



THE KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHER



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Steelhead Wading Trip

March 30 – April 2



David Campbell recommends this steelhead trip!

1st Wednesday – board meeting

3rd Wednesday - monthly meeting

4th Wednesday - fly tying meeting

All indoor meetings are held at the Louisville Nature Center. All outdoor meetings are held at Long Run Park.

All club outings are open to all paid DCFE members.

We welcome visitors to all our meetings.

For more information about Derby City Fly Fishers, visit www.derbycityflyfishers.com.

This Wednesday's meeting

**6 p.m. Casting & Fly Tying
Demonstrations**

7 p.m. Fred Pfister

"The Green River, Utah"

Steelhead Wading Trip

We will leave Thursday morning March 30 and will fish Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning. We will return on Sunday afternoon. We will be fishing streams in Northern Ohio and/or Northwestern PA. We will be staying at the Days Inn in Conneaut, OH on the Ohio/PA boarder. Cost per person for this trip is estimated: Split gas and carpool (based on 4 persons per vehicle) \$50, Lodging (based on 2 persons per room, 3 nights with Ohio Fish Lic) \$75, Lodging (based on 2 persons per room, 3 nights w/o Ohio Fish Lic) \$98, License Ohio 3 day non - resident \$19, License Ohio 1 day non - resident \$11, License PA 3 day non - resident \$26, PA trout stamp \$9, PA Lake Erie permit \$9, Combination PA trout stamp Lake Erie permit \$15, Food - Breakfast at hotel, pack lunch, Dinner at Restaurant \$80

We have a guide for Friday the 31st for a maximum of 3 persons. If you would like a guide, add \$120 to the cost of the trip. \$50 deposit required by March 15, 2006. Total for trip will be around \$250 to \$300 per person without guide depending on where you fish. Contact David Campbell with questions.

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DCFF President's Corner –by Piper Turner, Newsletter & Website

“Conservation - Education - Fishing”

In the last month, Derby City Fly Fishers have lived our unofficial motto “Conservation – Education – Fishing”. Our members helped with trout fin clipping, learned to fly fish, tie flies, and build rods, and many members fished together.

Over 18 members fished Otter Creek in 18 degree (wind chill) weather February 26th! One new member was given a quick lesson, borrowed a fly rod, and was fly fishing successfully an hour later. The next Sunday, March 5 was a little surprising. The water temp dropped over the last week or so down to 40 degrees. It was a little cool for the smallmouth, but the trout were biting! DCFF members caught a few 11 - 13 inch rainbows, and we possibly could have caught more had it not started to rain and sleet.

Check the dates below and join the fun!

SAVE THESE DATES:

March 15th - 6 p.m. – Monthly Meeting @ Louisville Nature Center – Fred Pfister - "Green River, Utah"

March 21st – 1:30 p.m. - Friends of Wolf Creek NFH, Inc. Meeting at the Russell County Tourist Center

March 22nd - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville Nature Center - Jim Green – Grey Ghost

March 30th – April 2nd – Steelhead Wading Outing – David Campbell

April 5th - 7 p.m. - Board Meeting @ Corner Cafe. All members are welcome.

April 19th - 6 p.m. – Monthly Meeting @ Louisville Nature Center - Leonard Kik – “Principles of Home Building a Small Fishing Boat: A good family project”

April 22nd – 23rd – Cumberland Boat Outing – Gerry McDaniel

April 26th - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville Nature Center - Delores Cummings – Lead Head Leach



DCFF members enjoy learning from each other.

DCFF membership benefits:

12 hours of fly fishing information

12 hours of fly tying instruction

Opportunities to go on about 12 fly fishing outings with experienced fly fishers

A DCFF patch for new DCFF members

All for \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family membership.

Renew your DCFF membership in February so you don't miss any of our outings and library tapes and DVDs.

Bring your check (payable to Derby City Fly Fishers, Inc.) or cash to a meeting with your completed membership form (first time members only) and give them to Scott Sawyer. You can also mail your check to Scott Sawyer, 753 North Capitol Avenue, Corydon, IN 47112.

