



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Will the real winter season please stand up? We've been fortunate with mostly moderate weather up until now, but we had to see the snow and cold at some point. I guess I picked the wrong time to take a week off from work. No worries, there are other things that needed tending to. I did get a couple of fishing days in.

It feels good to have fly tying back again this year. We are three sessions in and have had some great flies. At the beginners table they have been learning basic techniques and tying flies like the mop fly, zebra midge, and the John Deere. At the regular session, we have tied the damsel fly nymph, the Klod hopper, and the original crackleback. I'm excited for the next one.

If anyone has any interesting stories or information that would relate to the club and you would like to get it out to everyone via the newsletter, please let me know. It is always nice to have new content to share.

*I sent out an email asking about purchasing banquet tickets about a week ago. As a result of current ticket sales, the information received from the email, and the limited response to the email, **we will be rescheduling the banquet** to a later date. That date is still to be determined. That does not mean we should stop bringing in donations. We really need more items to raise funds for the club and future activities. There will be an upcoming article to talk further on the banquet.*

Thank you for your future participation,

Greg Curtin

PROMOTING THE BANQUET

If you were to ask me, why we have not sold more tickets to the banquet, I would give three reasons. The first reason would be health and safety concerns. Obviously, we want everyone to feel safe to attend any event we have. The second reason, which will happen with any date we choose, is scheduling conflicts with other events. The third big reason is the lack of promotion of the event.

What we did not do is organize a committee specifically for the banquet promotion and preparation and are now having to react. So, before we decide on another date, we must put together a committee to start the process out right. We are looking for volunteers that want to have a successful fundraiser. If we cannot get a banquet committee together, we will have to find another way to raise funds without a banquet and have a different committee. This is a group effort, we need everyone's help.

FLY TYING



If you were wondering what is next at the fly tying sessions, well the wait is over. Pictured above is "The Spooky Shad" pattern. Looks like you might want to bring along some super glue and white thread. See you there!!!

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

I have missed seeing everyone at meetings, but look forward to getting a chance to fish with you. Our sons were home during the holidays and then McKay froze. I have not had much time on the water but am glad Greg, Terry and John G are catching lots of fish from area lakes.

As many of you know, TU is both a conservation and a fishing organization. TU is working hard to adapt streams to changing climate and also to take steps to keep it from getting worse. Check out this video by TU's chief scientist, Helen Neville.

https://vimeo.com/585113735?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=7977203

If you did not get the stream team newsletter, here are a couple articles that may interest you.

Climate change and native trout

<https://phys.org/news/2022-01-climate-invasive-species-native-trout.html>

"Our two native trout species in Montana will decline in the future unless appropriate conservation action is taken," Bell said. "Our results suggest that tailoring conservation strategies to specific species and specific climate-change threats is important for native fish conservation."

[Beavers support freshwater conservation and ecosystem stability](#)

Take Care and keep catching fish,

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

REEL RECOVERY

Just as we look for funding to sustain the operation of our club, other organizations are looking to do the same thing. We have always tried to help organizations that help others through the sport of fly fishing. What better group to demonstrate that than Reel Recovery.

What is Reel Recovery all about? I'm sure my brief description won't do it justice, but I'll try my best.

Reel Recovery is an organization that helps men who are recovering from cancer through the therapeutic role of fly fishing and connecting with nature. Every year retreats are held around the country and Missouri is fortunate to have one at Westover Farms in Steelville, MO. The retreat gives the men a little break from their everyday concerns. It also gives them time to talk with others going through the same situations and they are able to gain another avenue of support and friendship. The retreat also provides the participants information about the many resources available to them as they work through their recoveries.

Location: Westover Farms in Steelville, MO

Starts: 4 pm April 25

Ends: 2 pm April 27

This year's participants and volunteers may be set already, but that shouldn't stop you from helping in the future. If you know of anyone going through the cancer recovery process don't be afraid to let them know about this annual event. www.reelrecovery.org

CONSERVATION FEDERATION

The following information was sent out to me last week and has a deadline. My apologies for the short notice, but please read this over. If you are interested please let me know by Saturday, January 22.

The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) is seeking one nominee per affiliate to fill up to 12 (twelve) positions on the CFM board of directors. These board positions will represent ALL affiliates and carry out the duties expected of a board member of a non-profit organization.

Background:

At the March 2016 Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to make changes to the make-up of the BOD. These went into effect leading up to the March 2018 Convention. These changes impact how affiliates are represented. Instead of affiliates with greater than 250 members automatically receive a seat on the BOD, up to 12 representatives will be nominated and elected by affiliates. These 12 individuals will represent ALL affiliates.

A workgroup of affiliates worked to develop the nomination and election process.

In preparation for the affiliate board elections, a nominating committee has been formed of volunteers from several affiliate organizations. The committee's role is to solicit CFM affiliations to submit ONE nominee to run for election as a CFM board member. These elected positions will serve a 3, 2, or 1-year term. Nominees are required to be a member of a CFM affiliate in good standing.

Nomination Process:

Each affiliate may submit one nomination. As an organization, decide how you want to choose your nominee. The nomination must be

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submitted from the affiliate using the nomination form provided on this website. It is your nominee's responsibility to read and understand the board member's job description and expectations.

Submit nominations, using the online form <https://confedmo.org/affiliate-board-elections/> not later than the close of business on January 25, 2022, on the CFM website. Contact Michelle Gabelsberger at mgabelsberger@confedmo.org if you have any issues.

The nominating committee will review each nomination to ensure qualifications are met and will provide the list of nominees to affiliates in about mid-February.

The Nominees will be asked to provide: Photo, Bio, and a 90-second video.

Voting ID number

Will be arriving in the mail in the next few weeks. If you have any questions or didn't get it in the mail. Contact me to get your Voting ID number.

Nominees will be voted on for CFM affiliate board positions by an online voting ballot and then announced at the annual affiliate luncheon at the March Convention, one vote per affiliate.

Thank you for all you do in conservation,

Michelle Gabelsberger
Sent on behalf of the nomination committee members: *Shiley Wolverson, Mark Zurkrick, Kathie Brennan, David Urich*

I have attached the job description and expectations for the board member position.



FISHING WITH DANNY

If you were able to attend the November meeting you will remember the name of our guest speaker, Danny Barker. Danny guides and writes many articles about his fishing adventures. He was nice enough to share one of those articles with us. He also provided a picture in the article and I think you will recognize the people in it.

Attached you will find the January newsletter for the North Arkansas Fly Fishers. This should give you a little extra reading enjoyment. If you go to pages 10-11, you will find the article in question.

Thanks for sharing the adventure with us Danny!



SOWBUG

Just a brief update on the Sowbug Roundup. At this moment, Sowbug is still a go. With the omicron variant currently causing concern, the final determination to continue or cancel will be made on February 29. Stay tuned!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2022

25 Fly Tying Session 4

February

1 Start of Winter Stocking - Catch and Keep

1 Fly Tying Session 5

8 Combo - Fly Tying Session 6/Club Meeting

14 Last Day of catch and release season at Parks

15 Fly Tying Session 7

19 Banquet – ****UPDATE**POSTPONED**

22 Fly Tying Session 8

March

1 Opening Day of Catch and Keep at Trout Parks

8 Club Meeting

24-26 Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR

PHOTOS

Some winter fishing at McKay. The fish on the right was caught with the damsel fly nymph.

