

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Wow, what an eventful year 2020 was. You could also argue that it was a less eventful year, especially for club activities. Let's not dwell on that. Instead, let's be optimistic that 2021 brings better things for everyone.

If you haven't already heard or figured it out, we will not be meeting live until things are safer for everyone. Hopefully, the administering of a vaccine goes efficiently enough that we can meet some time in 2021.

Until then, we have started using video meetings to have some club activity. Please join in for the next one on Tuesday, January 12 at 7 pm. There will be a little more detail about this to follow.

Along with the video meetings, we look to add things to the website to provide access to those who are not able to attend a video meeting. We want all members to be able to be involved as much as possible.

If you attended the last video meeting, I announced that my job was changing going into 2021. I will have an update about that to follow. There is a twist.

How can we get back to being more active as a club, while navigating the current pandemic conditions? If you have any ideas, please share. I have had a couple club members share ideas that could build future relationship for the club. This will be another article to follow in the newsletter.

That's more than enough of my talk. Be well, be safe, and have some fun!!! – Greg Curtin

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

The stream newsletter had several interesting items: Watch the new "[Keeping Waters Healthy - It starts with you](#)" video.

If you did not hear a court ruled the state must sell the 11 point park. DNR and the Missouri Attorney General may appeal the judgement, but unless they win an appeal we will lose prime trout access. Read more about it: https://missouriparksassociation.org/Portals/0/Eleven%20Point%20Resolution-9_24_2020%20Final%20Draft.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3mIfqYZNItziUiMrWmc_4QcmIrXwalEKxe72oXWZzVOMOXmERXPtWjur4

The Missouri Stream Team is proud to present a series of online presentations on the ecology, diversity, and conservation issues of Missouri streams.



Here are some showing insects in action.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMI_fy_cD4BpGt0PBOPsbTyfLjoTAETd

All presentations are recorded and posted to the [Stream Team YouTube channel](#).

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas holidays and wish you the best in 2021. It will be great to see you fishing or at a meeting.

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

VIDEO MEETING

As mentioned, the next video meeting will be Tuesday, January 12 at 7 pm. Zoom is the platform we will be using. So, you will need to download Zoom onto your phone, tablet, or computer to be able to participate.

I will send out an invitation that contains a Meeting ID and Passcode. This information will be sent out to all club members on the 2020 roster. If you want to share it with anyone outside of the club that you think might be interested, please do so. We would love to have new participation in the club activities. Not to mention potential new members.

If you are not able to join the video meeting, all is not lost. I am working on establishing a YouTube account where members will be able to replay the meeting later. We will also set up a link on the website to make it easier for members to find the videos. This will be great when we have a presenter tying a fly pattern that you can reference later.

Speaking of presenters, Wayne Simpson will be our first presenter on January 12. He has two flies that he will demonstrate for us. If you would like to tie right along with him, I sent out a list of materials previously, which you will need.

Who would like to be a presenter for the next video meeting? I'm sure Wayne would do more presentations for the club, but it should really be a shared activity. This is where I need to hear from you. Any fishing related activity would be great. Tell us about a fishing experience, talk about new equipment, tie a fly, or share a recipe, with the club. Thanks

MY WHIRLWIND AT WORK

For the past few years there has been this question of whether my department at work would continue to exist or not. There would be a sigh of relief each time we made it to a new year and no announcement came.

This past year was different. In early December, we received word that the department was to be disbanded and we would be sent to new areas of the store. I had to reserve myself to the fact that a change of pace was here. This is when I informed club members at the last video meeting that my schedule would be different.

In an unexpected turn of events and just a few days from the start of my new position, I was given a message to speak to my General Manager. It seems that the corporate office has changed their stance and decided to keep my department intact after all.

Instead of sitting back and speculating as to what ultimately made them reverse their decision, I think I will just treat it as one of the better Christmas presents I have received in the past few years.

Is there a point to this story? Well, if nothing else, be happy in what you have because you never know what could happen.

Merry Christmas to me!!!

Greg

CLUB ACTIVITY

In my perfect world, the club would have a members meeting once a month, tie flies in January and February, club members would actively promote fly fishing to anyone interested, we would go on fishing adventures as a group, and tell fish tales with the best of them. As you all know, this can't happen at the moment. So, what can be done to create some activity within the club?

The first thing is to take advantage of video conferencing. We have just begun to utilize Zoom as a way to talk as a group and I hope that more and more people will participate. Until we can meet live, this may be our best alternative.

How can we take advantage of this? I have been presented a couple of possibilities by club members. Both options will require some level of active participation from club members, so we will need to discuss their viability for us. The next article will talk about the options.



Mckay Park presents, "Bows on Ice"

THE OPTIONS

When we look at the options, keep in mind, with enough people willing to participate, we could do both.

Option One:

Sam Stewart with the MDC, is currently setting up fly tying classes for the public. He is packaging up the materials and mailing it out to the participants. He has a class size limit, which I am unaware of, to have some control over costs.

How can this work for CCFF? Well as I understand it, Sam would be willing to demonstrate some flies for us, via video, if we would be willing to open the sessions to the public and supply the materials. This allows us to bring fly tying to a new group of people as well as gives us new flies to tie for our collections. We would be responsible for purchasing and organizing the materials to be sent out. We will need to discuss.

Option Two:

Team up with other fly fishing organizations and share knowledge of fly fishing and fly tying. There is a club out of St. Louis who would team up with us to discuss various fishing topics. What they ask for is a fair give and take of shared information. This would require club members to take turns to be presenters from time to time. This could open up a lot of new ideas for club members.

The key is --- in order to stay active, it will to a team effort. This is a perfect time to build new relationships. Let's discuss it at the upcoming meeting.

PHOTO FUN



A sweet fish alongside his sweetheart



Here kitty, kitty!



The new floating chair. Watch out Fish!



Bending Browns, like Beckham!



*Froze, Froze, Froze your toes.
Gently down the Stream.*



*Taney Treasure!!
Hope to see you at the
next video meeting.*