



THE KENTUCKIANA FLY FISHER



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DCFF celebrates



DCFF members enjoy our August outdoor meeting.

- 1st Wednesday – board meeting @ [Corner Cafe](#)
- 2nd Wednesday – show planning meeting @ Aero Club
- 3rd Wednesday - monthly meeting @ [Louisville Nature Center](#)
- 4th Tuesday – DCFF fly tying @ Bass Pro Shop
- 4th Wednesday - fly tying meeting @ [Louisville Nature Center](#)

All summer outdoor monthly meetings are held @ [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.

September 20th Meeting

6 p.m. - Fly Casting Practice &
Tying Demonstrations

7 p.m. - Ron Diersen from
The Outdoor Connection

Upcoming Outings

September 26th - 6 p.m. - Louisville Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet - Knights of Columbus Hall on River Road - Contact Lee Squires 502-895-9997 for reservations

October 1st - [Helm's Landing & Crocus Creek on the Cumberland River](#), (Trout - Piper Turner 502-893-8063 Trip Coordinator) We will have a wading outing to fish Helm's Landing and Crocus Creek on the [Cumberland River](#)

October 28th - [Dix River, KY](#) (Trout - David Campbell 502-292-2629 - Trip Coordinator). Limited to the first seven to register.

All club outings are open to all DCFF members who have paid their 2006 dues.

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DCFF President's Corner – "Our days are numbered" by Larry Drake

I believe that we are put on this earth with a limited number of days, something less than 100 years. That number can vary depending on several factors, environment, ancestry and the way we live our lives. We can also shorten these days by getting hit by a car or jumping off a tall building.

There is a saying that "the days we spend fishing doesn't count against our allotted days on this earth. This was brought home when I was looking through a BASS magazine and came across an article that was a tribute to Buck Perry who died August 12, 2005 at the age of 90. He is known as the Father of Structure Fishing and bass fishing lost one of its pioneers and most influential teachers. The Eastern Fly Fishing Magazine has a section called "Pioneers & Legends." The summer of 2005 issue listed Edward Ringwood Hewitt who was the American Nymphing Pioneer. When Hewitt had a gangrenous appendix removed at age 75, the doctors told him he had the tissues and arteries of a man of 45. At 88, he could tie on a tiny variant without reading glasses. The Spring 2006 issue featured George Griffith, who is known as the Father of Trout Unlimited. In July 1959, Trout Unlimited officially began with a gathering of 16 people in the living room of George Griffith's lodge. Griffith snorkeled in Florida well into his 70s and hunted grouse in his 80s. He finally succumbed to a blood clot that developed when he fell in the shower in 1998, at the age of 97, but was still talking about fishing the next year's Hendrickson hatch.

Looking at these gentlemen and I am sure we all know a lot of fishermen that has lived long past other people in the area. I don't know about everybody else, but I plan to do as much fly fishing as possible.

**DCFF Fly Tying
Two locations
Two nights each month**



Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show January 27, 2007

Macauley Lord and many of our 2006 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show vendors are planning to make our 2007 show even better. We will again have some of the premier fly fishing casting instructors, fly tiers, authors, guides, and shops in the country scheduled. Contact David Campbell, Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Chairman (502-939-9717), to volunteer or sign up for a table top booth. We have moved our show to the Holiday Inn Louisville I-65 South Airport, 2715 Fern Valley Road, Hotel Front Desk: 1-502-9643311 | Hotel Fax: 1-502-9664874.

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DCFF Member Jim Crawford's Version of the "Gilly Minnow" nets a big bass!



**Thank you, Bernie,
for grilling the best
burgers and brats ever!**



Special Requests at Fly Tying

If you have a fly that you would like to learn to tie a favorite fly that you would like to teach, let Jim Green or Stuart Emery know. We are very fortunate to have many talented fly tyers in our club.

SAVE THESE DATES:

September 20th - 6 p.m. – fly casting practice – 7 p.m.
DCFF Monthly Meeting – Ron Diersen The Outdoor
Connection @ Louisville Nature Center

September 26th – 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - DCFF Fly Tying
@ Bass Pro Shops.

September 27th - 7 p.m. - Fly Tying @ Louisville
Nature Center - Leonard Kik - Deer Hair Moth

October 1st - Helm's Landing & Crocus Creek on the
Cumberland River, (Trout - Piper Turner 502-893-
8063 Trip Coordinator) We will have a wading outing
to fish Helm's Landing and Crocus Creek on the
Cumberland River

October 4th – 6:30 p.m. – DCFF Board Meeting –
Corner Cafe

October 11th – 6:30 p.m. – DCFF Kentuckiana Fly
Fishing Show Planning Meeting @ Aero Club. Call
David Campbell 502-939-9717 for details.

