



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to remind you all of the following upcoming events for February & March.

- February 25th is our last fly tying session. Be sure to come out & tie.
- February 28th is the Trouts Unlimited Banquet.
- March 1st is Opening Day for catch & release at the trout parks. Be sure to get out there & have fun.
- March 4th starts our informal gatherings.

They're every Tuesday, except for the Tuesday nights when we have our monthly meetings.

- **March 8th is our Banquet.**

This is our biggest fundraising event and we need to sell a minimum of 100 tickets. Last I knew, we had sold around 40. We have some great items for the raffles, auctions, & giveaways, so please, tell people you know about the Banquet and assist them in purchasing tickets. If you have any questions, ask the Banquet committee members (Myself, Greg Curtin, John Goad, Phil Wisch, Steve Peters, Jack Kramer, and Lee Kudrna).

- March 11th is our March meeting.
- March 27th, 28th, & 29th is the Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

I'll be attending for the first time this year & it sounds like fun. The special guests are Pat Dorsey and Tim Flagler.

Again, spread the word & help sell tickets to our March 8th Banquet and attend all the events you can.

God Bless,
Justin



CCFF BANQUET

Folks, we have less than one week for Banquet tickets to be purchased. **The money for the tickets must be to Jack Kramer by February 28.** Remember, this is our fundraiser and is open to the public. So, if you have any family or friends that would be interested in a great meal and helping support the club, then let's get them tickets. We will have bucket raffles, card raffles, silent auctions, and live auctions. The majority of the items will be fishing related, but there will be other categories represented. There will be a couple opportunities for stays in Branson this year. There will be an attendance prize given away for both women and men. For the club participation prize, you will be able to select a Sage Spectrum LT or a Sage Trout Reel. Once you make your selection, the order will be placed. **Must be present at the banquet to win the club participation prize.**

Date: March 8, 2025

Location: American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road
JC, MO

TIME: Social Hour— 4 pm
Supper— 5 pm
Raffles & Auctions— 6 pm

TICKETS: \$25 each



LIGHTWEIGHT FEATURES
SPECTRUM LT



SUMMER OUTINGS

Pull out your calendar and mark the dates for our summer outings.

May 13, 2025 Countryside Park - Taos, MO

June 10, 2025 Binder Park - Jefferson City, MO

July 8, 2025 Jaycee (County) Park - Jefferson City, MO

Typically, we have had a fish fry in May, pulled pork in June, and pizza in July. I expect we will do the same this year. We need a couple of event coordinators to help manage the May and June outings. We can discuss this a little more at the March meeting.

*****MEMBERSHIP*****

As you read in the last newsletter, if you have not paid your 2025 membership renewal by February 28, you will be placed on the inactive list. You will no longer receive correspondences like the newsletter or emails talking about club activities and other fly fishing events or topics.

We would love for everyone to remain with the club. We would love for you to be involved throughout the year. Please share your ideas as to what would get you more involved with club events and activities. If you have any questions or concerns please ask.

Missing the deadline, does not mean you can't be reinstated. Your membership renewal is \$20 for the entire household. For what you can get out of the club, that is an incredible value!

Checks can be made payable to "Capital City Fly Fishers" or "CCFF". If you are at an event, you can pay with cash. Just make arrangements to meet elsewhere, if you can't make it to an event.

Mail checks to:

Jack Kramer

Capital City Fly Fishers

1731 Overlook Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

CONSERVATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Join fellow conservationists from across Missouri in a day of celebration and support for our natural resources and conservation efforts. You can learn about several organizations and how they collaborate to protect our natural resources.

Wednesday, April 2, from 7 am to 1 pm on the third floor rotunda of the Missouri Capitol Building, the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) will be sponsoring Conservation Day at the Capitol.

CCFF hopes to participate in Conservation Day at the Capitol. We are looking for at least 3 volunteers to be at our table to show our support. Typically we have had 2 or 3 people tying flies and 1 out front to help direct. Please let Justin our President know if you would like to volunteer. These tables fill up fast, so when the time comes, we will need to be fast to get a spot. If you are not able to volunteer, perhaps you can stop by for an hour or so to show your support for CCFF and the other organizations in attendance. Thanks.

