



Kentucky Fly Fisher

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Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers



The mission of Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers, Inc. is to promote the sport of fly fishing through leadership of and participation in educational, conservation, and preservation activities.

2010—A Banner Year!

By Michael J Arnold

NKFF has some great things planned for the new year; an increase in youth events from teaching to fishing to just plain fun. There are new trips to old places such as West Virginia's New River (a different, and we think, better way,) trips to new places like the Minnesota Lakes and Boundary Waters, some Tennessee waters and Indiana's Laughery Creek.

We also have more community service opportunities with Project Healing Waters. This includes teaching and fishing events for those of you who want to say "thanks!" to our in-

jured veterans. There are new programs for our regular monthly meetings such as fishing Tennessee streams, another terrific presentation on Kentucky from the wild man Lee McClellan, and a presentation on Brook Trout in Kentucky from Grayson Patton, winner of the Red Barrington Scholarship grant in 2009.

A lot of new things will (eventually and sooner than you might think) be facilitated by the new website. Right now I am stumbling through how to do things such as setting up calendar entries (for everyone to see) and event registrations for our

members. We're also about to start pouring more live articles onto the home page so we'll be tapping a few of you for some input here. Don't be shy - we'll edit and cleanup anything you turn in if you're worried about your writing.

I invite all of you to take a look at the MISSION STATEMENT written above. It says a whole lot about what NKFF is dedicated to. So if someone asks you why we do some of the things we do (and don't just fish) ... there's your answer.

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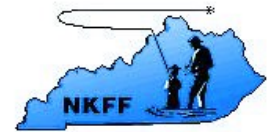
Visit our web site at: www.nkyff.org and join us at our monthly meeting the 1st Thursday of the month at the Briarwood in Hebron, KY conveniently located off I-275

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Cover Photo

Travis Young's Brookville Brownie
By John Guthrie



February Calendar of Events

4	THU	<u>NKFF Indoor Meeting @ Briarwood Banquets In Hebron, KY - 5:30-9:30</u> - Program By Indigo Guide Service
6	SAT	BUFF Greater Cincinnati Flyfishing Show @ Receptions Conf Center In Fairfield, OH – 9Am-4:30pm
14, 21, 28	SUN	<u>NKFF Beginner's Fly-Tying Classes - NKU In Highland Hts - 3:00-5:00pm</u> (A McDaniel)
17	WED	<u>NKFF Directors' Meeting - 7pm</u> - Josh Lillard's House (2498 Hilliard In Hebron, KY)
23	TUE	5th District Federation Meeting – Lloyd WMA Clubhouse In Crittenden - 6Pm

2010 Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show

Saturday January 30, 2010

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Featuring:

- Exhibits
- Fly Tying Demonstrations
- Fly Casting Demonstrations
- Educational Seminars
- Retailers
- Guides and Outfitters
- Fishing Organizations
- Fish & Wildlife Agencies
- Kid's Corner



[For More Information on the Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show, see page 11....](#)

NKFF Shows Support for the KDFWR

By Joshua Rust

NKFF has become aware of recent legislation that has been submitted to the Kentucky General Assembly concerning the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. This bill contains legislation that will severely weaken the KDFWR's ability to perform their core tasks and puts the lives of Kentucky's brave police men and women at significant risk.

The legislation, SB 64 (BR-868), seeks to enact certain measures that can ultimately strip the agency of its talent and deplete its resources. First and foremost, it moves to change the way that both the Commissioner and the Commission are appointed. The Commissioner would have to be reconfirmed every four years, thus enabling a politically based ouster of the Department's leadership. This is a strange move for a Department that is nationally lauded for its forward thinking and effective conservation policies.

Passage of the bill would also change the way that compensation is decided for the department's staff. This would enable undue outside influences to starve out talent based solely on political and self serving motivations. More importantly, it would force the Commissioner to be confirmed by the Senate, thus further politicizing the position and allowing unqualified but connected individuals to assume this important role.

The department is supported by our licensing fees and not tax dollars. The current system is effective and should not be altered. The proof lies within the quality of leadership Kentucky currently enjoys. Everyone can agree that the Department is sympathetic to the needs of its sportsmen and does a wonderful job. Doesn't it make sense that we continue to have the most influence in this critical appointment?

