



**May, 2024**

**Message from the Prez -**

*Since our last meeting, I have taken the time to fish several times. I took a trip out to Nevada to fish Pyramid Lake, been to Bennett Spring 3 times, and I just got back from fishing Lake Taneycomo/Roaring River State Park. Not to mention fishing out at Binder Park a few times.*

*My trip to Nevada was both good and bad. I was able to visit with my cousin, meet up with a friend from California, get introduced to Bobby and Margie, shoot the breeze with some of the fishers at Pyramid Lake, and enjoy the incredible scenery that Pyramid Lake had on display. My cousin Linda was kind enough to pick me up from the airport and was the one to introduce us to Bobby and Margie. Bobby had knowledge of how to fish Pyramid and went out with us a couple days. Margie made breakfast burritos for a couple mornings and invited us for a spaghetti dinner. They are the nicest people you could meet and made us feel right at home.*

*Fishing at Pyramid is similar to the trout parks, in that you can get several people lined up to fish. What is a little different is that many of the fishers will use some kind of ladder, step stool, or homemade stand to gain advantage. The ladder will get you farther out in the water, get your body out of the cold water, save you from the crashing waves if windy,*

*and allow you to gain a better perspective of the water and see fish more readily. Put simply, the fishing was brutal! I touched one fish in 4 days of fishing. I saw less than 15 fish caught in those 4 days. Fish would cruise by every once in awhile, but had no interest in eating. I was told by someone who fishes there every year that normally you should be seeing hundreds of fish passing by. It appears that I am going to have to take another trip to Nevada in the future.*

*The trips to Bennett Spring happened three weekends in a row. On the first trip, I went down for Veterans Free Fishing Day with my dad. The water was up and muddy, but you could still get in the water and fish. The second trip was taken after doing water quality monitoring. I drove down with Jeff Holzem and Karah McCune in my car and Phil Wisch and Bobby Zylstra went down in another car. The water was even higher after more rain. We managed to find a few fish and enjoy the day. This was the first time Karah had used a fly rod to catch a trout. The third trip was the weekend of Kids Free Fishing Day. Phil Wisch, Karah McCune, and I left early to fish before seeing how the Ozark Fly Fishers set up Kids Fishing Day. The water was down considerably from the previous week. We all caught fish.*

*With all the rain, Lake Taneycomo was constantly running 2 generators and had the spillways open. That's over 15,500 cubic feet per second running out of the dam. Needless to say, unless you had a boat, you had to fish around the outlets. Phil Wisch and I gave it a try and were fortunate that the fish were*

*around. We also tried our hands at Roaring River State Park on Saturday. This was Phil's first time at the park. On Sunday morning we were back to try our luck at Taney. They didn't close the spillways until about 3 pm on Sunday afternoon. With just the 2 generators going, it reduced the CFS to about 6400. By that time, it was the end of a great trip and time to head home.*

*As much as I would like to be fishing and talk about fishing, we also need to talk about club business. Some of the things we need to touch on are:*

***1) The Kids fishing derby will be on June 8th at Binder Park in Jefferson City. Registration starts at 7 am and the first 100 kids will receive a ticket to redeem for a fishing rod at the end of the event. Here is how the event breaks down:***

7-8 am registration

4 age groups

5 and under, 6-9, 10-12, 13-16

8-9 am fishing contest

Same 4 age groups

9-10 am casting contest

Only 3 age groups

6-9, 10-12, 13-16

After 10 am final results will be tallied and awards presented.

*As of now, there are 12 names on my volunteer list and two of those are maybe. The goal is 20 people from CCFE to help mainly with registration and being judges for the fishing contest. We will also hand out water and a snack. If some could stick around for the casting contest, it would also be appreciated. You*

*will be done by about 10 am, unless you want to watch the awards or maybe do some fishing afterwards. I will be asking for help at the May outing, but if you are not able to make the outing, please let me know that you can make it to Binder on June 8th. Thanks!!!*

***2) Coordinator Needed – We still need someone to coordinate the June 11<sup>th</sup> club outing AT JC PARK***

We have yet to get a volunteer to coordinate the June outing. If no one steps up, you will need to text or email Greg Curtin of your interest to attend. I will not be sending around a sign up sheet. The Friday before the event, I will give John Walther a head count to prepare the pulled pork. Please send your name, how many in the household will be attending, and what you would bring for the potluck. If you need help with a potluck idea, let me know. Priority for eating will be for those who send the requested text/email.

