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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

*I don't know how much of a mathematician that I am but one equation that has proved to be true is:*

*Hot + Dry = July*

*There have been many days this month that have exceeded 90 degrees and it looks like July will end with days topping 100 degrees. You may contest my equation and say that we have seen some rain showers lately, but we are so far down on water levels it hasn't even scratched the surface. Our streams have seen the effect of receding water levels and one is forced to change their techniques, when they fish, where they fish, and being more conscientious of one's health and habitat.*

*One result of this weather pattern is less fishing being reported to me. I have only taken one longer distance road trip to Montauk this month and then two or three local stops. The heat was definitely a factor for all of us.*

*Because of the limited amount of fishing going on, I don't have as many photos to share. I hope to change that a little bit this weekend, as I head down to Branson with my folks to attend and participate in the Branson Fly Fishing Expo that runs from July 27 to July 29. I will attend one day and fish on Lake Taneycomo another. With any luck we will catch some fish and create some photo memories.*

*The club doesn't have a lot of events planned in August, but we do have some important business to be aware of. We have our banquet on August 5th. You should have read several emails talking about it. We also have our monthly members meeting on August 8th. One of the next articles will touch on a few subjects that will be covered at the meeting and the importance of your attendance.*

*Thanks,  
Greg Curtin  
President*

# **BANQUET**

*The final tally for banquet tickets sold are in and we will have 41 people attending the members banquet this year. If you have not been to one before, you are in for some good food and a great bunch of people to get to know.*

*Here are the Details:*

*Date: Saturday, August 5th, 2023*

*Time: Social Hour 6pm*

*Dinner 7pm*

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

*Meal: Main Course offerings - Fried Chicken and Pot Roast - Both delicious!!*

*With sides and dessert*

*Fundraising and Entertainment:*

**54 card raffle (2 Jokers) - \$10 per card** - Ticket Sales will start around 6:30 during Social Hour.

*The card raffle will have two phases. Phase 1 will have 15 to 20 items to draw for. First we will draw a card to determine a winner. That winner will draw for one of the Phase 1 prizes. The prize they draw is theirs to keep or if they wish, they can return the prize and put their card back in the rotation. This does not guarantee you will be selected again, but it gives another chance to possibly be drawn again. You can buy multiple cards if you want to have more chances of winning. Once you win and keep a prize in Phase 1, your card will not go back in the drawing. When all prizes are handed out we move to Phase 2.*

*For Phase 2, all cards go into a new drawing. This drawing will consist of 5 prizes. The prizes will be 3 RIO Fly Lines, 1 Redington Path Complete fly fishing outfit, and a 2 night stay in Branson with details to be worked out with Greg Curtin. We will do this in reverse and determine the prize first and then select a winner.*

*Some of the prizes are shown here:*





*Justin Beyer made an offer to work on a canvas for a ladies attendance prize. No pressure Justin, do the best you can. If it is not ready in time for the banquet, maybe arrangements can be made for a later delivery.*

*We will then finish with the drawing for the club participation fly rod. I hope you are as excited as I am as it appears to be a great night in the making!*

## **AUGUST MEMBERS MEETING**

*The August members meeting falls right after the banquet on August 8th. There is a lot of important information that needs to be discussed. Here they are broken down:*

### **Bylaws**

*The most immediate topic is the vote to approve changes in the bylaws.*

*On August 8th, when we again commence to have our regular meetings, we need to get a vote from a quorum of the membership (20% of members) to comply with Article X: Amendments to Bylaws, Section 2: Amendments of bylaws by membership only, a. Bylaws fixing or changing the number of directors; and d. Bylaws fixing or changing the term of directors.*

*Our proposed amendments will eliminate the office of Past President and replace this position with an additional regular director that is not an officer. This will increase the number of regular directors from five (5) to six (6), with the total number of the Board of Directors remaining the same at eleven (11). Also, the terms of the regular directors will change from a term of two years to a term of three years, with two regular directors being elected each year. We will then have two regular directors serving three-year terms, two regular directors serving two-year terms, and two regular directors serving one-year terms.*

