



February 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ -

Weather the last few weeks has treated us a little kinder and we've been able to hold our Tuesday fly tying sessions. We have had no less than 27 attending the sessions each week. There are two tying sessions left this year. John Walther will be tying the Crystal Butt Cricket (pictured) this coming week, and Michael Collins will end with the Bucktail Deceiver on February 27th. Two great flies you won't want to miss!



Look over the newsletter as we have a lot of information for upcoming events and the help we are seeking from club members to support these events. We have a lot of fun club events throughout the year. We also

have a few community oriented events. What you will soon discover is how much more fun and rewarding the community events are than you would expect. Seeing a child catch there first fish or anyone catching there first fish on a fly rod, especially if they tied the fly that caught it feels great. Investing a little time and effort can have its emotional rewards. To accomplish this we need leaders and helpers for the events. So, this is a call to everyone in the club to be active in the community and club events. Family and work lives are top priority on our schedules, but I would ask you try to find some time to get involved. We need everyone to pitch in and help, even if it is at only one or two community events each year!!!

Over the last two weekends of catch and release, I was able to make it down to Montauk State Park for some fishing. On the first weekend I went down on a Saturday with Mike Dean and Steve Peters and we also met Doug Grove, Jeff Holzem and John wenzlick who were spending several days at the park. It was great to be able to get out and fish with a bunch of the guys from the club. There weren't as many fish in the water but we were still able to have some fun and catch a few.

Doug Grove invited me back the following weekend to finish out the catch and release season. We had a great time, despite the overnight rain and cooler temperatures.

I am now looking forward to the start of the new season and plan to make a trip down to Bennett Spring and Lake Taneycomo the beginning of March.

Let's get on the stream,

Greg Curtin

Annual membership renewal

On March 1st, anyone that has not paid their 2024 membership renewal fees will go on the inactive list. Which basically means that you will not receive any future newsletters or correspondences and will not be able to vote on any potential items that arise. We understand that situations change and not everyone is interested in renewing their household membership, but please be considerate and let us know. If you just haven't gotten around to it yet, please do so soon. Can you send your fees in later and be reinstated, absolutely! It just creates more paperwork and record keeping down the road. We are asking everyone to be considerate of the time that goes into organizing everything. Thank you! Please send your \$20 membership renewals to:

*Jack Kramer
Treasurer, Capital City Fly Fishers
1731 Overlook drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109*

*Make check's payable to:
Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFE*

You can bring cash to one of the fly tying sessions as well.

Guest speaker for March 12th meeting

The first guest speaker for the year is Nathan "Shags" McLeod. "Shags" is a radio personality for 96.7 KCMQ Radio, but more importantly an avid fly fishing enthusiast. If you have ever heard him on the radio, you know he is a storyteller. He will share some of his favorite fishing stories and speak to how blessed we are here in Missouri. Set your calendar to attend the March 12th monthly meeting and be prepared to have fun. Remember that all members of your household are welcome to attend. If you know of any

nonmembers that would like to attend, we are asking for a \$20 donation or maybe they might want to join the club and get involved. Presentation starts at 7 pm and will be at our regular meeting place in the lower level of the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tanner Bridge Road in Jefferson City.

The Banquet is on!!

We have a banquet date and tickets are now on sale. We are going to try an earlier time this year to see how things go. We might also have a presentation, but that is yet to be determined. Like last year we will have some form of a raffle. We are still acquiring some of the prizes but will have fly fishing gear, apparel, 2 nights in Branson, amongst other items that are be added.

