



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

I hope everyone is doing well. For those who attended our first summer outing on May 12th, we had fun. I'm looking forward to our June 9th outing at Taos. No one volunteered to be the event coordinator, so I will. I'll make sure we have the supplies we need. If you are attending, and didn't sign up on the list at the past two meetings, please email, call, or text me.

Also, I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day weekend. I was able to do some fishing at a couple locations around Mark Twain Lake. I didn't catch anything, but from what I hear, due to the water levels, others aren't having the best luck either.

Again, I hope you all are doing well & I'll see you on June 9th.

God Bless,
Justin



JUNE OUTING

Thank you Justin for stepping up to be the event coordinator for the fish fry!! We still need to know if you are attending and how many will be accompanying you. We do not want to waste food, so we need a reasonably accurate head count. Those who let Justin know, will have first priority on getting fish and fries to eat. Your whole household is welcome. If you have a guest visiting, bring them along. We just need to know ahead of time.

This is a potluck, so it would also be great if you could share something with the group. Again, let Justin know what you intend to bring or ask him what might be needed. Phil Curtin will be bringing the fish, onions for rings, and potatoes for fries. Assistance cooking will be needed.

Event info:

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Time: Eat around 6 pm

Location: Countryside Park
4909 County Side Park Road
Taos, MO

Fishing before and after eating is encouraged!!!!!!

KIDS FISHING DERBY AT BINDER PARK

It's just one week away so I would ask that you **Please, please, please** check your schedules! Saturday, June 6 is the kids fishing Derby at Binder Park. We had a sign-up list go around at the last two club events and 15 volunteers registered. As of today, with confirmed cancellations, we are down to 11 and I suspect there might be a couple more.

We need you for just half a day and really only a few hours from about 8 AM to 11 AM

Suggested arrival times FOR HELPING:

Sign up table help by 7:45 am

Fishing contest officials by 8:30am (this is where we will need people the most)

Help at snack table by 8:30am (1-2 people)

Hand out fliers for Kids Trout Fishing Day(1-2 people)

Side-note: if you want to park closer to the event headquarters then I suggest getting there early.

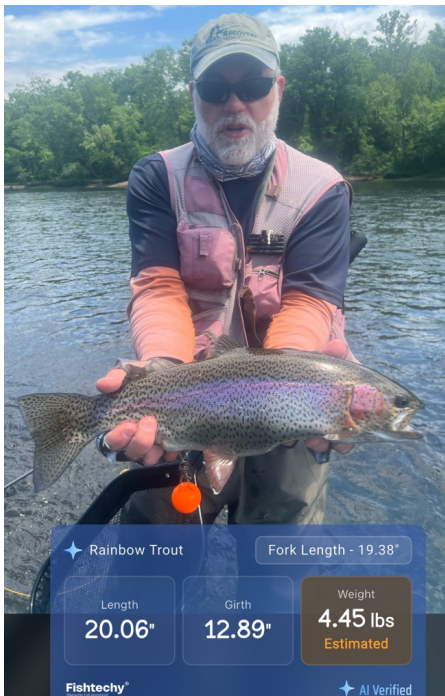
Sign-up is 8-9

Fishing contest 9-10

Casting contest 10-11

Awards to follow(do not need to stay for this)

So you can see, help is needed all over the place. If there is any way that you can give up part of your day to help it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any friends or family that can help, bring them along. This is one of the events that we show our community spirit and club pride! If you can make it let me know. Thanks, Greg Curtin



Left: Chunky Taney Rainbow Center and Right: John Goad's great, great grand nephew Jett is busy tying and then presenting his catch with the fly he tied.



MAY OUTING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who helped with the May outing. A special thanks go out to Mark Javersak for coordinating the event and John Walther for preparing the main course BBQ pork sandwiches. We had just enough sandwiches to go around. Thank you all for your potluck items. Everything I tried was delicious. Weather was good and several members brought their rods out to fish. You will see photos throughout the newsletter of members fishing.