***3) Volunteers for September 28<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring***

We need to start thinking about Women’s Free fishing day at Bennett Spring State Park in September. Every year we tie 1000+ flies for a small fly box giveaway during the event. It’s now time to begin your fly tying to fill the boxes. Try and create flies that can be used by both fly fishers and spin fishers alike. With the CFM grant we will also have other items to give away and information to share. We are going to invite a few organizations to participate to help promote Missouri conservation.

We need at least 12-15 volunteers for the event. Look at your calendars now and mark, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for Bennett Spring State Park. We will start setting up about 8am to be ready

by 9am and go until 2-3pm. I'm sure you can find some time to fish while you are there.  
Save the date!!!

*Please help the team,*

*Greg Curtin*

### ***Other BUSINESS Committee help Requested***

- 1. November 9th - kids fishing at McKay Park*
- 2. 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***

*What a great turnout for monitoring on Saturday, April 27! It was fantastic to have consistent volunteers, Greg, Rick and Lenny along with first timers, Karah, Bob, Bobby, Lincoln and Phil. We met at 6:15 in the Assembly of God parking lot and car pooled to Big Saline Creek where we had donuts before getting in the water. The water was the highest I have seen and another big tree had washed into what had been a deep pool. Despite the conditions we had a successful day and got show the new folks what monitoring is all about. I really appreciate everyone coming out I think everyone and hope they will be eager to come out again in the fall. Let's have even more first timers then. This [link has some great pictures of the common macro-invertebrates](#) we found.*

*After completing our stream work, Greg, Bobby, Karah, Phil and I carpooled to Bennett. The water was the highest I have ever seen. Normally you can see a flat area of the dam near the highway bridge. That day it was covered with water! High and murky water were challenging, but Phil did well with a full sinking line. Greg got Karah on to her first two trout on a fly rod he loaned here, but Greg still had time to catch several. Bobby and I had some success.*

*The crew*



*Setting up the net and picking out bugs*



*Above is what they found*  
*Right: Measuring stream discharge*



*Phil in the murky water at Bennett.*



*Greg's nice bow*



*Karah has a reason to be proud of her first fly rod trouts*



*Since the last issue of the Stream Team Channels newsletter teams did all of this.*

<b>186 total activities</b>	<b>1,176 total participants</b>	<b>7,192 hours</b>
<b>34 tons of trash collected</b>	<b>18 water quality monitoring trips</b>	<b>77 litter pickups</b>

***We have an opportunity to say how the Eleven Point Park should be developed.***

*The Eleven Point State Park will open soon. It is in the Conceptual Development Planning process to determine what features it will hold. Missouri State Parks is requesting your input to make this park as favorable as possible. Your suggestions are important to keep this park wild and encourage restoration of the native ecosystems within it!*

[Submit your input on the park proposals here!](#)

*Pictures from Greg's trip to Pyramid Lake, home of Lahontan Cutthroat trout, where you fish from a ladder.*