*If everything goes well at the August meeting, we will be on schedule to adopt the newly amended Bylaws at the September 12, 2023 meeting.*

### **Forming a Banquet/Fundraising Committee**

*If we are going to try and get back on track and have a fundraising banquet earlier in the year for 2024, then we need to get the ball rolling now. As most of you know it takes time to put everything*

*together for a banquet and to acquire donations. We must get a committee formed to focus on this event and other possible fundraising events. Committee members need to come from both the Board of Directors and the regular members. We will want to have six (6) members on the committee. A lot has to be done, so we need to start now. Thank you in advance!*

### *Officers and Elections*

*As was briefly mentioned last month, for the club to continue on, we must find new officers. Specifically, a president and vice-president will be needed at the next election. The current President and Vice-President will have reached their 4 consecutive years limit at the end of this year. We will need to have an election/nomination committee to search for candidates. Nominations are in October and the election is in November. Please continue to make this a great club!*

### *Other*

*We could also talk about other topics as well. Topics like, needing volunteers for Women's Free Fishing Day, Setting up a time for Stream Team Monitoring, planning an outing, looking at more events to promote fly fishing, conservation, and the club, or any topic deemed needed.*

### **WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY**

*Thank you to everyone who helped put the fly boxes together for Women's Free Fishing Day. Because of the large turnout, we were able to fill 100 fly boxes with 8 flies each. If you have flies you were working on, no need to worry. We can still use them at the table during the event or start building a supply for next year. Please mark your calendar on September 30th to help at Bennett Spring State Park for this event. We would like to have people for Fly tying Demonstrations, handing out fly boxes, and any other general help needed.*

### **SUMMER OUTINGS**

*Another great year of summer outings has come to an end. July at Jaycee Park was hot, but we managed to enjoy Pizza and some great desserts brought by a few people. We had 30 people attend and maybe a handful tried fishing in the heat. We did manage to find a few fish, but I think most of them were hiding from the warm weather.*

*Thank you to Jack Kramer for taking care of the pizza order. We had just enough to go around. Thank you to those who supplied some desserts for us to top off the meal. Thank you all for three great outings this year. We'll do it again next year!!!*

### **STREAM TEAM**

*(Editor's note: As the Contact for Mid-Missouri Trout Unlimited Jeff received this letter from Iowa DNR. Jeff and I have both fished North Bear Creek. It is a good fishery, as is most of the water in Northeast Iowa. Since they don't have much trout water they are doing a lot of work to improve and*

*maintain what they've got. It's not a real long drive and would be an opportunity to see some of the streams up there! )*

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Conservation Partners,

The Iowa DNR and TUDARE will be hosting a conservation workday on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at the Decorah Fish Hatchery in Decorah, Iowa. The primary focus of the workday will be to build about 25 bankhides/LUNKERS to be installed as part of the North Bear and Patterson Creek habitat improvement projects we've previously discussed. Please share with any of your club members that might be interested in attending.

We'll plan to open up the shop at 8AM that day to get started and might work into the early afternoon, but that will depend on how quickly we can get the hides built. We'll be handling rough sawn lumber so please dress accordingly and bring leather gloves. We will work rain or shine since the shop will be available if we need to work inside. Come and help as long as you'd like.

I'll share more details as we finalize them, but wanted to get the date out to everyone so you can plan accordingly. If you are planning on attending, please send me a quick email so I know about how many to expect. Please also fill out the attached form and include that with your RSVP email.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in September!

Thanks,  
Mike

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*The heat dome is making it tough to get out and fish or do much of anything outside. In January I started planning to go backpacking and fishing with my son in the mountains in California. I posted a request for tips in the TU open forum and get several great suggestions. After reviewing them to see which were less difficult hikes and looking for some not too far from where he lives, I made reservations for what I expected to be a cool hike in the high mountain air. Unfortunately that was not what we found; the temperature was in the 90s. It was way too hot for hiking with a pack, but that did not stop me from doing some fishing. I was able to catch a brook and some rainbow trout in Bear Lake. Overall I enjoyed the time with my son and got a tune up for the TU trip to Colorado next month.*

