



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

2023 has gotten off to a great start!!! Counting both the beginner's session and the regular session, we have had no less than 35 people attend the first 4 fly tying dates. Our paid membership stands at 67 households and I hope that a few more of our past members will join us again this year. We still need to settle on a few things for a banquet and our summer outings, but I hope we can arrange things by the end of February. Welcome to all those who have joined us over the last few weeks of fly tying. I look forward to talking more with you and getting our yearly events going.

*Be aware that we have a few date changes for February activities. The newest, revolves around Valentine's Day. After further discussion, it was agreed that we would not have a fly tying session on February 14th. Instead, **we are moving the session to Monday, February 13th**. Time and place remain unchanged.*

The other date change was mentioned previously. Our monthly membership meeting was already moved to February 21st due to Valentine's Day. We will hold the meeting portion after the fly tying session. Remember, as part of this meeting we will be auctioning off some rod and reel combinations to help the family of past member Jim Kramel. There should also be some fly tying materials to be sold or auctioned off the same night. Oh yes, since it is a meeting night, don't forget to bring some flies for the fly box drawing.

If you are new to the fly box drawing, I'll try my best to explain it. At each monthly membership meeting, there is a drawing for a box of flies. The flies are brought in by club members to go in the box. For every fly that you donate, you get one ticket, which is one chance to win the fly box drawing. So, if you donate 5 flies, you would have 5 chances to win the box. If you wish to have a chance to win the fly box, but did not bring any flies to put in, you can donate \$2 per ticket to enter. There is no limit as to how many tickets you can obtain by monetary means or fly donation.

We voted in our last meeting to donate \$500 to the Reel Recovery program. The donation helps fund an outing for men who are going through cancer recovery. It provides an environment of support and introduces participants to the healing nature of fly fishing. It also provides a chance to network and learn about managing their recovery. Thank you to all who take the time to help.

I hope you have been able to sneak out between weather systems to get some fishing in. I have fished McKay Park a few times and been down to Bennett Spring a couple times in January. Fishing has been pretty good for the most part. However, I went up to Fulton this past weekend and put up the goose egg. That was the first time in a long time I was not only skunked, but I didn't even have a bite in over an hour of fishing. Just one of those days, I guess.

Fish On,

Greg Curtin, President

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES/NEWSLETTER

I believe I now have the most up to date club member roster. I apologize if you have not gotten any emails or newsletters in recent times. If you know of anyone that is not getting this information please let someone know. John Wenzlick will be taking over newsletter duties effective in February. If you have not had time to renew your membership, please do so now. John will only get a list of current (paid) members to send the newsletters to. We would love to have everyone back again this year. Jack Kramer has sent out or will be sending out a reminder in the mail to those yet to renew. The membership fees, payable to Capital City Fly Fishers, still remain at \$15 this year (\$20 next year) and can be paid at any meeting/fly tying night or mail to:

*Jack Kramer
1731 Overlook Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109*

We are able to accept cash or checks at this time. If you are not able to make a meeting or mail out your payment, please get with either Jack Kramer or Greg Curtin to make arrangements to drop it off. I say this all the time, but you really get more than your money's worth being involved with a great group. Thanks, Greg

FLY TYING

As mentioned, fly tying has been an absolute success so far. We have had attendance numbers in the 40s a couple of times. We have also had some great fly patterns to tie. John Walther and Mike Collins have really outdone themselves with their instructions, tips, and tricks. I am no professional, but I have recorded video on my phone of the first 4 sessions. Once I have time, I will do some editing and try to post them for viewing. I'm hoping to be able to record all the tying sessions.

If you have not been to a tying session and would like to attend, here is some information for you:

*Date: Every Tuesday in January and February, with one exception.
The week of Valentine's Day, we will meet on Monday, February 13th.*

*Time: 5 pm—beginners session
6 pm—regular session*

*Place: Knights of Columbus Hall
1822 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101
Lower Level Meeting Room*

*After: Typically, a group will get together
and go out to eat after the tying session.*



Next week: On January 31st, we will be tying the classic and effective bead head, gold ribbed, hare's ear nymph. John Walther will give a lesson on using a dubbing twister. If you have one, please bring it along.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

JJ Gates, who worked with us on the rip-rap at McKay, is no longer with Parks and Rec, so they are looking for a replacement. In the meantime I talked with Todd Spalding, the director. He said a handicapped ramp is in the long term plan. I asked if we could speed it up. He asked for pictures of the area where we would suggest a ramp. I sent him photos of the spot near the dam on the west bank down from the parking lot. I will let you know what else I learn.

