

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

As I sit down to write this message, a song comes to mind. I don't know if I have the exact words, but it goes something like this, "Rain, rain, go away! Come back again some other day!" I would like to replace the word "day" with "week or more", but you get the idea.

In reality, I have been fortunate to sneak in a few days of fishing here and there. Thank you Jeff Holzem, for inviting my dad and me out to fish at The Lake of the Ozarks. We were able to come away with a great haul of crappie and have a lot of slabs for the upcoming fish fry.

We have a few things coming up on the calendar and we could use everyone's help to make them successful. Some things we will touch on in the upcoming articles include the Kid's Fishing Derby, the June Outing, the July Outing, the club banquet, Women's Free Fishing Day, amongst other things.

Thanks,

Greg Curtin

# **KID'S FISHING DERBY AT BINDER PARK**

Capital City Fly Fishers (CCFF) will be helping at the Kid's Fishing Derby at Binder Park on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. We could really use your support to help with the event. We will be helping with registration, recording the catches during the fishing contest, and handing out snacks. If you can help, but are limited for time or think you would be better suited for specific area, we can give you an appropriate assignment. If you are able to work the registration table, you should be there by 6:30 am. For those who are able to help with the fishing contest and handing out snacks, let's coordinate at 7am. We will be meeting at the Binder Park Lake Deck Pavilion. This is the time schedule for the event:

7-8 am Registration
8-9 am Fishing Contest
9-10 am Casting Contest
Awards ceremony to follow casting contest.

The first 100 kids to register will receive a ticket for a free fishing rod/reel combo, which will be given out later in the event. There are 4 age groups that can register. I suggest being a little early to acquire a good parking spot. I have the list of members who signed up at a previous meeting. They are: Greg Curtin, Phil Curtin, Ray and Patty Bloomer, Dennis Stieferman, Jerry Forck, Lou Loughridge, John Goad, Michael Dean, Uldis Pironis, Lee Kudrna, Kirk Hogatt, Tom Crane, and Randy Crane. If you are on this list, but now find that you are not able to make it, please let me know. If you are not on this list and can make it, we can use your help. We are named as a cosponsor of the event, so let's show them how great our organization is! Thanks for your help.

#### **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

Here are some items from the Channels Newsletter that affect our water:

A proposed silica mine near St. Genevieve raises concerns about water and air quality, <u>https://www.stegenherald.com/2022/05/04/speakers-spell-out-silica-dangers/</u>

NOOA has a tool for monitoring drought, <u>https://www.drought.gov/states/missouri</u>

If you have ever been on a trip with me, you know I always take a reusable water bottle. Partly I am too tight to buy the bottled water but more importantly I want to use less plastic. Missouri American Water now has a grant for refillable water stations: https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20220405005834/en/

This an update on a TU Wisconsin Tree Planting

Trout Unlimited is working with the U.S. Forest Service to develop resources to help TU characterize the carbon sequestration and broader benefits of tree plantings. As part of this effort, every TU chapter is asked provide information on their tree planting activities. Ty and Travis Figg planted trees along a stream on the Figg property near Liberty Pole, Wisconsin. Duke Welter, former leader of the TU Driftless Area Restoration Effort surveyed the area and provided advice in advance of the planting. Travis and Ty traveled to Wisconsin on May 6th, picked up bare root trees, red oak, white pine and river birch. On May 6th, they planted 43 over a 125 yard stretch of the stream bank during the following weekend. MMTU members Jim Washabaugh and Bill Lamberson provided tools and sage advice. Investment in trees and materials was approximately \$400.

One of the challenges of tree planting projects is balancing investment in quantity versus quality of planting. Travis and Ty chose to plant fewer trees, but cleared grass where each tree was to be planted to reduce competition, and then individually fenced each tree to reduce the likelihood of damage from deer and beavers (see photo), thus giving each tree a high chance for survival.

I hope things are going well for you and that you are catching fish,

Jeff Holzem Stream Team Coordinator

## MAY CLUB OUTING

I want to thank everyone who attended the May outing. We had some great pork steaks, sides, desserts and fun times. I did not get an exact count, but I know we had 40+ attend. Just when you thought the heat was going to get us, a nice breeze made for a very pleasant setting. After eating, quite a few people tried their hands at fishing. Mike Dean and Steve Peters went down by the dam and managed to put 13 fish (12 crappie) in the basket. Not to be outdone, John Goad caught himself a bird (pictured).



## JUNE CLUB OUTING

It's time for Pizza! Pizza! Our June Outing on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> is the annual pizza outing. It is being held at Jaycee Park (County Park) near the Fairgrounds in Jefferson City. If you need directions, please let me know. You only need bring yourself. Pizza and refreshments will be provided by the club. If you would like anything other than water, tea, or soda pop, you will need to bring it yourself. We will take a head count at 5:30 and then order pizza. If you plan on coming, but can't make by 5:30, please let me know and I will make sure you get counted for pizza. We have the pavilion above the park reserved from 5-9 pm. Be sure to bring your fly fishing equipment with you. You will have plenty of opportunity to have some fishing fun.

