



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

Hello Everyone,

As my first "Message from the Prez", I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Justin Beyer. I was born & grew up in Linn, MO. I've loved fishing as far back as I can remember. My most common fishing spots growing up were my grandparents' neighbor's pond, Ben Branch Lake, the Osage River, the Maries River, and the Lake of the Ozarks.

I graduated from Linn High School in 2006. I attended & graduated from William Woods University in Fulton, MO in 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in American Sign Language Interpreting & a minor in Art. In 2015, I started with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and I'm still there, thankful every day for my career. In 2020, I married my wife Rachel, then in 2023, we finished building our house in Holliday, MO.

My wife Rachel & I love being outdoors & going to state parks. After years of going to Montauk State Park & telling her, "someday I'm going to get a fly rod & learn how to fly fish", she surprised me with a rod, reel, & flies on Christmas Day 2021. I quickly dove head first into learning how to cast & tie flies. In 2022, I started attending CCFF meetings & became a member in 2023. Last year, I was Vice President, and this year I'm President. I'm thankful for the opportunity and for the trust you all have given me. I want to make our organization the best it can be. I want to grow our membership while strengthening our events with the mid-Missouri community. I know I'm new to fly fishing & this organization, but I'm learning all I can and will try my hardest. Again, thank you.

God Bless,  
Justin

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

2025 membership renewal fees are currently due. If you've not had a chance to get to one of the meetings to renew your membership, now would be the time. We are currently meeting every Tuesday for fly tying sessions. **If renewals are not received by March 1st, you will be put on the inactive list and will not receive future emails or newsletters until payment is made.**

If you are not able to make it to one of the next few sessions in February, you have two other options. The best option would be to mail a check to Jack Kramer (Treasurer). Please make a \$20 check payable to: Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFF

Mail to: Jack Kramer

1731 Overlook Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

The last and least favorite option would be to stop by Menards and give your renewal fees to Greg Curtin. Please let him know you are coming and be discreet as this is during work hours.

## **BANQUET**

Folks, this is the big one!!! Our goal at the 2025 banquet is to raise funds for the club to use for our community events and the donations we give throughout the year. Right now we have sold 20some tickets. That is well short of what we need to be successful. Capacity of the venue is around 120-125 and that is what we need to strive for. The banquet committee is working to put together some great items for the auctions and raffles. We now need to fill seats with people willing to support the club. The banquet is open to the public so tell anyone that might be interested to purchase a ticket. **Do not delay because the deadline to purchase tickets is February 28.** Just like paying your membership renewal you simply need to come to one of the fly tying sessions or mail a check to our treasurer Jack Kramer.

Here are some details:

Date- Saturday, March 8, 2025

Time- Social Hour 4 pm

Supper 5 pm

Raffles and auctions approx. 6 pm

Location- American Legion Post 5

1423 Tanner Bridge Road

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Price- \$25 per ticket

Meal- Fried chicken, pot roast, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable, buns, and dessert. Water and tea provided. Cash bar for other refreshments. A GREAT MEAL



## UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

**THE TRI-LAKES FLY FISHING EXPO**  
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 11-12  
BENSON CENTER, CLINTON MO

**EXPO** FRI 1 PM – 4 PM  
SAT 9 AM – 4 PM  
ADMISSION IS **FREE**  
LEARN FROM MORE THAN 50 EXPERT TYERS






**FEATURING ANGLER, AUTHOR & FILM MAKER**  
**JOHN VAN VLIET on Fly Fishing the Driftless**

SILENT AUCTIONS  
RAFFLES  
LIVE AUCTION  
KID'S TYING TABLE  
on SATURDAY

DELICIOUS HOME COOKED BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVED ON SITE

Saturday's van Vliet Driftless seminars are FREE.  
Van Vliet is Midwest Field Editor of *Fly Fishing* magazine and author of more than a dozen books.  
PLUS BROWSE RODS, FLIES, & MORE FROM 40+ VENDORS

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**28<sup>th</sup> Annual INTERNATIONAL SOWBUG ROUNDUP**  
Presented by North Arkansas Fly Fishers  
MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

**Welcome to a Top 10 Fly-Fishing Destination.**

Join us as we Celebrate Euro Nymphing on the Norfolk & White Rivers with vendors, seminars, food, & special guests!


 Pat Dorsey  
Master Fly-Fishing Guide

 Tim Flagler  
Fly Tying Instructor

**Baxter County Fair Grounds**  
Mountain Home, AR

**FREE ADMISSION**  
for adults accompanying children 12 and under

**9am - 4pm**

Paid for with funds by the Mountain Home Advertising & Promotion Commission.

