

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Well gang, I was hoping to get the newsletter out about a week ago, but with my brother coming from Berkley, California and having some computer problems, I'm about a week behind. Had a great visit with my brother after getting in from an 18 hour weather delay. I only fished once while he was here and that was at Mckay for about 3 hours. Fishing was slower, but still put a few fish in the net.

I hope we have turned the corner and snow is in the rearview mirror. I am itching to get out to do some stream fishing. Also, looking to get some crappie caught as well. I guess I just need to get out and fish. Hopefully, everyone is getting a chance to wet their lines right now.

If you are ever looking for someone to go fishing with, do not be afraid to send out an email. Let's take advantage of the great network of people who love to fish. With my work schedule, I am relegated mostly to weekend trips. Others are available during the week. It's so much more enjoyable getting together with others to fish.

I want to thank John Goad for a great presentation of fly fishing reels at our last members meeting on March 8th. At our next meeting on April 12th, John Walther will present his 12 crazy flies of Bennett Spring. I'm sure it will be full of a lot of fun information.

With the club getting back to an active schedule, we would love for everyone to be involved. There were many topics discussed at the last members meeting that tie in with involvement in some way. Let's all continue to support this great group of members. The major topics discussed will be in the upcoming articles of this newsletter. With my computer issues the format of the newsletter is a little different, but you will get the same fantastic information.

*May you all have great times and tight lines,
Greg Curtin*

SUMMER OUTINGS

For the May 10th, June 14th, and July 12th members meetings, we will be back outdoors. We have determined which venues to go to, but have yet to determine which venue on which date. We will have this figured out and reported at the April 12th meeting. The three locations will be Binder Park and JC County Park here in Jefferson City and Proctor Park in California, MO. We will plan to have two potlucks and one pizza night at these outings. We will determine a main course for the potlucks and ask you to bring a dish, side, or dessert to complement the meal. For the pizza night, the club will buy pizza for the group in attendance. My mouth is watering already!!

Oh, and don't forget, if you would like to fish, there is water there for such an activity.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you read the last newsletter or were at the last members meeting, then you knew we were going to have a vote on raising the annual dues for the club. After a strong discussion, there were three motions voted on. The first two motions of raising the 2023 membership dues to \$20 or \$25 were defeated. The third motion, which did pass, was to wait and make a decision after we determined the financial outcome of the August 6th banquet. Based on previously known income and expenses, we need an income of around \$2800 per year to cover expenses. I am not bringing this up to scare anyone. There is money in the club's banking account to keep going, but with costs only moving upwards, we needed to have the discussion. The fundraising banquet, which currently happens every other year, is meant to help cover two years of expenses along with annual dues. I can only ask, like I have many times, please be involved in some fashion to keep the club moving ahead. Thanks.

REEL RECOVERY

Reel Recovery is a Retreat for men living with cancer. After being postponed last year because of Covid, it's back on. It will be held at Westover Farms in Steelville, MO from April 25 to April 27. During our March club meeting, it was brought up for discussion as to whether the club would donate to Reel Recovery this year. I am happy to announce that we voted to donate \$500 to help fund a great cause. It's just a few days, but the memories and connections can continue on.

BENNETT ON OPENING DAY



It's back!!! One of the greatest spectator sports out there. You know it as opening day at Bennett Spring State Park. Looks like some tight quarters for the fisherman near the bridge. I guess it gives all the onlookers something to watch. I have heard different numbers from different sources, so I am going with around 1700 tags sold on opening day. The new season is here. Are you ready???

WOMEN'S FISHING DAY AT BENNETT

If you recall, we asked that members tie 30 flies for the fly boxes to distribute at Women's Fishing Day at Bennett Spring on September 24th. We need more flies! If you are still able, please bring in 30 of the same fly. Time is needed to divide everything up, so sooner is better. If we end up with more than needed, we will use them next year. Bring them to the next meeting and they will make it to the right place. Thanks!

BANQUET

*Date: August 6, 2022
Time: 6 pm happy hour
7 pm meal
Live auctions after meal
Location: American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101*

We will have some fun things going on during the banquet. Join in on the bucket raffles, silent auctions, and live auctions. Tickets are \$20 each and available now for purchase. Invite a Friend or more!!!

Please do not wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets. Let's all try to find at least one non-club member who wants to enjoy a great meal and some great items to bid on. The best way to raise more funds is to have more people bidding on the donated items.

DONATIONS

We are looking to make another push to find donations for the banquet. We are asking everyone to think about businesses to contact for any form of donation possible. It could be a product, a service, or even a monetary donation. Bring your ideas to the next meeting on April 12th. Our banquet committee will coordinate contacting the businesses, so we do not have multiple people contact the same business. Whether you prefer to make contact with a business or have a contact name to share we need your involvement.

I have spoken with those working on getting the current donations uploaded to our website and if they are not on by now, it should be very soon. There are a lot of great items to look at and I'm hoping for more to be added. Keep up the great work!

