



**March 2024**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ -**

*The 2024 fly tying sessions are now complete and I want to send a big thank you out to Jerry Kemple, Melvin Schulenberg, Jerry Forck and Lee Kudrna. They did a great job leading the beginners group. Another big thank you goes to John Walther and Michael Collins for heading up the regular sessions. I don't have an exact number, but we averaged at least 30 people each night of fly tying. That is a successful season in my book. We had some great flies and I hope to get out and try them all.*

*Thank you to John and Burma Walther for attending the CFM affiliate luncheon on March 2nd. We were fortunate to receive funds from the David Risberg Grant.*

<p><b>John and Burma accepting grant</b></p> 	<p><i>The grant money will be used for items at Women's Fishing Day at Bennett Spring on September 28th. There are many events on the horizon. Please take some time to look at the information provided in the newsletter. The deadline for requesting banquet tickets is fast approaching. March 19th - deadline to notify Jack Kramer to purchase banquet tickets. We still need some volunteers for committees. We will need everyone's help at club sponsored events to be successful.</i></p>
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*My fishing time since the last newsletter has been very limited. My dad and I took a trip on opening weekend and had some ups and downs. We started at Bennett Spring to see what opening day would look like. You can see by the photos that there were a lot of people out fishing. You may also notice in one of the photos that there's a little construction going on. After a short time at Bennett, we headed down to Branson to fish on Lake Taneycomo.*

*The plan was to fish there for three days and then head back to Bennett to cap off the trip. We started off slow but the last couple days we were catching fish on a consistent basis. Due to a family emergency we cut the trip short by a day, and in my haste, I gave two fly fishing combos to the highway. Mom is on the road to recovery and I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. I especially want to thank Marilyn and Jerry Forck for being there to help in the time of need.*

*Be sure to take advantage of the nice weather and get out and do some fishing. Remember to take a look at your Calendar to see all the club events coming up this year and where you can help.*

*See you on the water,*

*Greg Curtin*



Beautiful color



Phil fighting a nice rainbow



Bennett opening day - zone 2



Bennett opening day - zone 1

**The Banquet is on!!**

We have a **banquet date April 6 and tickets are on sale now until March 19.** We are going to try an earlier time this year to see how things go. We might also have a presentation, but that is yet to be determined. Like last year we will have some form of a raffle. We are still acquiring some of the prizes but will have fly fishing gear, apparel, 2 nights in Branson, and more.

Saturday, April 6th 2024 Social hour: 4:30 pm Supper time: 5:30 pm (unless we have a speaker)

Raffle time: after dinner approximately 6:30 pm

Where: American Legion Post 5  
1822 Tanner Bridge Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Price: \$25/ticket

Payable to: Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFE

Main meal: Fried chicken and pot roast

**GET YOUR TICKETS FROM JACK KRAMER!!!!**

## ***STREAM TEAM UPDATE***

I am looking forward to **monitoring on Saturday, April 27**. Since we plan to fish, we will **meet at 6:15 in the Assembly of God parking lot, 1900 Route C in Jefferson City**. We will car pool to Big Saline Creek and have a donut before we get in the water. After the stream work, whoever wants to fish at Bennett will carpool there. If you plan to fish bring a lunch and your rod.

This [link has some great pictures of the common macro-invertebrates](#) we find. We were able to locate all of the clean water only bugs, caddis, stonefly, mayfly..... the last time. We will have cards and magnifying glasses to help identify the bugs and the experienced guys are always happy to coach. Bring waders and get ready for an enjoyable day!



**“Shags” telling fish stories**

***Nathan, Shags, McLeod spoke to our club on the 12th. He shared a story that was both funny and yet very powerful. He learned of a bill that would have a negative impact on conservation in Missouri. As you may know he is on FM radio early in the morning. He called the legislator who sponsored the bill and left voicemail asking why he hated Missouri. To make his point stronger Shags broadcast his message during his radio program. That caused the legislator to withdraw the bill saying he does not hate Missouri. The bottom line is when we care enough, we can stop bills that can harm the environment or push good ones.***

I missed the last TU meeting but after Shags spoke, Doug told me I got a new position, Advocacy Coordinator. Actually, I am glad to do it and glad TU is taking steps to deal with the many issues that impact trout. To me advocacy means speaking up for what is good for conservation and opposing what is not. What Shags did is an example of very successful advocacy. Below are some ways you can advocate for conservation.