Finally, and most unpalatably, the bill moves to force those in the department with policing powers to limit their assistance to other Kentucky police departments **ONLY** in the case of a dire emergency. The question then remains, who and how do they decide what makes an emergency dire? This section denies the support that our brave policemen and women need to do their jobs safely. Situations can easily get out of hand and an extra responding officer who might be in the area could mean the difference between life and death. Let's not allow this process to be muddled by this piece of legislation. Let's continue to allow our officers to do their job.

NKFF has put together a letter of support to express our confidence in the Department's current leadership and our disapproval of this legislation. Please review it and offer your signature and support. Our voices will join the rest of the sporting community's opposition to this bill and hopefully disallow its passage.

Membership Renewals are Due March 1

Membership renewals are due for all members on **March 1, 2010**.

Regular memberships are \$25 per person or chip in a little more at \$30 and enroll the entire family. Or, inquire about a lifetime membership.

What a terrific value! You can't afford not to join!

To pay, see Jack "the Bulldog" Randall or contact him if you need any additional information. You can catch Jack at our regular monthly meetings manning the front door OR you can email him at jack.randall@nkyff.org.

Jack would also like to remind you that badge reissues are free as long as they are within reason and new patches are \$3.

Update on Bill Ballard

Remember to continue to keep Bill Ballard and his family in your hearts, minds and prayers. Bill continues to recover and we can't wait to see him back at the helm of this newsletter and prowling around at our monthly meetings.

To send a note, card, flowers or other items to Bill, address it as follows:

**Deaconess Hospital
Room 472
Patient—Bill Ballard
311 Straight Street
Cincinnati, OH 45219**

Rusty Gates, Long-time Friend of NKFF, Passes

Rusty Gates, Keeper of the Au Sable River near Grayling, Michigan and long time friend of many of the NKFF "old timers" passed away on December 19th, 2009. Years ago, when NKFF first got started, about the only fishing trips we went on involved driving to Michigan to fish the famed Holy Water of the Au Sable River. For years we camped at Jackson Hole Campground on the North Branch while on the "waiting list" to get into Rusty's Gates Au Sable Lodge on the mainstream. Then, following a last minute cancellation by one of their "regulars", Rusty called and said the Brown Trout wing was open if we wanted it. Thereafter for probably six or seven years, NKFF members spent a super long Memorial Day weekend at this wonderful lodge. Rusty was always helpful to us "southerners" with helping hands on how to catch the beautiful rainbows, browns and brook trout.

New website up and running!!!

By Joshua Rust

Thanks to the tireless work of our own Bob Kellison and Jack Randall, who have volunteered countless hours designing and transitioning our website to its new format, NKFF now has a new and exciting home page!

There are many, many wonderful tools for club members on this site. The transition has enabled it to not only be more aesthetically pleasing, but also more functional.

The new site will contain all of the trip signups, a calendar events, interesting articles written by members, map pages and many of our home grown how-to's.

Check it out when you get a chance. All members have a username and password. See Mike Arnold if you have yet to receive yours. This will be the key to getting and navigating the new member's only pages.



Kentucky Fly Fisher

By Joshua Rust

It was a fun night filled with good food, fun games, exciting raffles and plenty of hats.

This past November NKFF had their annual Awards Banquet and Fund-raiser.

A raucous crowd came out to see the bird man himself, Eddie Annal, who brought a gang of his fine feathered friends from the Cincinnati Zoo. Including some close flyovers and some poop on the floor (just the birds,) Eddie kept the crowd completely enthralled with both the presentation and his gripping and entertaining presentation style.

