

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Well, as you can tell, the freeze is definitely on and only the brave and/or fool heartedly are out fishing in this area right now. I'll let you decide which descriptor you want to use. So, now is a perfect time to get ready for the start of a new trout season. If you decide to participate or spectate on opening day this year please remember to stay safe number one, but also try and get some photos of the action to share with the club. In the meantime, get your permits, prepare your gear, obtain the necessary supplies, and tie your favorite flies to be ready to go.

The club has had a couple fly tying sessions online now and I know we have improved our presentation techniques each time. For those who can, we would love to have you join in the fun. The next session will be February 23rd at 7pm. More information upcoming. You can also go back and view the previous videos on YouTube with a link off the CCFE website.

With most live events on hold or cancelled, I don't really have any exciting news to share. John will share a few event dates with you. Personally, I have made a plan to go down to Branson to do some fishing starting the weekend before opening day until the Thursday after. I will be joined by John Wenzlick for part of that time and maybe others. If it is anything like when we were there in December, my arm should be tired from all the fish we are going to catch. Company is always welcome, if you would like to come down. Not sure what to expect yet on the weather or how many generators will be running, but we will make it work regardless. Thanks- Greg Curtin

FEBRUARY 23 FLY TYING

On February 23 at 7 pm, we will have our next video fly tying session. Our feature presenter will be Sam Stewart, a Naturalist for the MDC and fly tying enthusiast. If you haven't had the opportunity to see how much Sam enjoys creating flies and variants, I would suggest attending the upcoming session. A link that allows you to attend the video meeting, will be posted to your email. Again, if you are not able to attend, the video will be posted to YouTube and a link for that on our website. An advantage to attending is you can ask questions to the presenter immediately after he has finished his demonstrations. Here are the flies and materials Sam is going to present:



Euro (Competition) Style Pheasant Tail Nymph

- Size 12 60 degree jig hook
- 3.5mm slotted tungsten bead or brass bead + lead wraps
- Hackle or schlappen fibers for tail
- Pheasant tail
- Small copper wire
- Peacock herl or synthetic dubbing substitute
- Green holo-tinsel or flash for wing case
- UTC70 Thread olive or florescent orange for hot spot



Wotton Whitetail Super Midge

- Size 12-18 scud hook
- Tungsten silver bead
- White marabou
- Pearl flash or mylar
- Spanflex or thread in correct color
- Silver small wire
- Peacock herl or SLF prism dub in peacock color
- UTC 70 thread white or red

HOOKS

During the video meetings we have had, the discussion of where do people buy hooks for fly tying came up. In that discussion, there was no consensus to just one overall favorite outlet. Generally, the well-known brands will give you a quality hook. And, one should always consider trying to buy from your local fly shop first. Having immediate access to gear and tying materials near fishing areas will only be possible with the survival of the local shops. After considering this, but still not being satisfied with the options, one could look at online options. We were looking for more budget friendly possibilities than that of the name brands. To follow is the information that was shared about hook brands or vendors to buy hooks from:

Green Caddis Outfitters – has quality hooks and when having a sale, usually sells a 25 pack for \$2, a good price. Hooks will sellout fast during a sale. Limited on the styles sold, but does sell barbless hooks. Not sure on any shipping charges.

Dohimoto Hooks – Found them on EBay. Decent hook at a good price. Have limited styles, but covers the most popular and have barbless. If you buy multiple, only pay shipping on the first item from EBay seller.

Fly Shack – Sells their Saber brand of hooks. I bought some of their jig hooks and have been happy. \$10 for 100 jig hooks, \$10 for 100 barbless hooks, or \$7 for 100 on standard hooks. Many style options.

Hagen's – This is a seller who Wayne Simpson named as one he orders Daiichi hooks from.

Daiichi is more of a premium hook and a little more expensive, but a good options for those who look to a more well know brand.

Firehole Hooks – Along the same lines as Daiichi, Firehole is a little higher end. However, it is hard to find a great jig hook and Wayne likes to use theirs.

The Fly Shop – They sell their line of hooks at a little bit better rate than the premium.

J. Stockard Fly Fishing – Their brand of hooks sells at a little better rate than premium and claim to have the same performance. They are around \$6 for 50 hooks.

Dennis Steed – This is a man that John Walther and Wayne Simpson talked about selling bulk hooks. You will need to see if they have any more information to be able to contact him.

The bottom line is that there are many outlets to find hooks. What you must determine is the level of quality and price that fits your need. In order to get that better deal, one might have to buy in bulk. If you find something at a bulk price, don't be afraid to reach out to the club. There may be another CCFF member interested in the same thing. It could be a great opportunity to splits some expense and get the hooks you want. I know I will be looking for some more 16 and 18 scud hooks shortly.

Don't forget to check with some of the fly shops in the area to see if there are any brands they carry that fit your need. I found a 50 pack of Dai Riki hooks at Mertens Bait & Tackle the other day that will meet my needs. There are not many options for Dai Riki left out there. Good luck in finding your hooks.

