

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Well, Missouri weather has been up to some tricks over the last few weeks and it looks like there is more to come. Luckily there was about a week in there that we actually had spring like temperatures and it hit right in time for the trout opener. I was fortunate enough to take a trip down to Branson with John Wenzlick and another friend and get a little fishing in when the warmer temperatures hit. Although we did not catch as many as we did during our trip in December, we still had a great time and I look forward to going back. We capped off the trip with a stop off at Bennett Spring where the fish were a little more plentiful. We were even able to visit with a few other club members that were at Bennett that day.

I was recently asked the question, “When do you guess we might start regular fly club meetings?” My thought was maybe by this fall, or maybe even sooner if vaccines roll out faster. It could also go the other way and we might not be ready until next year. Whatever the answer is, it must be a consensus between club members. So, I would like everyone to share their thoughts on the matter. I am the only one who needs to know what each club member says specifically. I will not share your name, only what your views are. I would really appreciate hearing from you on this matter.

On a lighter note, the fly tying sessions have been going great! We have been having them about every two weeks and hope to continue doing them. If you would be willing to be a presenter, it would go a long way to keep things going. See you at the vise – Greg Curtin

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

The Missouri Stream Team is offering some free on-line training. Randy Sarver, who monitored my level 2 test, is teaching the next one on March 23. He is very knowledgeable and will make the class interesting.

This online workshop will provide a series of four (4) online presentations over a span of two weeks highlighting a background in the ecology, classification, distribution, and morphology of the three orders of mayfly, stonefly, and caddisfly taxa occurring in Missouri streams. Presentations will also go into greater depth in identifying these groups to the Family level. Each presentation is open to anyone interested in learning to identify these sensitive aquatic insect groups. To learn more or to register click this link,

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1103604999107&ca=95b4f492-5939-4607-af68-dcbe787897d2>

The state stream team publishes a list of bills to watch. [2021LegislativeLookout\(streamteamsunited.org\)](http://www.2021LegislativeLookout(streamteamsunited.org))

HJR55 will expand the conservation commission from 4 to 9 members and allow a majority to be from one party. Currently our commission is a very successful model for managing fish, wildlife and forests.

<https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HJR55&year=2021&code=R>.

HB 574 will affect clean water by limiting inspections of facilities that have the potential to pollute. Neither bill has passed the House, so there is an opportunity to comment on them.

Jeff Holzem

SOUND THE HORN

Or fire the pistol !!!



Fellow Capital City Fly Fishers member Wayne Simpson was given the well deserved honor of opening up Trout Season at Bennett Spring State Park on March 1st.

The following newspaper article can do a much better job than I to describe Wayne's big day.



The Fisherman's Prayer

Oh God grant that I may live to fish for another shining day.
But when my final cast is made I then most humbly pray,
When nestled in you landing net As I lay peacefully asleep,
You'll smile at me and judge that I'm "good enough to keep."



REFLEX PHOTO BY STEVE JOHNSON

GET ON YOUR MARK, GET READY, SET ... FISH!

Wayne Simpson, right, was invited by Bennett Spring State Park officials to kick off the start of the 2021 opening day of trout season by firing the starting pistol. Simpson, a resident of Bolivar, has been attending opening day at BSSP for the past 46 years. He is a member of many fly-fishing organizations and has been the co-coordinator for the Reel Recovery Organization for the state of Missouri for four years. The self-taught fly-fisherman dedicated this year's opening day to his fishing buddy, the late Mike Ross, who died March 4 last year, just three days after opening day. Simpson recited the "Fisherman's Prayer" and was accompanied by his wife, Lynn (in the yellow jacket), and Ross' widow, Donna.

Fly Tying

Our next fly tying session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23. Arrive early (6:30 pm) to talk and then we will start the tying session at 7 pm. Sam Stewart will be returning to demonstrate two streamer patterns he likes to use for Small Mouth Bass.

Sam will tie two flies. They are Lefty's Deceiver and Barr's Meat Whistle. I am attaching a couple photos as examples. The photo for the deceiver is actually a double deceiver which is an articulated fly. Maybe at some point we can have Sam show us the ways of the articulated fly, but for now, let's start with the traditional deceiver.

Here is a list of materials you might want to have if you are going to tie along with Sam:

Lefty's Deceiver

Hook: 1-1/0 Gamakatsu B10S (any large streamer hook will do)



Thread: white GSP100 (any strong thread will work)
Tail: White saddle hackle or schlappen
Flash: Pearl Flashabou
Body: Medium Pearl palmer chenille (not required)
Wing: Bucktail of desired

color

Eyes: 8mm 3D eyes

Superglue, UV resin or 5 min epoxy

Barr's Meat Whistle

Hook: 3/0 jig hook (I used an Eagle Claw one from Merten's)



Cone: 6mm brass cone
Thread: UTC 140
Tail: Rabbit Zonker
Flash: Rust flashabou or complimentary color
Legs: Silli legs barred brown or accent color

if desired

Wing: Matching marabou, I use light brown (ginger) or tan for sculpin/crayfish

Collar: Golden brown Ice Dub or complimentary color

When the time gets closer I will send out the link to join the session

FISH PHOTOS



Branson Rainbow



Branson Brown

Bennett Spring Events For 2021
(these are the only special events scheduled for 2021)

April 17 – Veterans Free Fishing Day

May 1 – Kid’s Free Fishing Day

September 25- Ladies Free Fishing Day

Veteran’s Free fishing Days statewide

April 17 at Bennett Spring

June 12-13 at Meramec State Park

September 18 at Montauk State Park

(Roaring River has not announced yet)

2021 Officers of Capital City Fly Fishers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 23- Fly tying – 6:30(Fly Tying starts 7:00pm) Sam Stewart bass flies

BSSP 2021 Weed Cutting Schedule

April 6-7

May 18-19

June 22-23

August

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