Awards were given out by Tim Guilfoile for 2009. The Fly Fisher of the Year Award went to Jack Randall. The President's Award went to longtime members AB Lockstead, Hal Burch, Mel Whitehead, Bob Weichman and Al Schwartz. President's Awards also went to Bob Kellison for his terrific work updating our website, John Guthrie for his

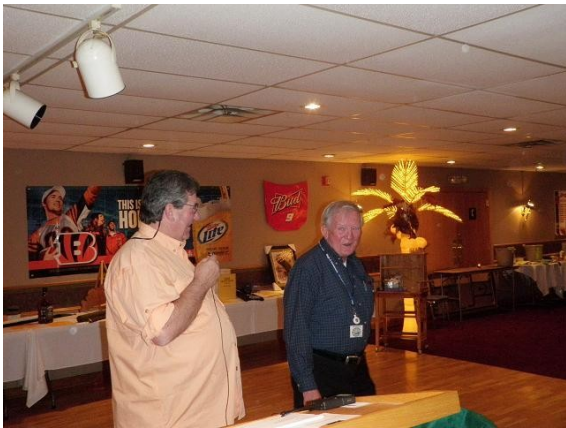
outstanding work with our Youth programs and Larry Giffin for putting some much needed creativity into our new club branded clothing line.

Tim also passed along the reigns and ended his tenure as President to Josh Lillard, who made it his official first meeting.

The lighted palm trees, prime rib steaks and hustle and bustle at the raffle tables made for an exciting and fun filled night. Everyone is looking forward to our banquet for 2010 and can't wait to see what is in store this year!!!!



Banquet photos continued....



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Winter Brookville Trip Provides Hot Fishing

By John Guthrie and Joshua Rust

On a chilly and foggy Saturday morning this past January 16, a small caravan of NKFFers left Hebron at 7:00am for the first of two trips to the Brookville Tailwater for some cold weather trout fishing.

Rendezvousing at the public park, the group was joined by another half dozen club members, including new member Travis Young, an experienced spin fisherman, but one who had yet to catch a trout on the fly rod.

Josh Rust and Wayne Noakes provided a quick rundown of the closest holes and riffles and also passed out flies...a disco midge pattern in size 18 which had been productive in the past. The group split up with Wayne, Steve Moermond and Tom McCloskey fishing the bottom half of the park and

the other half of the group fishing towards the dam.

After 45 minutes of slow fishing upstream, Rust and several members decided to fish below the park boundary, which involves wading across the stream in order to avoid trespassing on private property. Travis Young, fishing a white streamer pattern, quickly picked up his first trout on a fly rod, a very respectable brown. When Young netted his second healthy brownie, Rust quickly handed out baby rainbow Clouser patterns he had recently tied to the rest of the group. Shortly thereafter, Jon Martin caught and released a nice brownie as did John Guthrie. Below the first bridge, Guthrie also landed a hefty rainbow with luminous color.

Around 2:00 pm and having skipped lunch, the foursome hiked back to the parking lot, where they were soon joined by members Larry Giffin and Jarold Benson, who reported several rainbows and a 23 1/2" brown trout that took an olive wooly bugger. Dave Barnett was seen methodi-

cally plying the first major riffle along the park boundary as well.



Jon Martin with a nice brown brown

Hopefully the excursion eased the cabin fever of some of the club's members despite the forecasted 40 degree temps never materializing. Despite the cold, Old Man Winter did relax his icy grip long enough for some hot fishing at the Brookville Tailwater.

Unfortunately the follow up trip was cancelled due to high water, but it just goes to show that you can fish year round and still catch fish!



John Guthrie with a terrific rainbow

Ohio River Fly Fishing Wrap-Up

Summarized by Dave Devita

PRESENTED BY TODD WILLMOTH AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING

WHERE

- o Mehldahl and Markland Dams

WHEN

- Stripers starting getting into the tailraces in December
- o Get there early – 4:00 a.m. – stake out your location

QUARRY

Striped bass and hybrid striped bass; can also catch a lot of other species

TACKLE

- Todd uses a two handed rods; typically a 14 foot rod
- Minimum rod size would be a single handed 8 wt.
- Recommends large arbor reels
- Good lines for use are the Rio Versa Tip, Rio Outbound, and Rio Streamer Tip
- o 7.5 ft. to 9 ft. leader

FISHING

- Strip all your line up to the backing into a stripping basket
- Use large streamers sizes 2 – 6.
- Saltwater poppers work well
- Cast into the boil near the dam
- o Optimal River level is at pool – 26.6 feet

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Kentucky is the only state which stocks striped bass in the Ohio
- All other states which stock do so with hybrid striped bass

Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show Information

Taken from www.derbycityflyfishers.com

**January 30th, 2010 - 9am to 5pm
Fern Valley Inn and Conference Center
2715 Fern Valley Road
Louisville, KY**

The Derby City Fly Fishers will host the Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show on Sat., Jan. 30, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Fern Valley Inn and Conference Center located at 2715 Fern Valley Road. The show will include over 80 exhibits, educational seminars, and is expected to draw over 1000 men, women, and children from a vast majority of the eastern United States.

