



# **THE KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHER**



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## **Promoting DCFF & Fly Fishing**



Scott DeWees and Bernie Rauen recommend DCFF at the Bass Pro Spring Classic.

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday – board meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday - monthly meeting

4<sup>th</sup> 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 DCFF members.

We welcome visitors to all our meetings.

For more information about Derby City Fly Fishers, visit [www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com).

**This Wednesday's meeting**

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

**7 p.m. Leonard Kik**

**"Principles of Home Building  
a Small Fishing Boat:**

**A good family project"**

**Cumberland River Outing**

**April 22 - 23**

We will fish the Cumberland River from Burkesville, KY April 22nd - 23rd. Boats will be used on this trip. We will launch the boats from Traces on the Cumberland in Burkesville. Dale Hollow Lake State Resort (800-325-2282); [Dale Hollow@kygov](mailto:Dale.Hollow@kygov.gov); 6371 State Park Road, Burkesville, KY 42717. Contact Gerry McDaniel 502-473-0080 Trip Coordinator to sign up or get more information.

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## DCFF President's Corner – "Otter Creek" by Larry Drake

Jim Green, Reggie Caillouet and several of our club members have been getting together on Sundays to fish Otter Creek. So far I have not been able to join them. On April 9<sup>th</sup> returning from turkey hunting on Ft. Know, I stopped by Otter Creek to see what was going on. When I arrived, several of our members were waist deep in the creek having a good time. In the next few minutes two of them caught trout. This is what our club is all about, getting our members fishing. Otter Creek is a great little stream that gets a lot of use. Some of the people from Trout Unlimited are talking about trying to get the delayed harvest extended and to spread out the trout stocking. I am sure that our membership would help in any way they could to improve this stream. This is a great stream to study aquatic entomology and to get a little fishing in when you have limited time.



DCFF members have fun fishing at Otter Creek.

### SAVE THESE DATES:

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

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23rd – Cumberland River Trout Boat Outing – Gerry McDaniel

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

Thursday - May 4th - 7 p.m. - Board Meeting Outing to Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers meeting. All members are welcome. Contact Larry Drake for information and directions. We will carpool to the meeting. Dinner reservations are required.

May 5<sup>th</sup> - 8 a.m. Fin Clipping @ Wolf Creek Hatchery

May 13-14<sup>th</sup> - Lake Malone Bluegill Boat Outing – Gerry McDaniel

May 17<sup>th</sup> - 6 p.m. – Monthly Meeting @ Louisville Nature Center – Casting Clinic

May 24<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville Nature Center - Scott Sawyer - BronzeClubber

June 7th - 7 p.m. - Outdoor Board Meeting @ TBA. Teaching the teachers.

### Teaching the Teachers

By Larry Drake

Derby City Fly Fishers, Inc. has been a fast moving club, maybe too fast. We have several board members that are new to fly fishing and don't feel confident in teaching others. So we are starting a new program to teach the teachers. In this program we hope to cover everything thing from how a good fishing club is run to how to teach fly casting and how to fish moving water. This program will be open to all board members and other members that want to help with running the club. For anyone interested in this program, see one of the officers or directors at the meetings.

### Lake Malone Outing

#### May 13 - 14

We will fish for bluegill in boats on Lake Malone about 15 miles southeast of GREENVILLE - take KY 181 or US 431 to KY 973. We will be staying at the Shady Cliff's Resort (270) 657-9580, Rooms 1 person \$42.50 - 2 people \$68.50. Jon Boat rental 4 hours for \$32.00 or 8 hours for \$58.00. Campground (270) 657-2858. Contact Gerry McDaniel 502-473-0080, Trip Coordinator, to sign up.

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## Go for the Green!



Fred Pfister gave a great presentation on fishing the Green River in Utah at our last meeting.



Packed house at our last meeting.

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.

## Fin Clipping at Wolf Creek



We will be doing a day of fin clipping at Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery for Friday, May 5 at 8:00 am EST. We will be fin clipping about 42,000 Arlee strain rainbows to begin our study to evaluate the performance of two different rainbow trout strains in the Cumberland tailwater. Knock on wood, we should have a lot less concerns about weather than we do in February!