October 20th - 6 p.m. – fly casting practice – 7 p.m.
DCFF Monthly Meeting – Derick FlyMasters @
Louisville Nature Center

October 24th – 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - DCFF Fly Tying @
Bass Pro Shops

October 25th – 7 p.m. - DCFF Fly Tying @ Louisville
Nature Center – Barry Chafin – Backscratcher

October 28th - Dix River, KY (Trout - David
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Where can you get 8 hours of fly fishing instruction by a world-record-holding, fly fishing guide for \$75?

Lifelong Learning Classes at Iroquois High School! Join our own Gerry McDaniel for 4 Wednesdays November 1 - 22, 2006 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This class covers instruction on fly rods, reels, & lines, leaders, knots, hooks, & flies, instruction & practice in the techniques of fly casting and fly fishing. Included is a field trip to a local stream. Students who have a fly rod & reel should bring them to the first class. The class is limited to 12 students. See www.lifelonglearning4u.com or call 485-3400 to register.



Gerry McDaniel shares his expertise with members at our August meeting.

Cumberland Outing October 1st

Helm's Landing & Crocus Creek on the Cumberland River. (Trout - Piper Turner 502-893-8063 Trip Coordinator) We will have a wading outing to fish Helm's Landing and Crocus Creek on the Cumberland River. We will meet at 7 a.m. at Meijer's on Preston just north of the Gene Snyder I-265 and carpool to the Cumberland River. Cumberland River Tailwater Release Information Sources

Dix Outing October 28th

Meet at Southeast Christian Church parking lot adjacent to Blankenbaker just north of exit 17 from I-64 at 5:45 a.m. We will travel to Burgin, KY (Northeast of Harrodsburg) and cross the Ky. Utilities E.W. Brown Power Plant property to access Dix River. We will be fishing about 3/4 mile stretch between the dam and the spillway. There is some wading available but the river is best fished from some kind of craft. Bring pontoons, belly boats, canoes, or kayaks. We will fish until dark or until everyone wants to leave. We must all leave at the same time. Due to the liabilities of being on power plant property and the limited space, this trip will be limited to the first 7 persons to commit and limited to 4 vehicles so we must carpool. Register by calling David Campbell 502-292-2629 or n2mybacking@bellsouth.net. However, if you have a boat, you can put in the KY River at High Bridge ramp and motor (about 2 miles) up the Dix. In this case, you are on your own.

Why Should I Go on a DCFF Outing?

- * Delightful company.
- * Catch a fish.
- * Learn local waters.
- * Teach local waters.
- * Learn fishing.
- * Teach fishing.
- * Learn casting.
- * Teach casting.
- * Learn flies.
- * Teach flies.
- * Learn a new recipe for a ham sandwich.
- * Be more involved in Derby City Fly Fishers.
- * Learn knots.
- * Teach knots.
- * Delightful company.

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Cumberland Outing by Reggie Caillouet

On September 3, 2006, three cars full of brave and weary souls ventured forth towards Helms Landing. Our journey men and women took a wonderful and scenic drive in the dark of morning in search of monster trout ... Let's stop right there, this trip was by no means poetic; though few choice words and "colorful metaphors" that were exchanged on this particular day!

The trip started with a meeting at the Shoney's in Shepherdsville at "oh dark thirty." For those of you not yet familiar with that term, it means WAY too early in the morning! In this case, it happened to be 5:00 AM. Now at this time in the morning, I am not at my mental best and brightest (though some would say that I am rarely at that point anyway.) As I pull into the parking lot, I find something that I thought to be REALLY disturbing. Mary Pat and Stuart Emery were not only wide awake, but with brains and wit already set into high gear! I just knew from the get go that it was to be a long day on the Cumberland!

This was to be a rather small outing for the club. The participants happened to be my normal fishing group. Our group consisted of Mary Pat and Stuart Emery, Jim Green and myself. Jim's wife Carol was tagging along with us as well (personally I think she was there to ensure we don't get in too much trouble, but that's just my opinion!) Many other people were scheduled to attend, but do to changes that normally come up it was to be just the usual suspects on this particular journey.

After a nice simple drive to Helm's landing, we got out of our vehicles to see trout rising everywhere! A side note here, I have come to think that trout rise and feed for the main purpose of TEASING us fly fishers!!! But I digress, so I should get back to the story. While putting on our waders, and watching these teasing trout, our hopes and dreams were spurned on by the sight of such feeding activity. Our hopes continued to rise as we approached the water and saw that it was at just about the perfect water level for fishing. "This is too good to be true," someone said, and it turns out they were right! The fish were rising so hard that at times they were airborne. The fishing was not just slow, it was SLOOOOOOOWWWWWWW!!!!!! We arrived about an hour before a single generator was to be turned on for an hour or so. After the hour of generation there was to be no more until around 2 PM. BUT!!!!!! No one could catch anything, at least for a little while.

