

Banquet

*The banquet is now less than a month away!!
The key messages are very similar with a few updates. Here they are again as a reminder:*

- 1) Please keep the donations for the raffle and silent auction items coming in. John Wenzlick is taking the donations. Please bring to meetings or get ahold of John directly at 573-821-6813.*
- 2) Donations will be organized on April 6. This will be done at the same location as the fly tying classes at 6 pm. Please come and help if you are able. This will be the last day to turn in donations.*
- 3) Banquet Date is April 8 at the American Legion hall at 1423 Tanner Bridge Road. Social hour from 6 – 7 pm. Food Service to start at 7 pm.*
- 4) If you would like to come early to help set up, it would be most appreciated. Set up starts at 4 pm.*
- 5) Tickets are on sale now!!! Please get with Melvin Schulenburg to purchase. Melvin can be reached at 573-636-9953*
- 6) All family and friends are welcome at the banquet. Membership not required to join the fun. Please purchase your tickets by March 28 so we are able to give an accurate head count for food.*
- 7) Ticket prices are as follows:
Adults - \$15
16 and under \$7.50*

I hope to see everyone there!!!

Stream Team Update

Please sign up for the April 29 Intro Water Quality Class. It will be 8:30 - 5:00 in Columbia at the 4-H Center for Youth Development 1110 South College Boulevard. The deadline is April 12, but sign up at mostreamteam.org/ before classes fill up.

The Level 2 Class I just attended was really good. We got audited on chemical analysis and reviewed insects. With a microscope I could really SEE the little buggers!.

It is best to monitor mid-March to mid-April, which could be great time to fish the pond Ron Hadley showed us last trip. Jim Farthing wants to bring his son on Saturday, so please let me know if March 18, 25 or April 1 works.

Brian McKeage contacted JJ Gates at Parks and Rec about McKay Lake erosion. JJ is considering a concrete wall along the dam, possibly with handicapped access. Other alternatives are rip-rap and vegetation. I will keep following up and updating you.

Park ranger Brian Ettling, worked 25 years at Crater Lake and Everglades National Parks. Brian will talk about his experiences and how climate affected these parks at 7pm on March 29 at the Runge Center.

If you are starting to fly fish or looking for new places, check out MDC's Fishing Prospects at: <https://fishing.mdc.mo.gov/> . The 2017 version will report on 60 lakes, 37 rivers and the four trout parks.

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Notes from the Prez

As I sit here typing these notes, snow is falling. Hard to believe that a few days ago it was 75 and sunny. It has been a strange February and early March to say the least. We do need rain to flush and recharge the streams.

Caddis have started to pop on the White River and other streams which will hopefully make up for the lack of streamer fishing and low water we saw in February. The caddis hatch is one of the few hatches that will have the big browns looking up. If you have a chance get out and give them a try.

See ya'll this week.

Dates of Interest

March

- 14 – *Monthly Meeting*
At First Baptist Church
Board 6 pm – General Meeting 7pm
- 16 – *Fly Tying with Vets*
- 23 – 25 *Sow Bug Roundup–Mountain Home, AR*
- 28 – *Last day to purchase banquet tickets*

April

- 6 – *Organize donations for banquet*
- 7 – *Veteran's Fishing Day*
- 8 – *CCFF Banquet*
Location, Time, Ticket Price are above

May

- 6 – *Kids Free Fishing Day*

September

- 30 – *Ladies Fishing Day*

Start of Fishing Season

The season is here and the crowds are out. Mike Jaegers was kind enough to get a few photos from opening day at Bennett Springs. There were 1290 adult and 76 kids tags sold at Bennett.



Let's Surround them everyone!!!!

