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Attendance again about 40!



Dick Haas answers questions for Dick Jones and Gerry McDaniel after his presentation.

Dick Haas, gave a wonderful presentation about the Elkhorn and other warm waters. Some of his favorite warm waters are the Elkhorn, South Fork of the Licking River, and the Little Baron River. Favorite flies include the Gilly Minnow, poppers, and crawfish patterns. Visit Dick at Adventure Outfitters for more information.

3rd Wednesday - monthly meeting

4th Wednesday - fly tying.

All meetings are held at the Louisville Nature Center.

We welcome visitors to our meetings.

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

Education



DCFF Dave Spanyer teaches a new member to tie the Chicago fly. Nineteen came to the March fly tying meeting. Sixteen learned to tie at the April meeting. This is a great way to begin to learn to tie flies and learn some new tricks if you have tied for years.

Conversation



Mike Hughes and Bernie Rauen swap fishing stories as Barry Chafin looks on.

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DCFF President's Corner - Spring at last

By Larry Drake

Spring is here and all of us are anticipating doing a lot fly fishing. DCFF has several fly fishing trips planned for the year and more in the thinking stage. Remember that this is our first year, and things will not always go like they should. Hopefully we will get better as time goes on and the outings that we enjoyed will become annually trips. We don't have anyone in our club that is experienced in planning a fly fishing trip, if we do, please let me know. Planning a trip is some work, but I will have to admit, the old saying, "you get out of it, what you put into it," is true. If anyone knows of a stream or lake that they would like to fish, let us know and we will help you plan the trip.

Sometimes it seems like the club is moving in slow motion, but looking back over the 10 months since we started DCFF, we have been setting all kind of records getting organized. Our membership is higher than anyone dreamed it would be after only 10 months. If we keep growing, we will have to start looking for a larger place to hold our meetings. If things keep going as they have been in the past, there is a lot to look forward to in the future.

Our first fly fishing trip this year was to the Watauga River and the Laurel Fork Creek in Tennessee. Four of us made the trip; Clinton Gray, Jim Simons, Bernie Rauen and myself. The weather and the water level was good for that time of the year, but I will have to admit that the fishing was slow. It was the first time any of us had fished the area and I think all of us had a good time learning the area. Of course we had time to watch the ballgames after a hard day of fishing.



Many thanks to Clinton Gray for these pictures.

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Conservation



Figure 1 Pat Carroll fishing the Shillalah Creek. Pat will be teaching Joe's Smelt April 27th. Bring red thread if you have some.

Edward Mouser, 1st Vice President of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen and President of Jefferson County Sportsmen's Club, will speak on "League of Kentucky Sportsmen" at our April 20th meeting.

Plans are progressing for outdoor summer meetings. Call David Spanyer 502-454-5764 to join the outdoor planning committee.

SAVE THESE DATES:

APRIL 1st - 3rd - STEELHEAD OUTING

APRIL 6th - 7 p.m. - DCFB BOARD MEETING

APRIL 7th & 14th - ROD BUILDING CLASSES SIGN-UP REQUIRED

APRIL 20th - 7 p.m. - EDWARD MOUSER "LEAGUE OF KENTUCKY SPORTSMEN"

APRIL 27th - 7 p.m. - FLY TYING - PAT CARROLL JOE'S SMELT

Planning can be fun!



Your DCFB board hard at work as always!

**Where can you get 8 hours
of fly fishing instruction by
a
world-record-holding,
fly fishing guide for \$69?**

Lifelong Learning Classes at Iroquois High School! Join our own Gerry McDaniel for 4 Wednesdays April 20 - May 11, 2005 from 6:30 - 9 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.