Basic Banquet Info:

Date: Saturday, April 6th 2024

Social hour: 4:30 pm

Supper time: 5:30 pm (unless we have a speaker)

Raffle time: after dinner approximately 6:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 5

1822 Tanner Bridge Road

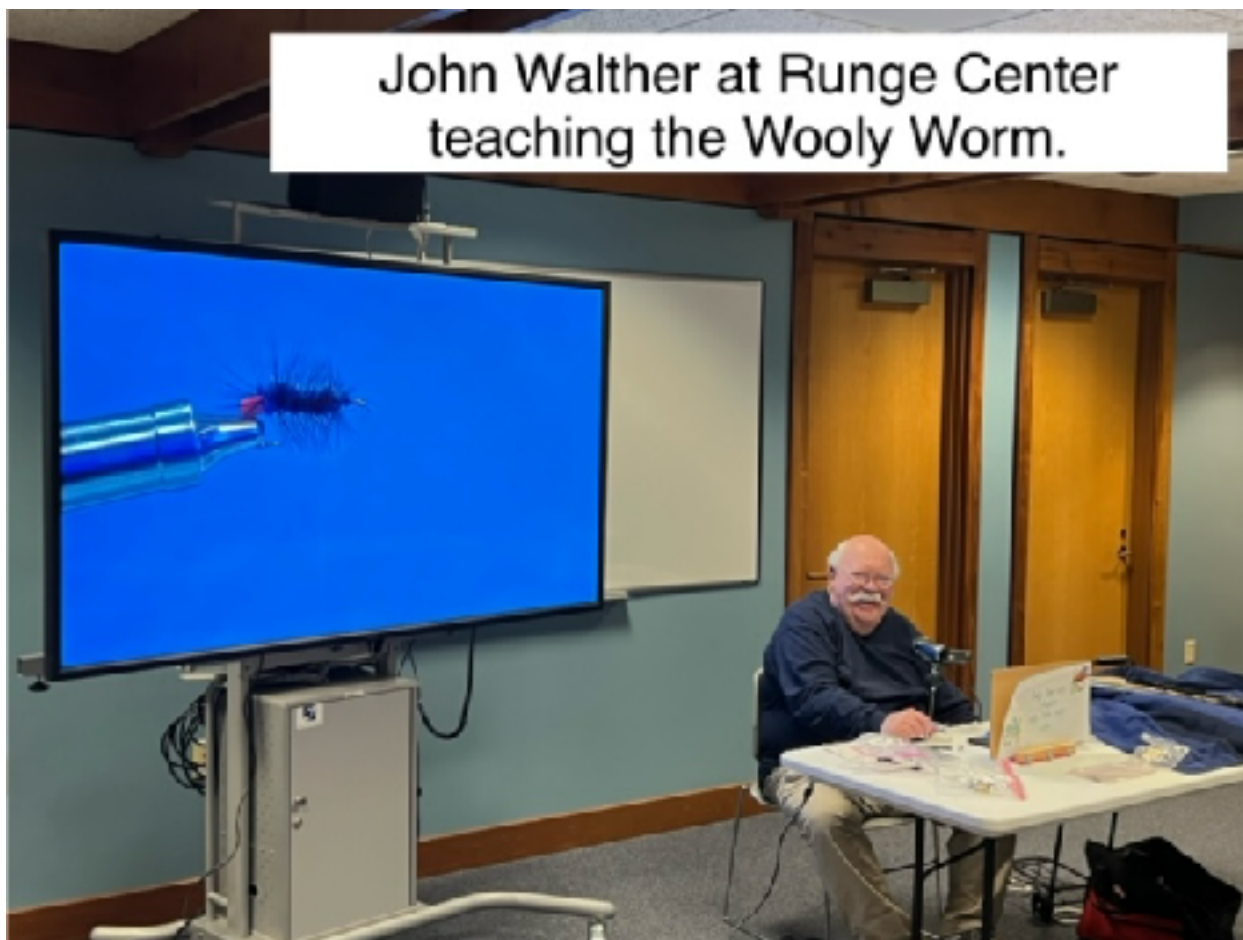
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Price: \$25/ticket

Payable to: Capital City Fly Fishers or CCF

Main meal: Fried chicken and pot roast

GET YOUR TICKETS FROM JACK KRAMER!!!!



John Walther, Master Fly Tier leads a class at Runge.

Great looking woolies. (Photos courtesy of Justing and Greg.)

