



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

As I see down to write this month's message, I wonder, what can I talk about that hasn't already been said? Do I talk about the ridiculously hot weather we are experiencing? Do I continue to mention the banquet? The answer to that one is yes! Do I talk about my limited fishing exploits? Maybe a little.

Since I have come to Missouri and discovered fly fishing, I consider myself fortunate to be able to experience the outdoors in a whole new way. To me, fly fishing on a stream, gets you just a little be closer to your surroundings. One must react to the moment to obtain a better outcome. I'm still working on how I react, but that is the challenge and then payoff when done right. Learning to tie your own flies and using them for the catch is another great feeling. Wow, that is such a satisfying feeling to know you created something good enough to make the catch.

The interaction with nature is a big part of the equation, but not the only part to my enjoyment. Sharing the experiences with others ranks up there as well. There is sharing on many different levels. I would much rather be out fishing with others than by myself. Because of work, I am limited to mostly fishing local ponds during the week, but on the weekends, I am always looking at the possibility to go out of town. So, if you are ever interested in a day trip or weekend trip and need a fishing partner, get in touch. In fact, CCFF is a great network of people who like to fish any day of the week. Why not take advantage of this to have a shared experience. Life is too short to not be a fisherman. Also, take advantage of some of the CCFF events promoting fly fishing to others and you will get some much more out of it.

As of late I have gone out a couple times to fish. On Sunday, July 10th, I went fishing with Michael Dean and Phil Curtin. We made our way down to Montauk State Park. I will say this, as I knock on wood, we had a great weather day to fish. Temperatures stayed under 80 degrees all day. Water levels were decent as we hit a couple of popular spots in the morning. By the time we took our lunch break, I was just into double digits on the number of fish in the net. After a sandwich, we went to a new area that was just around the bend from the dam. It has allows been a good area and it did not disappoint. There was a good flow and fish were hitting at a decent rate. At the end of the day I finished with 25-30 fish and a smile. You may ask, where is the photographic evidence? Well, you will have to believe me or take it as a fish tale. Here is a photo of a friend who came to get a drink of water.



Let's get out and fish together,

Greg Curtin

SUMMER OUTINGS

July 12th, was our last outing of the summer. We finished the season, by crushing it with the fish fry. We had 31/32 in attendance and I think if you asked any of them, they would say it was a success. We had plenty of food to go around and enough fish, fries, and onion rings for at least 10 more. There are so many people to thank for this success. For all the great dishes at the outing, thank you everyone for bringing them. For those that provided supplies to make sure we had everything we needed, thank you. For all those who helped set up or clean up, thank you. A big thank you goes to the cooking crew that kept the fish, fries, and onion rings flowing. Without your teamwork, it would not have run so smooth. So, thank you to everyone there, you all played a part in this!!!!

The guys decided to do a group photo to commemorate the event, as well as, send their well wishes to Mark Van Patten, a found member of CCF, who is going through some cancer surgery. Our prayers are with you.



WOMEN'S FISHING DAY

Earlier I talked about how sharing the fly fishing experience is something that I really enjoy. Well here is another facet of that. Not only can I surround myself with CCF club members, but we get the opportunity to share the adventure with others. We need your help to give a great experience! On September 24th, at Bennett Spring State Park, they will be holding Women's Free Fishing Day. We need volunteers to demonstrate fly tying, hand out fly boxes, and help on the stream, if requested. Typically, we are there between 8 am and 2-3 pm. We should be set up in Zone 2, like previous years. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be going around in August and September. It would be nice to get at least 10 volunteers willing to tie flies and a few others for handing out fly boxes and helping on the water.

Note: I previously stated that in the past, lunch was provided. Well that was true, I cannot guarantee the same for this year. It wouldn't hurt to bring a little nourishment with you.

Also, don't forget to bring your equipment for some fishing afterwards.

BANQUET

Folks, we are getting close to our goal of selling at least 100 tickets to the banquet. With less than 2 weeks left before the deadline of July 26th, we need to sell about 25 more tickets. Everyone, please try and give that last push to hit the mark. If you haven't got them for yourself yet, please do not delay. Talk to your family, friends, or any fly fishing fanatic. Our Treasurer, Jack Kramer, is the best person to contact to acquire tickets. If you need his contact information, just let me know.

