



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Did you feel that? What is that? Oh, I know what that is! It's the excitement of a new fishing season right around the corner. As March approaches, it's time to prep your gear for the days of fun ahead. Improving weather and open parks will provide more opportunities to all anglers.

At the March meeting, we have a few items to discuss. The main things are possibly raising dues for 2023, finding locations for our summer outings, and the donation to Reel Recovery. I encourage you to attend the March meeting, so that your thoughts can be shared and your vote is counted. We will have other topics, as well as a presenter for the March meeting. John Goad will be talking about fly fishing reels. Look for articles to expand on the main topics for the March 8th members meeting.

Right before the start of the season, I plan to head down to Lake Taneycomo in Branson for some enjoyment. It will only be two days of wade fishing, but I will try to fish two full days. If you are interested in joining the fun, just let me know. There are two of us so far that will be departing Friday evening February 25 and returning Sunday evening February 27. We can discuss accommodations if necessary. We are staying within 10 minutes of the fish hatchery.

If you have any questions or concerns on any topic, please let me know.

*Fish On,
Greg Curtin*

BANQUET PLANS

*Great news everyone!! The banquet has been rescheduled for **Saturday, August 6th**. We talked about different fundraising options that could coincide with the banquet and finally decided to keep things the same. For those who have already purchased tickets, your current ticket will be honored for the new date.*

We now have a committee in place to plan and organize the banquet. The committee is working to establish a donations page on our website. You will be able to see the items we currently have for the banquet, as well as, those who have graciously given to the CCF.

I hope by August, Covid-19 concerns will have lessened enough that we are able to draw more members and non-members to the banquet. We need everyone's help for this. We should have plenty of time to get the word out.

The ticket price is the same at \$20 each. Come to any members meeting or fly tying event to get them right away. Contact Jack Kramer to make other arrangements. If you need his contact information please let me know.

I am sure you have heard me say this many times, but I am going to say it again, this is our biggest club fundraiser. We only do this once every two years, which makes it so important that everyone gets involved. Involvement can be in several ways. You could donate items that will raise funds. You can sell banquet tickets to new people that would help raise funds by bidding on items. You yourself could bid on items at the banquet. Or, you could do all of the above. Let's have a successful banquet!!

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

New Water Quality Classes! The intro and level 1 will be combined. The online parts are being offered in February and March. The field demo will be April 4 at Rock Bridge from 9 until 2. This may seem like a big commitment, but I believe it is well worth it. Every time we go out to monitor (and often fish) everyone has a good time. It is even more enjoyable when you start recognizing the insects the fish eat and we imitate. Click here to sign up, [Events | Missouri Department of Conservation](#)

Certification for each level requires completion of a 2-part virtual training and stream-side training.

Step 1. Virtual Training

Register for Part A and B of the live virtual training or watch the recorded lessons at your convenience. These educational presentations are open to anyone!

Introduction to VWQM

Intro level certified volunteers can collect stream discharge and biological data.

PART A:

INTRODUCTION TO VWQM, SITE SELECTION, and STREAM DISCHARGE

PART B:

SAFETY, BIOLOGICAL MONITORING, WATERSHED MAPPING and ONLINE TOOLS

LIVE 02/22/2022 9:30 AM-11:30 AM LIVE 02/23/2022 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

LIVE 03/01/2022 5:30 PM-7:30 PM LIVE 03/03/2022 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

RECORDED (Watch any time – Click here!)

[youtube.com/c/missouristreamteam](https://www.youtube.com/c/missouristreamteam)

Level 1 certified volunteers can collect visual survey and water chemistry data.

PART A:

INTRODUCTION TO LEVEL 1, VISUAL SURVEY

PART B:

SAFETY and WATER CHEMISTRY

LIVE 03/08/2022 5:30PM-7:30PM LIVE 03/10/2022 5:30PM-7:30PM

RECORDED (Watch any time - Click here!)

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STREAM TEAM UPDATE(cont.)

Step 2. Field Training

After completing Part A and Part B virtual trainings for a level of training, you are eligible to attend the field training. During which, you will practice monitoring methods at a stream site under the direction of Stream Team staff.

Follow this link to register for the virtual and stream-side certification trainings:

[https://mdc-event-](https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/AllEvents?EventTypeId=21)

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FIELD TRAININGS ARE SCHEDULED AROUND THE STATE

Hope to see you on the water,

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

FLY TYING

There are just two session of fly tying left in February. We have had some great flies this year and the last two are no exception. Here they are:



Gil

Getter



Predator



ANNUAL DUES

It has been purposed that annual dues be raised to \$25 a year for a household membership. Along with the funds raised at the banquet this would help to offset the club expenses. We are certainly not in financial dire straits at the moment, but we also need make sure we are prepared for the future and ever increasing costs. Please share your thoughts and ideas. We will be having a discussion and vote at the March 8th members meeting.

OUTINGS

In May, June, and July, the club holds its members meetings at outdoor venues. We have typically gone to Binder Park, JC Park (Fairgrounds Park), and Proctor Park in California. We are always open to new suggestions for meeting places, so this will be another topic discussed at the March meetings. If you have any new spots we could go to, this would be the time to bring them up. The criteria to consider in a new location would be:

- 1) Not too far from the Jefferson City area
- 2) Enough tables for the group to eat
- 3) Preferably a covered pavilion
- 4) Restroom available
- 5) Water with fishing access

It would be great if we could plan a couple of potluck gatherings and our annual pizza feast for these outings.