SOWBUG

The Sowbug is on and starts this Thursday, March 24th. There will be over 100 fly tyers in attendance to demonstrate their flies and techniques over three days. The Sowbug Roundup is the North Arkansas Fly Fishers sole annual fundraising event. With Covid still out there, everyone at the event is being asked to wear a mask. If you go to www.sowbugroundup.org, you will be able to see the mask policy and the schedules for the seminars and classes. They will have vendors, raffles, and auctions at the event as well. The event is at the Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home, AR.



**25th Annual
International
Sowbug Roundup**

March 24, 25 & 26, 2022
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Mountain Home, AR
Baxter County Fairgrounds

Admission \$10.00 for all three days
Adults with kids 12 and under admitted free

Guests of Honor
Dave & Emily Whitlock

More than 150 Fly Tyers
Vast Variety of Vendors
Great Auctions and Raffles
Free Fly Fishing Seminars
Free Fly Tying Classes
Free Prizes for Kids

www.sowbugroundup.org
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Warm Water Fly Fishing Show Theme

2021 FLY TYING SESSIONS

With the conclusion of the 2021 fly tying sessions, I want to send out some thank you messages. A big thank you to John Walther for leading the regular tying sessions. Another big thank you to Terry Smith for leading the beginners tying sessions. Also thank you to John Goad and Michael Collins for stepping in for a session or two to help out. Thank you to Ted Ellsworth for supplying some labels for the materials packets. Thank you to all those that helped put the packets together and provided any assistance to make for another successful year. Thank you to Joanne Pironis and Sandra Goad for treats at the last session. The chocolate covered strawberries and fudge were wonderful. Let's start thinking of new patterns for next year!

NEW DATES OF INTEREST

If you are looking for something interesting to do during the week, there are a couple of events at the Bennett Spring State Park - Nature Center that John Walther will be presenting. The first event will be held on Friday, May 28th at 1 pm and talk about fishing and tying terrestrial patterns. The second event will be on Friday, June 25th at 1 pm and John will talk about the 12 crazy flies of Bennett Spring. He will talk about their history and the tying of the flies. Get them on your Calendar.

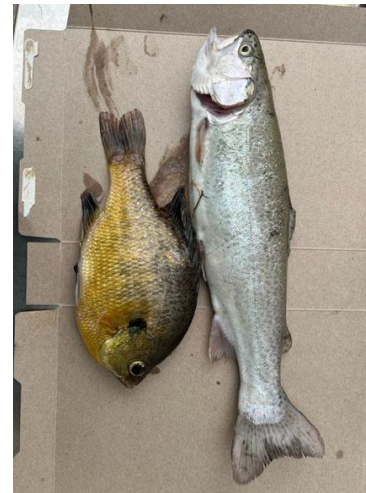
PHOTOS



*John Goad
Getting his
Limit at
Bennett*



*Mike Dean
bringing
in a 19"
bow on
Lake
Taney*



*Greg Curtin
14.5" bow
from Fulton
park and a
9.5" sunfish
from a pond*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 24-26 Sowbug Roundup - Mountain Home, AR*
- April 9 Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo - Clinton, MO*
- April 12 Club Meeting*
- April 23 Veterans Free Fishing Day - Bennett*
- April 30 Kids Free Fishing Day - Montauk*
- May 7 Kids Free Fishing Day - Bennett Spring*
- May 10 Club Meeting*
- May 14 Kids Free Fishing Day - Roaring River*
- May 14 Kids Free Fishing Day - Maramec Spring*
- May 28 John Walther at Bennett Spring Nature Center - Terrestrials*
- June 4 Veterans Free Fishing Day - Maramec Spring*
- June 8 Club Meeting*
- June 11-12 Statewide Free Fishing Days*
- June 25 John Walther at Bennett Spring Nature Center - 12 Crazy Flies*
- July 12 Club Meeting*

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Be ready at our next meeting to plan water quality monitoring for a Saturday in April.

New Water Quality Classes! The intro and level 1 will be combined. The online parts are recorded. The field demo will be April 4 at Rock Bridge from 9 until 2. This may seem like a big commitment, but I believe it is well worth it. Every time we go out to monitor (and often fish) everyone has a good time. It is even more enjoyable when you start recognizing the insects the fish eat and we imitate. Click here to sign up, [Events | Missouri Department of Conservation](#)

Step 1 Online classes.

Register for Part A and B of the live virtual training or watch the recorded lessons at your convenience. These educational presentations are open to anyone!

Introduction to VWQM

Intro level certified volunteers can collect stream discharge and biological data.

PART A:

*INTRODUCTION TO VWQM, SITE SELECTION,
and STREAM DISCHARGE*

PART B:

SAFETY, BIOLOGICAL MONITORING, WATERSHED

MAPPING and ONLINE TOOLS (Watch any time – Click here!)

youtube.com/c/missouristreamteam

Step 2 Field training.

After completing Part A and Part B virtual trainings for a level of training, you are eligible to attend the field training. During which, you will practice monitoring methods at a stream site

under the direction of Stream Team staff. FIELD TRAINING will be April 4 at Rock Bridge State Park

[Register here](#)

[Wisconsin Driftless](#)

After seeing Duke Welter speak about restoration in the driftless area, you may want to watch this [video on Climate Change/Extreme Weather](#)

Hope to see you on the water,

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator



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