



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

A thank you to everyone who attended & helped with the Jaycee Park outing. It was fun & looked like everyone was having a successful evening of fishing. I caught one bluegill, so as Greg says "I didn't get skunked".

I wanted to share something exciting that's going on in my life. My wife Rachel & I are taking our honeymoon next month and we're doing a giant road trip from Missouri, to Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, then back through South Dakota & Nebraska on the way home. We got married in 2020, but things happened here & there, so we're



finally taking the honeymoon and are really excited, because we've never been to any of those states. We're going to visit zoos, museums, Mount Rushmore, Sturgis during the annual motorcycle rally, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons National Park, and more. While on the trip, I'm hoping to get out & fish at least once in each of the states, including inside Yellowstone. We'll be on our trip during our August meeting so unfortunately I'll miss it, but I hope to share stories & pictures at our September meeting. If any of you have some recommendations for this trip, be sure to email or text me.



God Bless,
Justin

CFM PULL FOR CONSERVATION

The 20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic will be Saturday, August 8, 2026. It appears we have at least 6 volunteers for the event. That doesn't mean you can't join in the fun. The more the merrier. Or, if you would like to compete the fee and sign up info is shown on the right.

Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports
1420 County Rd 276
Columbia, MO 65202

We generally leave around 6am to be there by 7am. Lunch is provided.

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CONSERVATION FEDERATION OF MISSOURI
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20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, 1420 County Rd 276, Columbia, MO 65202

Shoot as a Team or Individual
Two Shooter Scramble- 75 targets, \$70/team
Individual Sporting Clays- 50 targets, \$40/shooter

Schedule of Events
Registration: 7:30 a.m. - Noon
Shooting: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Awards: 2:00 p.m.

Fun Games run from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
4 Rounds of the Meat Shoot
9 am * 10 am * 11 am * 12 pm

PHEASANT CHUKAR 5-STAND SHOOT

Prizes for Two Shooter Scramble & Individual Sporting Clays using the Lewis Class System

- Pre-registration is encouraged, but signing up on the day of the event is acceptable.
- Visit www.confedmo.org or call 573-634-2322 to register or for more information.
- Challenge shooting games will be held during the event!
- Food will be available on site and drinks will be provided.

Presented by:
Missouri's Electric Cooperatives

Central Electric Power Cooperative's members are Boone Electric Cooperative, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Callaway Electric, Cature River Cooperative, Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Howard Electric Cooperative, Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, and Three Rivers Electric Cooperative.

AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

We now get back into our regular monthly members meetings. Tuesday, August 11 is the next scheduled date. **Remember that we have changed the start time of our regular meetings to 6:30 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will still start at the same time - 6 pm.** Our guest speaker will be Aaron Jeffries, one of the Deputy Directors for the MDC. He will give us an update on the Bennett Spring project. I'm sure he will do his best to answer any questions you may have about it and maybe other topics as well.

Remember to bring some flies for the fly box drawing. Also, if you are not yet aware, many club members will go to El Poblano to eat after the meeting. All are welcome to come along.

JULY OUTING RECAP

28 people braved the heat to gather at Jaycee Park for the last outing of the season. We enjoyed several pizzas and some desserts that members provided. Thank you all for the wonderful cookies and pie. Thank you to Jack Kramer for coordinating the pizza order and going to pick them up. It was great to see many members fishing. Good times!!



WRFF EXPO

The White River Fly Fishing Expo was this past July 24-25. I went down with my dad to tie on Friday and fish a little as well. Over two days they were expecting over 70 fly tiers to present their creations. This is a well run event and seems to be getting better every year. John Walther submitted flies to the tying contest this year. Please congratulate him for winning in two categories – Terrestrials and Dry Fly.

The dates for next year are already set. Mark your calendar for July 23-24, 2027.



John receives his Fly Tying Trophies



John using his motorized vise

2027 MARCH BANQUET PLANNING

We still need volunteers for the banquet committee. If you are not able to be on the committee, who can you talk to about making donation to the banquet? There are items already marked for the banquet, but we need more to make it a successful. We would be appreciative of items doanted and/or a monetary donation. This is our most important club fundraiser. Teamwork – Please help!!!



August 8, 2026 at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema
Springfield MO

\$17.00 via Square transaction at the QR link, below:



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Hello Everyone,

Again I want to thank the club and Dennis for the rod he let me have at the banquet. I got the first chance to cast it on open water at Bennett Saturday. It casts much better than my twice repaired \$90 Allbright. Thanks!

It is too hot here, but it's nice to think about and hopefully get into a cold stream. Greg and I fished the Naknek River and caught salmon that had come from Bristol Bay. They are the strongest fish I have ever hooked, but now they are in trouble. This tells what TU is doing about it.

