

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

It was great to see new faces and returning members at the April Members Meeting. I hope to get to know all the new and returning members a little better. The tables were full to listen to John Walther talk about his 12 crazy flies of Bennett Spring. As we move in to our summer outings, I hope more people can come out and enjoy the camaraderie and fish tales. I haven't done a very good job at capturing photos at some of the events I have attended lately, so if anyone has photos from The Sowbug Roundup, The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo, or Veteran's Fly Fishing Day at Bennett Spring, would you please share them. There are a few new events being added to the Calendar of Events. You will find the information in the articles to follow.

Hopefully we can get past the 30 degree temperatures soon, the higher waters start to drop and streams start to clear up for more fishing excitement. I'm looking forward to getting more days of fishing in.

Enjoy the water, Greg Curtin

OUTINGS

*The dates, times, and locations for our summer outings are now set. The first outing will be held on **Tuesday, May 10, between 5 and 9 pm at the Binder Park Lake Deck Pavilion**. It will be a potluck, so we ask that each household bring something to have alongside the pork steaks that John Walther will be preparing. Mike Dean will bring drinks in the form of water, tea, and soda. If you require any other type of beverage then you will need to bring it with you. We need to know how many pork steaks to make, so it would be appreciated if you could tell me if you will be attending this potluck. All household members are welcome to attend, we just need to know how many that will be. So we don't end up with a lot of the same types of dishes or desserts, it would also be nice to know what you are bringing to the festivities. We will have a social hour starting at 5 pm and eat around 6 pm. Over the next few weeks I will send out a series of reminders.*

*The second outing will be **Tuesday, June 14, between 5 and 9 pm at Jaycee County Park (Fairgrounds Park) in the upper pavilion**. This will be our annual pizza party. The club will provide pizza, water, tea, and soda. It is not necessary to bring any food to this outing unless you would like to make a dessert to share with everyone. The pizza order will be placed around 5:30, so if you plan on attending you need to be there or notify Greg Curtin or Jack Kramer ahead of time that you will be there. Once again, we need a reasonably accurate count to buy enough pizzas. Social hour starts at 5 pm and we eat as soon as the pizza order arrives.*

*The third and final outing of the summer, will be **Tuesday, July 12, between 5 and 9 pm at Proctor Park in California, MO**. This will also be a potluck. The main course is yet to be determined, but I'm sure it will be delicious.*

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Stream Team Update:

We had a great crew to monitor Saturday! Greg and Phil Curtin, Rick Thom, Doug Grove, Mike Dean, Uldis Pironis and I had plenty time to eat donuts, check the water quality and pick up 2 big bags of trash. We worked on all three tests, macroinvertebrates, stream discharge, and water chemistry at the same time and finished by 11. That gave Greg, Doug and me time fish at the lake, where Greg caught a couple nice fish. The bug sampling produced another good water quality rating. Dissolved oxygen at 9 ppm was excellent and we found no nitrate concentration. I even provided a bit of comic entertainment. While attempting to catch the ball for stream discharge, I checked my watch to time the flow and missed the ball. The water was moving fairly fast, so I started running after it but tripped on an unseen rock and went down, but I got up fast and caught it. Fortunately, we had a first aid kit, and I had dry clothes at the lake. Overall, it was a good day.

If you have not had a chance to view the online training, check it out I found the training online at this site, [01 Intro to VWQM Introduction](#)

You will see there are 6 separate modules for the introductory class and several for other levels. I really enjoyed learning about watersheds and going out to monitor. If you do not want to attend classes in person, these videos are a great way to learn the material at your own pace. You can do the field work later to get certified.

Montana Fly fishing guide Hillary Hutechson starred in and produced a video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZmOZL5Vo4Q>

that follows a drop of water from the continental divide to the pacific. She began on the mountain with a famous skier. Then she fished and floated with various other guides all the way to coast. She spoke of the need to protect the rivers and preserve them for our kids.



Be safe and catch fish,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

MTFA FISHING DERBY

*While fishing down at Bennett Spring this past weekend, I was told about an upcoming event. I have not seen any information on it specifically, so you may want to check on updates to be posted for conformation. On **May 14, 2022**, The Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association is hosting a Fishing Derby at Bennett Spring State Park. Like the other derby's they sponsor, once you pay your entrance fee there will be so many tagged fish to be caught. Each tagged fish caught will qualify you for a prize. I hope to have more information shortly.*

THE MAYFLY PROJECT

The Mayfly Project is an organization that works with children in foster care. There is prescribed program that teams mentors with foster children to learn how to fly fish, tie flies, respect nature, etc. The goal is to divert their attention to a positive outdoor experience. For more information here is the website: <https://themayflyproject.com/>

Once a month, a fly tying event takes place at the church behind the dining lodge at Bennett Spring State Park - the event begins at 6:00 pm and ends around 8:30 and is open to the public (fly tying experience is not necessary) - admission is optional but a donation of 6 flies is appreciated as they are traded with other Mayfly Project chapters - each month a guest tiers demonstrates a fly that participants can ty along with - don't worry, there is always plenty of help for the novice tiers.