GRANT MONEY

We have now received word from both of the grants we applied to for our Fall events. We have been fortunate to have been approved for \$1000 for the Kid's Trout Fishing Day in November and \$750 for Women's Free Fishing Day in September. The grant money will be used to help buy the fishing gear that we give out at the events. With the cost of equipment going up, we might not have as much gear to give out this year, but we are exploring different possibilities. However it works out, we will no doubt have two great events again this year.

There is another grant we can apply for that is due by June 30th. This opportunity is a lot more involved and would have an initial cost to the club of \$350. This investment could have the potential of drawing a lot more funding for the future. I will mention it at the next outing.

CFM PULL FOR CONSERVATION

The 20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic will be Saturday, August 8, 2026. CCFF has sent at least 6 workers to the event over the last couple of years. That has earned the club a \$250 donation each year. We would like to do this again this year, so look and see if you are available in August to help out. We need a minimum of 6 people to earn the reward.

Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports
1420 County Rd 276
Columbia, MO 65202

We generally leave around 6am to be there by 7am to find out what we will be doing. We could use your help.

Since, our funding for Women's Free Fishing Day is a little less this year, maybe we could use this money to supplement the cost of the fishing equipment. We can discuss this at the next outing. Thanks

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WWW.CONFEDMO.ORG

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20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, 1420 County Rd 276, Columbia, MO 65202

Shoot as a Team or Individual
Two Shooter Scramble- 75 targets, \$70/team
Individual Sporting Clays- 50 targets, \$40/shooter

Schedule of Events
Registration: 7:30 a.m. - Noon
Shooting: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Awards: 2:00 p.m.

Fun Games run from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
4 Rounds of the Meat Shoot
9 am * 10 am * 11 am * 12 pm

PHEASANT CHUKAR 5-STAND SHOOT

Prizes for Two Shooter Scramble & Individual Sporting Clays using the Lewis Class System

- Pre-registration is encouraged, but signing up on the day of the event is acceptable.
- Visit www.confedmo.org or call 573-634-2322 to register or for more information.
- Challenge shooting games will be held during the event!
- Food will be available on site and drinks will be provided.

Presented by:
Missouri's Electric Cooperatives

Central Electric Power Cooperative's members are Boone Electric Cooperative, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Callaway Electric, Cubre River Cooperative, Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Howard Electric Cooperative, Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, and Three Rivers Electric Cooperative.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Hello Everyone,

Spring is beautiful here, but especially nice if you are fishing. I put in items about caring for fish and for catching them. Of course, I always encourage you to learn more about our waters and to consider helping to monitor our stream. An easy way to start is to take the video Stream

Team Water Quality Monitoring Training: Level 1 videos https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy. You will find the one on macro-invertebrates will help you identify what the fish are feeding on.

MISSOURI

Bills Proposed for Data Center Electricity and Water Use Restrictions

[Bills would regulate large-scale industrial users of electricity and water](#) Columbia Missourian

'Forever Chemicals' Over Federal Limits

['Forever Chemicals' Surge Past Federal Limits in Some Missouri Water Systems](#) The Beacon

NATIONAL

Nuclear Power to Pump Water into the Colorado River?

[Could Nuclear Power Help Pump Water into the Colorado River?](#) 12 News

Fertilizer Reminder Issued After Fish Kill

[Fort Myers Beach Officials Issue Fertilizer Reminder After Buccaneer Lagoon Fish Kill](#) WINK

Warning Issues After Predatory Fish Spotted Where it Doesn't Belong

[Officials Issue Warning After Spotting Predatory Fish in River Where it Doesn't Belong](#) Yahoo!News

Researchers have found that plastic particles can enter wheat and tomato plants and stunt their growth. The [study shows farm soil a route plastic can take into the food system.](#)

TROUT TIP - BEYOND TROUT

While not a tip for catching trout, we all know it's fun to catch other fish species, so watch this week's tip on when and where is best to fish for pike and muskie.

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tips/trout-tip-beyond-trout/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=lo315



HOW'S THE FISHING?

