



LETTER FROM THE PREZ...

Finally, opening day of trout season is within sight. That's just a step away from spring. Looking forward to fair weather activities with family and the club. Upcoming events include the preseason meeting at Bennett Spring State Park, opening day of trout season, Sow bug, and our annual dinner meeting (look for notes on the new format later in the newsletter). We are considering a club outing in April at Bennett Spring. I would appreciate any feedback on dates and what you prefer to do regarding a noon meal. Give me a call at 573 893-5298 or 573 291-8232. Greg has asked if anyone has news, pictures, events or other items of interest to the club, contact him or myself and we will get it added to the newsletter.

If you have been the recipient of the President's Award, please let John Wenzlick know. He is trying to create a master list of past award winners.

Mike

McKAY PARK

If you have not been to McKay Park lately, you should check it out. They have finally filled rock in to help with the eroding bank by the dam/spillway.



ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

*This year we are changing up the spring banquet. It will be held in place of our March meeting. Instead of Tuesday, March 13, we will have dinner and meeting on Thursday, March 15. It will be held at the American Legion hall beginning with social hour at 5:30 and dinner/meeting at 6:30. You must have your **dues paid up** in order to purchase a \$6 ticket. Spouses are included at that \$6 rate. Tickets will be on sale at the fly tying sessions in February and at our February 13 meeting. Terry Smith will be handling ticket sales. **Deadline for ticket purchase is March 2.***

FLY TYING

Thank you to everyone involved with fly tying this year. Whether you came up with one of the patterns, provided material, or helped organize the material, thank you for your help for another round of great flies. A special thanks to Concorde Baptist Church for providing us a spot for our tying sessions. Thank you to John Walther, Mike Jaegers, and Terry Smith for being instructor during the sessions. Here are a few photos given to me of the people that helped put the fly packets together.



Thanks Lee, Bob, Melvin, Mike, and Jerry.

*To those I missed
Thanks.*

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

*Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring
Introductory Workshop in Jefferson City April
28. 8:30 - 5:00*

*Would you like to learn about the physical,
biological, and chemical aspects of streams?
Have you always wanted to know what those
spineless critters are that live in the bottom of
the stream? Now is your chance!*

*Attached is a pdf file that tells you a little bit
more about the workshop and how to sign up.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

13 – Monthly meeting

15 – Fly tying

20 – Preseason meeting

– Bennett Springs

– 6:30 at the Bennett Room

22 – Fly tying

March

1 – Opening day trout season

2 – Deadline for March 15 dinner tickets

15 – Dinner/Meeting – American Legion

22-24 – Sow bug – Mountain Home, AR

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

*The Capital City Fly Fishers club has been a
great way for me to learn about fly fishing, but
really it is so much more. The club provides a
way to gain information on current events, tips
and tricks on equipment and methods, and
maybe a secret or two. It allows people to share
their experiences with each other. A great pool
of knowledge to draw from. Where else can
you go and have people happy and willing to
share with others about the sport of fly fishing.
People are here that want you to succeed at fly
fishing. How does someone take advantage of
this? Simple, by actively participating in the
organization. That may simply be coming to
meetings every once in a while, helping with
planned activities, sharing your thoughts or
ideas on how to improve things, becoming a
board member, helping someone to improve, or
getting together with another club member to
fish.*

*Everyone's input is welcomed and appreciated.
Where else does \$15 a year in dues get you so
much? I realize that everyone has a certain
amount of busy in their lives, but try to take
advantage of what is available. As important,
be there to help others have the same
advantages.*

SECRETARY

*Thank you goes out to Ginger for all her years
of being the club secretary. Also, thank you to
John Wenzlick for taking the position as the
new secretary.*

FLY PATTERNS

Every year we need new fly patterns for the January and February fly tying sessions. If you have a pattern that you think would be good, don't wait, please submit it right away. It is much easier to prep everything in advance.
Thanks

DUES

There is still time to get your dues paid and get your Dinner Meeting tickets for March 15. March 2 is the cutoff date for tickets and Dues to be paid. It is required to have an accurate count of club members, so if you have not paid by March 2, you will probably be dropped off the active member list. Please get with Bill Stroessner our treasurer to pay your \$15 dues. If you need information to contact him just let me know and I will get you his phone number or email address.

TREASURER

Bill Stroessner our current Treasurer has a lot going on right now, so we are looking to help lessen his responsibilities. If anyone is able to take over the position of Treasurer, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mike Jaegers and let him know you want to help out.
Thanks.

FISHING PHOTO

Since I haven't gotten any fish photos from anyone. I thought I would share one of my own. This bow was caught at Bennett Springs on Jan. 29, 2018. It was the red belly and hook jaw that gained my attention. Thank you, Ron Klatt for taking me fishing. Yes, I have the biggest photo in the newsletter. Isn't that what fish tales are all about?



START OF FISHING SEASON

I'm sure everyone is ready to get out there for another fishing season. I know I am. While you are out that first or second week of the season, be sure to grab some photos. If you brave opening day, I would love some photos from that as well. Good Fishing!!!!