You still may want to bring neoprene gloves and definitely rain gear/waders so you can stay dry. Also, remember that all external clothing/boots will need to be disinfected so you should gather on the back side of the hatchery building by the garage door where we will do the disinfection. I plan to do everything the same as in the recent past: provide coffee, donuts in morning and meat/cheese tray, chips, cookies, soft drinks for lunch.

We will have another day of fin clipping in the first week of July to mark the McConaughy strain of rainbow trout for the study.

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502-229-1537 Work Cell, 502-803-6182 Personal Cell

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

April 11, 2006 Report from Bob Sawtelle

Blue River shaping up after recent high water events. Great for floating, high for wading.  
Fishing deep on sink tip lines. Stonefly bugger (orvis) and cloisers a good choice.

Tapon starting to show in the 10,000 islands & Marco Island Reds doing well to Sarasota FL

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## South Eastern Council Federation of Fly Fishers June 7 - 12, 2006

### CALLAWAY GARDENS HOTEL REGISTRATION

Please complete reservation form and return with one night's deposit by: May 9, 2006

**Note:** Rooms will not be held for South Eastern Council Federation of Fly Fishers after this date. Reservations will be taken on a space availability basis only.

**Send to:** CALLAWAY GARDENS P.O. BOX 2000 HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH PINE MOUNTAIN, GA 31822

Please indicate number of accommodations desired: Mountain Creek Inn: \_ \$92.00 + Tax, Per Inn Room, Per Night

**ABOVE MEETING PACKAGE PLAN RATE IS QUOTED ON SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, PER NIGHT, EUROPEAN PLAN AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:** Accommodations, admission into the Gardens, in room daily coffee service, daily newspaper, phone access charges, and admission to Fitness Center.

Arrival date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name or affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of roommate (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE HELD WITHOUT A ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT.**

Please enclose a check or money order, payable to Callaway Gardens, or you may apply the deposit to an American Express, Master Card, Visa or Discover card amount. Please indicate amount enclosed or account number. Credit card deposits will be processed upon receipt.

Deposit amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Reservations may be canceled, or stay shortened, up to seven days prior to arrival; cancellations or shortened stays made within seven days of check-in or after arrival will result in forfeiture of your deposit.

4PM CHECK IN \*\*\*\* 11 AM CHECK-OUT - 1-800-CALLAWAY FAX: (706) 663-5090

## Southeastern Council Federation of Fly Fishers Conclave Callaway Gardens Opportunities

All attendees who stay at Callaway Gardens during the Conclave will be granted free admission to the Gardens during their stay. All attendees to the Conclave who elect to stay outside the resort will be able to purchase a reduced rate pass to the Gardens for \$5.00. It will be purchased at the registration desk for the Conclave.

### Fishing

Callaway Gardens offers some of the better trophy Brim and Largemouth Bass fishing in the South. These fish are not your normal "gills". They are trophies and will test your skills as an angler. We have worked out opportunities for the

discriminating angler to be able to sample the trophy fishing available with some basic rules. No license is needed to fish the waters of Callaway Gardens. No private boats or float tubes will be allowed. The resort has made arrangements for discount boat rentals at Mountain Creek Lake with the fees set at \$7.00 for ½ day (one or two persons) and \$14.00 for full day rentals (one or two persons). The rental price is good from Thursday June 8, through Sunday June 11, 2005. Rates regularly range from \$30 - \$35.

Wade fishing at no charge will be available at Robin Lake, Chickadee Lake, and Martin Lake during (and only during) the following times: the prime time early morning hours for big Brim and Bass of 5 AM – 9 AM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Anglers must be out of the lakes by 9:00 AM as other Callaway guests are utilizing them also. Maps of the lakes will be available at the Exhibit Hall.

In addition there will be Semi-Guided Excursions available on Thursday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM, Friday from 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM and 4:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday from 6:00 – 10:00 AM and Sunday from 6:00 – 10:00 AM. This will be a group outing of up to 5 anglers per guide and three groups available at each of the sessions. For a total of 15 anglers per session. The cost is \$40.00 per angler.

Callaway Gardens has numerous other activities that a family can enjoy. Please enjoy the Conclave and Callaway and tight lines and good fishing from the Southeastern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers.