TU helps with numerous restoration projects every summer to improve habitat for trout. So [how is the fishing after these projects end?](#)

TROUT TIP - PRESENTATION TECHNIQUES

[Try some of these casting and mending options to get your nymph in just the right spot.](#)

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY AT BENNETT SPRING

Right now we need volunteers to start tying flies for the 100 fly boxes we give out at the event. The Tuesday informal gatherings is an ideal place and time to work on them. John Walther is going to tie 100 John Deere Flies and 100 white jig flies. Mike Dean has already tied 50 bed spread flies. Mark Javersak is going to tie 1 or 2 patterns. And John has handed out 100 jig heads for a fly. So, right now we have 500 or better of the flies figured out. Who else can give us a hand with some tying time? If 100 is too many, maybe you can help with 50. We can provide the materials and hooks for you to use. The sooner we get these done, the sooner we can start on the flies for Kid's Trout Fishing Day in November.

VETERANS APPRECIATION PICNIC

I believe we have a tentative date of Thursday, June 18 for the Veterans from Columbia to come down for an appreciation picnic. It will be a JayCee Park (County Park) at one of the small pavilions around the park. We are doing this to avoid having to book one of the bigger pavilions just in case we have to reschedule. It also gives those who do not want to fish the possibility of walking around the lake and enjoying the day. Any volunteers to help at the picnic are welcome. I would say noon would be an expected starting time to eat, so get there around 11am and stay until 2-3pm. Please watch for updates on this event, as I do not have total confirmation on all the details.

CLUB BANQUET – MARCH 6, 2027

The club's fundraising banquet is about 9 months away and you would think this gives us plenty of time to get it together. But, we still need two more volunteers to join the banquet committee and the longer this takes the harder it is going to be to get everything accomplished on time. Since most of our other fund raising is sporadic throughout the year and we only hold this banquet every other year, we need it to be a success.

There are different ways to help with the banquet:

- 1) Join the committee to plan and organize the event. 5 committee members total
- 2) Donate to the banquet. Fishing and Non-fishing items accepted
- 3) Sell tickets. Open to the public and we need people there that are open to spending money
- 4) Help at the event. There will be several things to do during the banquet.

The goal is to sell at least 125 tickets and we need to start getting things going





Ozarks FLY FISHING
& FLY TYING SWAP MEET
 A REGIONAL GATHERING OF ANGLERS & CLUBS

SATURDAY JUNE 27, 2026
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 SELLER SETUP: 8:00 – 9:00 AM

DOLING ON ATLANTIC
 1423 W. ATLANTIC STREET • SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

FREE PARKING ON SITE

COMING FOR THE GEAR. STAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP.

A SHARED GATHERING OF FLY FISHERS
 • Visit with fellow anglers
 • Swap stories and ideas
 • Find useful gear at fair prices
 • Help quality equipment find a second life

PARTICIPATION
 Visitors:
 • \$5.00 admission
 • Children under 12 – Free
 Sellers:
 • One table provided (first come, first served)
 • Easy fee: One donated item with a market value of \$25.00 or more.
 • Sellers keep proceeds from their own sales.

FLY FISHING FOCUSED ITEMS
 • Fly rods, reels, lines, leaders and accessories
 • Flies – commercial or personally tied
 • Fly tying tools, vices, hooks, baiters, synthetics
 • Pads, vests, nets, books, apparel
 • Fishing accessories and useful gear
 • Fly fishing collectibles or decor in good condition
 Items outside this scope are not permitted.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY
 Donated items support Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers fundraising efforts, including our Expo, which helps fund community outreach, conservation efforts, and youth fly fishing and fly tying education programs.

CLUBS WELCOME
 Clubs are encouraged to attend, connect, and share what's happening in their own waters and communities.

For additional information, visit:
 TRI-LAKES FLY FISHERS
 www.trilakesflyfishers.com

TRI-LAKES FLY FISHERS
 facebook.com/groups/2218604411699709

**READING'S FLY SHOP Presents-
 Niangua Outdoor Days- Hosted by
 Hidden Valley Outfitters
 October 2-4, 2026**

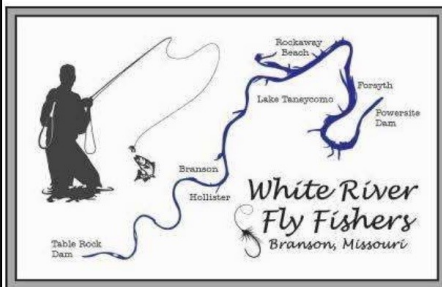
Mark your calendars for October 2nd–4th and get ready for a weekend packed with big sales, amazing vendors, food trucks, and activities for the whole family!
 From exciting giveaways and raffles (including a Turtlebox Ranger, fly rod & reel, and more) to product demos and a Saturday One-Fly Tournament, and games for the kids, there's something for everyone!

