



July, 2024

**Message from the Prez -**

*Thank you to the person who has a direct line to mother nature. Extreme weather has surrounded all of our summer events this year, but somehow just at the right time the skies cleared and our outings turned out great. There are a lot of people who helped make all the outings successful. Thank you to all of those who coordinated, helped cook and prepared food for the events. I wanted to thank Jack Kramer for taking care of the pizza in our final summer outing in July. We had 31 people at the event and everyone got their fill.*

*In August (August 13th), we get back to our regular meetings at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For anyone who has joined recently, we meet in the basement conference room with a board meeting starting at 6 PM and the regular members meeting starting at 7 PM. We are currently looking for a guest speaker for the meeting so if anyone has any ideas, please let me know as soon as possible.*

*I have been fortunate enough to be able to fish a little bit over the last few weeks and avoid any major weather conditions. Phil Wisch and I have made trips to the Current River and Bennett Spring State Park. Catching was slow on the Current, but we still had a great time. Bennett was a different story. We both caught fish with different methods. Phil had a lot of success using cracklebacks and wooly buggers. My most effective fly was a ruby 2 midge. I even wore off the red color from the fly.*

*In a more recent trip, Jeff Holzem and I spent the day at Montauk State Park. Even though we could hear thunder in the distance, we had less than an hour of rain all day. Once again, the ruby 2 was my best fly and then a wooly. I'm headed back to Bennett this weekend to try again.*

*Fish on and catch some,  
Greg Curtin  
President*

***Other BUSINESS Committee help Requested***

***1) Volunteers for September 28<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park***

*We have a couple members meetings before Women’s Fishing Day on September 28th, but it will be here before we know it! I have heard from a handful of people that will help at the event. That is a good start, but I need to hear from more! As I have said in previous comments we would like 12-15 people from the club to be involved. If we have 15 members available we could take shifts for some things. That means more fishing possible!!! We will have several roles to fill. Here’s what we need so far:*

- 3-4 fly tying*
- 2 handing out fly boxes*
- 2-3 at giveaway station*
- 1 offer club membership information*
- 2-3 to be available to help on the water*
- 1 photo taker to record event happenings*
- 1 talking about the health benefits of fly fishing*
- 1 for random tasks to keep things moving*

*Please contact me via phone, text, or email. My work schedule can vary, so if you phone, please do so between 6 pm and 9 pm. Text or email would be best.*

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*Thanks,  
Greg Curtin*

***October 5th Events***

***With the 100th year anniversary of Bennett Spring State Park and the Redington Home Waters event happening on the same day it would be a great opportunity***

*for club members to get together for an out of town outing and enjoy a day of different activities. If you don't want to fish, there will be many more events going on all day. We could even set up a group lunch if we have enough people interested. Let's talk about it at the next meeting.*

*Side note: If anyone is interested in joining me, I will be going from Bennett to Branson at the end of the day on October 5th. The browns start to move upstream at Taneycomo and it's a fun time. I have booked a 3 bedroom place for checking in Saturday and then checking out Monday, October 7th. Let me know if you are interested. Greg*

*November 9th - kids fishing at McKay Park*

- 1. Please try to make these dates available to help. Fishing time will be possible after each event.*

*We need everyone's help. Please participate!!!! Thank you.*

*Please help the team,  
Greg Curtin*

## ***STREAM TEAM UPDATE***

*Water Quality Monitoring:*

*Level 1 training:*

*Part 1 has 8 virtual sessions and you can access them here: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy\\_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy)*

*Part 2 the field certification will be September 21 from 9am - 2:30 pmat the Hinkson Creek Trailhead, 2100 E Broadway Suite 106 Columbia, MO 65201.*

*Register here: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/201970>*

*Level 2 and 3 certification and recertification will be available in Jefferson City July 20. It will be from 9 to noon. The passcode to register is A9B2 and this is the link: <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/PrivateEvents>.*

*Training materials are here <https://www.mostreamteam.org/training-materials-and-resources.html>. Presentation and monitoring tips are here: [https://xyh8gdbbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.I7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewnsMdtkefxAQBSYPAcqRsNR1ogNtHfkwCbh4IukDG56TEvLTKcurZZA869IvYjcfKXkrm0Zn30IXHQFbQyEHVqkQCeynAGtYGmW7Zp\\_RN7vkK4Tuqiksk0Q==&c=xkXC\\_s\\_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLyf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwwG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==](https://xyh8gdbbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.I7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewnsMdtkefxAQBSYPAcqRsNR1ogNtHfkwCbh4IukDG56TEvLTKcurZZA869IvYjcfKXkrm0Zn30IXHQFbQyEHVqkQCeynAGtYGmW7Zp_RN7vkK4Tuqiksk0Q==&c=xkXC_s_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLyf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwwG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==)*

*Follow this link to see great pictures of macroinvertebrates we encounter in streams: [https://xyh8gdbbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.I7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewuXjkuuqwnImCaS1wFdnnCWB6KUumHSatkQhFoDjn1ZGplSzLzrgztRuPIVPlv\\_nS5ipNEOZfFa7E-n5QpGdzmO.IqdmSrWmVRDM9NqgM1Ch8=&c=xkXC\\_s\\_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLyf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwwG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==](https://xyh8gdbbb.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001vg5lMMXXqWppr6.I7m5Xp9jNWeG7vNdleGaF7HfeFf0gDS89qcz-X16EFE4a32OewuXjkuuqwnImCaS1wFdnnCWB6KUumHSatkQhFoDjn1ZGplSzLzrgztRuPIVPlv_nS5ipNEOZfFa7E-n5QpGdzmO.IqdmSrWmVRDM9NqgM1Ch8=&c=xkXC_s_DLB4H4EeBWoIpZQuVLoPLyf7oKdiiWzwUaiJpqLojP5r8PA==&ch=mQWsBx3gAldXcwwG6Lap0bYtEbMugEh868zy79K8wry154rkG8A1lw==)*

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### **A Fishing Opportunity:**

Doug, John Wenzlick, Phil Wilson and I went to Colorado with some TU friends last August. I am planning to camp and fish near Yampa, Colorado August 18-24. The trip is not limited to TU members. Here is more information if you would like to go.