It took about 40 minutes of fishing before the first fish was hooked. And with me being ever so humble I must say, I CAUGHT THE FIRST FISH!!!!!! I landed a nice little 12" rainbow who rose to take a size 18 Olive BH Midge at the end of a downstream swing. About 5 minutes later, I hooked another trout. This was a really nice brown trout. I was not able to land him, but I got him close a number of times to see him. Another side note, I do not think trout find me very attractive, as every time this particular trout we see me, he made a mad dash in another direction! But again, I digress. This fish was on the end of my leader for a nice 5 minute struggle when the curve-shanked scud style hook I was using decided it was going to let this trout straighten it out!!! At the moment it happened, as I was using 5X tippet, I thought that the trout simply popped my tippet and took my fly with it. But no, this darned stubborn trout left me with the souvenir of a straightened hook for all of my wasted effort! ARGH!!!!

Now don't think that this was to be the only fish caught that day, far from it! To be honest, some people caught some really nice trout. One that comes to mind was the 19+" Brown Trout that Stuart Emery caught on a simple nymph pattern. Although I do have to take SOME credit for this fish! After all, it was ME that had to net this fish so that poor Stuart could even have a chance of bringing it to hand. HEHEHE!!!!

Seriously though, quite a few fish were caught this day. Most fish were taking on Size 16 olive colored nymphs. There were some strange happenings though. On this day though, whenever the current came up (either by generator or wind blown) the fish STOPPED rising and feeding altogether! Also, after a while of not catching anything and seeing fish rising left and right, I tied on a size 10 Green Humpy. On multiple casts, I watched as fish would rise and begin to eyeball my fly, only to have them turn away only to leave me frustrated and confused.

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Another note, Jim Green brought and used his 12' #6 weight Spey rod. It was truly spectacular watching him cast this rod. When he did it right (most of the time) it was a thing a beauty. When he didn't, it gave Stuart and me many opportunities to "comment on the nature of his abilities as a fisherman." Bear in mind that neither Stuart nor I were willing to try our hand at Spey casting though!

Later in the day, I spoke with our good Cumberland guru, Gerry McDaniels. We talked for about an hour or so on what happened on the water for the both of us that day (he went down in the afternoon to fish after we left.) He mentioned that the hard rises of the trout that I had seen was due to trout taking emergers. This answered one of my many questions. I then described my use of the Humpy and the resultant refusals. His comment on this floored me. It was his opinion that I was on the right track by going to this fly, but I was fishing to SMALL a fly! Now for most of my fishing, when I use a Size 10 dry fly, it is used for bluegill fishing! Being told this size was too SMALL was a little hard to swallow. That is until the guru informs me that he has been seeing LARGE Blue Winged Olives hatching all over the river. After he informed me that he has been catching fish on Size 8 Olive Madame X's, I start to understand how much I still have to learn about trout and the Cumberland!

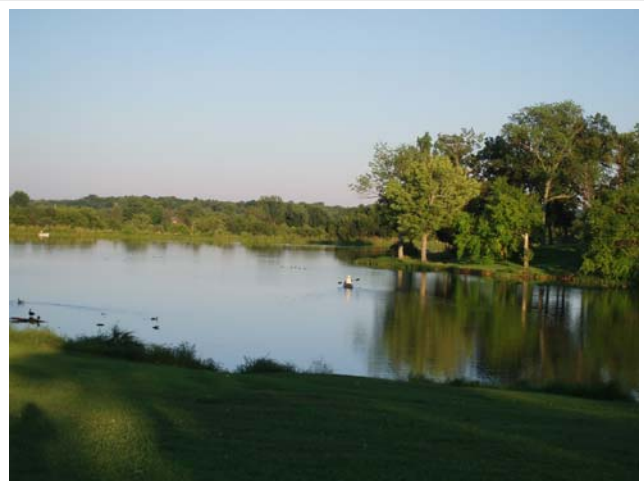
All in all, it was a wonderful day on the water. The only down side is that there is still one in the group that has yet to catch a trout with a fly rod. But rest assured, that every effort is being made to break this person's long fishless streak!!!

If you get down to the Cumberland in the next few weeks, you may want to bring a bunch of olive colored nymphs (10 -18), some large olive or light brown colored dries (8 - 14), and some squirrel hair nymphs (8 - 16!) Hope to see everyone on the water here soon!

Save some for me, Reggie Caillouet



Outdoor meetings are a great way to learn.



Long Run Park provides great in town fishing and boating.