Water Quality Certification Opportunity Level 2 and Validation training are combined starting Summer 2022. Monitors attending Level 2 for the first time will complete an online training prior to attending the in-person certification. A link to online training will be emailed after registration.

Level 2

The focus of the VWQM Level 2 training will be Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures to improve the quality of volunteer data. At this training, water samples will be analyzed in the classroom by monitors using their program-issued equipment. Attendees will also improve aquatic invertebrate identification skills.

PREREQUISITES TO ATTEND LEVEL 2:

Completion of VWQM Level 1 and submission of two seasons of data including biological, water chemistry, visual survey, and stream discharge.

Level 2 and 3 Validation Monitors certified at Level 2 or 3 must be recertified by attending a Validation training every three years.

To register for a Level 2 or Validation training:

1. Highlight and copy the 4-digit Event Passcode listed by the training you want to attend.
2. Click the Register Now button below.
3. Then paste the event passcode into the Private Event search bar.

Log in to complete registration.

All trainings are scheduled 9 AM to 12 PM. Instructions and details will be emailed prior to scheduled training.

Jefferson City 2/25 - Event Passcode E597

REGISTER NOW

Registration closes one week prior to scheduled t

Mountain Lion sighting in Boone County:

<https://www.komu.com/news/midmissourinews/mdc-confirms-mountain-lion-captured-on-trail-camera-in-northern-boone-county/article/0c8f2d80-91c7-11ed-a6cc-5fbac5d07461.html>

Hope you are enjoying some winter fishing and that I get a chance to fish with you at McKay.

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

FEBRUARY MEMBERS MEETING

Our monthly membership meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of every month. With Valentine's Day falling on the second Tuesday, we are moving the members meeting to February 21st. We will have the fly tying session first, then followed by the members meeting. We will cover some club business and then have a rod/reel auction where the proceeds will go to the Kramel Family. Here is the most recent list of the rod/reel combinations provided:

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| <i>1) Rod – Orvis 8' graphite 6wt full flex 4 pc</i> | <i>Reel – 5 / 6 Orvis Batenkill</i> |
| <i>2) Rod – Orvis 7'11" TLS 4wt mid flex</i> | <i>Reel – 3 / 4 Orvis Batenkill</i> |
| <i>3) Rod – St. Croix 8'6" graphite TVL 4 pc</i> | <i>Reel – Lamson LP 1.5 (extra spool)</i> |
| <i>4) Rod – St. Croix 7'9" Legend Ultra UFT 793- 3 pc 3 wt</i> | <i>Reel – Orvis CFO III</i> |
| <i>5) Rod – St. Croix 7' IF7034 3 / 4 wt</i> | <i>Reel – Okuma 180ES</i> |
| <i>6) Rod – Sage 8'6" 586RP 5 wt</i> | <i>Reel – Cortland Graphite</i> |
| <i>7) Rod – SSFR-905 9' 4 pc 5 wt</i> | <i>Reel – S/A System Two 56-L</i> |
| <i>8) Rod – Winston 9' 5wt 4pc boron & graphite</i> | <i>Reel – 5/6 Galvan Open Back OB-4 (2 spools)</i> |
| <i>9) Rod – TFO BVK 4wt, 8'6" 4pc</i> | <i>Reel - Ross Cimarron C-4</i> |
| <i>10) Reel Only - Zebco 156 with a WF5F line.</i> | |
| <i>11) Reel Only – Cortland Mosquito click pawl reel (no Line)</i> | |

Some fly tying materials will also be available at this meeting as well. The money raised from the fly tying materials will go to the club. If you know of anyone outside of the club that might be interested in bidding on any of these items, please invite them. We are not set up to take any electronic payments or credit/debit cards, so please bring cash or check. I have not seen any of the items and this is all the information I have. Come ready to bid!!

TIE SOME FLIES

Every year we participate in Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park. This year will be no exception. We have always provided at least 100 fly boxes, with various flies, at the event. Over the last few years Wayne Simpson has done an incredible job of stocking those fly boxes. This year, let's spread the work out a little more and not put so much on Wayne. We want to try and have 10 flies per box and then some various flies at the tent to hand out individually. Let's shoot for a club goal of 1500 flies to donate to the event. I will start by committing 200 flies to the total. If you want to do 10 flies or 200 flies, we will take any amount you can help with.

