



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

I hope you're looking forward to our May, June, & July outings like I am. A reminder that we still need a coordinator for our June outing. If you're interested, please let me know ASAP!

I also wanted to share my experience at this year's Sowbug Roundup. This was my first year attending and Rachel & I had a great time.

Thursday, March 26th, I tied some size 12 Emergers during the morning session. And entered a Red Panama fly in the tying contest. Friday, March 27th through Sunday, March 29th, Rachel & I fished the White River & the North Fork River, attended the Sowbug events & workshops, ate at different restaurants, met Chris Johnson, Al Ritt, Brian Flechsig, Emily Whitlock, & others. We learned a lot, bought some books, & can't wait to attend next year.

God Bless,
Justin



Honorary Club Member Wayne Simpson
tying at Sowbug

CELEBRATING CLUB SUCCESSES

Thank you to everyone that has participated in one of the many club activities we've had over the last month or so. Here is a recap with photos of the events.

MARCH BANQUET

We sold 64 tickets for this year's banquet. The American Legion post provided some great food once again and a good time was had by all. We had several drawings for people to take home some great prizes and plants. Next year is the big fundraising banquet, so set your calendar for March 6, 2027 to attend.



Thank you Layla and Oliver for helping with the bucket raffle



Winning the White Buffalo gift pack

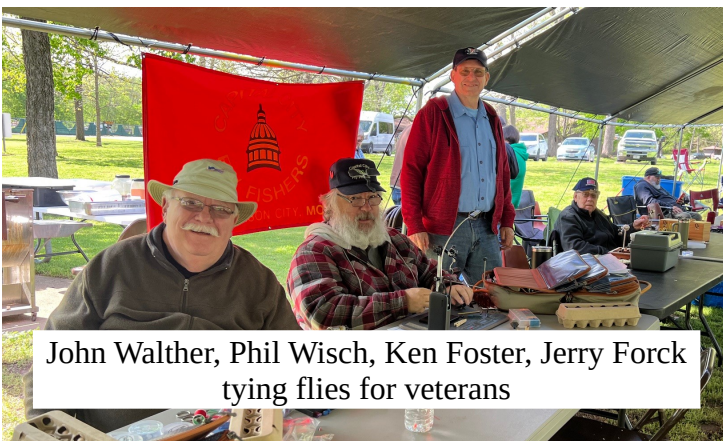
CONSERVATION DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Conservation day at the Capitol was a great success. We were able to have a presence in the support of Missouri conservation efforts and talk to different conservation organizations in attendance. Our President, Justin had a nice segment on the radio and several club members came out to help. Thank you to all those able to attend.



WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Despite weather threats we were able to get our monitoring accomplished. Jeff will tell us a little about this.



John Walther, Phil Wisch, Ken Foster, Jerry Forck tying flies for veterans

VETERANS FREE FISHING DAY

Six club members made it down to Bennett Spring for veterans free fishing day on April 18. The day started cool and the water was high and dirty. Despite that it actually turned out to be a pretty good day. A lot of flies were tied and some fishing was done. There were some great prizes given away and they had another incredible fish fry.

TYING FOR VETERANS IN COLUMBIA, MO

Every month, we have a group of members that volunteer to tie flies with Veterans in Columbia. Thank you all for the effort you put in to make this happen. Please take time and help this group out once in a while. Thank you in advance!!!

DATES OF INTEREST

Since we will not have a regular monthly meeting at the knights of Columbus hall until August, it is important that you read and respond about the upcoming events. We ask everyone to try and participate where possible.

CLUB EVENTS

May 12 Outing -- READ

This date is less than 2 weeks away! We will be at Binder Park for a potluck meal. John Walther will prepare pulled pork for the main course. Mark Javersak is the event coordinator for this event and he needs to know who will be attending so he can let John know how much to prepare. Please let Mark know how many from your household will attend and what dish, side, or dessert you might be able to share with the group. We will be at the Binder Park Lake Deck building. The address shown is 1200 Binder Lake Road. We start eating around 6 pm, but feel free to come earlier to help set up, visit, and fish!!! The bite is really picking up, so you don't want to miss it!!! Remember to let Mark or Justin Beyer know that you will be attending.

June 6 Kids Fishing Derby at Binder Park

We will be back again at binder Park for the kids fishing Derby. We need all hands on deck for this one. We are one of the named sponsors of this event so we really need to stand out! To do that we need to bring manpower to the event. Last year we had 18 volunteers from our club alone help out. We would really love to see that same amount again this year. The event will be Saturday, June 6 from 7:30 AM to around 11AM.

This is one of three big community events we have every year. We will need people for the signup tables (8AM-9AM), to hand out water and snacks(ALL DAY), to help record and measure fish(9AM-10AM), and help at the casting contest(10AM TO 11AM). Please take a morning out of your schedule to help! Please let Greg Curtin or Justin Beyer know you will be there. We had a sign up sheet at the April meeting, but still need 9-10 more volunteers. Please Help!

June 9 Outing

The June outing will be held at Countryside Park in Taos on June 9. To get things started I have spoke with Phil Curtin and he has agreed to being part of a fish fry again this year. We still need a volunteer to be the event coordinator for this one. Phil will handle prepping the fish, French fries, and onion rings. The event coordinator will mainly focus on the sign-up list and the other potluck items people intend to bring to round out the meal. Event coordinator will also need to make sure we have enough plates, utensils, paper towels, and any other potential needs. Until we get an event coordinator, please let Justin Beyer know if you will attend, how many from the household will attend, and what potluck dish, side, or dessert you would like to bring.

