

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Well, guys and gals, I spoke with the City of California and unfortunately, they have cancelled all shelter use permits through at least June 15. They are waiting to see what the state government does to decide if they extend that date. Which means, for safety reasons, our outing for June 9 is cancelled.

Let's hope for July, things open back up. Jack Kramer was nice enough to reschedule our outing at JC County Park for July and just maybe by that time things will be safer.

I was hoping to sneak out a short newsletter last month. Time got the better of me. I would like to use the excuse that I was too busy fishing, but I probably managed to fish twice last month and that was in a small pond for bass and pan fish for a few hours. I was thinking of going to a trout park this past weekend and then was reminded that it was free fishing weekend in Missouri. Not wanting to fight the possibility of more people it looks like I'm headed back to the little pond.

John Wenzlick has a full newsletter for this month and some of the articles I had will be passed on. Thank you to Mark Van Patten and Mike Kruse for reaching out to share with us. Both of these guys are great supporters of Missouri conservation.

Get those lines in the water and let us know how you did. Photos are always welcomed.

Thanks,

President

Greg Curtin

GRAND SLAM

I was visiting the parks during the stocking cessation and while the fish were a little less numerous than normal, and a little more challenging to catch, the small crowds made for a quality experience.

I have also taken the opportunity to visit all the Blue Ribbon areas last month and completed the new MDC/TU Blue Ribbon Grand Slam. Did Crane Creek last (see attached).

Fishing is a great tonic for what we are going through!



Congratulations on a job well done Mike!!! Mike worked for the MDC, is very involved with Trout Unlimited, and has been a member of CCFF.

This just goes to show you that even in the face of adversity, we can still accomplish our goals. We just have to do it in a manner that is safe for everyone. Again, great job Mike!

-Greg

Mike Kruse



DO HIS PART

Some of you will remember Mark Van Patten. He is a founding member of the CCFF and before retiring worked for the MDC. Mark was kind enough to send a short email and share how he is doing his part to help prevent the spread of germs. Here is most of it:

I retired down in Shannon County in 2016 and am living the dream. Our place is along the Current River a mile or so below Akers Ferry. Fishing is good when the river isn't up and that hasn't been the case much this Spring. So between gardening, taking care of a ton of chickens and mowing, I spend some of my free time in my shine shack. I took a break from making shine to making hand sanitizer. I call it "Hand Shinatizer." I thought you might get a kick out of hearing how us old hillbillies pass the time during this virus mess. Here is a photo of my still.

Mark Van Patten Feather Cutter Farm LLC



Shack location was not disclosed!!

VIDEO CONFERENCING

With all that is happening and the recommendations to keep people safe, we are looking in to the possibility of using some video conferencing for future meetings, which could include our fly tying sessions. We are still figuring out how all of this will come about and which app or system will be used, but if social distancing is something that will be around for a while, then we will have to develop a way to communicate with each other. Look for more information updates to come.

STILL FISHING

Although we are not getting out in the crowds as much, people are still finding a little time to get out and fish. Here are a couple of photos to share with you:



Crappie Master!



John Goad Catching Fish on his 2 wt. Rod



Stream Team Update

I hope everyone is doing fine with the virus and getting a chance to fish. The Stream Team organization issued rules on water quality monitoring. However, I am not sure it is safe to have several of us standing around the table picking bugs, so we will not monitor this spring. I enjoy getting out in the water and checking our adopted stream and looking forward to starting up again when it is safe.

Kudos to our Club! We have been water quality monitoring for 20 years and received a certificate recognizing our service. Stream Team Twenty Year Certificate

The Stream Team Channels blog sent this from Field and Stream:

Battle Over Pebble Mine About to Hit a Turning Point

The world's most controversial mine is up for a significant permit. Here's why critics say they shouldn't get it and what you can do about it. Battle Over Pebble Mine About to Hit a Turning Point



A cluster of spawning sockeye salmon running in the Bristol Bay ecosystem. *Courtesy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

Montana Fish and Wildlife shared video about fly fishing and climate change:

The Last Cast Film | Montana, USA

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The Last Cast highlights how climate change is affecting the health of Montana's rivers and fisheries, and the p...

Thanks,

Jeff Holzem

Cancellations

June 9 CCFF Meeting & Outing

Our outing to California City Park Lake cancelled for safety reasons.

Subject: Branson Fly Fishing Expo

Well I have sad news. The Branson Fly Fishing Expo for this year has been cancelled. We will still have the fly tying contest and be announcing the Fly Tying Winners for this year. Ron Leggins will be contacting the vendors who paid for a booth and those that gave raffle prizes. The next Branson Fly Fishing Expo will be July 29, 30 and 31 of 2021.

We appreciate everyone's support and know we can count on that same support for next year. Stay healthy and safe.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

9	CCFF Outing to California City Park
	(cancelled)

13 Veterans Fish Free – Meramec Spring

July

30, 31 & August 1 – 2020 Branson Fly Fishing Expo (Cancelled-rescheduled July29-31, 2021)

September

12 Veterans Fish Free – Montauk

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