#### **MAYFLY PROJECT**



Here is a picture from The Mayfly Project fly tying event. Mick Bretz is the guest fly tier. Mick is part of Project Healing Waters. The fly tying event was tied to the Veteran's Fish Day at Bennett Spring. The next Mayfly event is this Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Also, to coincide with Mayfly weekend, <mark>John Walther will</mark> be at the Bennett Spring Nature Center on May 28<sup>th</sup> talking about Terrestrials.

## **BANQUET**

**The banquet will be here in no time, so please do not wait to get your ticket(s)**. Remember we have to have a head count submitted by July 26<sup>th</sup> to give them enough time to prepare all the incredible food. We are having Fried Chicken and Pot Roast as our main dishes. I don't know too many places you can go these days for \$20 and get a meal similar to what will be offered at the banquet. Hopefully, while you are there, you will find something to go after in one of our bucket raffles, silent auctions, or live auctions to help raise funds for the club. There are some great items for the fly fisher and the non-fly fisher alike. Please contact our Treasurer, Jack Kramer, to get your tickets right now. Tell your friends and family that they are welcome to come as well and to bring their pocket books to help support the club. The banquet is on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at American Legion Post 5 in Jefferson City. We will have bucket raffles and silent auctions throughout the event and then live auctions after we eat.

Donations for the banquet continue to slowly come in. We appreciate all the items that have been donated to help fund the club activities. If you still have something to contribute to the club, I would ask that you get it in as soon as you can. There will be some prep work involved to make everything ready for the banquet. Terry Smith is storing all the donations and would be the best one to hand your gift. If he is not around you can get them to me, Greg Curtin at any event or we can make arrangements to meet. Keep the donations coming!

## JULY CLUB OUTING

The last summer outing of the year will be at Proctor Park in California, MO on July 12<sup>th</sup>. We will start with a social hour from 5-6pm, have a brief meeting, and then begin our supper. We are going to have a fish fry at this one. In order to prepare a reasonable amount of fish, I need to know if you are going to attend. We are figuring from 6 to 8 pieces of fish per person depending on the slab size. We are also planning on making French fries to go with the fish. It will be a potluck, but right now, I need to know if you are coming and may ask that you bring a particular thing. For example, if you would be willing to contribute some of the condiments, potatoes for fries, plates, cups, utensils, drinks, ice, coleslaw, salads, or desserts. We had a great variety of dishes at the May outing and hope to have the same here. We will be frying the fish and fries right at Proctor Park and have a few people willing to help with the cooking, but are always happy for more help. If you are interested in/willing to help with the food prep, please let me know. We hope to have at least 4 fryers in use and will start cooking as soon as we can. If you have any questions, please get ahold of me. Hope you can make it out.

#### WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

Another event CCFF volunteers for is Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring. It takes place on September 24<sup>th</sup> this year. We will be looking for club members to do fly tying demonstrations, to hand out pre-packaged fly boxes, to assist on the water if requested, or simply to be there to help things run efficiently. We typically start at 8 am and go until about 3 pm. A tent will be set up for the fly tiers to be under and we hand out 100 or so boxes of flies to the women fishing at the event. Please keep this event in mind when you are setting your calendar. Also, when you are done you still have time to get some fishing in.

#### **2022 KIDSFEST/BASS PRO SHOPS OUTDOOR DAYS**

Not to be confused with the Kid's Fishing Derby, JC Parks and Rec, along with Bass Pro Shops, KRCG, and Healthy Blue are holding Kidsfest in Jefferson City on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The event takes place at Ellis-Porter Riverside Park from 10 am to 2 pm. Children will have access to games, demonstrations, and activities all free of charge. Last year's event had over 6000 participants. If you know of any kids that might enjoy a day of outdoor activities, this would be a great option.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS**

We are looking for some ideas for the presentations at our monthly club meetings. If you have any contacts that could be guest speakers or you would like to present a topic for the club, we would like to hear from you. Regular monthly meetings will start back up in August and we could use an idea. We are always looking for future presenters.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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 4 Kidsfest/Bass Pro Shops Outdoor Days June 11 Kid's Fishing Derby – Binder Park in Jefferson City June 11-12 Statewide Free Fishing Days June 14 Club Outing – Jaycee County Park 5 pm to 9 pm \*\*Pizza\*\* 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 September 10 Veteran's Free Fishing Day – Montauk September 10 Ladies Free Fishing Day – Maramec Spring September 17 Veteran's Free Fishing Day – Roaring River September 13 Club meeting September 23 Mayfly Project September 24 Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring

#### IF YOU KNOW OF AN EVENT TO ADD TO THE CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND IT IN !!!

