



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Thursday, March 1, represented the first official day of spring for trout enthusiasts – opening day at the state trout parks. The weather was a little on the cool side but it didn't stop the crowds or end the reuniting of fishing buddies that had been cooped up all winter.

We didn't wet any lines, but it was sure fun watching old and young casting as the siren blew. The water was swift and muddy from the floods the week before but it did not deter the gathering along and in the stream. As of 10 a.m. Thursday, 1255 adult tags and 78 youth tags had been sold at Bennett Spring State Park.

I want to remind everyone that our regularly scheduled meeting (March 13) is being replaced with a dinner/meeting Thursday (March 15). Look for details later in this newsletter.

We would like to include your fishing stories or tips on a good honey hole. Please get your comments to Greg or me and we will include them in the newsletter. Also, if you have suggestions or concerns regarding the club, please call me.

See you at the stream

Mike

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Sign up for the introductory water quality class in Jefferson City at the MDC Central Office

2901 W Truman Boulevard on Saturday, April 28 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Register by Wednesday, April 18.

[Click here to register](#) or go to <http://www.mostreamteam.org/>

I emailed Parks and Rec to express the club's appreciation for putting in the shot rock at McKay Lake. They took out several trees and bushes, but fortunately kept the willow at the Northeast corner. I asked about fish and wildlife funding and if they would consider putting in handicapped access along the dam. When they respond, I will pass the information along.

The Stream Team Association send out this alert on a bill that affect water quality.

HB 1973 - John Wiemann - Modifies provisions of the Missouri Clean Water Law

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MARCH MEETING

As Mike mentioned, we will **NOT** be holding the March meeting on Tuesday, March 13. If you are not already aware, the meeting **WILL BE** on March 15 at the American Legion hall. There will be a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30. A director's meeting will be at 6:15. Dinner will be served at 6:45. I'm not sure if Mike Jaegers has enough people to help set up yet. So, if you are able, please come around 5 pm to assist.

The address to the American Legion is:

1423 Tanner Bridge Road

Jefferson City, MO 65101

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

TREASURER

Bill Stroessner has done a great job as treasurer for longer than I have been in the club and I would like to thank him for all the work he has put in. When Bill is ready, Terry Smith has agreed to come in to help as the next Treasurer. Thank you Terry for taking on this position of importance. Also thanks Terry for being in charge of the ticket sales for this month's dinner meeting.

CURRENT ON THE CURRENT

Just last month I was conversing with Mark Van Patten through email about what was happening on the Current River. He talked about how low and clear the water was and needing to use stealth to be more successful. What a difference a month and rain makes!

Here is what Mark shared with me just a couple of days ago:

The river is up and off color. Fishing is good in the Park. Black, purple and dark olive woolies are good. Not much top water action outside the park. Fish low and slow. 4-5x tippet is fine outside the Park. Take care in wading. The water is up and can fool you with its power if you are a little iffy on footing.

Mark Van Patten
Feather Cutter Farm LLC

Thanks for all the great information Mark!!!

APRIL CLUB OUTING

The Club has set a date of Saturday, April 21, for a weekend outing to Bennett Spring State Park. I do not have all the details because I left my notes in my pocket and washed them, but I'm sure it will be discussed more at the dinner meeting. Mike will want people to let him know if you will attend ahead of time in order to plan the proper amount of food for lunch. The club is providing the main course, but it would be nice if you were able to bring a side dish or dessert. I'm in and you'll never guess what I'm bringing? Yeah, you're right, pickles it is!



FISHING PHOTO

Well, nobody sent me any photos so I guess you are stuck with another one of my photos. This was taken March 10, 2018 at Cosmo-Bethel Park in Columbia, MO. I was with my dad and we were visiting my cousin. I can verify that there are at least 4 trout left at Cosmo-Bethel because we each caught a couple.



The best thing about this rainbow is the camera angle. It probably wasn't much more than 10 inches.

OCTOBER CLUB OUTING

Two or more willing people are needed to help organize the trip, buy food, and cook for the Arkansas outing in October. John Walther and Wayne Simpson have stepped down after many years of volunteering for these tasks. They may be willing to help out in a smaller capacity, but they have earned their time to fish. Please let Mike Jaegers or any board member know you can help. Thanks!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

13 Regular meeting moved to March 15

15 Dinner/meeting at American Legion

22-24 Sow Bug Roundup – Mtn Home, AR

April

21 Club outing at BSSP

21 Veteran's Day events at BSSP

May

5 Kids Free Fish Day – BSSP

26 Charlie Reading's Fishing Expo

June

9-10 Free Fishing Weekend –BSSP

July

27-28 Branson Fly Fishing Expo

Sept

29 Ladies Fishing Day –BSSP (Club has been asked to provide assistance –See Mike Jaegers for details)

Oct

13-14 Holland Derby – BSSP

19-21 Club fishing trip to Arkansas

See Everyone on March 15 at the American Legion Hall for the March meeting.