The one day event is focused on introducing fly fishing to a beginner audience while offering expert instruction and information to the advanced fly fisher. Derby City Fly Fishers believe there is a large audience of outdoor sportsmen that will appreciate the uniqueness of a sport that brings one to quiet, natural surroundings that invigorate oneself in these days of so many distractions. Women and youngsters will discover that fly fishing requires no extraordinary skills other than basic timing and technique.


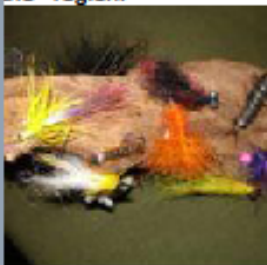




Men, women, and young people will be entertained and educated on the art of fly casting and fly tying. The novice and experienced fly fisher will enjoy reviewing the latest in tackle and technique from a diverse offering of tackle vendors, manufacturers reps, outfitters, retailers, artists, and the like. Nature enthusiasts will find information on destinations including some of the most pristine outdoor venues.

While fly fishing can be experienced on walk in and wading trips, the show will also feature canoes, kayaks, pontoons, and other individual watercraft.

This year's vendor lineup features well known manufacturers including Temple Fork Outfitters, Shelbyville Rod Company, Cortland Lines, and Renzetti. In addition, Macauley Lord will be joining us to lead several fly casting clinics throughout the day. The show will also feature many other nationally recognized fly tiers, authors, outfitters, manufacturers, and fly shops will also be on hand.

The Kentuckiana Fly Fishing Show is open to the public. Tickets are \$6.00. Admission is free to active military and children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

2010 Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show - Everyone Invited – Saturday, February 6, 2010

<p>Programs 9:00 Registration Opens 9:00 - 4:30 Exhibits Open 10:00 Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly Fishing for Muskie • Introduction to Handcrafting Bamboo Fly Rods • Kayak Fish'n in the Bluegrass State <p>4:30 Doors Close</p> <p>Programs subject to change without notice</p>	<p>See Fly Fishing Show Brochure</p>	<p>Admission \$5.00/person Children under 12 - free Parking - free Scouts in uniform - free</p> <p>Included in the price of admission, you will be eligible to win door prizes to be drawn throughout the Fly Fishing Show. Great fly fishing prizes will be given to the lucky winners.</p>
 <p>Fly Tying Island - fly tying from some of the region!</p> 	<p>Exhibits - Check out the many exhibits, including vendors displaying their latest gear, fishing organizations, guides and outfitters, state department of natural resources, and much more.</p>  <p>Observe and learn the best fly tiers in</p> <p>Ongoing Fly Tying Demonstrations!! - There will be ongoing fly tying demonstrations in the presentation room.</p>	<p>Directions Getting to the Receptions Conference Center is easy. It's located off Rt. 4 in Fairfield, Ohio (northern Cincinnati).</p>
 <p>Activities aimed at how to have fun in fly</p>	 <p>Kid's Corner - teaching our kids fishing.</p>	<p>Traveling on I-275, take Exit 41 and travel approximately 2 miles <u>north</u> on Rt. 4.</p>
 <p>Learn what it takes to rods!</p> <p>Rod Building - make your own fly</p>	<p>Fly Shops - Shop at the local/regional fly shops booths. Check out their great products & services they have to offer!</p>	<p>Turn left at Boymel (there is a stoplight at the intersection and a McDonalds on the corner).</p>
<p>The Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing Show (sponsored by Buckeye United Fly Fishers, Inc.) is presented every year to promote the sport of fly fishing. It is an opportunity for anyone (men, women and children) interested in fly fishing, from the novice who has never fly fished to those who have developed a passion for the sport, to spend the day learning about fly fishing, techniques, resources, and places to visit. Everyone is invited.</p>		<p>Travel approximately 0.2 miles. The Receptions is located on the right side. Parking is free and available on both sides of the street.</p> 