



April 2024

Message from the Prez -

Busy, busy, busy! The month of April continues to have a full list of activities for members to participate in. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far with Conservation Day at the Capitol, Veterans fly tying, setting up the banquet, and behind-the-scenes work in general.

April events are not done yet! We have some informal gatherings, water quality monitoring, a group coming in for a fly tying session, veterans fly tying in Columbia, and some non-club events on the calendar as well.

A couple of signup sheets were passed around at the last members meeting. The first was to get a count on those who would be attending the May 14th outing. We need to have an idea of how many people we need to prepare food for and what you might bring for the potluck. More details coming up.

The other sign-up sheet was for the June 8 kids fishing derby at Binder Park. Right now, there are nine names on the list. We need to try and double that count before the event. So, if you could please contact me and let me know you can help out, it would be much appreciated. We will start at 7 AM and go till about 11 AM. We will help with registration, handing out a snack, and the fishing contest. All household members are welcome to help out. Please let me know.

Thank you to Laura Richardson who was our presenter at the April members meeting. She talked about Missouri water quality issues and

the Missouri stream team volunteer program. Jeff will probably touch on a few more things with his stream team update.

I hope everyone had a good time at the banquet. We had a good turnout with 52 people attending and some great food and fun. Let's start getting ready for the big fundraiser next year. Mark your calendars now for March 8 of 2024 to attend.

I haven't fished much since opening weekend, but I'm headed to Reno, Nevada to fish Pyramid Lake. I hope to have four days of fishing and get into some nice cutthroats. When you have the 80° temperatures around here, I'm going to be looking at 50s and some rain. I'll be fishing with a friend from California and will make the best of it whatever the conditions may be.

Get on the water and I'll see you when I get back,

*Greg Curtin
President*

BUSINESS Committee help Requested

- 1. May 14 Fish Fry - Mark Haversack volunteered to coordinate this event. He asked for more desserts. Please email Mark at mark.javersak.1@gmail.com if you can help. We will have plenty fish and sides, but we could use some more*
- 2. June 8th - kids fishing derby at binder*
- 3. September 28th - women's fishing day at Bennett spring*
- 4. November 9th - kids fishing at McKay Park*

5. 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.

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!

April Meeting notes:



Laura Richardson

Laura Richardson who works with Justin at DNR gave an excellent presentation on the Missouri Stream Team program. She described the importance of protecting our water. Her team can monitor streams but do not have authority to limit non-point source, such as runoff from a yard or field. They can suggest and help fund ways to prevent it. They can suggest using less fertilizer, pesticide or herbicide. There is a huge dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico from chemicals that come down the Mississippi. From what we know of watersheds rain that falls on Missouri ultimately ends up in the Mississippi River.

Laura said something else that concerns all of who like to catch and eat fish. She presented data from 2020, but this 2024 Health Department has current warnings. <https://health.mo.gov/living/environment/fishadvisory/pdf/fishadvisory.pdf>. It suggested limiting carp over 21 inches catfish over 17 inches , all buffalo, sturgeon and sturgeon eggs from the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. Laura did not speak about PCBs (from building materials (flame-retardants, plasticizers, paints, caulking compounds, sealants, fluorescent light ballasts, etc.) and electrical equipment) and chlordane used to control termites). They can harm our health when present in fish and drinking water.

How does mercury enter streams and lakes?

Mercury is released to the air from natural and man-made sources. Coal-fired power plants, industrial boilers, medical waste incinerators and municipal waste incinerators account for 80% of the mercury releases in the United States. Mercury released to the air eventually falls into streams, lakes and watersheds as dust or is carried by rain.

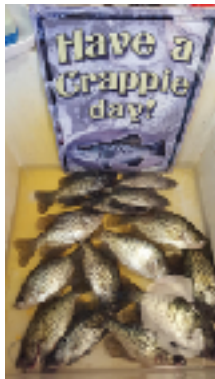
A large percentage of the mercury released to the air goes into the upper atmosphere and can travel thousands of miles before coming back to the ground. Since mercury can travel so far in the atmosphere, it is a state, a national and a global problem. The DNR reports Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Walleye over 12 inches, Flathead,

Channel, Blue Catfish > 30". The good news is fish in Missouri that typically have very low mercury, PCB, and chlordane levels are trout, crappie (except those from Clearwater Lake), sunfish (except green sunfish and black bass), and suckers. In addition, smaller or younger fish tend to have lower contaminant concentrations than older fish of the same species because younger fish consume smaller prey and have not lived as long to accumulate as many contaminants.

For more information see the DNR websites: <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/total-maximum-daily-load-tmdl-streams-mercury-impairment-pub2356/pub2356>

<https://mdc.mo.gov/my-fish-safe-eat>

Pictures from John Goad from Binder, the banquet and Conservation Day at the Capital and Tri-Lakes





Master Fly Tier at Tri-Lakes



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](#)

APRIL

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

13 Tri-lakes Expo This is their annual fundraiser. They will have over 30 fly tyers, vendors, auctions, raffles, and the Guest presenter will be Jeff Trigg. Greg will be out of town this year, but it is a fun event.

16 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

18 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - Leave around 2 pm

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/MjAINTgw

20 Veterans fishing day at Bennett

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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
11 Southwest Missouri Flyfishers
Women's Fly Fishing at Bennett
14 Summer outing - countryside park,
Taos, mo
16 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia,
MO
21 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start
28 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start



Sandy Goad asked that we share this event.

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

August

6 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

8 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

13 Membership meeting 7pm

20 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

22 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

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Send me (jeff2002h@yahoo.com) pictures and other items of interest to club members. Be safe and fish on!

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