Also on April 12 is Veterans Fishing Day at Bennett Spring. CCFF is planning to be involved with this event in some capacity. If you are not planning on attending the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo on this day, we will need a little help at Bennett. Should have more details next month.

## MDC EVENTS

With the urban winter stocking program shifting to catch and keep on February 1, The Missouri Department of Conservation will be holding two area events. Meet MDC staff for fishing instruction and learn how to clean fish.

February 3 from 9am to 12pm Family fishing at McKay Park Lake in Jefferson City, MO  
February 13 from 1pm to 3pm Family fishing at Veterans Park Lake in Fulton, MO

Please have the proper permits to fish and your trout permit to keep the trout you catch.  
**Registration on the MDC Website is required.**



# **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

## **Water Quality Monitoring Training:**

The Level 2 training includes short educational videos and a macroinvertebrate quiz to complete at-your-pace prior to the classroom portion. In the classroom, water samples will be analyzed by monitors using their program-issued equipment.

**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.

The class will be offered February 22 in Jefferson city and here is the registration link

[Events | Missouri Department of Conservation](https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Account/Login?returnUrl=/Event/Register?EventId=205169) <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Account/Login?returnUrl=/Event/Register?EventId=205169>artment of Conservation. The passcode is A237

Jimmy Carter was a fisherman:

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/jimmy-carter-a-remembrance/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=djSL4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/jimmy-carter-a-remembrance/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=djSL4)

True cast tip below

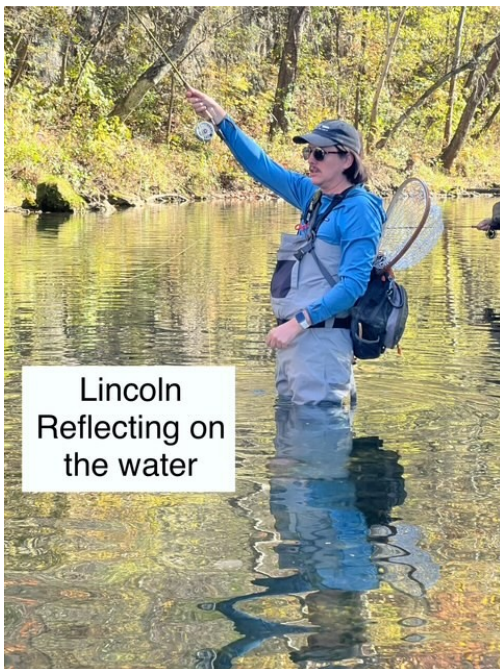
<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00MzM1NDc4JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT00OTQ2MDA2MQ/index.html>

Stand up for trout below

[https://standup.tu.org/?\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=hjSL4](https://standup.tu.org/?_zs=hW5wb&_zl=hjSL4)

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator



## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **February**

- February 1 Urban stocking program - catch and keep season starts
- February 4 Fly tying session 5
- February 6 Fly tying with veterans—Columbia VA hospital
- February 10 Catch and release season ends at Trout Parks
- February 11 Fly tying session 6
- February 18 Fly tying session 7
- February 20 Fly tying with veterans—Columbia VA hospital
- February 25 Fly tying session 8
- February 28 TU Banquet in Columbia, MO

### **March**

- March 1 Opening day of the catch and keep trout season at Missouri trout parks
- March 4 Informal gathering
- March 8 CCFF fundraiser banquet
- March 8 CFM Annual Convention
- March 11 Monthly members meeting
- March 18 Informal gathering
- March 25 Informal gathering
- March 27-29 Sowbug Roundup—Mountain Home, AR

### **April**

- April 1 Informal gathering
- April 2 Conservation Day at the Capitol
- April 3 Fly tying with veterans—Columbia VA Hospital
- April 8 Monthly members meeting
- April 11-12 Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo -Clinton, MO
- April 12 Veterans fishing day—Bennett Spring State Park
- April 15 Informal gathering
- April 17 Fly tying with veterans—Columbia VA Hospital
- April 22 Informal gathering
- April 29 Informal gathering

## **FUTURE DATES TO CONSIDER**

Here are a few future dates that CCFF could use your help.

- June 7 Kids Fishing Derby at Binder Park in Jefferson City, MO
- September 27 Women's Fishing Day-Bennett Spring State Park
- November 8 Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park

Please volunteer some time to help at one or all of these events.