What a great looking beetle.



John Goad's 22 incher from Bennett



John's state record (Photo courtesy of John Walther)S

STATE RECORD FISH CAUGHT IN FY 23

BLUE SUCKER

- Angler: Travis Uebinger, Auxvasse
- Date: Jan. 15, 2023
- Weight: 11 lbs., 5 oz.
- Caught from: Osage River
- Method: Pole and line
- Previous record: 9 lbs., 14 oz., Missouri River, April 12, 1997



BROWN BULLHEAD

- Angler: Mitchell L. Dering
 - Date: March 14, 2023
 - Weight: 4 lbs.
 - Caught from: Duck Creek CA
 - Method: Bow
 - Previous record: 2 lbs., 7 oz., Wappapello Lake, May 8, 1994
- * This also beats the current bowfishing world record.



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- Angler: Tyler Goodale, Doniphan
- Date: March 26, 2023
- Weight: 11 oz.
- Caught from: Duck Creek CA
- Method: Pole and line
- Previous record: 10 oz., private pond, March 15, 1991



LONGEAR SUNFISH

- Angler: John F. Goad
- Date: May 8, 2023
- Weight: 5 oz. (Ties current state record)
- Caught from: Frieda Lake in Crawford County
- Method: Throwline
- Previous record: 5 oz., Wappapello Lake, May 8, 1994



John Wenzlick's stout McKay rainbow from February 15th.



From Greg



Beautiful bows come in all sizes



Doug plays at the edge of heaven

John Goad's Cole County Lake Crappie



Ken Foster's nice Bennett Rainbow



Phil's big, colorful McKay bow



It's warm enough for blue gill





My only fish on California trip

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

As you probably know, TU was founded to take care of trout. At the last meeting I showed a video by TU's lead scientist that tells how they are doing it, [Climate Change and Trout: Impacts, Opinions and Ways You Can Help](#). You may be amazed at the success stories!

*A former head of Missouri's water protection program said a **new state bill** may take that assumption away by opening up half the state's drinking water supply to pollution, undoing the Clean Water Act's drinking water protections. **SB 981**, introduced by **Sen. Rusty Black** who represents a chunk of northwest Missouri, would change which groundwater aquifers fall under the state's legal protection.*

***[House Bill 2561](#)** backed by Missouri agriculture groups could slash the state's clean water enforcement, jeopardizing millions of dollars in grants and raising the specter of a federal takeover. A Missouri House committee Monday night considered legislation that would remove "nonpoint sources" from the definition of contamination source in the state's water laws, which critics say would*

undermine state environmental regulators' efforts to control farm runoff.

According to the fiscal note prepared for the bill, its passage could mean \$4.7 million in lost funding for the [Missouri Department of Natural Resources](#), including 17 staff members.

The bill's sponsor is Republican [Rep. Kurtis Gregory](#) of Marshall.

A retired natural resources professor hatched a novel idea to combat the growing problem: Eat them.

[Mark Morgan](#) from the University of Missouri launched "[Eat MO Carp](#)" in 2015. The project's original goal was to market carp to Missouri residents, restaurants and supermarkets to address what some have called an "environmental ticking timebomb."

Missourians tend to have an automatic distaste when carp is mentioned. The invasive fish has gotten a bad culinary reputation due to their bottom-feeder status, the difficulty of butchering and their off-putting name. Their taste, however, is more appealing than some may think. Morgan has run multiple blind taste tests where people have chosen carp over catfish.

Here is the only water quality monitoring class I am aware of:

[Level 2 and 3 Validation](#)

Monitors certified at Level 2 or 3 must be recertified by attending a Level 2 training every three years.

