



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

I hope everyone's having a good start to the new year. We've been having our fly tying sessions every Tuesday so far in January & this will continue every Tuesday through the end of February. A reminder, our tying session for TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th HAS BEEN MOVED TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH. The Knights of Columbus has an event upstairs so we will just move our fly tying session to Wednesday. If you haven't attended these yet, please do. Michael & John have been doing a great job, as always.

Some 2026 goals of mine are to learn more fly patterns, get better at tying in general, attend more fishing related events, and just get out & fish more. If you have similar goals, or have a friend/family member who does, be sure to let them know about our tying sessions & meetings.

Everyone stay safe during this crazy weather!

God Bless,
Justin

FLY TYING SESSIONS

As Justin said, This coming week's session have been moved to Wednesday, January 28 because of a big event at the Hall on Tuesday. Beginners will start 15 minutes earlier at 5:15 pm and the regular session at 6:15 pm. Equipment and materials will be provided. We go back to Tuesday sessions the following week. If bad weather hits, our rule is, if the local schools close we will cancel the tying session for safety, as well. There has been donated tying materials at several meetings in the past. The February 3 tying sessions will be the last time this group of materials will be available. Look it over one last time and donate a little bit to the club if you find something.

Here are the flies that will be tied this season:



Madam X



Stealth Bomber

Tied January 29



John's Bennett Spring Wooly Worm

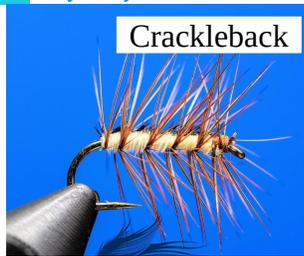


Renegade



Ol' Mr. Wiggly

Tied January 6



Crackleback



Bendback Clouser

Tied January 13



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Thank you to those that continue to send in their membership renewals. We appreciate your ongoing support of CCFF and hope you will get involved with the many activities throughout the year. With 5 fly tying sessions remaining, it would be an ideal time to stop by and get your renewal fees paid. Or, simply mail your \$20 check payable to Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFF to:

Jack Kramer
Capital City Fly Fishers
1731 Overlook Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109



Jack Kramer receives his Honorary Lifetime Membership certificate

MARCH BANQUET

Tickets are being sold for the March 28 banquet. We have had a slow start to sales and need your help to get the banquet attendance rolling. We have a great meal planned with fried chicken, pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, buns, coleslaw, veggies, and dessert. Some great prizes for a card raffle game are being gathered. If you have anything you can donate to this year's banquet or even next year's banquet, we would welcome your help. Fly fishing items are incredible to receive, however, if you have items that are not fishing related (food, decorations, outdoor living, housewares, gift certificates, other sporting goods, clothing, or anything with mass appeal), we would happily accept them. Contact Justin Beyer, Phil Wisch, or Greg Curtin with **DONATIONS**.

With other events, like Sowbug, happening around the same time, we hope you can work your schedules out to possibly attend both. Sowbug is three days long and I plan to attend Thursday and/or Friday and come back for the banquet on Saturday.

Banquet Information:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026
Time: Happy Hour ---- 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Supper ---- 5:30 – needed
Raffle/Club Business(if needed) ---- after supper
Location: American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO



Tickets are \$25 each and you will have plenty to eat and enjoy throughout the night. Invite the whole household, family that is in town, or any potential new members. Get with Jack Kramer to get your tickets NOW! Deadline for ticket purchase is March 18.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Hello Everyone,

I hope things are going well for you and that you are getting chances to fish. Many of our members have caught a lot of fish at McKay and we have had some very warm days. (note: message received before cold hit)

Level 1 Water Quality Monitoring Training is coming to Columbia.

Step 1 is watch the videos before March 27.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy

Step #2 - Streamside Field Certification

During the field certification, you will practice monitoring methods at a stream site under the direction of Missouri Stream Team staff. These trainings are offered in the spring and fall at multiple locations across Missouri. Registration closes two weeks prior to each training class.

Location: Columbia

Date: Saturday, March 28th

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Conservation Issues:

PROTECT HABITAT, EXPAND ACCESS

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has hit a bottleneck. Learn more about this important funding program and how it impacts fishing access or habitat projects near you. President Trump signed a law in 2020 setting up the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Office of Management and Budget is withholding two years of funding authorized by Congress.

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/>

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[Join us to Advocate in 2026! Visit the Advocate Now page.](#)

Roadless Areas - 58.5 Million Acres at Risk. Tell Congress to protect Roadless

Areas [https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vsrc=/Campaigns/129227/](https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vsrc=/Campaigns/129227/Respond&utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=vUSm4)

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Congress put about **200 million acres** of public lands on the auction block for new fossil fuel development. Keep public lands

public <https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vsrc=/campaigns/126244/respond>



The MO Steam Team has tips on reducing plastic.

<https://www.streamteamsunited.org/show-me-less-plastic.html>

FLOWING DOWNSTREAM

Upstream habitat work is bolstering fish populations on a Wild and Scenic River in Alaska which has graylings.

https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/restoration/it-all-flows-downstream/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=sUSm4

BARRIER REMOVAL WE'LL CALL THAT A WIN

Greg has floated and fished the Klamath and here is good news about it

Field & Stream talks with TU's Chrysten Rivard about the success of the Klamath dam removal project, and it's only been open one year.

