



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

I wanted to share a recent opportunity that John Wenzlick & I had. On March 7th, John & I attended an event at the Bass Pro in Kansas City where the guest speaker was Charlie Craven.

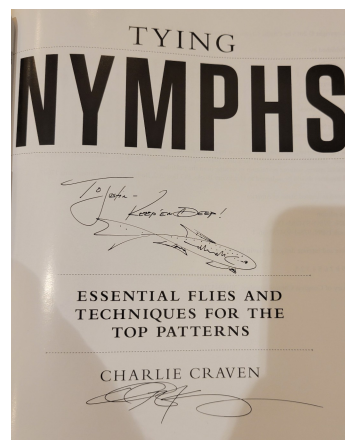
We arrived early & even helped them setup. Charlie tied multiple patterns including the Fat Angie, Screaming Banshee, Jujubaetis, Lucky B, Nine Pound Hammer, Charlie Boy Hopper, and Baby Gongga. While tying each pattern he explained the process, why he ties them the specific way he does, how each fly got its name, and answered any & all questions. It was a funny & educational event.

He said on that specific day, his Top 5 Flies to use (or that are his favorites) are, the Parachute Adams, Jujubaetis, Charlie Boy Hopper, Two Bit Hooker, and Baby Gongga.

I was able to get my copy of Charlie's book, "Tying Nymphs" signed. Then later in the day during one of the raffles, John won a copy too!

It was a lot of fun & I'm thankful for the opportunity John & I had to attend the event & learn more about fly tying.

God Bless,
Justin



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

I didn't get my email list updated, so everyone gets one last reminder to renew their membership. We have got a lot of great events coming up. You can show up to a Tuesday monthly meeting or an informal Tuesday gathering. You could line something up with Jack Kramer or mail your \$20 check payable to Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFF to:

Jack Kramer
Capital City Fly Fishers
1731 Overlook Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109



MARCH BANQUET

The banquet is upon us!! It will be a time for everyone to get together and enjoy each others company. We will have some giveaways, some items for sale, some silent auction items. Don't forget the great food!! See you there!

Banquet Information:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026
Time: Happy Hour ---- 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Supper ---- 5:30 – needed
Giveaways/Club business ---- after supper
Location: American Legion Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101

DATES TO KNOW AFTER BANQUET

March 31 Conservation Day at the Capitol
April 7 **The informal gathering will be canceled due to voting and blood drive SAME DAY**
April 11 Stream Team - Water Quality Monitoring at Saline Creek
April 18 Veterans Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park – Volunteers welcomed
May 12 Club Outing at Binder Park – Jefferson City
June 6 Kids Fishing Derby at Binder Park – Volunteers Needed
June 9 Club Outing at Countryside Park – Taos
July 14 Club Outing at Jaycee Park (County Park) – Jefferson City

CFM CONSERVATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Conservation Day at the Capitol will be on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. The event runs from 7 am to 1 pm on the third floor rotunda at the state capitol. We typically have 2 to 3 members tying flies and 1 to 2 members in front of the table to bring people in to learn about the club. Even if you can't make it to volunteer all day, please take some time to stop by and support the ongoing work to keep Missouri's natural resources available for future generations. There is still time to volunteer!

COLE EIDSON



Thank you to Cole Eidson, Cole County Conservation Agent, for taking the time to come and speak to the club at our March meeting. There was a lot of great Q & A interaction. If you ever find the need to contact him about a concern you may have, he can be reached at:

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ARGENTINA WITH THE ZYLSTRAS

If you were not able to make last year's April meeting when Bobby Zylstra presented his trip to Argentina, don't fret. Bobby and his twin brother Billy, were fortunate to be part of the podcast show "The Newb & The Knower" with Lance Egan to speak about their experience. They were on the hunt for golden dorados and other species. You should check it out! Here's the link:

[Ep. 6 NATK Journal Series](#)



RODS AND REELS FOR SALE

Rather than fight with the internet, Patty Bloomer has asked that I try and help her sell some of Ray's fly fishing rods and reels. I will be bringing the equipment to the April 14 monthly meeting for everyone to see. There are roughly 15 rods and 15 reels. Items could range anywhere from \$10 to \$250. I will be working on more detail about the gear after Conservation Day at the Capitol and hope to have a good list together. Make sure to be at the April Meeting to get a look at everything and give Patty a fair offering. Thanks, Greg

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Great news, we are going back out to monitor on April 11. We will meet at the Assembly of God Church parking lot on Southridge, across from Schulte's at 6:10 AM. I will bring donuts and we will carpool to Big Saline Creek. Bring your gear and plan to fish at Bennett afterwards. At this point Greg and Phil Curtin, Mike Dean, Bobby Zylstra, Bob Leonberger and Lenny Liebler are signed up. If you have not signed up, let me know if you want to join us for an enjoyable day.