FIREHOUSE CHILI BENEFIT

Each year the BSSP volunteer fire department sponsors an March 1 Opening Day chili lunch - just like everyone else, they are making changes because of Covid-19 the paragraph(s) that follow is the information I just received from the fire department (all of us that fish BSSP need to be aware that if you are involved in an emergency situation, the BSSP volunteer fire department is you first responder) -

Dining in will be limited seating, number to be determined when tables are set up. We will be creating some type of screen to separate the customers from the volunteers as they enter, get their food and exit. We will encourage mask wearing when they are not seated at their table eating. We will serve their items and not allow them to get their own condiments, drinks, or desserts. We will limit desserts to cookies that are prepacked by volunteers baking them or brownies which will also be prepacked. Another change is we will try offering drive up to go orders on the helipad side of the building. This will be done from an easy up shelter supplied with the necessary food items at the shelter. (No beverages on to go orders)

So, that leads to the next few items. There will be additional costs to providing all of this. In the past, our members have generously volunteered to provide ingredients or \$\$ to help purchase items needed. Carol and her son are again providing the meat. Sandy will make and package a couple of batches of brownies. Debbie has offered to make and package a few batches of cookies. Please let us know what you might be able to make, or purchase. We still need

following---12 large cans of diced tomatoes, shredded cheddar cheese, onions, hot dogs, buns, 6 more # 10 cans of chili beans, more brownies and cookies prepared and packaged.

Please help if you can.

CONSERVATION FEDERATION

Came across a couple of events involving the Conservation Federation that may be of interest. They concern the Missouri conservation scene and we can discuss at the next fly tying session if anyone is interested in participating in them.



85th Annual Convention

March 1-6, 2021 Virtual

For more information and to register visit: www.confedmo.org/convention

Registration Closes February 26 at 5:00 p.m.

★ Celebrate 85 Years of CFM! ★

Schedule:

Monday, March 1 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Forest Resources & Management 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Archery & Shooting Sports	Friday, March 5 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. CFM Board and Business Meeting 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Missouri State Parks Update 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Opening and Awards Ceremony 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Young Professionals' Trivia
Tuesday, March 2 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Rivers, Streams & Fisheries 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Environment & Ecology	Saturday, March 6 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. Upland Wildlife 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Wetlands & Waterfowl 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Legislative Update 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. General Assembly 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Missouri Dept. of Conservation Update 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Fundraiser, Auction & Raffles
Wednesday, March 3 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Grasslands & Prairies 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Big Game, Turkey & Furbearers	
Thursday, March 4 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Education & Outdoor Recreation 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Public/Private Lands	

General Registration Package:

\$40 General Admission Current Member: Access to all sections with voting capabilities, the Awards Ceremony, Fundraiser event, and the Auction & Raffles.	\$70 Non-Member: access to all sections with voting capabilities, the Awards Ceremony, the Fundraiser event, and the Auction & Raffles, includes One-year CFM membership.	Free Awards Ceremony & Fundraiser: Access to the Awards Ceremony, the Fundraiser event, and the Auction & Raffles.	\$10 Young Professionals' Trivia: The CFM YP are hosting a virtual Trivia Night. This group is open to anyone 21+ who lives in or works in Missouri.
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*In order for each person's vote to be counted on resolutions, they must attend the meeting on separate electronic devices. For example, if two people are watching a meeting on one screen, the other person must log in to their own account on a separate device for their vote to be counted separately. Only one vote will be counted per registered attendee in each meeting.

Conservation Day

on the Radio

April 7, 2021
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Tune into 96.7 FM

Join conservationists from across Missouri for a day of celebrating and supporting conservation and natural resources. Learn about diverse conservation organizations and how we all work together to protect Missouri's natural resources.




96.7 KCMQ partners with CFM to bring The Morning Shag, LIVE: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

For more information, visit: confedmo.org/capitol-conservation-day
Subject to COVID-19 restrictions or cancellation.

Stream Team Update

I hope you are all staying safe and warm. Even though it is colder here than in Anchorage, we will send the Arctic air back north soon and move into spring. In the mean time check out this info , <http://www.mostreamteam.org/water-quality-monitoring.html> on water quality monitoring and consider taking classes.

In addition to enjoying and learning from the experience, we make sure the water can still support fish and ultimately us too. Besides tying flies the other thing we can do is keep up on news related to fishing. Check out this blog from TU which says we can all work together to help trout.

[Helping trout and helping America | Trout Unlimited](#)



Looking forward to fishing with you,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

Joint Meeting of Missouri Trout Unlimited Chapters – Your Invited

The three chapters of TU in Missouri: Mid-Missouri Chapter, Gateway Chapter (St. Louis area) and MoKan Chapter (Kansas City area) are having a joint zoom meeting on Tuesday March 2nd at 7:00 Pm. The guest speaker will be Duke Welter from Wisconsin who will give a talk on the stream improvements made on the trout streams in the Driftless Area in north east Iowa, and southern Wisconsin and Minnesota.

All members of CCFF are invited and I will forward further information as soon as it's available.

John Wenzlick



Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BSSP 2021 Weed Cutting Schedule

April 6-7

May 18-19

June 22-23

August 3-4

March 1 (Monday) – start of Season in Trout Parks

March 2 – Joint TU Chapter Meeting and Presentation on Stream Improvements in the Driftless Area by Duke Welter – CCF members invited (Zoom info. To follow)

Bennett Spring Events For 2021

(these are the only special events scheduled for 2021)

April 17 – Veterans Free Fishing Day

May 1 – Kid's Free Fishing Day

September 25- Ladies Free Fishing Day

2020 Officers of Capital City Fly Fishers

President	Greg Curtin
Vice President	John Goad
Treasurer	Jack Kramer
Secretary	John Wenzlick
Director (2 nd yr of 2 yr term)	Terry Smith
Director (2 nd yr of 2 yr term)	Tom Crane
Director (2 nd yr of 2 yr term)	Jerry Forck
Director (2 nd yr of John Goads term)	Ron Klatt
Director (1 st yr of 2yr term)	Jeff Trigg
Director (1 st yr of 2yr term)	Melvin Schulenberg
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