



January 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ -

2024 started with a bang! We had 32 people attend the first fly tying session. There were at least six people at the beginner's table. John Walther demonstrated the Los Alamos Ant at the regular session. It looks like it'll be a good one for many species. I know firsthand that it will work with trout and have the proof to back it up.

From there we have had a bit of a cooling off, literally. With the weather not cooperating for the past couple of weeks, we look to next Tuesday to get a fly-tying session in. Still planning to do the Griffiths Gnat for the next session.

It looks like we have found a date for the banquet. This Banquet will be a club member only banquet, which includes your entire household. There will be more detail to come.

I have had just a few fishing days since the last newsletter. One day I lasted about 20 minutes at McKay Park. After about a dozen casts, a few hits, getting stuck on the bottom, and losing my fly. I was done fishing. The wind picking up and the temperature starting to dip below 40 degrees, didn't help either. The other local attempt was marginally better. My dad and I went out to a private pond near New Bloomfield, where we were hoping to catch some crappie. We didn't get skunked, but they weren't biting. I did catch a couple decent bass to make the trip memorable.

Just returned back from my trip to California. The visit with my brother and another friend was great! The fishing was not. We had hoped to do some steelhead fishing on the river and some crabbing in the ocean. Weather conditions made it dangerous to do either. The rivers were blown out and stained brown. The waves from the ocean were coming up over the jetty and just not safe. We did manage to get in about three hours of fishing in a freshwater lagoon. Talked to one of the locals who said the lagoon was about 4 feet higher than normal. The hope of 3 days out fishing/crabbing turned out to be 3 hours of fishing. The result, one fish on one hit for the trip. Mother Nature definitely took this round.

*Keep Fishing,
Greg Curtin*

*Here are the flies you will see this year (maybe one or two more):
Please note that the last session January 29 will be held on a Monday due to a large event at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday.*

Beginners session begins at 5:30 pm

Regular session begins at 6:15 pm

Basic fly tying equipment is available if needed. Sessions are open to the public. If you know of anyone interested in tying flies, please share this information. Materials for making the flies will be provided. Also note that some of the group will go out to eat after the sessions.



Crystal Butt Cricket



Willy's Pip

Tom Thumb



Los Alamos Ant

Clouser
Minnow





The Carrot Fly



Hairwing

Griffith Gnat





FLY TYING AT RUNGE/KIDS FISHING AT MCKAY

1) Jerry Kemple is leading the Fly-Tying Event at the Runge Nature Center on January 25th. After speaking with Jerry, it sounds like he has enough people lined up to help at the event. The event is listed on the MDC website and is an intro to fly tying event.

Registration for the event is required and as of this writing, there were seats remaining.

2) We were looking to have a Kids Fishing Day on February 3rd. With that being less than 3 weeks away and the weather as unpredictable as it is, we are not going to have the event. We will look to November for this event. This should give us better weather to work with, more time to plan, and be closer to when the fish are initially stocked.

3) We will have to have a brief club meeting at the next fly-tying session. It will be after the beginner's session and before the regular session.

Dennis Stieferman fights and lands a nice rainbow at McKay!



***Greg
sent these:***

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The Los Alamos Ant at work



No crappie today,
no problem

At the Fly Fishing Festival can see world class anglers in fresh and salt water. It will be at the Ragtag in Columbia starting at 10:30 January 27th. Doors open at 10, so you can get a good seat. [Get your tickets here.](#)



TU's banquet offers a chance to socialize with friends and enjoy a great meal at Stoney Creek Inn February 23rd. You may even come home with the gear you have been looking for or a guided trip. Get your tickets here: <https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/Mid-Missouri-Trout-Unlimited-Conservation-Banquet-87778>



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

As you probably know, TU was founded to take care of trout. At the last meeting I showed a video by TU's lead scientist that tells how they are doing it, [Climate Change and Trout: Impacts, Opinions and Ways You Can Help](#). You may be amazed at the success stories!

*Here is the only water quality monitoring class I am aware of:
Level 2 and 3 Validation*

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

All trainings are scheduled 9 AM to 12 PM. Instructions and details will be emailed prior to scheduled training. • **Kirkwood 2/1** - Event Passcode 3A72

• **Springfield 2/17** - Event Passcode 808D

• **Jefferson City 2/24** - Event Passcode 88DB

• **Lees Summit 2/27** - Event Passcode 06A8 **REGISTER NOW**

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

*With the polar vortex it colder here than in Anchorage, Alaska!
Unfortunately Mckay will be frozen for a while.*

It has been great to see club members there every time I come. Phil has done very well including a very healthy rainbow in the 18+ range. Unfortunately, I did not have my phone for a newsletter picture.

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

BUSINESS

- *1) Membership Renewals are due. All 2023 members will receive newsletters and email reminders through February 2024. After that*

you will be on the inactive list. You can pay at Fly Tying.

- *2) We will have brief monthly meetings in January and February. They will be between the beginners fly tying session and the regular session January 9th and February 13th.*
- *3) We planned to discuss a donation to Reel Recovery and banquet options at the January meeting.*
- *5) We need to start setting up committees for several things-We need both board members and regular members to be part of this.*
- *6) Plans for Fly Tying at Runge Center and Kids Fishing day in February need to be discussed. Meeting on another day other than Tuesday, may be necessary.*
- *7) Be open to Volunteering/Helping on Committees and/or at events this year. Thanks*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

16 Third Fly Tying Session

18 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO

23 Fourth Fly Tying Session

27 Fly Fishing Film Tour - Sponsor Mid-Mo TU - RagTag Theater in Columbia, MO - 10 am

30 Fifth Fly Tying Session

FEBRUARY

1 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO

6 Sixth Fly Tying Session

13 Seventh Fly Tying Session

15 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO

20 Eighth Fly Tying Session

23 Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited Banquet - Columbia, MO

27 Ninth Fly tying Session

MARCH

1 Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season at the Parks

5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO

12 Monthly Members Meeting - Board Meeting 6 pm - Members Meeting 7pm 19

Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO 21-23 Sowbug Roundup - Mountain Home, AR

26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

APRIL

6 Banquet

13 Tri-lakes Expo

If you know of any events that could be added to the calendar, please let us know. 2024 is here, let's have another great year!

Greg catches fish even in the harshest conditions from our changing climate.



My only fish on California trip

Send me pictures and other items of interest to club members.

Be safe and stay warm,

Jeff Holzem Newsletter Editor