

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Thanks to everyone who participated in our banquet, April 27. We had plenty of prizes and items for both auctions. Good company and good food also made for an evening of fellowship.

May 10 was the next Mayfly Project event at Bennett Spring – the fly tying event is at the church in the park from 6-8:00 p.m. All your supplies are provided.

Our first summer outing is Tuesday, May 14 at County Park Lake. We will gather around 5:30 and eat at 6:00. Pork steaks, table service and drinks will be furnished by the club. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share and a lawn chair. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Mike Jaegers

MAY 14 OUTING

As Mike stated, the first club outing of the season is on May 14 at County Park Lake, or correct me if I am wrong, also known as Jaycee Park Lake. It is south of Fairgrounds Road and north of Rock Ridge Road on County Park Road in Jefferson City. Starts at 5:30 and will eat around 6:00.

Since it is a Lake, don't forget to bring your fishing equipment with. It has bass, sunfish, channel cat, and maybe more. You can come out earlier or stay later if you want more fishing time. Enjoy the day!!

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

As stream team members and fly fishers we care about clean water. Several bills being considered in our legislature will have an impact on water we fish and drink. Under current DNR regulations confined animal feeding operations, CAFOs, may spread manure within 300 feet of streams and 50 feet of property lines. However there are no set back requirements for CAFOs that "export" all their manure. Local ordinances protect farmers and landowners, but SB 391 will remove all local ordinances and prohibit new ones.

Issue Alert Update: **SB 391** related to restricting local county health ordinances related to CAFOs was voted on yesterday (May 2) and was passed by the Senate. The bill is now being reviewed in the House. If you support local control for CAFOs, **call or email your House Representative.**

SB 133 and HB 951 will prevent local health officials from enforcing current ordinances, so they will have a similar effect.

HCB1 and HB 1237 were recently amended to require the state to sell the Eleven Point State Park. The House voted on both of these bills April 23rd, and the bills were passed in the House. The bills have now been referred to the [Senate General Laws Committee](#).

Just 2 weeks left in the 2019 state legislative session!

*Jeff Holzem,
Stream Team Coordinator*

BANQUET

The banquet had a great turnout and looked to be a great success. Thank you to everyone who collected donations, or helped before, during, or after the banquet. It takes a team effort to pull off such a large event. Special thanks goes to Mike Jaegers who did a tremendous job coordinating everything. Thanks to Jack Kramer who also took on many hats to help at the banquet. Way to step up and be auctioneer for the evening. Again, thanks to all for a great time.

I don't remember the official name, but Congratulations go to John Wenzlick, for receiving the Most Active Team Member of the Year. Thanks John for all you do for the organization.

I was a little under the weather that evening and a little disappointed in my photo selection. Anyone with any good shots they would like to share please send them my way.



Confirming bucket raffle winners

REEL RECOVERY

I recently had the privilege of participating in the three-day Reel Recovery program at Westover Farms in Steelville. The mission of Reel Recovery is to help men in the cancer recovery process by introducing them to the healing powers of fly fishing, while providing a safe, supportive environment to explore their personal experiences of cancer with others who share their experiences.

There were nine River Buddys at the workshop and each one was assigned to a cancer recovery participant. Most of them had never used a fly rod or caught a trout.

The River Buddy was to ensure that the participant had an enjoyable event. They demonstrated the basics of fly fishing, primarily how to hold, throw, and handle a fly rod. They were also shown how to set up the fly rod, tie flies on, untangle snags and wind knots, and how to net the fish.

When you saw their focus in getting the strike indicator in position, their concentration on watching the strike indicator, then the overwhelming joy on their face when they caught a trout, it was the most humbling and rewarding experience I have felt in a long time. Each of the nine participants caught fish. Their slogan for the week it was BE WELL! FISH ON!!

This article was submitted by Earl Schuessler

MONTAUK STATE PARK

Tom Whelan from Montauk State Park shared that the river is about 6 inches above normal for this time of year, a little dingy, but fishable. Fishing has been fair to good.

FISH PHOTOS

If you're not already excited to get out and fish tomorrow at the club outing, here are some photos of fish caught today (5/13) at Jaycee Lake.



SEE YOU THERE!!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 14 *Club Meeting – Jaycee Park Lake*
- 16 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 18 *Kid's Free Fishing Day – Roaring River*
- 18 *Kid's Free Fishing Day – Maramec Spring*

June

- 1 *Veteran's Free Fishing Day – Maramec Spring*
- 6 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 7 *Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring from 6-8 PM*
- 8 *Kids Fishing Day at Binder Lake*
- 8 *Family Fishing Fair – Branson, MO (Hatchery)*
- 8-9 *Free Fishing Days - Statewide*
- 11 *Club Meeting – Location to be determined*
- 20 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 26-27 *Weed Cutting at Bennett Spring State Park*

July

- 4 *Fly Tying for Veterans – Will this be cancelled?*
- 9 *Club Meeting – Location to be determined*
- 18 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 26-27 *Branson Fly Fishing Expo*

August

- 1 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 7-8 *Weed Cutting at Bennett Spring Sate Park*
- 10 *Fall Free Kid's Fishing Day – Montauk*
- 13 *Club Meeting*
- 15 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*