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Conservation in action!



Pat Carroll prepares for the fin clipping.

Fin Clipping at Wolf Creek



Pat Carroll showed Stuart Emery the ropes.



Fin clipping is a great help to the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife.



We also will be doing a day of fin clipping in the first week of May and another in the first week of July to mark rainbow trout for a study we are doing to evaluate the performance of two different strains of rainbow in the tailwater, so stay tuned. We will again be soliciting your help for that effort as well.

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See Pat Carroll at the meeting if you want to participate.

Check the schedule for other great outings the club will conduct during 2006. If you want to be involved contact Outings Director Barry Chafin at club meetings or 502-244-7887.

**Remember to renew your
Kentucky fishing licenses**

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Working together to promote better trout fishing in our region

Dear Friends of the Brookville Tailwater Trout Fishery,

Greetings from your fellow anglers at Central Indiana Trout Unlimited. We are happy to report that 2005 was a very good year for the Brown Trout program at Brookville, and it's time to get ready for the 2006 season. The special regulations implemented in August, 2004, are definitely working as several fish over 20 inches were caught and released last year. As a matter of fact a member of the Indianapolis Fly Casters reported releasing a 22" fish. You are also catching more holdovers of Rainbow Trout which indicates the "put and take" mentality at Brookville is changing to "catch and release".

None of this happens without cost, and CITU is in need of funds for the 2006 stocking. We started the New Year with a stocking fund balance of zero. The May stocking will require a minimum of \$2,200. Please make a contribution now and forward it to: Central Indiana Trout Unlimited, c/o Nick Schroeder, 10681 N Cedars Rd, Seymour IN 47274. Please make the check payable to Central Indiana Trout Unlimited and write "brown trout stocking" in the memo line.

100 per cent of the stocking funds are applied to the purchase and transportation of brown trout for the Brookville tailwater fishery. No overhead or other expenses are deducted from your contribution. Every contribution is appreciated, and no contribution is too small. This year we are establishing various sponsor levels for your consideration.

Brookville Tailwater Brown Trout Sponsor Levels: Blue Ribbon Level (\$250 and up), Friend of the Tailwater Level (\$100-\$249), Supporter Level (up to \$99). Additional information about Central Indiana chapter 699 (CITU) and this program is available in the chapter newsletter section at tu.org.

Thanks in advance for your support and contribution. Please help us continue this program, and let us know if you hook into that 22" fish this year! Joe Thurston, CITU Funding Coordinator, joet@thurstonengineering.com, 317-844-9686

Local Fishing in Louisville Metro Parks

[Metro Parks](#) offers 22 stocked fishing lakes, covering about 114 acres in 11 local parks. The [Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) stocks Metro Parks lakes. For information on Kentucky's water recreation laws, please call 1.800.858.1549. For more information on fishing in the Louisville area, visit The Courier-Journal's [Fishing Guide](#).

Fishing Lakes

Cherokee Park - Grinstead Drive and Lexington Road, 4.6 acre lake with accessible pier

Chickasaw Park - Southwestern Parkway and Greenwood Avenue, 1.6 acre lake - catch and release only

Fisherman's Park - Old Heady Road near Hopewell Road, 8 lakes, 15.2 acres total

Iroquois Park - New Cut Road and Kenwood Drive, 1.1 acre lake

Jefferson Memorial Forest - Tom Wallace Lake, off Mitchell Hill Road, 5.4 acre lake with accessible pier

Long Run Park - Flat Rock Road off Shelbyville Road, 28.7 acre lake with boat ramp

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McNeely Lake Park - Cooper Chapel Road off Preston Highway, 46.2 acre lake with accessible pier and boat ramp

William F. Miles Park - Shelbyville Road and Miles Park Way, 4 lakes, 5.5 acres total