Help TU Protect Bristol Bay Salmon

At this very moment, a massive underwater migration of wild salmon is returning to the rivers of Bristol Bay, Alaska — some of the best fish habitat left on earth.

As the salmon return to Bristol Bay, we return to court to defend their homewaters.

What's going on?

On June 25, 2026, Trout Unlimited and partners will appear before the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska to defend the Clean Water Act 404(c) safeguards that currently shield Bristol Bay's world-class fishery from risks of the proposed Pebble Mine. The Pebble Limited Partnership, the foreign-owned company behind the project, continues to relentlessly push to overturn these hard-won, widely supported safeguards.

Trout Unlimited, along with a diverse coalition of Tribal, economic, and environmental stakeholders have filed as "intervenor" in these lawsuits. While each intervenor brings unique concerns, TU's role highlights Bristol Bay's unmatched ecological and recreational value and its vital place in Alaska's economy and America's hunting and fishing heritage.

What to expect?

There is likely to be a lot of buzz in the news around this hearing, but we wanted you to hear the facts directly from us. We will follow up after the hearing with a clear summary of what unfolded and what it means for the path ahead.

How can you help?

Your voice is more important than ever. Demonstrating that Bristol Bay's fishing and hunting community remains engaged is essential to ensure that we can hold the line.

Here are a few simple actions you can take:

1. Stay informed by following our updates on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)
2. [Take action](#) when we send alerts
3. [Donate](#) if you're able

Each year, the salmon return to Bristol Bay. It's our privilege to witness the awe of their return, and our responsibility to make sure they always have a place to come back to.

Water Quality Monitoring Training:

Level 1 videos https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy

Conservation:

MISSOURI

‘Forever Chemicals’ Over Federal Limits

[‘Forever Chemicals’ Surge Past Federal Limits in Some Missouri Water Systems](#)

The Beacon

NATIONAL

Nuclear Power to Pump Water into the Colorado River?

[Could Nuclear Power Help Pump Water into the Colorado River?](#)

12 News

Fertilizer Reminder Issued After Fish Kill

[Fort Myers Beach Officials Issue Fertilizer Reminder After Buccaneer Lagoon Fish Kill](#)

WINK

Warning Issues After Predatory Fish Spotted Where it Doesn’t Belong

[Officials Issue Warning After Spotting Predatory Fish in River Where it Doesn’t Belong](#)

Yahoo!News

Fishing:

All about brook trout

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/about-trout/why-anglers-love-brook-trout-and-how-to-catch-them/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=Us425

CHASING SMALLIES

Give trout a break during low and warm water conditions by throwing streamers for smallmouth bass. https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/spend-summer-chasing-smallmouth-with-streamers/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=LHH45

TROUT TIP - TEACHING

You'll find nothing but a win-win situation when helping someone learn to fly fish. https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tips/trout-tip-teaching/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=NHH45

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- August 4 – Informal Gathering
- August 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 8 – CFM Pull for Conservation
- August 8 – Fly Fishing Film Tour – Springfield, MO \$17
- August 11 – Monthly Members Meeting
- August 18 – Informal Gathering
- August 20 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 25 – Informal Gathering

September

- September 1 – Informal Gathering
- September 3 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 8 – Monthly Members Meeting
- September 12 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- September 11-12 – Tri Lakes Fly Fishers 2026 Expo – Clinton, MO
- September 15 – Informal Gathering
- September 17 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 19-20 - MTFA Tournament – Montauk State Park
- September 19 – CFM
- September 22 – Informal Gathering
- September 26 – Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park **Volunteers Needed**
- September 29 – Informal Gathering

October

- October 1 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 2-3 – Niangua Outdoor Days – Hidden Valley Outfitters
- October 3-4 – 63rd Annual Rose Holland Derby – Montauk State Park
- October 6 – Informal Gathering
- October 13 – Monthly Members Meeting
- October 15 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 20 – Informal Gathering
- October 24 – SMFF Family Fly Fishing Festival – Bennett Spring State Park
- October 27 – Informal Gathering
- October 31 – Last Day of Catch-and-Keep at the trout parks

November

- November 1 – Urban Winter stocking program scheduled to begin
- November 3 – Informal Gathering
- November 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 7 – Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park – **Volunteers Needed**
- November 10 – Monthly Members Meeting
- November 13 – Catch-and-Release season starts at the trout parks
- November 17 – Informal Gathering
- November 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 24 – Informal Gathering

**Please share
your fly fishing
stories, photos,
events, and/or
gear by
submitting
something to
the newsletter.**



Phil showing his and John G's catches at Montauk



Justin fishing Jaycee park