Event Dates: May 27, June 24, July 29, August 26, and September 23.

The dates will be added to the Calendar of Events.

TYING DURING THE WEEK

Just a friendly reminder that if you are looking for something to do during the week, there is fly tying at Bennett Spring State Park. This happens on Wednesday mornings at the park's nature center. The photo to the right, shows Terry Tanner doing a dubbing demonstration at a recent gathering. So, not only would you have the chance to fish during the week, but you could pick up some great tying techniques.



BRANSON FLY TYING RENDEZVOUS

MISSOURI TROUT FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MTFA Branson and Springfield Chapters

BRANSON FLY TYING RENDEZVOUS

July 30, 2022
9 am – 5 pm
Come Join Us!

Lions Community Building
1015 E State Highway 76, Branson, MO 65915
Food and Drinks served by the Branson/Hollister Lions Club

On **July 30, 2022** the MTFA Branson and Springfield Chapters will be hosting The Branson Fly Tying Rendezvous. There will be tying from 9 to 5. A few raffles and auction items will also be present. Details are in the photo to the left. It's looking like another great fly tying event to attend.

If you have any questions contact: Dennis Stead at: (417) 380-3687 or dmstead@aol.com
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KID'S FISHING DERBY AT BINDER PARK

*Kid's Fishing Derby at Binder Park is happening on **June 11, 2022**. As one of the co-sponsors, The Capital City Fly Fishers, will be helping at the event. I sent around a sign-up sheet at the April meeting and got some great **volunteers**, but we can always use more. I'll bring the sheet to the May outing if you would like to add your name. If you are not able to make the May outing, please contact me directly. There are 4 age groups that will be awarded trophies for smallest, largest, and most fish caught.*

The event schedule goes as such:

7-8am Registration – need people to help with sign-up

8-9am Fishing Derby – help to measure and register fish

9-10am Casting Contest – help with recording casting info

Awards ceremony following the casting contest

We have not determined if they are going to have food this year, so that might be another area that help will be needed. So we need volunteers available throughout the whole event. If you can only be there for part of the derby, that's Okay. All help is appreciated.

FLY TYING WORKSHOP

On April 2, 2022 members of the CCFF participated in a fly tying workshop at the Runge Center sponsored by the MDC here in Jefferson City. The workshop had 7 participants and 5 CCFF members. There are a couple more fly tying workshops in the plans. No definitive dates have been given, but let's be ready to jump in and help out. As soon as we know something, we will look for volunteers. Thanks to all the members in the photo for helping out.



BANQUET

If you go to www.capitalcityflyfishers.org you will see that some of the banquet donations are now on the website. Not all the information is there yet and not all the donations are entered. This is definitely a work in progress. If you donated any of the items shown or got them from a business that has not been mentioned, please let me know. Everyone deserves to have credit for helping raise funds for the club. We are still taking donations. They do not have to be strictly fly fishing related, as you can see by some of the pictures on the website.

Tickets for the August 6, 2022 banquet are available for purchase at \$20 each. The event will go forward whether we sell one ticket or 1000 tickets. Our goal is to sell 100 or more tickets to the event. The last day to buy tickets will be July 26th so they have time to plan and prepare the food. Thanks!!

MCKAY REPORT

If you are looking for something to do around town, I would suggest not forgetting about McKay Park fishing. With the weather still reasonably cool to cold, the trout are still there. My dad and I went out last Tuesday and then dad went back again last Thursday. Between the two of us on Tuesday, we caught at least a dozen trout and 8-10 pan fish in about 2 hours. When my dad went back on Thursday, he caught 7 trout in 45 minutes and left with a limit. Smoked trout yum!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 30 Kids Free Fishing Day - Montauk

May 7 Kids Free Fishing Day - Bennett Spring

*May 10 Club Outing – Binder Park 5 pm to 9 pm ****Potluck*****

May 14 Kids Free Fishing Day – The Roaring River

May 14 Kids Free Fishing Day - Maramec Spring

May 14 MTFA Fishing Derby – Bennett Spring

May 27 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring

May 28 John Walther at Bennett Spring Nature Center - Terrestrials

June 4 Veterans Free Fishing Day - Maramec Spring

*June 14 Club Outing – Jaycee County Park 5 pm to 9 pm ****Pizza*****

June 11 Kid's Fishing Derby – Binder Park in Jefferson City 7

June 11-12 Statewide Free Fishing Days

June 24 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring

June 25 John Walther at Bennett Spring Nature Center - 12 Crazy Flies

*July 12 Club Outing – Proctor Park in California, MO 5 pm to 9 pm ****Potluck*****

July 29 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring

July 30 Branson Fly Tying Rendezvous

August 6 CCFF Banquet – American Legion Post 5 - 6 pm social 7 pm supper

August 8 Club meeting

August 26 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring

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