<https://www.fieldandstream.com/stories/conservation/fishing-conservation/salmon-return-to-upper-klamath-basin>

Tight lines,

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

CONSERVATION FEDERATION OF MISSOURI (CFM) NEWS

CFM Elections

The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) remains The Voice for Missouri Outdoors. We aim to represent the goals and views of our members and affiliates through our board elections.

Voting in these elections will take place electronically from January 1 – 31. Candidate biographies are available for all, and where provided, short videos offer additional insight into the candidates' views and priorities.

[View Affiliate Board Candidates](#)

[View Board Candidates](#)



As an affiliate, we have until January 31 to vote for new board members and affiliate board members to CFM. If after looking at all the candidates, you have specific individuals that you would like the club to vote for or not vote for, please let us know. Our board will take that into consideration when finalizing our vote. Please reply by 5 pm on January 28.

CFM Conservation day at the Capitol

It looks like Conservation Day at the Capitol will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 this year. For the last several years, we have put a group together to participate in the event. I hope we can once again show our support for Missouri conservation efforts and do the same again this year! Expect the event to run from 7 am to 1 pm on the third floor rotunda at the state capitol. We typically have 2 to 3 members tying flies and 1 to 2 members in front of the table to bring people in to learn about the club. So check your calendar to see how much time you can volunteer for the event. If we get enough people we can split up the day.

Upcoming CFM Events

January 31 – Last day to vote in CFM Board Elections

January 31 - Scholarship Application Deadline

February 2 – Advocacy Training – Registration is Now Open

February 24 – 26 & March 2 – 4 - Virtual 90th Annual Convention – Registration is Now Open

March 6 – 8 – 90th Annual Convention – Registration is Now Open

March 31 – Conservation Day at the Capitol

May 7 – CFM with the Springfield Cardinals

June 22 – Share the Harvest Golf Tournament

29th Annual International Sowbug Roundup



The Delicate Dry Fly

March 26th – 28th of 2026

9:00am to 4:00pm each day
Baxter County Fairgrounds
Mountain Home, AR

Entry Fees

\$10.00 for all three days

-or-

Adults with kids under 12 admitted free

-or-

NAFF Members Admitted Free

Future Sowbug Roundup Dates Are:

2027 - March 25th – 27th

2028 - March 23rd – 25th

2029 - March 22nd – 24th

Guest Speakers
Seminars
Casting Lessons
Auctions
Raffles
Vendors
Food



CALENDAR OF EVENT

January

- **January 27 – Fly Tying Session #4 – Moved to January 28**
- January 28 – Fly Tying Session #4

February

- February 1 – Catch and Keep starts for urban fishing areas
- February 3 – Fly Tying session #5
- February 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- February 9 – Last Day of Catch and Release season at Trout Parks
- February 10 – Fly Tying session #6
- February 17 – Fly Tying session #7
- February 20 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- February 24 – Fly Tying session #8
- February 27 – Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet

March

- March 1 – Opening Day of Catch and Keep fishing at trout parks
- March 3 – Informal Gathering
- March 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 6-8 – 90th Annual CFM Convention
- March 10 – Monthly Members Meeting
- March 17 – Informal Gathering
- March 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 24 – Informal Gathering
- March 26-28 – Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR
- March 28 – CCFE Spring Banquet – American Legion Post 5
- March 31 – Conservation Day at the Capitol
- March 31 – Informal Gathering

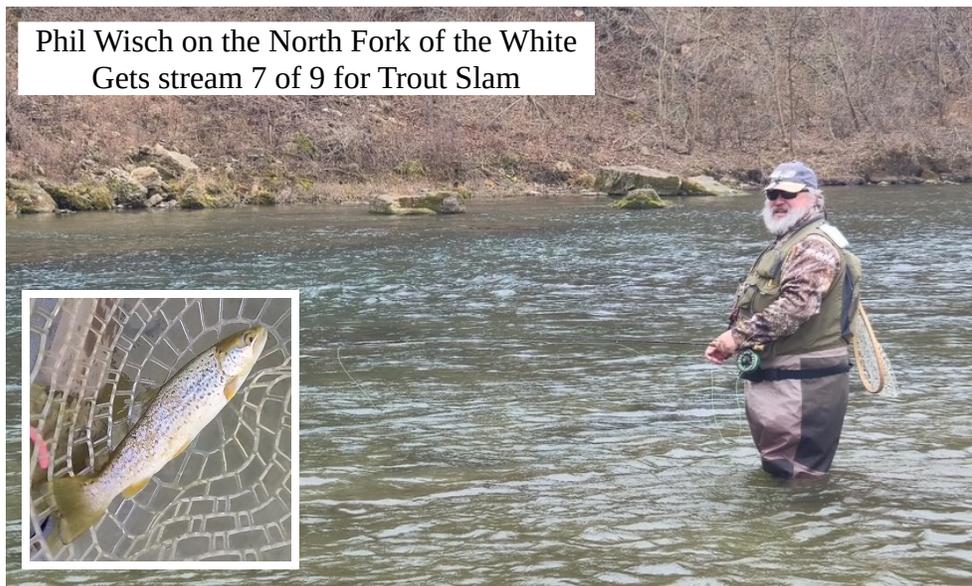
April

- April 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 7 – Informal Gathering
- April 14 – Monthly Members Meeting
- April 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 18 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- April 21 – Informal Gathering
- April 28 – Informal Gathering

**Please share
your fly fishing
stories, photos,
events, and/or
gear by
submitting
something to
the newsletter.**



Mike having fun in Fulton



Phil Wisch on the North Fork of the White Gets stream 7 of 9 for Trout Slam



Neither wind nor snow will keep Dennis from fishing!