Thurman Hutchins Park - River Road and Indian Hills Trail, Accessible pier

Charlie Vettiner Park - Mary Dell Lane near Billtown Road, 1.2 acre lake

Watterson Park - South Wheatfield Drive and March Boulevard, 4.1 acre lake with accessible pier

Waverly Park - Arnoldtown Road and Clayton Terrace, 5.3 acre lake

River Frontage

Eva Bandman Park - River Road and Barbour Avenue

Chickasaw Park - Southwestern Parkway and Greenwood Avenue

Carrie Gaulbert Cox Park - River Road and Indian Hills Trail, Accessible pier, boat ramp

Hays Kennedy Park - Bass Road off River Road, Access to river through Garvin Brown Preserve

Kulmer Reserve Park - South Dixie Highway near Katherine Station Road

Otter Creek Park - 850 Otter Creek Park Road, Brandenburg, KY, Fishing in both creek and river - trout stamp

may be required, boat landing

Riverview Park - Greenwood and Lower River Roads, Boat ramp

Shawnee Park - Broadway and Southwestern Parkway

Fishing Lake Rules

Charlie Vettiner, Cherokee, Watterson and McNeely Lake parks are stocked with grass carp.

Carp are vital to lake ecology and must be returned after being caught.

- **Please obey posted fishing hours.**
- **Electric motors are permitted. Gasoline motors are allowed in the Ohio River, but not on lakes.**
- **Fishing licenses are required for persons 16 or older.**
- **No trotlines are permitted.**
- **No fishing from dams or spillways.**

Fishing licenses may be purchased online at the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife website and at many local retail outlets, bait and tackle shops, and department stores selling fishing equipment.

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DCFF's February Fly Tying Meeting by Reggie Caillouet

Last night was a tremendous success! A quick head count resulted in almost 30 tiers and another 10 - 15 watching and learning from the sides! We had some many tiers that we almost ran out of materials and tools!!! All in all not a bad night in any way shape or form!

The fly tying meeting started for me a little earlier than it did for everyone else. Stuart Emery and I showed up early to video tape the tying of the fly and all of its associated steps before the class arrived. This video was shot from over my shoulder so that everyone can see the process of tying from the tier's point of view. Then as the class was being taught, Stuart continued to video everything so that the class itself will be part of the video. Stuart plans on editing the video and making it part of the club's library. Kudos need to be given to Stuart for coming up with that idea! I think this will have a tremendous benefit to our fellow club members!

Now at the beginning of the fly tying meeting, I had been asked to demonstrate a technique I use to make foam bass popper heads. I have used this technique for many years and it has proven to be very successful. But it seems that describing it in words was hard to follow, so I decided to demonstrate the technique to the club. A basic break down of items needed involve the use of a variable speed Dremel Tool, an embroidery needle, an Emory stick (finger nail sanding stick) and a cheap foam flip flop!

I think the class loved how easy it was to make a classic bass foam popper head in less than 2 minutes! After the fly tying class, Gerry McDaniel stopped by and I demonstrated this technique to him. He could not believe his eyes on just how easy it was to do! I think that Stuart was able to video the first demonstration, and it will definitely be of help to our club! I would like to say that it was truly a joy for me to see so many people awe struck by how easy this technique was, and by how many said they were going to start using it!

I guess it is now time to actually discuss the actual fly tying portion of the meeting. As it turned out, we had 10 FIRST TIME FLY TIERS at this meeting! The Gold Ribbed Hair's Ear is not the most simple fly to tie, but is not very difficult either. To prove this, ALL of our first time tiers created BEAUTIFUL flies!!! My hat goes off to ALL of the new fly tiers for having the patience and ability to create such beautiful flies! To all those that started tying for the first time last night, remember that it gets even more enjoyable the more you tie!!! And just wait for the day that you catch your first fish on a fly that YOU made, you'll not believe the feeling you get!!!