I mentioned the Level 1 water quality monitoring class during our last meeting and included it in the newsletter. Signup ended for the field portion, but you can still complete the online training. Anyone who has taken the training will tell you it helps identify what the fish are eating and it's kind of nice to learn about the bugs.

Water Quality Monitoring Training:

Level 1 videos [hBps://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy)

Hope to see you at our banquet,

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

YES ON 1

When the November election comes around, make sure to get out and vote. One item you will vote on the ballot is Amendment 1. You can read about it hear and decide your position. Scan the QR code below to join the coalition.

KEY FACTS

The Parks, Soils & Water Sales Tax has:

- Funded more than **288,000 soil and water conservation practices** on Missouri farms and ranches.
- Impacted over **8 million acres** through cost share programs in every county.
- Prevented over **194 million tons of soil** from eroding – enough to fill I-70 between St. Louis and Kansas City 52 feet high.
- Fostered responsible land management practices in every county, overseen by locally elected board members.

WHAT DOES THE TAX SUPPORT?

The tax supports a variety of voluntary, incentive-driven programs to improve the long term viability of farmland:

- Sheet, rill and gully erosion
- Grazing, irrigation, animal waste, and nutrient pest management
- Woodland erosion
- Sensitive area preservation

These practices protect local drinking water, reduce sediment loss and promote water quality in streams and reservoirs. Soil & Water Conservation Districts are local people solving local problems. The programs are locally led, ensuring that on-farm practices are tailored to the specific needs of each community.

The average Missourian pays just **\$10** per year to support these soil and water conservation practices that protect our natural resources for years to come.

Amendment 1 does not create a new tax. It simply renews the existing state parks, soils and water conservation program that was created in 1984.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Join Our Coalition of farmers, ranchers, ag groups and more.
Donate To Our Campaign to help share our message and win the election.
Visit www.PreserveMO.com to get more information and share with your friends.

PROTECT MISSOURI AGRICULTURE.
VOTE YES ON 1 - PRESERVE STATE PARKS, SOILS & WATER

PAID FOR BY CITIZENS FOR STATE PARKS SOIL AND WATER, MEAGAN KAISER, TREASURER

KEY FACTS

Since 1984, the Parks, Soils & Water Sales Tax has enabled Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites to:

- Welcome more than **20 million visitors and over 1 million overnight guests** each year.
- Offer **free access for all visitors** to all Missouri state parks and historic sites.
- Provide funding for the operations and maintenance of **93 state parks and historic sites**.
- Help ensure that Missouri State Parks maintain their record **97% public approval rating** and reputation as one of the top-ranked state park systems in the nation.

WHAT DOES THE TAX SUPPORT?

These funds enhance Missouri state park and historic site amenities and facilities, including:

- Maintenance and repair of more than **2,000 park structures**.
- Investments in over **3,500 campsites and 4,000 miles of trails** across the state.
- Upgrades to campground showerhouses and restrooms, and overnight accommodations like walk-in campsites, full-service cabins and modern lodges.

Enriching visitor experience by:

- Offering programs that teach groups and families how to camp, kayak and trout fish.
- Providing opportunities to explore Civil War battlefields, watch bison on the prairie, visit the birthplaces of Mark Twain and Harry S. Truman or discover buried mastodons.

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COALITION AS BIG AS MISSOURI
s, outdoorsmen, conservationists, and small-town businesses support the renewal.

PRESERVE STATE PARKS SOIL & WATER

www.PreserveMO.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- March 26-28 – Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR
- March 28 – CCFB Banquet – American Legion Post 5
- March 31 – Conservation Day at the Capitol
- March 31 – Informal Gathering

April

- April 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 7 – **Informal Gathering - Canceled due to Voting upstairs and Blood Drive downstairs**
- April 11 – Water Quality Monitoring – Big Saline Creek – Volunteers Welcome
- April 14 – Monthly Members Meeting
- April 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 18 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park – Volunteers welcome
- April 21 – Informal Gathering
- April 23 – Senior Citizen's Trout Fishing Tournament – Montauk State Park
- April 28 – Informal Gathering

May

- May 2 – Kids Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- May 2 – Spring Kids Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- May 5 – Informal Gathering
- May 7 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- May 12 – Club Outing – Binder Park
- May 19 – Informal Gathering
- May 21 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- May 26 – Informal Gathering

June

- June 2 – Informal Gathering
- June 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- June 6 – Kids Fishing Derby – Binder Park **Volunteers needed**
- June 6-7 – Missouri Free Fishing Weekend
- June 9 – Club Outing – Countryside Park - Taos
- June 16 – Informal Gathering
- June 18 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- June 23 – Informal Gathering
- June 30 – Informal Gathering

Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear by submitting something to the newsletter.



Mark taking advantage of the weather



John with a nice one at JC Park



Phil catching one at the Whistle Bridge in higher water