There is also fishing in the public waters in the area. A Georgia License is required either resident or nonresident and can be purchased on line website listed below. The website for the Georgia Department of Wildlife is listed below: <http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us>. Area Rivers include the Flint River for Shoal Bass, the Coosa River, Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park Lakes and West Point Lake.

## Seminars

### Friday

9AM-10AM Outstanding Trout Tactics and Underwater Looks—Jimmy Harris; 10AM-11AM Laws Pertaining to Natural Materials—Tom Logan; 10AM-11AM The Chattahoochee Project—Chris Scalley; 10AM-11AM Casting Demonstration—Mac Brown, author of Casting Angles; 1PM-2PM Rod Rage—Rhea Topping; 2PM-3PM Catching More and Bigger Bluegills—Terry & Roxanne Wilson; 3PM-4PM Fly Fishing Odyssey—Jon Cave

### Saturday

9AM-10AM Furled Leaders—John Peterie; 10AM-11AM Fly Fishing for Gar—Carl Warmouth; 1PM-2PM Cats, Carp Gar and More—Terry & Roxanne Wilson; 2PM-3PM Fly fishing the TN and VA Tailwaters—Jeff Wilkins; 3PM-4PM Back Country Grand Slam—Jon Cave

Casting Coaching - Carl Warmouth and staff - times are 9-10, 11-12 and 2-3 each day. In addition a Sage Casting Analyzer will be on hand and for \$15.00 you can have your cast analyzed on the spot.

All Classes are \$35.00 per ½ day period plus a material fee paid to the instructor (PTI) where shown with the following exceptions: The beginner fly tying class is \$10.00. The youth program is free. Please pre-register for a head count.

Friday June 9, 2006: 8AM-12N #1 Casting Techniques for Saltwater Flies—Jon Cave (Fly rod, line and reel required), #2 Deer Hair Flies—Jim Stewart—(hair packer, razor blades, strong thread, deer hair vice), #3 Tying Popular Bluegill Flies—Terry & Roxanne Wilson (Fly tying tools & vice required); 1PM-5PM #4 Beginning Woman's Fly Casting—Rhea Topping, #5 Loop Assessment —David Lambert (Fly rod, line and reel required), #6 Beginner Fly Tying Class—Beth Tuttle--\$5 for materials PTI

Saturday June 10, 2006: 8AM-12N #7 Double Haul for Dummies—Rhea Topping (Fly rod, line and reel required), #8 Tying Saltwater Signature Patterns—Jon Cave (Fly tying tools and vice required), #9 Distance Casting—Jason Stacy (Fly rod, Line and reel required) , #10 Youth Program—David Lambert (FREE—Advanced Registration Requested), #11 Spey Casting with a One-Handed Flyrod—Tom Jindra (Limited to 6 students. The class is wet with waders, boots, and tackle. Preferred rods are 9 to 10 ft with 7-9 wt DT or WF line.); 1PM-5PM #12 Tying Tube Flies—Tom Travis (Vice and fly tying tools required), #13 Tips & Techniques for Big Bluegills— Terry & Roxanne Wilson, #14 Roadmap for Certain Success in Preparation to take the Certified Casting Instructor Exam - David Diaz. See our website for the registration form.

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## Fishing the Cumberland; Larry, Gary, and me by Stuart Emery

The second Saturday in April dawned misty and still over the Cumberland River. Larry Drake and I waded quietly into cold clear water above the gravel bar at Crocus Creek, both watching the little circles and swirls of feeding trout.

I cast out a Joe's Smelt and began to strip the line. Nothing. I cast again, stripping the line faster this time. The rod gave a jerk. I missed the strike. I muttering, then cast again and stripped the line as fast as I could. The line stopped dead, and then I felt the beating of the fish's tail, vibrating through the rod. The fish came in easily, a small Brown trout with the left pectoral fin clipped, one of thirty-eight thousand young fish that Pat Carroll and I had helped mark at the Wolf Creek Hatchery for this year's release. I caught a couple more small, fin-clipped Browns on the little smelt pattern that Pat had tied. The rising sun gradually burned away the mist.

It began to get hot. I struggled out of my hooded sweatshirt and left it folded on a rock, then waded downstream, following the curving edge of the gravel bar, testing a few of my own flies. True, the flies were lamentable imitations of Pat's smelt and Gerry McDaniel's minnow, but the good news was that another school of small Browns waited at the end of the bar, striking nearly anything tossed into the water. The little fish slammed into the flies with gusto, and I stayed at the end of the bar, lost in the dream of fishing until Larry splashed down to me with a small bottle of water. I didn't even know that I was thirsty, but I swilled it down in one long gulp.