FRIDAY | 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 • 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM: CAPPY HOUR – Sponsored by GRUNDENS
 Customize your own hat—pick your hat and patch to take home
 • 7:30 PM Movie Night (weather permitting, HVO guests only)
 Enjoy s'mores and hot chocolate under the stars

SATURDAY | 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM
One-Fly Tournament
 • 8:00 – 9:00 AM: Registration
 Division 1 (up to 13 years): Largest, Smallest, Most
 Division 2 (14+): Largest, Smallest, Most
 • 9:00 AM: First horn
 • 10:00 AM: Final horn
 • 10:30 AM: Winners announced
 On the River Presentations (Starting at Noon)
 • 12:00 PM – Casting & Q&A with Master Rod Builder & Fly Fisherman, Charlie Reading (Reading's Fly Shop)
 • 1:00 PM – Arkansas Fly Fishing Guide, Casey Hughes (Aux Arc Fishing)
 • 1:30 PM – Bass Fishing Guide, Jeff Trigg (Ozark Sweetwater Fly Fishing)
 • 2:00 PM – Trey Reid (Arkansas Game Fishing)
 • 2:30 PM – Mike Cruse
At the Pavilion
 • 5:00 PM – Giveaways & raffle winners announced (must be present to win)
 • 7:00 PM – Movie begins

SUNDAY | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 Join us under the pavilion for coffee, community, and last-minute sales!

White River Fly Fishers 2026 Expo



July 24-25, 2026
9am to 4pm daily
Branson-Hollister Lions Club
1015 East Hwy 76
Branson, MO 65616

Free Admission

Fly Tying Demonstrations

Vendors, Food Available

Auctions, Raffles

Contact Dennis Stead at dmstead@aol.com if you would like to tie flies at the event.

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers 2026 Expo

Celebrate fly fishing, fellowship, and fun at the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Fly Fishing Expo—two free, family-friendly days of fly tying, learning, vendors with the latest fly fishing gear, and community in Clinton, Missouri!

Event Details

- Location: Benson Convention Center, 1008 E Sedalia Ave, Clinton, MO
- Dates: Friday, September 11, 2026, and Saturday, September 12, 2026
- Times: Friday 1pm to 4pm, Saturday 9am to 4pm
- Admission: Free
- Guest Speaker, Auctions, Raffles, Food

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- June 2 – Informal Gathering
- June 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- June 6 – Kids Fishing Derby – Binder Park **Volunteers needed**
- June 6-7 – Missouri Free Fishing Weekend
- June 9 – Club Outing – Countryside Park – Taos
- June 16 – Informal Gathering
- June 18 – Fly Tying with Veteran – Appreciation Picnic – Jaycee Park (Jefferson City)
- June 23 – Informal Gathering
- June 27 – Fly Fishing Swap Meet – Springfield, MO
- June 30 – Informal Gathering

July

- July 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 7 – Informal Gathering
- July 14 – July Outing – Pizza at Jaycee Park (County Park)
- July 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 21 – Informal Gathering
- July 24-25 – White River Fly Fishers 2026 Expo
- July 28 – Informal Gathering

August

- August 4 – Informal Gathering
- August 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 8 – CFM Pull for Conservation
- August 11 – Monthly Members Meeting
- August 18 – Informal Gathering
- August 20 - Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 25 = Informal Gathering

September

- September 1 – Informal Gathering
- September 3 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 8 – Monthly Members Meeting
- September 12 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- September 11-12 – Tri Lakes Fly Fishers 2026 Expo – Clinton, MO
- September 15 – Informal Gathering
- September 17 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 22 – Informal Gathering
- September 26 – Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park **Volunteers Needed**
- September 29 – Informal Gathering

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



Tyler the Guide



Phil Wisch went with John Goad to State Tech Lake for some bass fishing