There are two bills that will damage streams. HB 1691, sponsored by Representative Van Schoiack, and SB981, sponsored by Senator Rusty Black, Both seek to redefine "waters of the state" in a way that is damaging to Missouri waterways and the Missouri public. These bills would:

- Legalize pollution of ephemeral and intermittent streams
- Legalize pollution of most groundwater
- Create great uncertainty in jurisdictional boundaries and
- Lead to increased costs for the state to determine if waterways are within the bounds of state jurisdiction

- *Read more about how they can impact our streams and drinking water.*

<https://missouriindependent.com/2024/03/06/missouri-bill-would-slash-state-regulations-over-small-streams-and-major-aquifers/>

*Please take 2 minutes to send an email opposing these bills. This link provides more information and gives you a prefilled form to submit. <https://www.streamteamsunited.org/stop-bad-waters-of-the-state-bills.html>*

*You can also choose to call your state rep using a sample script. Both are quick and easy to do.*

*The Stream Team Newsletter is a great way to learn what is being considered in time to stop a bad, or to support a good one. You can sign up for their mailing list here.*

<https://www.streamteamsunited.org/stop-bad-waters-of-the-state-bills.html>

*This web site lists [bills the stream team is watching](#). If you would rather not add more to your inbox, the Conservatin Federation has a site to see pending bills at a glance. <https://confedmo.org/lac/#/>*

*Their current focus is supporting a ban on invasive species, such as Callery (Bradford) pear and honeysuckle. I first became aware of the impact of non-native species from a Park Ranger's program at Crater Lake. He urged us to keep non-native fish to prevent them from taking over. Yellowstone Park had a similar plan.*

*To learn more of the of what CFM is doing check out these resolutions CFM just passed*

<https://confedmo.org/listed-resolutions-through-the-years/> *Remember we elect legislators to work for us, so contact them and tell them to support your wishes on proposed laws. With web sites like the Stream Teams it is easy and you may enjoy telling legislators what to do. Our fish will thank you.*

## ***BUSINESS Committee help Here's where we need help:***

1. ***Conservation Day at the Capitol- we have 3 tiers, but could use someone up front to bring passerbys over to them. It is an opportunity to tie flies and talk about the club at the Capitol on April 3rd. We will be there in support of the efforts of the Conservation Federation of Missouri.***
2. ***These Events we will need several volunteers:***
3. ***June 8th - kids fishing derby at binder***
4. ***September 28th - women's fishing day at Bennett spring***
5. ***November 9th - kids fishing at McKay Park***
6. ***Please try to make these dates available to help. Fishing time will be possible after each event.***

***We need everyone's help. Please participate!!!! Thank you.***

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS -***

***Fly tying for Vets every first and third Thursday. Informal gather every Tuesday except for meetings or otherwise noted.***

***To see even more events at Bennett or Montauk or Meramec***

### ***MARCH***

***19 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start - **Last day to order banquet tickets.*****

***21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO***

***21-23 Sowbug Roundup - Mountain Home, AR***

## *26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

### *APRIL*

*2 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*3 Conservation day at the Capitol - see the note above for more info and to help.*

*4 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*6 Club Banquet - see the note about and get your tickets before March 19th.*

*9 Monthly Members Meeting - Board Meeting 6 pm - Members Meeting 7pm Speaker from MDC to speak on stream team and entomology.*

*13 The Voice for Missouri Outdoor Expo // Flyer attached -CFM event*

*13 Tri-lakes Expo Guest host - Jeff Trigg*

*16 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*18 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*18 Great Rivers State Day Looking to see if anyone would like to volunteer to tie flies and represent the club at event.*

*9am - 3 pm. Information on this web site [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause\\_pdetails/MjA1NTgw](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/MjA1NTgw)*

*20 Veterans fishing day at Bennett*

*23 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

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*30 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

### *May*

*2 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*4 kids fishing day at Bennett*

*7 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*14 Summer outing - countryside park, Taos, mo*

*16 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*21 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*28 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

### *June*

*4 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*6 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*8-9 Bennett - free fishing weekend*

*11 Summer outing - JC Park*

*18 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*20 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*25 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

### *July*

*2 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*4 Independence holiday*

*9-Summer outing - Binder park*

*16 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*18 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*23 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*If you know of any events that could be added to the calendar, please let me know. 2024 is here, let's have another great year!*

*John Goad caught one on a fly we tied, He and his grandson, Nick, got several from Cole County Lake.*



*Send me ([jeff2002h@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff2002h@yahoo.com)) pictures and other items of interest to club members.*

*Be safe and keep on fishing,*

*Jeff Holzem Newsletter Editor*