



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

Hello Everyone,

Recently I read the book, "Standing in a River Waving a Stick" by John Gierach. In the book, John has a quote I really like, "If you fish the wrong fly long and hard enough, it will sooner or later become the right fly". I think that's good advice in two ways. The first, it's true & literally about fishing with a fly. The second, it's a metaphor about life that if you keep working hard at something, eventually it'll work out. I hope we can all keep that in mind as we encounter ups & downs.

Next, I want to thank everyone that put in all the hard work, as well as, attended our outing at Taos Countryside Park. It looked like everyone had fun, I know I did.

And lastly, we have several upcoming events that we still need volunteers for. I will be sending a separate email to everyone with the events' information. Please keep an eye out for that & sign up to help if able. Thank you.

God Bless,  
Justin

## **MAY FISH FRY**

The May outing was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came early to help set things up or we're involved in cleaning up at the end. Many Thanks to those who helped cook the meal. Thank you all for the wonderful food that was brought in. A special thank you to Phil and Ann Curtin, who did an incredible amount of prep work to get the fish, fries, onion rings, and chips ready. We had around 40 people in attendance and I think everyone would tell you that there was plenty of delicious food to go around.

At the outing, Dennis Stieferman demonstrated his fish filleting techniques. The next time you see him, please thank him for all the tips and tricks to improving your filleting skills.



Many full bellies at May outing



A great tasting pie with a fishing theme

# YOUR HELP AND RESPONSE NEEDED

Adding to Justin's statements, we do have some events coming up that need volunteers or your response for attending. Several sign up sheets were started at the May outing, but we still need more response. Here are the events:

**JUNE 7** – Fast approaching is the Kids Fishing Derby at the Binder Park Pavilion. Based on the number of names from the sign up list, we are only halfway to the number of volunteers we would like have. We could really use more help to match the 18 volunteers we had last year. This year's event will be done by 9:30 to 10 am including awards. There is no casting contest this year (may return next year) so it will be only about 2 to 3 hours of your time. This is what to expect:

7 – 8 am Kids Registration – 3 to 4 volunteers

8 – 9 am Fishing Contest – 10 to 12 volunteers to help measure and record the catches

9 – ? am Tallying/Handing out fishing rods/Awards – No one required to stay, but could help tallying totals

Handing out water and snack during event – 2 volunteers

If you do registration then your should be to the park before 7 am.

If you are a measuring judge or handing out a water/snack – be there before 8 am. Preferably by 7:30 am

**JUNE 10** – This is the June outing at the Binder Park Pavilion. Once again we are planning a potluck. John Walther will provide pulled pork as the main dish and we need people to help fill in the sides and desserts. If you were not able to be at the May outing to sign up for the June outing, please let Mark Javersak(Event Coordinator), Justin Beyer, or Greg Curtin know if you will attend, the food item you could bring, and how many from your household will attend. Please reply as soon as possible so we can get an accurate guest count. Food – Fun - Friends - Fishing

**JULY ?** – Jerry Kemple is working on a date to have a veterans appreciation cookout. The last couple of years this took place during the middle of the day at Binder Park. We invited the veterans from the VA Hospital in Columbia down for some fishing and food. I'm sure he will be looking for some help once everything is established.

**AUGUST 9** – CFM Pull for Conservation Clay Shoot – This is a great fundraiser for the club! If we can get 6 or more volunteers for this event, then the club will receive a check for \$250. I am checking to see if there is a chance of getting more funds if we had 12 or more volunteers. Check your calendar. We would leave by 6 am to be up at the **Prairie Grove Shooting Sports in Columbia, MO** by 7 am. They gave out t-shirts and other outdoor gear at the event last year and provided lunch.

**SEPTEMBER 27** – Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park. This is a little ways off, but please keep your calendar open to be able to help. We can probably workout some ride-share options. In the meantime, you can help by tying flies for the event. Come by one of the Tuesday gatherings/meetings to see what you can help with.



Hip wading for bluegills at Binder



John Goad with a nice cat on a Owt rod

# **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

## A win for public lands, but .....

The House passed version of reconciliation bill did not include selling hundreds of thousands of acres of public land in Utah and Nevada. Thanks to the leadership of Representatives Zinke (R-MT), Vasquez (D-NM), Simpson (R-ID) and other members of the newly formed Public Lands Caucus, the sell off provision was stripped from the bill. This win would not have been possible without 8,000 advocates who stood up for public lands. While we should all celebrate this win, preventing public land disposals requires constant vigilance and there are other harmful provisions in the reconciliation bill that require ongoing advocacy. These include rolling back protections for the Boundary Waters in Minnesota, provisions that would greatly expand drilling on public land, and efforts to do away with commonsense oil and gas reforms. We hope that you will continue to fight these proposals in the Senate.

## Alaska Representatives introduce a bill that would stop the proposed Pebble Mine and prevent large-scale mining that jeopardizes fish and wildlife:

John, Greg and I have been fortunate to fish in Alaska, and it is truly a place to protect. Fortunately, the 20-year saga to safeguard the world's largest wild salmon stronghold from becoming the future home of North America's largest open pit mine has taken a new turn.

On May 20th, 2025, the Alaska House Speaker Edgmon (I-Dillingham) and Representative Josephson (D-Anchorage) introduced a bill into the Alaska State Legislature to prevent large-scale mining proposals, like the proposed Pebble Mine, from posing serious threats 15,000 jobs and \$2.2 billion of economic value that rely on Bristol Bay's salmon populations. The immense value of Bristol Bay's fisheries has long been recognized, especially by Alaskans. At the urging of local residents and fishermen, in 1972, Alaska State Legislators enacted the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve to safeguard the region's commercial, subsistence, and sport fisheries.