VIDEO STREAMING

This year I have paid for a streaming subscription that gives access to a lot of fly fishing related videos on several topics. It also gives access to all the IF4 (Fly Fishing Film Festival) videos made from 2012 up to 2024. I would like to be able to share this with all paid CCFF Members. So, I was thinking that once a month at one of our informal meetings we could set something up for a viewing session. Please let me know what you think. Thanks, Greg Curtin

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Shelley and I just returned from a long road trip to see our sons and meet our new grandson in California. It was great to spend time with them, but it's nice to be home away from the fires. We drove close enough to the Palisades fire to see the flames. The smoke was so bad at our son's apartment that his smoke alarm went off. Climate change is really messing up our weather. It was hot and dry there with 100 mph winds grounding fire fighting aircraft. After the vegetation burned they got an atmospheric river, that washed mud onto the roads, 3 feet deep on highway 1. Our sons have friends who lost their houses. Missouri was freezing while Alaska was in the 30s. At the same time Kentucky is flooding and it's cold in Florida. I am very concerned about the future for our grandson, for us and of course for trout fishing.

The Level 2 Water Quality Monitoring was February 22 and please let me know if you attended the class. There are no Level One classes scheduled here for a while but I will let you know when one is planned.

In the mean time [check out this link to the training](#). A Level Two class will be here August 6. [Learn more and register here](#). I think Karah and Greg have completed Level One, so I hope they will sign up for the next one.

HONORARY STARTER

Have you heard who is going to be the honorary starter for opening day at Bennett Spring will be this year? It is none other than, CCFF lifetime member, John Walther. John started going to the park back in 1964. After retirement, he visited the park up to 40 to 50 times a year and caught many fish. He has done a lot to support the park through fly tying and other activities. John is a great selection for this honor. If you are going down for opening day, be sure to get a few photos of John and all the other activity for the next newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This young fella has a birthday on Tuesday. If you see him, please wish him a happy birthday!! You will have to ask him if you want to know his age.

This photo was taken by Danny Barker on a ½ day guide trip on the White River. Jerry and Marilyn Forck caught 74 fish on that day. 37 a piece.

To be fair, to the right is a picture of Marilyn on a different trip to the White River.



TROUT UNLIMITED BANQUET

TU Banquet at the Stoney Creek Inn, 2601 S Providence Rd, Columbia, MO

February 28 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM CST

A link to purchase tickets (\$75 each or table of 8 for \$500) for the banquet is now available online at:

<https://www.midmotu.org/event-details/mid-missouri-trout-unlimited-2025-banquet>

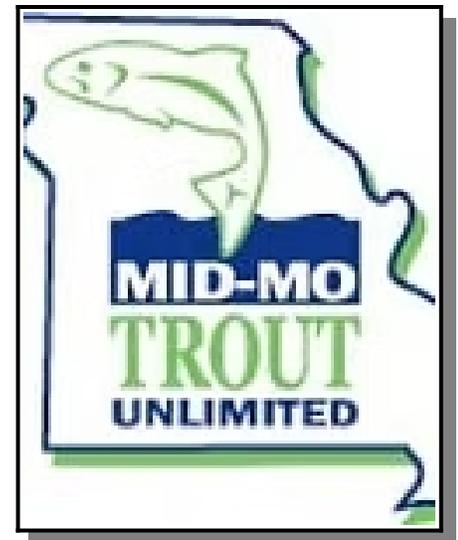
Live Auction and silent auction items include:

Multiple guide trips – including a Bahamas trip

Fishing Rods, Reels, and Equipment – Orvis, Hardy, Custom Bamboo

Food, Beverage, And Spa items

Much more....



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- February 25 Fly tying session 8
- February 28 TU Banquet in Columbia, MO

March

- March 1 Opening day of the catch and keep trout season at Missouri trout parks
- March 4 Informal gathering
- March 8 CCFF fundraiser banquet
- March 8 CFM Annual Convention
- March 11 Monthly members meeting
- March 18 Informal gathering
- March 25 Informal gathering
- March 27-29 Sowbug Roundup—Mountain Home, AR

April

- April 1 Informal gathering
- April 2 Conservation Day at the Capitol
- April 3 Fly tying with veterans—Columbia VA Hospital
- April 8 Monthly members meeting
- April 11-12 Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo -Clinton, MO
- April 12 Veterans fishing day—Bennett Spring State Park
- April 15 Informal gathering
- April 17 Fly tying with veterans—Columbia VA Hospital
- April 22 Informal gathering
- April 29 Informal gathering

May

- May 1 Fly Tying with veterans - Columbia VA Hospital
- May 3 Kids Free Fishing Day - Bennett Spring State Park
- May 6 Informal gathering
- May 13 Summer Outing - Countryside Park - Taos, MO
- May 15 Fly tying with Veterans-Columbia VA Hospital
- May 17 Kids Free Fishing Day - Roaring River State Park
- May 20 Informal gathering
- May 27 Informal gathering