We can also talk a little about possibly having some weekend trips to go fishing at one of the trout parks or beyond. This may be a little harder to organize, but sure would be fun.

IN THE NEWS



Trout season

ABOVE: Phil Curtin was one of more than two dozen people enjoying the mild weather Tuesday at McKay Lake as catch-and-keep trout season began. RIGHT: Fellow members of the Capital City Fly Fishers, Terry Smith, right and Rick Thom visit briefly while they try to reel in a few trout.



If you missed it, the Capital City Fly Fishers were out in force at McKay Park for the beginning of catch and keep season. Rick Thom, Terry Smith, and Phil Curtin are pictured in the Monday, February 7th edition of the newspaper.

CFM BOARD NOMINNES

The Conservation Federation of Missouri is currently voting on affiliate board members. Since CCFM is an affiliate member, we have a vote. The online ballot is due by February 18, so I will be bringing this up at the next fly tying session. There are 13 nominees vying for 12 board positions. To see their profiles, you can go to the CFM Website at www.confedmo.org/affiliate-board-elections/

We can pick 12 of 13 for the board.



SOWBUG

At this moment, the Sowbug Roundup is still on. It will be held from March 24-26 in Mountain Home, AR. The following information was sent out regarding the event:

I am sure that we would wish otherwise, but COVID is still with us! By its very nature the Sowbug Roundup brings lots of people together. "Social Distancing" is not really practical at Sowbug. So, for your protection and the protection of others we are requesting all participants (attendees, tiers, vendors, volunteers) to wear a mask. We suggest that you bring your own N95 mask from home. We will have free disposable surgical style masks at the registration desks. We will also have hand sanitizer stations for tiers, vendors, and the general public. We are looking forward to a fun and safe Sowbug Roundup.

PARK EVENT DATES

We have received a calendar of events for the 4 trout parks. The dates will be incorporated in to our calendar of events in future newsletters.

Bennett Spring

Veteran's Free Fishing Day – April 23

Kid's Free Fishing Day – May 7

Women's Free Fishing Day – September 24

Roaring River

Kid's Free Fishing Day – May 14

Fall Kid's Free Fishing Day – August 20

Veteran's Free Fishing Day – September 17

PARK EVENTS DATES(cont.)

Maramec Spring

Disabled Angler Clinic – To be determined

Kid's Free Fishing Day – May 14

Veteran's Free Fishing Day – June 4

Ladies Free Fishing Day – September 10

Montauk

Kid's Free Fishing Day – April 30

Fall Kid's Free Fishing Day – August 13

Veteran's Free Fishing Day – September 10

State of Missouri

Statewide Free Fishing Days – June 11-12

BENNETT RENOVATION

Bennett Spring Hatchery has already started Phase 1 of 3 on a multi-year \$20 million project that will repair or replace portions of the hatchery's aging infrastructure. This means you may currently be hearing the sounds of machinery and have certain areas of the park closed periodically.

As it is laid out, the renovation should have minimal impact on fishing. Phase 1 should be completed before opening day. Phase 2 is more of a designing stage. Phase 3 is the construction stage. Phase 3 is scheduled to start in 2023 and last for 2 years. Although, the hatchery will be shut down during this stage, fish will be brought in from the other trout parks. Bennett Spring will be stocked daily and anglers will not see any change for the seasons. The closure will not have any impact on the winter stocking program either. An article written on 1/14/22 on the MDC website, gives a little more detail about the renovation.



INPUT ON MOTORBOAT LIMITS

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking input on the motorboat limits set forth in the 2015 General Management Plan (GMP) for ONSR. The 2015 GMP placed restrictions on motorboats of any horsepower on the uppermost stretches of the Current and Jacks Fork River during peak float season (April to mid-September.) However, the horsepower limits have yet to be implemented or enforced, and do not go far enough to limit motorized traffic.

The horsepower limits were passed both to protect life within the river and to enhance the enjoyment and safety of the river for swimmers, canoeists and kayakers. The shallow water and narrow channels make it dangerous for motorized boats to share space with floaters.

These limits were decided after more than 1,400 people attended public meetings and more than 3,000 people submitted written public comments. 83% of the commenters were Missourians.

Noise pollution, wake, and fumes not only affect floaters, but also disturb the wildlife that evolved to live in the natural environment along these rivers. The NPS draft plan explains that limiting motorboats “could help reduce the threat of water quality degradation from petroleum-based pollutants resulting from motorboats in these areas during the peak season.” Additionally, powerful motorboats generate wakes that erode the river banks and disrupt fish nests on the river bottom. Tell NPS: Implement Horsepower Limits on the Current and Jacks Fork Rivers!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 14 Last Day of catch and release season at Parks
- 15 Fly Tying Session 7
- 22 Fly Tying Session 8

March

- 1 Opening Day of Catch and Keep at Trout Parks
- 8 Club Meeting
- 24-26 Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR

April

- 12 Club Meeting
- 23 Veteran’s Free Fishing Day – Bennett
- 30 Kid’s Free Fishing Day – Montauk

PHOTO



One of our newest club members, Justin Stegeman, caught this little fella right at the start of catch and release season on his fly rod.