Gary Garth showed up shortly after that. He was a lean man with a bamboo rod and a dark brown, felt fedora. His handshake promised a powerful grip that went with his calm, quiet demeanor. Gary was a reporter for the Courier Journal.

I was surprised to see that it was nearly noon. The three of us drove into Burkesville for lunch and conversation at the IGA store, still wearing our waders, then we were off again, driving upstream to Helm's Landing for the afternoon fishing. Helm's Landing was a long way from Crocus Creek, and there where no crazy little fin-clipped Brown trout devouring everything that landed in the water. Larry caught fish. Gary caught fish. Eight or ten other guys downstream caught fish. But me? I caught nothing. Nada. Zippo. All through the long, hot afternoon, I beat the water and changed flies, changed line tips, changed leaders. I floated, drifted, dragged, and drowned nearly everything in my fly box. I stripped fly line until I wore a hole in one of my fingers.

Meanwhile, the day was grinding on, and long shadows began to creep out across the Cumberland, and then two things happened at once. The first was a jarring strike. I jerked the streamer out of the water, past my face and into the water behind me, then quickly cast it back into the current. Another strike. Missed. Another strike. Missed again. This was becoming embarrassing. But it was a good kind of embarrassment. Finally, the fish hit the streamer hard, and then he hung there, moving sideways across the current, flashing golden brown in the fading light. He came to me reluctantly, another Brown trout, this one with all of his fins intact, one of last year's release.

For a few minutes after that, the fishing was good for me again, and I then I noticed the other thing, the thing that had probably caused the fish to bite. Little swirls of water were forming just downstream of me. Turbulence. The swirls hadn't been there before. The waist deep water gently nudged me. I could feel it now, coming faster, imperceptibly rising. I eased back toward the shallows near the launch ramp. I was still casting. The fish where still striking. Brown Trout. Rainbow Trout. Larry was wading down in the same direction. "Make sure that you have a safe way out of the river." he said. We were retreating steadily now, still fishing, but with one eye on the water line. We got out of the Cumberland just ahead of the actual flood, and we watched the dark water come tumbling over the gravel bar. Gary stood for a few moments, casting from the bank while the water spilled over a long line of rocks, but it was over. Larry and I sat on the pickup's tailgate and struggled out of our waders. It was time to go.

Above us, a chill was falling. Below us, the cold waters swept over everything. Darkness was coming to the Cumberland valley, and with it the glow of deer's eyes, shining from the edge of the road. It was time for the long drive home.

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## DCFF's May Board Meeting heads north to the Northern Kentucky Fly Fisher's Monthly Meeting

The May board meeting of the DCFF will be held at Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers' regular monthly meeting in Wilder, KY on Thursday May 4th from 5:30 to 9:30. This is a dinner meeting and reservations have to be made and there is a \$10 per person charge. Let Dave Campbell know if you will be definitely going by Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> and he will take care of all the reservations.

The meeting topic is or speaker has not been announced, but there is a special casting raffle. If you cast and hit the target, you will be entered into the raffle so bring your rods if you would like to participate. We will meet to carpool up to Florence. Contact Larry Drake for more information.

Directions and a link to a map to the Wilder meeting location: Take I-71 to junction of I-71 and I-75 and go North toward Florence. Take exit #185 off I-71/I-75 onto I-275 east. Go 6.8 miles to exit #77/Ky 9 toward AA hwy. Turn left on hwy AA and go about 2.5 miles to 520 Licking Pike. (AA hwy turns into Licking Pike).

[http://www.nkyflyfishers.org/maps\\_Wilder\\_CB.htm](http://www.nkyflyfishers.org/maps_Wilder_CB.htm)



Everybody loves winning the raffles at our monthly meetings.



Attendance at our fly tying meetings continues to grow. Each meeting several first time tyers leave with new skills and a fly or two for their fly box.

Check our website

[www.derbycityflyfishers.com](http://www.derbycityflyfishers.com)

for the latest DCFF club news and  
announcements.

See you on the water!