You may have read about Bill Lamberson's bamboo rod making in the Conservation Federation Magazine. This is an article from TU about Bill making a rod for the TU CEO, Chris Wood. [As Zen And Cool As It Gets - Trout Unlimited](#)

Bill Lamberson recognized by Chris Wood

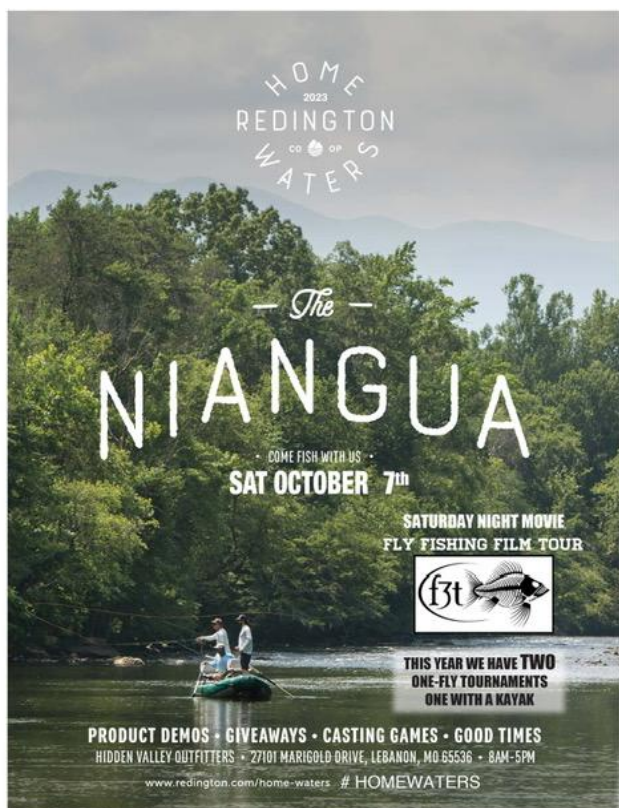


### As Zen And Cool As It Gets - Trout Unlimited

The outside conservation legacy of a garage bamboo rod builder.

## **REDINGTON HOMEWATERS EVENT**

*Jeff Trigg sent information along for this event, it will be on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Valley Outfitters from 8am to 5 pm. The Fly Fishing Film Festival will be Sat. night. (Hopefully you can enlarge the posters to get more info.)*



**Fly Fishers International - National Fly Tying Group Rendezvous -  
Branson, MO**

*For all the information see the website:*

[FLY TYING GROUP RENDEZVOUS 2023 \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](https://flyfishersinternational.org)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**September 15 & 16, 2023**

**AUCTIONS AND FLY SWAPS**

**LEARN NEW TYING SKILLS**

**SHARE YOUR PATTERNS AND  
TECHNIQUES**

**MEET AND DINE WITH OLD AND NEW  
FRIENDS**

**FISH THE OZARKS!!!**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **AUGUST**

- 1 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 3 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 5 Club Banquet - 6pm social hour - 7 pm supper*
- 8 Monthly Members meeting - 6pm board meeting - 7 pm regular meeting*
- 12 Summer's End Kids Free Fishing Day - Montauk State Park*
- 15 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 17 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 19 Kids Free Fishing Day - Roaring River State Park*
- 22 Informal Gathering - 6pm start 29 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 5 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 9 Veterans Free Fishing Day - Montauk State Park*
- 9 Women's Fishing Day - Maramec Springs State Park*
- 12 Monthly Members meeting - 6pm board meeting - 7 pm regular meeting*
- 15-16 Fly Fishers International - National Fly Tying Group Rendezvous - Branson, MO*
- 16-17 Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Tournament - Montauk State Park*
- 19 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 26 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 30 Women's Free Fishing Day - Bennett Spring State Park - Volunteers Needed*

### **OCTOBER**

- 3 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 5 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 7 Rose Holland Trout Derby – Montauk State Park*
- 10 Monthly Members meeting - 6pm board meeting - 7 pm regular meeting*
- 14 Holland Cancer Derby – Bennett Spring*
- 17 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 19 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 24 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 31 Informal Gathering - 6pm start*