

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Thanks to all of you who helped at the Learning in Retirement seminar that we presented a couple of weeks ago. The program was well-received and offered us exposure that we normally wouldn't have.

Attendance at our State Trout Parks was good last Friday. Given the weather we've had, it shows the dedication of the trout anglers in the state of Missouri. Bennett Spring sold 1684 tags and believe me, it was cold. I am trying to get numbers from Montauk.

Reservations for our annual banquet are due by April 19. Tickets are available now. The tickets are \$15 each and available now from Jack Kramer. Remember, this is our every other year fund-raising banquet. If you have items to donate for the bucket raffle or auction, contact John Wenzlick – he is collecting items for the banquet.

Bennett Spring State Park is trying a new fly tying program this year. By the time you get this newsletter, I will have attended the first event. Friends of Bennett Spring is sponsoring an evening of group fly tying. The program is named the Mayfly Project. For \$5 you are provided materials to tie flies to be donated to the Project. Money from the event will go to help to buy supplies and support Kid's Fishing Day. The next event is scheduled April 5 in the Bennett Spring Hatchery Visitor Room (the old hatchery building). It will run from 6-8:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to donate 6 flies that will be donated to the Mayfly Project and then take home the rest that you tie. The hope is that this event will continue throughout the trout season 1 Friday night each month. Talk to me at the meeting and I will let you know how the first session was.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

If you do not receive the Stream Team United newsletter, there are two bills that would impact water quality.

Senator Bernskoetter introduced SB391. Senate Bill 391 removes the ability of local counties to pass health ordinances that are more stringent than any provisions of law, rules, or regulations relating to environmental control, the Department of Natural Resources, air conservation, and water pollution. The bill would remove all existing local air and water quality standards that apply to Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

SB 391 paves the way for CAFOs to establish in any county in Missouri without control of the local county. "Export only" CAFOs could spread waste right up to property lines.

Representative Dan Shaul introduced HB271 HB 271 removes the ability of political subdivisions to pass ordinances that restrict the use of plastic containers in their local area.

HB 271 is an attempt to take away local control from towns and counties that may want to solve the problem of plastic disposable containers in their community.

If you have comments on these bills, you are encouraged to contact your legislators.

TU is planning to plant trees along the North Fork of the White in the fall and you are invited to join in. I will keep you posted.

*Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*



FLY TYING SESSIONS END

We have reached the end of the fly tying sessions for this year and we had some great flies this year. I think there will be some really productive patterns to use for all different types of fish species. I especially want to thank John Walther, John Goad, and Jerry Kemple who took the time to teach us the fly patterns. Thank you to Terry Smith and Mike Jaegers, who ran the new tiers table. And, thank you to everyone else who helped in some form or another. Whether you suggested a pattern, organize materials, or helped with the overall organization of things, I say thank you. Also, a big thank you to Concord Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their facility.

It's not too early to start thinking about patterns for next year! If you have any ideas submit them as soon as possible.



John Walther demonstrating a pattern.



Caught using red ant tied at a session

MARCH 1 OPENER

As I am sure you are aware, the trout park opener has come and past. Even with the cold weather it looks like there was still a great turnout at Bennett Spring State Park.



The usual opening line!



Caught by John Goad outside of Maramec Spring Park on Tuesday, March 5th. What a beautiful fish.

SOWBUG ROUNDUP

It's still not too late to make plans to get down to Mountain Home, AR for the Sowbug Roundup! It runs March 28-30 and will host over 100 fly tiers. There will be different seminars, fly casting classes, and vendors available. They also have bucket raffles, silent auctions, and special raffles to participate in. I say it every time and I'll say it again, this is an event you should attend at least once to experience what it has to offer. \$10 entrance fee for all three days. If you would like more details, please let me know. Oh, I almost forgot, you have just a little fishing water around to enjoy as well!

BANQUET

When: April 27th

Where: American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road

Price: \$15.00 for Adult's
\$7.50 for Children 12 and Under

Time: Social Hour 5:30 pm
Dinner 7 pm

As Mike stated, this is our big fundraising banquet. Please get your ticket by April 19th so we have a count to submit for reservations. The banquet is open to anyone that would like to attend. Not limited to just members.

If you have something to donate to the raffles or auctions, please get the items to John Wenzlick. Items do not have to be all about fishing. Anything that people may find appealing is welcomed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar

- 12 Club Meeting at First Baptist Church
- 21 Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia
- 28-30 Sowbug Roundup, Mountain Home, AR

Apr

- 4 Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia
- 5 The Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring
- 9 Club Meeting
- 10-11 Weed Cutting – Bennett
- 12 Disabled Angler Clinic – Maramec Spring
- 18 Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia
- 22-24 Reel Recovery
- 27 Veterans Fishing Day – Bennett
- 27 CCFF Banquet at American Legion

May

- 2 Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia
- 4 Kid's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring
- 4 Kid's Free Fishing Day – Montauk
- 12 Club Meeting
- 16 Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia
- 18 Kid's Free Fishing Day – Roaring River
- 18 Kid's Free Fishing Day – Maramec Spring

Hope to see you all at the Monthly Meeting this Tuesday.