



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everyone,

Let me start off by saying, thank you to everyone who came to our June outing at Binder. It was fun, definitely take a look at the pictures. I wasn't catching anything, changed to a Squirmy Wormy, changed locations & I couldn't keep the bluegill away.

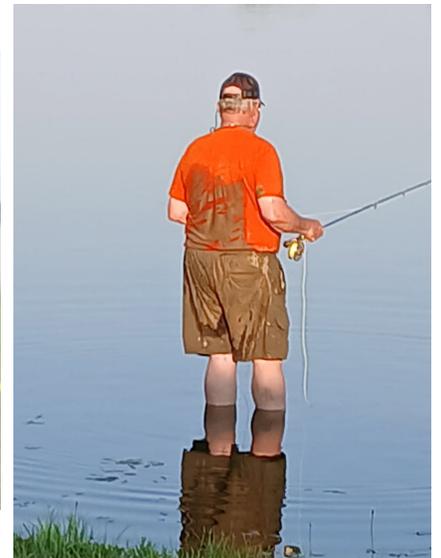
Up next is our outing on Tuesday, July 9th at JC Park. It'll be a fun time, so be sure to attend.

Also, we're still needing some more volunteers for the CFM Pull for Conservation on Saturday, August 9th. It was fun last year & by our organization volunteering, we get our CFM dues covered. So it's beneficial all the way around.

God Bless,

Justin

## JUNE OUTING PHOTOS



## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE**

**JULY 8** – July Outing – This is the last outing of the summer and will be at JayCee Park (County Park) near the fairgrounds. This is the pizza outing where we will take a head count at 6 pm and then order the appropriate number of pizzas. If you are not able to make it there by 6 pm please let us know so that you may be counted. Come early or stay after to fish.

**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.

**AUGUST 12** – Monthly Members Meeting – We get back to meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Board of Directors will meet at 6pm and the regular members meeting will begin at 7pm. Our Guest speaker for August will be Tricia Burkhardt, the Executive Director of The Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation. She will be talking about the Johnny Morris Institute of Fisheries, Wetlands, & Aquatic Systems at the University of Missouri. This program is to help bring in the next generation of conservation professionals to help maintain Missouri's watersheds and possibly beyond. Please invite anyone that would like to find out more!

**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.

**A reminder -** With the exception of the second Tuesday of every month, when we have our Monthly Meetings, we meet casually every Tuesday in the lower meeting room at the Knights of Columbus Hall to tie flies, talk about fishing/life, and help prep for future events. We start around 6pm (some have come earlier) and go until 7-7:30 most nights. After that a group will go out to eat after. Most times we go to El Poblano for taco Tuesday.



Fish are still biting  
at Binder Park  
Lake

## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**



If you monitor, you know this is a big stone fly. They, mayflies and caddis can only live in clean water.

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Where would we be as anglers without these important creatures? Not only are they primary food source for the trout we love, but they are a linchpin in the food web for river environments. Entire ecosystems depend on the health of these macro invertebrates from trout to spiders to birds and bats to bears and beyond. Learning about the bugs in your local river systems can improve your fishing and keeping an eye on the health of their populations and timing of [hatches helps understand the health of your local stream before and after catastrophic impacts like forest fires](#)

Since it is too hot to fish and the streams are high, this is a good time to read about fishing and to take care of habitat. If you saw Justin's email on the CFM Affiliates and my reply you know that CFM's #1 priority is public land. The Senate version of the Reconciliation Bill calls for selling up to 3 million acres of public land. I would sure hate to lose access to fishing and hiking in National Forest and on BLM lands. Last year my son and I backpacked in the Flathead National Forest next to Glacier. I also fished in the Flathead River. I have another personal reason for asking Senators to keep public land, our son lived for 5 years in a cabin next to the Los Padres National Forest. He still spends weekend at the cabin hiking and camping in the forest. If the public land sale stays in the bill, the land near the cabin could be sold and logged off. Please consider using the link to send an email to our Senators asking them to take the public land sale out of the bill. <https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vvsrsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f127600%2frespond>. It has a sample script but saying why you care in your own words is even better. TU made this appeal to protect public lan <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/R2CoD8ZPkS0>. Here is podcast from Backcountry Hunters and Anglers [www.backcountryhunters.org/...](http://www.backcountryhunters.org/)



## **SAVING A NATIVE TROUT**

**Working to build a resilient future for Yellowstone cutthroat on Idaho's South Fork of the Snake River**

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## **SHOOTING LINE**

If you're having trouble shooting line during your cast, give these tips from Orvis a try.