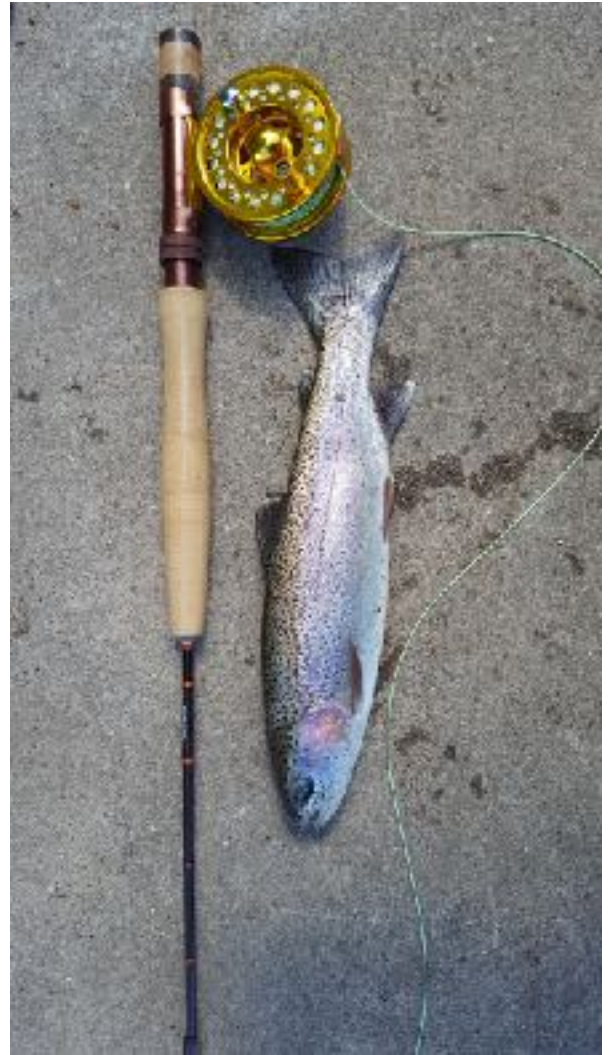




*Sandy cat and John's bluegill on John's 1 Wt.*



*John's 1 wt Redear on beds at Binder/Bennett Bow*



*Ken Foster's South Holston in VA. Jeff's - Binder*



Phil's first visit to Roaring River - STRETCH!





**2024 Fly Tiers Signup Form for October 11, 12**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Checkbox for commitment dates and times:  Friday 5am to 1am  
 Friday 3pm to 5pm  Saturday 9am to 4pm  Saturday 11am to 4pm

What fly will you be tying? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **Dennis Stead**  
4027 S Kentwood Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65804  
dmstead@aol.com

For information call: Dennis Stead (417) 380-3587  
Howard Hawkins (417) 334-6806

**WRFF  
Fly Fishing Expo  
Fly Tiers  
Signup Form  
October 11, 12  
2024**



***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***

## **May**

*14 Summer outing - countryside park, Taos, mo - eat at 6pm -  
16 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO  
21 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start  
28 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

## **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  
27 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

## **September**

*3 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*



*5 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*  
*10 Membership meeting 7pm*  
*17 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*  
*19 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*  
*24 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*  
*28 Women's Free Fishing at Bennett - see more above*  
*31 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

## ***October***

*1 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*  
*3 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*  
**5 REDINGTON HOME WATERS EVENT**

This year's Redington Home Waters is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. It features vendors, giveaways, and the one fly contest. This might be a great day to plan a club trip and have some kind of cookout. I mention this date for a club outing because the Redington event coincides with the 100th anniversary celebration at Bennett Spring State Park.

## **BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK 100th ANNIVERSARY**

The whole household may want to attend this one! This event will feature live music, storytelling, food trucks, vendors and a car show. They will have exhibits to share the history of the park. Join in the fun to celebrate Bennett Spring State Park's 100th anniversary. At the end of the festivities they will show "A river runs through it." You can go to [mostatelparks.com](http://mostatelparks.com) to get more information.

*8 Membership meeting 7pm*

## ***11-12 BRANSON WHITE RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO***

Dennis Stead was kind enough to share information about the Branson White River Fly Fishing Expo. It is an event for fly tiers and vendors taking place October 11-12. If you are interested in being a tier at the event, you will find picture above for sign up. Please send the completed form back in the mail or via email to

the given addresses.

*15 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*17 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*22 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*29 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*We have a very active club thanks to leadership from Greg, Jack and all the other officers and board members, John and Michael for tying and all of you for making it great!*

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

*Jeff Holzem Newsletter Editor*