I am very certain that this month's class was the largest that DCFF has had to date. We had nearly 50 people in attendance! We had so many people in attendance that we ran out of the dubbing (One FULL pack of it) that was to be used for the fly! A quick substitute came forward from my box of goodies, and all was saved! Not everyone in attendance was tying; many people came to see how it was done, or to visit with our club! I just hope that I did our club justice with the teaching of this fly and that we can get even more people inspired in fly tying!

Thank you to all that helped out last month, it couldn't have been done without you! Remember everyone, next month's class is Jim Green's Grey Ghost!

See y'all soon,
Reggie Caillouet

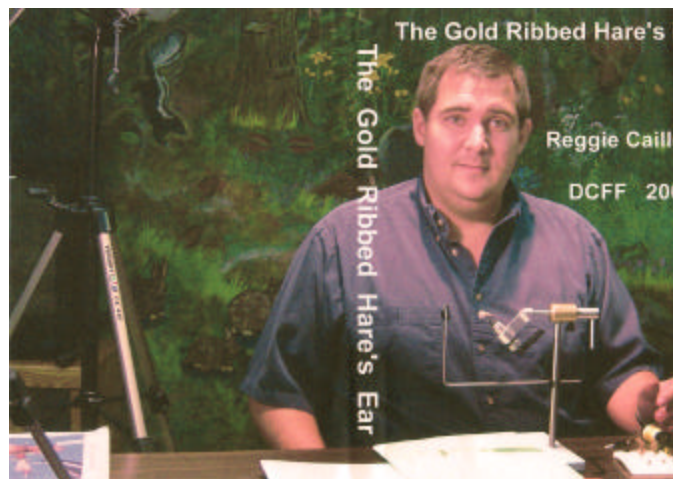
**Don't miss DCFF member Leonard Kik's presentation on
"Principles of Home Building a Small Fishing Boat:
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at our April 19th monthly meeting.**

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Tie & Get a DVD



DCFF Member Reggie Caillouet taught at the February 2006 DCFF tying meeting and received a DVD of himself teaching this fly. Another copy was placed in our DCFF library for other members to check out. Gerry McDaniel's "Mylar Minnow" is also available in our club library. Call Stuart Emery to check out any of the items in our library.

Grey Ghost

(Originated by Carrie Stevens)

Hook: Mike Martinek Rangeley Streamer. Size 6 - 8
Thread: 6/0 White & 12/0 Black
Tag: Flat Silver Tinsel
Body: Orange silk floss
Ribbing: Flat Silver Tinsel
Underbelly: White Bucktail, rather straight, sparse hairs with tapered (not stacked) ends
Lateral Line: Peacock herl barbs
Beard: Golden Pheasant Crest
Throat: Stripped & bundled white hackle or Schlappen
Wings: Four fine-stemmed gray hackles
Topping: Golden Pheasant Crest
Shoulders: Silver Pheasant body feathers
Cheek: Jungle cock, mounted slightly, cocked
Head: Black thread

Grey Ghost March 22nd

Come as you are to learn to tie Jim Green's Grey Ghost. Bring your vise and basic tools if you have them. We have several DCFF vises available for those who want to give fly tying a try. All materials to tie that evening's fly are supplied. Meetings have over twenty tiers (both accomplished and novice) and usually last one hour.



Jim Green's Grey Ghost (originated by Carrie Stevens).

Pugnacious Rod building

The rod building was a learning experience for Jim Green and myself. We built a pair of 6 foot 6 inch, 2 piece, 2 wt rods from IM6 blank kits that we ordered from Hook And Hackle. Reggie said that we should be able to build a rod in two nights, but that's not counting on trying to teach two hard-headed people. It ended up taking us three nights, but we had a good time, a lot of telling stories and fooling around in the process.

Reggie was trying to be both informative and supportive, whereas Jim and I are both somewhat irreverent in the best of times; and when one of us makes a mistake, the other is apt to comment upon the error, engendering a free and frank exchange of opinions, as well as the occasional colorful metaphor.

The rods were pretty much identical as completed. I have christened mine, "Pugnacious", a big name for a little fly rod.

Regards, Stuart Emery

