while the Cicada had slowed significantly, Gerry had figured out a fly he ties that seemed to get the attention of the trout. The fishing wasn't easy, but Gerry is a master fisherman, and at the end of the day we (well mostly Gerry) had boated many fish, including a hefty 20" rainbow landed by Gerry. (he has a photo) I can't wait for the next club trip.

David Ross