All trainings are scheduled 9 AM to 12 PM. Instructions and details will be emailed prior to scheduled training. • [Kirkwood 2/1](#) - Event Passcode 3A72

• *[Springfield 2/17](#) - Event Passcode 808D*

• *[Jefferson City 2/24](#) - Event Passcode 88DB*

• *[Lees Summit 2/27](#) - Event Passcode 06A8* **REGISTER NOW**

To register for a Level 2 or Validation training:

- 1. Highlight and copy the 4-digit Event Passcode listed by the training you want to attend.*
 - 2. Click the Register Now button below.*
 - 3. Then paste the event passcode into the Private Event search bar.*
- Log in to complete registration*

With the polar vortex it was colder here than in Anchorage, Alaska! So McKay was frozen for a while.

***Bad News on McKay Lake handicapped access.** Before the city council began charging Parks and Rec higher fees, we had a good chance to get handicapped access this year. Now that Park funding is significantly reduced the access is the project is tentatively in the capital improvement plan for 2025. If the council takes more control of Park funding as is being proposed, the project may not happen in 2025. If you care about Parks and the McKay fishing that they fund, call your City Council rep and urge them not to remove budget control from Parks.*

It has been great to see club members there every time I come. Phil has done very well including some very healthy rainbows .

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

Fishing Tip - [Reading the water](#)

[CFM Resolutions to be voted on March 1 weekend](#)

The [Pere Marquette River](#) – A National Treasure

Equipment or Skill in Casting?

Six Ways to Protect Trout

What's Killing the Salmon in Our Urban Streams? A Mystery is Now Solved.

A chemical called 6PPD that's found in tires is devastating aquatic life.

BUSINESS

Committee help

Here's where we need help:

- 1. 2025 Banquet/Fundraiser committee- there are 5 spots on this committee and 4 of those spots have been filled. We need one more at large club member to fill the last spot.*
- 2. Conservation Day at the Capitol- Looking for some volunteers to tie flies and talk about the club at the Capitol on April 3rd. We will be there in support of the efforts of the Conservation Federation of Missouri.*
- 3. Summer outings - We need someone to organize the outings. We have 3 outings, but one is a pizza night and that one takes care of itself. If necessary, let's split up the other two outings and have a different person handle each one.*
- 4. Women's fishing day at Bennett Spring- This is a big one!! With CFM grant money we need to put together a great showing. We will need help and we need to start soon.*
- 5. Kid's fishing day at McKay Park- If we are going to do this right we need a committee to put a plan together. We are looking to do this in November.*

6. *There may even be a few more things that pop up throughout the year.*

We need everyone's help. Please participate!!!! Thank you.

Editor's note:

Greg generously led and grew the club for 4 years as president. He was term limited, but I talked him into being president for another year with the agreement I would take the newsletter. There are two ways we can help share the load:

- 1. email me newsletter updates and do not take Greg's time. For example, Jack can send me treasure reports and John W can continue sending meeting minutes directly to me.*
- 2. Share the responsibility to keep this great club going strong. A few dedicated volunteers you know well like Greg have done most of the work since we started the club. We have 65 active members. If you are one who has never organized an event now is the time to step up. **Come to the March 12 meeting and sign up for one of the events above.** You will enjoy it help us all have a good time.*

Jeff

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO***
- 6 Sixth Fly Tying Session***
- 13 Seventh Fly Tying Session***
- 15 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO***
- 20 Eighth Fly Tying Session***

***23 Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited Banquet - Columbia, MO
27 Ninth Fly tying Session***

MARCH

***1 Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season at the Parks
5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO
12 Monthly Members Meeting - Board Meeting 6 pm - Members Meeting 7pm 19
Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO 21-23 Sowbug Roundup - Mountain
Home, AR
26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start***

APRIL

***2 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
5 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO
6 Banquet
9 Monthly Members Meeting - Board Meeting 6 pm - Members Meeting 7pm 19
Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
13 Tri-lakes Expo
16 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
18 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO
23 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
30 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start***

If you know of any events that could be added to the calendar, please let me know. 2024 is here, let's have another great year!

Send me (jeff2002h@yahoo.com or 573 606 9142) pictures and other items of interest to club members.

Be safe and keep on fishing, Jeff Holzem Newsletter Editor