



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

*I hope it is safe to say that we should not have any more snow this year. Jeff Holzem, my dad, and I were down fishing on Taneycomo when the last batch went through on April 20. There was one generator running the 3 days we were fishing. That meant you could wade out a little ways if needed, but still had some limitations. Although a little cool in the mornings and the water was cold on your feet after a while, we had some good fishing and drove out of the snow storm once we got up to Springfield on our way home. Most of my success was from gray scuds and dark colored zebra midges.*

*The club was a little quiet in April, but I hope we can continue to have virtual fly tying and some outside interaction. There will be some things mentioned in the newsletter.*

*As a reminder, we would love for you to share stories, pictures, and information to fill up the newsletters. It is always great to hear from a variety of members that can share their experiences and insight with the club.*

*Talk to you later,*

*Greg Curtin*



*April 20, 2021*

*On Lake Taneycomo*

*Nice chunky 18”  
Rainbow caught on  
black zebra midge*

## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

*On Saturday, April 17, Greg and his Dad, Phil Curtin, Rick Thom and I met in the Assembly of God parking lot at 7am. Phil checked out the free garage "sale" where he got a book on fishing and a couple more freebies. After a few donuts we drove to Saline Creek to monitor. The first thing we noticed was how much more erosion had happened since our last trip.*

*On the positive side the water quality rating is 21. Good is between 18 and 23 and above 23 is excellent. A good rating requires a diversity of insect species. Poor quality water can support only pollution tolerant bugs. We found small numbers overall but at least one Stonefly, Mayfly, Caddis, Gilled Snail, and Water Penny, which all require clean water. The stream was high after Friday's rain, but very clear. Dissolved oxygen was 10.5 ppm, which is excellent. Nitrates remained low and the PH was slightly basic. As usual we picked up a large bag of trash. Overall we got very good results on what turned out to be a pleasant sunny day. Thanks to Rick, Greg and Phil for a job well done!*

*If you do not get the channels newsletter, Fox4 aired a story that called the Missouri River, the second most endangered in the country. <https://fox4kc.com/news/missouri-river-is-second-most-endangered-river-in-us-conservation-group-says/>*

*Hope you are getting to do some spring fishing,  
Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator*



*Stream Team participants on 4/17/21*

**JOIN THE TEAM FOR THE FALLING READING!**

## **COME JOIN THE FUN!!**

*On May 11, 2021 we will have our first event in quite some time. Everyone is invited to come out to fish at Binder Park Lake. As I stated in my email last week, please use your own discretion as to whether or not to attend. We would be happy to see everyone out there, but understand if you need to be more cautious.*

*We are actually going to do two fishing events at Binder Park in May. The first as mentioned and the second event a week later on May 18, 2021. Details:*

### **First**

*Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021*

*Start Time: 5 pm*

*End Time: Stay as long as you want*

*Where: Meet at the main building parking lot (where the bathrooms are located)*

*Rainout Date (if necessary): May 13, 2021*

### **Second**

*Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021*

*Start Time: 5 pm*

*End Time: Stay as long as you want*

*Where: Meet at the main building parking lot (where the bathrooms are located)*

*Rainout Date (if necessary): May 20, 2021*

*The sunfish are moving in to shallower water and seem to be hitting anything when active. Crappie are around, but haven't fully moved in to spawn. The water temperature has been bouncing around due to the weather changes.*

## **FUTURE CLUB FUN**

*If anyone has a location/suggestion for a club outing, please let me know. We would always welcome the opportunity to fish in new spots. If you have somewhere in mind for June or July there is still time to submit it.*

*If there are no submissions for June, we will plan to go to JC County Park. We will use our normal meeting date, the second Tuesday of the month (June 8), as the outing date. Unless you have a new location that requires a different date for use. Thanks!!*

## **ELECTIONS**

*Because of the Covid-19 chaos, we did not hold any elections last year. I want to put a bug in your ear early that we would like your help as a possible new officer or board member. If you were ready last year, I am going to hope you are again willing this year. We would be happy to have a few people interested in helping to keep the club active. Thank you in advance.*

## **THE NEXT GENERATION**

*It is always great to hear that fly fishing is being passed down to a new generation of fishers. There is no better way to keep the sport alive and well than to engage the young. With that in mind, Bill Stroessner has two granddaughters (7 and 9 years old) that are in need of equipment. If you have any fly rods, fly reels, and/or vests available that could work for them, please contact Bill at 573-645-5638.*

## **MAYFLY PROJECT**

*The Mayfly Project fly tying is getting ready to start up again. The first session is Thursday, May 27 from 6 – 8 pm at the Church in Bennett Spring State Park. This is the only session scheduled on a Thursday night. All the others are scheduled on Friday nights. Future dates will be provided when available.*

## **BRANSON EXPO**

*It looks like the 2021 Branson Fly Fishing Expo is going to happen. If you are looking to get away for the weekend, this could be an option.*

*Here some details:*

### **Dates and Times**

*Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> Noon –5 pm*

*Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am –5 pm*

*Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> 9 am –4 pm*

### **Location**

*Lions Community Building*

*1015 East State Highway 76*

*Branson, MO 65915*

*Admission is FREE*

*Fly Casting and Fly Tying Demos*

*Classes*

*Raffle, Silent, and Live Auctions*

*Many Local Exhibitors*

## **FISH PHOTOS**



*Guest fly tier Sam Stewart using one of his streamers to haul in this beauty.*



*Terry Smith on a private pond. First bass of the season.*



*John Goad catching the cat.*

## FISH PHOTOS (cont.)



John Goad's Grandson Nick trying to net this carp with a small trout net.



Some bigger sunfish are starting to move in!



Get stoked up for fishing at Binder Park. These 13" Crappie were caught on 5/8/21

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 11 Fishing at Binder Park
- 15 Kids Free Fishing Day – Roaring River
- 18 Fishing at Binder Park
- 18-19 Bennett Spring Weed Cutting
- 27 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring Church

### JUNE

- 8 Club Fishing Outing – Location TBD
- 12-13 Missouri Free Fishing Days
- 12-13 Veterans Fishing Day – Meramec State Park
- 22-23 Bennett Spring Weed Cutting

### JULY

- 13 Club Fishing Outing – Location TBD
- 29-31 Branson Fly Fishing Expo

PLEASE SHARE ANY EVENTS AND DATES THAT PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

### 2021 Officers of Capital City Fly Fishers

President	Greg Curtin
Vice President	John Goad
Treasurer	Jack Kramer
Secretary	John Wenzlick
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr of 2 yr term)	Terry Smith
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr of 2 yr term)	Tom Crane
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr of 2 yr term)	Jerry Forck
Director (2 <sup>nd</sup> yr of John Goads term)	Ron Klatt
Director (1 <sup>st</sup> yr of 2yr term)	Jeff Trigg
Director ( 1 <sup>st</sup> yr of 2yr term)	Melvin Schulenberg
Education	John Wenzlick
Stream Team	Jeff Holzem
Newsletter	John Wenzlick
Past President	Mike Jaegers
Web Designer	Larry Murphy