July 14 Outing

This is the Pizza outing and will be held at Jaycee Park (County Park). Heads will be counted at 6 pm and then pizzas will be ordered. It is not required, but if anyone wants to bring a side or dessert, I'm sure people would help eat it. There will be No event coordinator or signup list for this one. Just show up to enjoy food and fishing.

August 8 CFM Pull for Conservation

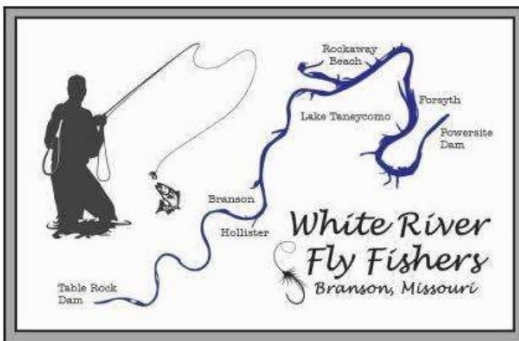
We will be looking for at least 6 volunteers to help at this event. The event is a clay shoot that take place a shooting range near Columbia, MO. Figure leaving Jeff City around 6-6:30 am and going until 1-2 pm. This event earns the club \$250 to use toward future events. If interested contact Justin Beyer or Greg Curtin.

September 26 Women's Free Fishing Day

This will be our 2nd big event of the year. **Right now we need volunteers to start tying flies for the 100 fly boxes we give out at the event.** The Tuesday informal gatherings is an ideal place and time to work on them. Please contact Greg Curtin to see what flies you can help tie. Our goal will be 1000 flies. 100 each of 10 patterns. Also, We will be seeking 12-15 volunteers for the event. That signup list has not started yet.

Missouri Fly Fishing events you might find interesting

July 24-25 White River Fly Tying Expo



Hollister Lions Club Building

Fly Tying Demonstrations

Vendors

Auctions, Raffles

More Details in next newsletter

September 11-12 Tri-lakes Fly Fishing Expo

The 2026 Expo will take place at the [Benson Center in Clinton, Missouri](#). Doors will open to the public September 11 and 12, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Central time.

October 2-4 Niangua outdoor days(formerly Redington Home Waters)

Will have more details in the next newsletter.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

We had another successful and enjoyable monitoring trip. Of course we always have donuts and that was what sold Bobby's son Noah on going. He enjoyed it, caught the ball for the stream discharge and asked some good questions. Regulars Greg and Phil Curtin, Mike Dean and Lenny Liebler were joined by new volunteer, John Van Eschen. It was great to see John and Noah out there and I hope they keep coming back.



MISSOURI

Bills Proposed for Data Center Electricity and Water Use Restrictions

[Bills would regulate large-scale industrial users of electricity and water](#) **Columbia Missourian**

'Forever Chemicals' Over Federal Limits

['Forever Chemicals' Surge Past Federal Limits in Some Missouri Water Systems](#) **The Beacon**

Fertilizer Reminder Issued After Fish Kill

[Fort Myers Beach Officials Issue Fertilizer Reminder After Buccaneer Lagoon Fish Kill](#) **WINK**

Here are highlights from TU emails:

PLACES WORTH PROTECTING

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN HIGH

Native brook trout are the stars of the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest, offering anglers opportunities to explore this vast stretch of public lands and waters feeding iconic Eastern rivers.

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TROUT TYING TIP

COPPER JOHN

With runoff coming soon, tie up some of these fast-sinking flies to get deep quickly.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

LEAVE THEM INTACT

The value of roadless areas for hunting and fishing is undeniable, and now is the time to speak up to protect them as they are irreplaceable for future generations.

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THE TRUE CAST **5 TRUTHS OF FLY FISHING**

What would you tell your younger, angler self? Or if you're just starting out, take these truths to heart, and you'll likely become a better angler.

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BRISTOL BAY **RELYING ON A FISHERY**

As anglers, many of us say that we couldn't live without so-and-so river near our home, but that couldn't be truer for Taty Zackar who lives on the banks of Lake Iliamna in Alaska where she lives with a subsistence mindset to the fullest degree.

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ON HABITAT IN ALASKA

When the AK bug bites, it bites hard, rarely releasing folks from its grasp. That is true of TU staffer and commercial fisherman Aaron Prussian, who works on restoration projects in the Tongass National Forest, ensuring healthy habitat for salmon all while bolstering the local economy and putting food on his family's dinner table. It's a job that's a dream come true for this Alaska transplant.

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FISHING **HOW'S THE FISHING?**

TU helps with numerous restoration projects every summer to improve habitat for trout. So how is the fishing after these projects end?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- May 2 – Kids Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
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- 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

July

- July 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 7 – Informal Gathering
- July 14 – July Outing – Pizza at Jaycee Park (County Park)
- July 16 - Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 21 – Informal Gathering
- July 24-25 - White River Fly Fishers Expo
- July 28 – Informal Gathering

August

- August 4 – Informal Gathering
- August 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 8 – CFM Pull for Conservation
- August 11 – Monthly Members Meeting
- August 18 – Informal Gathering
- August 20 - Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 25 = Informal Gathering

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



Whistle Bridge on April 18



Conservation Day