The current law requires the Alaska Legislature to grant final authorization of any metallic sulfide mine plan within the reserve. House Bill 233 amends the current law to entirely prohibit metallic sulfide mining—also known as hard rock mining—within the reserve. The Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve encompasses the major rivers that produce **half of the world's wild sockeye salmon supply**. H.B. 233 moves to prohibit large-scale mining within these boundaries.

The proposed Pebble Mine is often referred to as a “zombie mine” or a game of “whack-a-mole.” Each time a new layer of safeguards has been secured, Pebble Limited Partnership, the foreign-owned mining company behind the mine, works to overturn them.

Spread the word! Invite your friends to keep this campaign visible. Email [martica.drury@tu.org](mailto:martica.drury@tu.org) you'd like a No Pebble Mine sticker.

TROUT Tip – spot rising fish: [https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tip-spot-rising-fish/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=iv6W4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tip-spot-rising-fish/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=iv6W4)

Hope you are enjoying these cool spring days and catching fish,

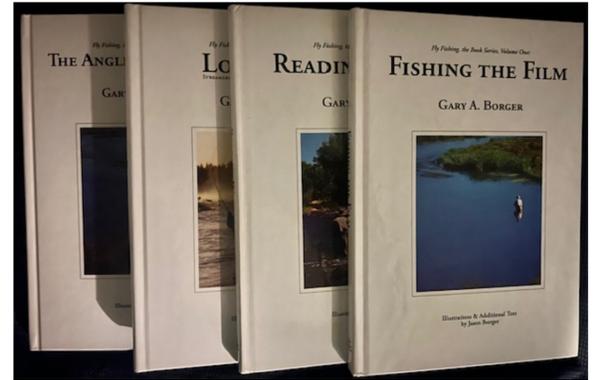
Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator



## **CCFF LIBRARY**

For everyone's enjoyment, we are trying to put together a library of Fly fishing related material. Uldis Pironis has agreed to be the librarian and catalog all the literature. He is in process of making the catalog now. If anyone would like to donate anything for other club member to enjoy, please bring them to one of the Tuesday gatherings or meetings. We will send out an update when you can check items out.

Thank you to Eric Downs, a past member for donating the Gary Borger series shown on the right. There will be several fly tying magazines to look through as well.



## **NEW DOCK AT MCKAY PARK**

If you haven't seen or heard about it yet, after many requests, an accessible dock has been added at McKay Park. These photos give you a couple different photos of it. It also looks like they are currently working on a path that gives easier access from the walking path to the water. You'll have to check it out.

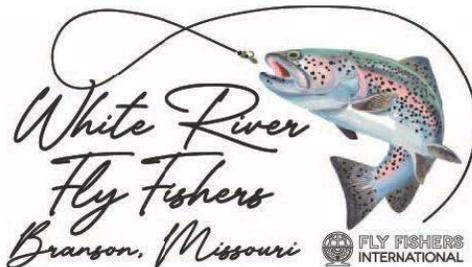


## **WRFF EXPO IN BRANSON**

SAVE THE DATE

WRFF EXPO  
OCTOBER 10-11/2025

FLY TIERS  
VENDORS  
FLY TYING CONTEST  
DEMONSTRATIONS  
SILENT AUCTIONS  
RAFFLES  
GOOD FOOD  
GREAT FELLOWSHIP



**White River Fly Fishers**  
**Exposition 2025**

Start  
Planning  
Now!

When: October 10-11/2025

Where: Branson-Hollister Lion's Club

1015 East Hwy 76, Branson, Missouri 65616

Time: 3:00 PM Thursday 10/09/2025 for Vendor set up. 9-5 Friday 9-4 Saturday

All tiers welcome! However space may be limited so sign up soon!

Vendor tables @ \$50.00 ea. Or donation for raffle at equal or greater value.

There will be a fly box swap!

For those wishing to help us continue to host an annual event, the donation of a

"box" of flies or similarly related item would be greatly appreciated but is

Strictly voluntary!

Vendor table contacts: Howard Hawkins – pdgccc@gmail.com

Matthew Peet – ozarkboy06@yahoo.com

Tiers sign up contact: Dennis Stead – dmstead@aol.com

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## **June**

- June 3 – Informal Gathering
- June 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- **June 7 – Kids Fishing Derby at Binder Park**
- June 7-8 – Missouri Free Fishing weekend
- June 10 – Summer Outing (Binder Park, Jefferson City, MO)- Pulled Pork/Chicken/Potluck
- June 14 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Maramec State Park
- June 17 – Informal Gathering
- June 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- June 21 – Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Women’s Event
- June 24 – Informal Gathering

## **July**

- July 1 – Informal Gathering
- July 3 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 8 – July Outing – JC Park (County Park) - Pizza
- July 15 – Informal Gathering
- July 17 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 22 – Informal Gathering
- July 29 – Informal Gathering

## **August**

- August 2 – Kids Trout Tournament – Montauk State Park
- August 5 – Informal Gathering
- August 7 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- **August 9 – CFM Pull for Conservation Clay Shoot – Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports in Columbia, MO**
- August 9 – Summer’s End Kids Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- August 12 – Monthly Members Meeting
- August 16 – Kids Free Fishing Day – Roaring River State Park
- August 19 – Informal Gathering
- August 21 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 26 – Informal Gathering

## **September**

- September 2 – Informal Gathering
- September 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 6 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- September 9 – Monthly Members Meeting
- September 13 – Women’s Fishing Day – Maramec State Park
- September 16 – Informal Gathering
- September 18 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 20-21 – MTFA Tournament – Montauk State Park
- September 23 – Informal Gathering
- **September 27 – Women’s Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park**
- September 30 – Informal Gathering



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