It's a great thing that we still have banquet donations coming in. There will be a lot to offer those in attendance. We will even have a few attendance prizes this time. I would ask that you turn in any donations as soon as you can. We need to get everything listed and organized to be ready.

Banquet Info:

Date: *Saturday, August 6th*

Time: *6-7 pm Social Hour, 7pm Supper, Live Auction and Winners Announced after Supper.*

Location: *American Legion Post 5*
 1423 Tanner Bridge Road
 Jefferson City, MO 65101

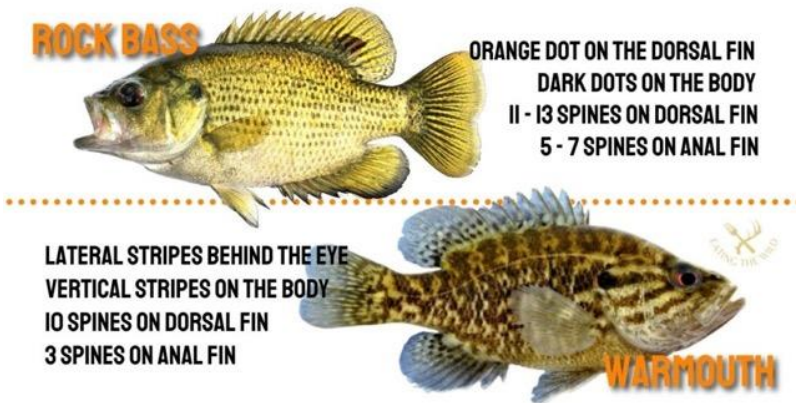
EXPLORER CAMP

Here are pictures of Bennett Spring Fly Tyers and CCFF helping with Explorer Camp sponsored by the Lebanon Public Schools - teachers and staff were grateful for our assistance.



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

It was great to eat fish and visit with so many club members at our outing in California. Jerry Forck had a book with a rock bass and a warmouth bass. They look very similar, but the rock bass lives only in clean water. It is also called goggle eye. Warmouth bass do not require clean water. Here is way to tell them apart.



On the right is another picture of a warmouth bass.

I caught a couple fish that I first thought were rock bass, but they were actually red ear sunfish.

TU National Conference - July 20-24.

The meeting is in Portland, Maine, but I plan to attend some of the sessions online. Check out the Climate Change Workgroup portion which will be Friday, July 22 from 9 to 11am. There will be an overview of the workgroup and the Senior Scientist presentation of the science behind climate change and TU work to protect trout and salmon. Next Steve Moyer, the VP of Government Affairs will share a perspective on the legislative outlook in DC. Then there will be an overview of a climate simulation package. Click this link to register for the free event: [Climate Change & Trout: Threats to the: Fri, Jul 22, 2022](https://tu.myeventscenter.com/browseByState/ME/1) Just change the Adult Online Quantity to 1 and submit.

This link is the entire schedule: <https://tu.myeventscenter.com/browseByState/ME/1> Check "Include Online Events" and scroll down to the free Zoom sessions.

Stay cool and catch some fish,

*Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*

REDINGTON HOME WATERS

The Redington Home Waters event will happen again this year. I was told it would be the first weekend in October, but I'm not sure if that means September 30 through October 1 or October 7 through October 8. I will get clarification for the next newsletter. This is a promotional event that has vendors, the One Fly Tournament, and a showing of the International Fly Fishing Film Festival. CCFE has put up a canopy to promote the club and fly tying.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 29 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring

July 30 Branson Fly Tying Rendezvous

August 6 CCFB Banquet – American Legion Post 5 - 6 pm social 7 pm supper

August 8 Club meeting – We are back at The KC Hall

August 12-13 How to Build a Fly Rod – Bennett Spring Nature Center – Check Details

August 26 Mayfly Project – Bennett Spring

September 10 Veteran's Free Fishing Day – Montauk

September 10 Ladies Free Fishing Day – Maramec Spring

September 13 Club meeting

September 17 Veteran's Free Fishing Day – Roaring River

September 23 Mayfly Project

September 24 Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring

October Redington Home Waters – Hidden Valley Outfitters – near Bennett Spring

October 11 Club Meeting

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