Mop Flies, Crackelbacks, Wooly Buggers, Pheasant Tails, Scuds, Midges, Beetles, Eggs, or anything you would like to tie, are all fair game. Keep in mind that not all the women will be using a fly rod. So, we want to make sure some flies can be fished with a spin rod as well. Take some of the techniques you are learning at our fly tying sessions and build a stockpile of flies to donate. The event is in September, so if we start now, we can reach the goal.

ANY INTEREST

We haven't gone on any overnight outings in a few years, so I want to put it out there to see if there is any interest. A few years back, we were taking a trip to The White River in October. You would have to cover your expenses for lodging, food, and fishing, but it was a great trip. Whether it is 2 people or 20, I think it would be a great get together. The White River is awesome, but it certainly is not the only option. We could do a trout park, Lake Taneycomo, or maybe one of the Trout Slam streams. Think it over and let me know. Thanks, Greg

CONSERVATION FEDERATION OF MISSOURI

As we are an affiliate member of the CFM, I would like to share some related information with you. First, the CFM is currently voting to elect new affiliate board members. There are 5 spots open, so Capital City Fly Fishers will vote for 5 or the 9 candidates. One candidate we will be voting for is Alex Scott, a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers and a new member of the Capital City Fly Fishers. If anyone has any other suggestions of which candidates to vote for. Please let me know right away. I'm placing the vote on Saturday night, January 28th.

The CFM 87th Annual Convention is February 21-26, 2023. February 21-23 will be virtual and February 24-26 will be held in-person at Lake of the Ozarks. Attached is information on the convention details. CCFE has been invited to attend the CFM 15th Annual Affiliate Luncheon. There is no cost for the Affiliate luncheon for one representative from CCFE. If anyone is interested in going, please let me know. It takes place on Saturday, February 25th between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm at Margaritaville in Lake of the Ozarks. If any more representatives from CCFE want to attend, extra meals can be purchased for \$35 per person. Deadline to apply is February 15th.

Save the date! April 5, 2023 is Conservation Day at the Capitol. It will be from 7:30 am to 1 pm. Booth sign-up and other information will come out after the convention. Let's discuss if CCFE wants a booth this year.

BRAMWELL BRIDGE PROPOSAL – BENNETT SPRING

A public meeting was held on Monday, January 23 at the Bennett Spring State Park nature center. People were invited to give their input on the future of the wooden Bramwell Bridge. Now there will be a 30-day comment period, with a survey available online on the Missouri State Park's homepage. If you would like to see some of the details and participate in the survey, here is the link.

mostateparks.com/park/bennett-spring-state-park

FISHING PHOTOS – Bennett trip



*Left:
Uldis had them
flying into the net*

*Upper
Right:
Phil Hauls in a
nice one*

*Lower
Right:
21" Bow for Greg*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 28 *Streamer Lovefest 2023 – Dally’s Ozark Fly Fishers – Cotter, AR 6:30 pm onwards*
- 31 *Fly Tying Session #5*
- 31 *Last day of catch and release at all the winter stocked lakes*

February

- 1 *First day of catch and keep for all the winter stocked lakes*
- 2 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 7 *Fly Tying Session #6*
- 13 *Fly Tying Session #7 – **ATTENTION THIS IS ON MONDAY NIGHT***
- 13 *Last day of catch and release at the Trout Parks*
- 14 *Trout Parks close to prepare for opening day March 1*
- 14 *Valentine’s Day – Fly tying moved to Monday February 13th*
- 16 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 21 *Fly Tying Session #8 – **Members meeting/auction starting after fly tying***
- 21-26 *Conservation Federation of Missouri - 87th Annual Convention*
- 28 *Fly Tying Session #9*

March

- 1 *Opening Day of Trout Seasons*
- 2 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 11 *Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Expo 2023 – Clinton, MO*
- 14 *Club Meeting*
- 16 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 23-25 *Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR*

April

- 5 *Conservation Federation of Missouri – Conservation Day at the Capital*
- 6 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 11 *Club Meeting*
- 15 *Veterans Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring*
- 20 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*

MCKAY PARK



Left: A 17” rainbow is always a great way to start your fishing day!



Center: John Goad using a classic rod and reel to catch a quality fish!



Right: Be Advised!! It looks like the Parks Department is adding some structure to the lake.