<https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/video-lessons/the-basics-of-fly-fishing/chapter-one-the-basics-of-fly-fishing/239-fly-casting-shooting-and-handling-line>

Stay cool and please consider asking our Senators not to sell our public land.

Tight lines,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

## **KIDS FISHING DERBY**

I want to thank everyone that was able to come out and help at the Kids Fishing Derby at Binder Park on June 7. With a turnout of well over 100 kids this year, we needed all the help we could get. We had at least 15 club members present to help. I was going to try to have a group photo for the article but did not get a request in soon enough to the Parks and Recreation Department photographer who took it. I hope to have it for the next newsletter. It was a little wet and muddy in spots from a previous rain, but there were no problems during the event. Fishing was slow in most places, but if you had the kids were in the right spot or had the right lure/bait on the end of the line, then fish were caught. Crickets seemed to be a good choice. Thanks again to those who made it out!

## **VETERANS APPRECIATION**

Thank you to Jerry Kemple and all the others that came out to help at the Veterans Appreciation Lunch on June 19. We have invited the Veterans from the VA Hospital down to Binder Park for the past few years to take in some good food, relaxation, and possibly try their hand at fishing. The Activities Director was nice enough to send a letter to Sandy Goad, thanking her for providing some food. Here's the letter:

Sandy,

On behalf of the CCFF and the Columbia Veterans, thank you for the baked beans that you sent to our picnic on Thursday at Binder Lake. The weather was nice, the food was great, and everyone certainly had a good time. We had time for our annual trip to Binder Park. You need to come to The Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital with the guys when they come to see us. We can't offer you anything as good as your bake beans but we usually have old coffee and a stale donut that was left over from the day before but enjoy the fellowship.

Thanks again,

Erin Carr

## IOWA DRIFTLESS TRIP

Since neither one of us were going to be able to go in May with the Trout Unlimited group, Ken Foster and I made a plan to visit the Iowa driftless Region. With another family event happening around the same time, we missed the June outing. It looks like everyone had a good time.

We left for Iowa on Saturday right after the kids fishing Derby and got into Highlandville, Iowa late that night. After a solid breakfast the next morning, we were off to North Bear Creek. With this being all new territory for me I was relying on Ken's guidance and the information he had gathered from TU members that visited last year. Although the day started out slow, I was not disappointed. We ended up getting into some fish and I finished with 10 on the day and Ken was over 20.



Ken defeating the obstacles of South Bear Creek

The next day we headed to French Creek, where I hit the jackpot! I found one honey hole that I was able to pull out 33 fish and by the end of the day I had a total of 46. Ken may not have gotten quite as many, but he had at least three quality fish that were around 15 inches.

On the third day we set out to go after brook trout. This was a mission in futility for us. We tried a couple different creeks with the latter being south Pine Creek that required a mile+ hike each way. After most of the day trying and only one fish caught we decided to head to South Bear Creek to see what other opportunities we could come up with to finish the day.

South Bear Creek did not disappoint. Ken tracked down an area he had success with last year and caught several



Beautiful 22" rainbow caught and returned

fish. This was a very satisfying spot not only because of catching fish, but there was added difficulty because of the obstacles one had to work around. After fishing there for a little while we stopped at one more spot before calling it a day. Oh boy, did that work out great for me! We found a spot that was holding fish and there was a Lunker in with the group. After catching several fish and coming up on about 8:40 pm time was running short. Ken had already started on his way back to the car when it happened. The Lunker finally decided to eat my fly. I yelled to Ken, but he had his earbuds in and did not hear. I was fishing about 4 ft above the water, so after sliding down on my butt, keeping the fish on, and a couple of runs downstream, I was able to bring in a beautiful rainbow. It will be a fishing highlight I will not forget!

The next day we had about 3 hours to fish before we had to leave. We went back to South Bear Creek because of the proximity to the campsite and I managed to catch 6 fish and Ken doubled me with a dozen. I was happy to see that the Lunker was still in the water swimming around. We packed up to meet my folks down the road as I was headed to North Dakota for a memorial service. Thank you Ken for letting me join you for some great fishing memories.



Beautiful brown

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 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

## October

- October 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 4-5 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rose Holland Derby – Montauk State Park
- October 4 – Redington Home Waters at Hidden Valley Outfitters??
- October 7 – Informal Gathering
- October 10=11 – White River Fly Fishing Expo – Branson, MO
- October 11 – Clarence Holland Derby – Bennett Spring State Park
- October 14 – Monthly Members Meeting
- October 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 21 – Informal Gathering
- October 28 – Informal Gathering
- October 31 – Last Day of Catch and Keep season

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