Bear Lake Campground (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mbr/recarea/?recid=23030>) in the Medicine Bow - Routt National forest 11 miles from Yampa, Colorado. Doug volunteered to reserve it for us and whoever stays there will reimburse Doug. Doug also volunteered to keep a list of who is participating. Everything is very informal. Please email Doug , [douggrove@yahoo.com](mailto:douggrove@yahoo.com), if you are going so he can notify you if there are any major updates.

### **Driftboat fishing tips:**

Watch Far Bank Fly Fishing School's Simon Gawesworth walk through how to more effectively fish from a drift boat. He goes over tackle, casting requirements, fishing from the front or the back and even how to row a drift boat. <https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-fishing-from-a-drift-boat/?>

[utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=8LK94](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-fishing-from-a-drift-boat/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=8LK94)

**A conservation question to ponder:**

Kirk Deeter fished private water in England and learned anglers are required to stop after catching and releasing 8 fish. [https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/the-true-cast/the-true-cast-is-eight-enough/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=Teo84](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/the-true-cast/the-true-cast-is-eight-enough/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=Teo84) Many of us would not like to stop after 8 fish, but such a policy could help sustain wild populations.

**A feather business:**

Phil Wilson sent this information about a 7 generation family business. What began as a side business in a family's basement more than seven decades ago has today become one of the largest U.S. suppliers of wholesale and retail feathers and feather products. Based in California, Mo., Zucker Feather Products and its sister companies furnish feathers for seemingly every facet of life—from function to fashion. Led by the third-generation owners Abby Arauz-Chase and her brother, Anthony Arauz, the business has 70 employees at locations in three states providing feathers that grace everything from the Broadway stages of New York City all the way to Hollywood.

**Great outing:**

*We had a good crowd for pizza, conversations and fishing. The club provided pizza and beverages. Thanks to Greg from bringing the table, ice and tea. Thanks, Jack, for driving to Little Caesar's to order and back again to retrieve the pizza. It was great!*

*We discussed one business item. Since our storage unit cost was going to increase from \$45/month to \$57 to add insurance, we voted to cancel effective July 31. Bobby Zylstra kindly offered to let us use his storage shed. Greg recruited volunteers to help move the gear. Dennis suggested using some as banquet prizes. Jerry K said we have had rods for many years, but are not using them.*

*I did not think of taking pictures until we had finished the pizza and started fishing. You guys have supplied me with pictures before and if you have any send to me for the next newsletter.*

*What a good looking crew.*

*Jack brought pizza and caught fish.*



*Greg caught a monster catfish and a very nice rainbow!*



Cats like the Bed Spread fly



A chunky bow at Bennett

*Phil has a big one on!*



*CALENDAR OF EVENTS -*

*Fly tying for Vets every first and third Thursday. Informal gather every Tuesday except for meetings or otherwise noted.*

*To see even more events at [Bennett](#) or [Montauk](#) or [Meramec](#)*

*July*

*16 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*18 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

*23 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*August*

*At Montauk AUGUST 3, SATURDAY - KIDS TROUT TOURNAMENT This tournament, sponsored by the Dorman L. Steel-man Lodge, is limited to kids 15 years old or under. Two age categories: 11 and under, and another 12 to 15 years of age. Registration will be at the Dorman L. Steelman Lodge. Two prizes will be*

*awarded in each age group, for trout, and stringer of trout, by a random drawing of all entries at 2 pm in the Lodge. Gift Certificates will be awarded to winners. Tournament hours are 7 am to 2 pm. Other prizes will be awarded courtesy of the Ray Parker Memorial.*

*6 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*8 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*At Montauk AUGUST 10, SATURDAY - SUMMER'S END KIDS*

***FREE FISHING DAY***

*Fishing tags are free for children ages 15 and under on this day ONLY to fish in Montauk State Park. Kids must pick up a children's free fishing tag at the Lodge on Friday evening after 7 pm or anytime on Saturday. The tags are required for kids fishing on this day. Kids can fish anywhere inside the park, no designated fishing area will be set aside. Adults must have daily trout tag to assist children fishing.*

*13 Membership meeting 7pm*

*20 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*22 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*27 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*September*

*3 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*At Montauk: SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY - VETERANS FREE*

***FISHING DAY***

*Military veterans fish for free at Montauk on this day.*

*Hooked on Vets sponsors this day in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri State Parks to provide veterans free access to trout fishing. Veterans must obtain and display a fishing tag that will be given to them at the Hooked on Vets tent/ booth set up in the park this day. Come and join fellow veterans on the river and talk with members of Hooked on Vets Fly Fishing group to learn about their amazing projects and services.*

*5 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*10 Membership meeting 7pm*

*17 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*19 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*At Montauk: SEPTEMBER 21-22, SATURDAY & SUNDAY*

***MISSOURI TROUT FISHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION***



## **TOURNAMENT**

*The tournament is open to all visitors. Register to participate in the derby at the Dorman L. Steelman Lodge on Friday night between the hours of 6:30 pm and 8:15 pm, or on Saturday morning from 6:30 am to 8 am. Anglers entering the tournament will pay an entry fee and prizes will be awarded for tagged fish caught during the derby. Prizes will be awarded to winners on Sunday at noon at the J. Ben Searcy Building.*

*24 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*28 Women's Free Fishing at Bennett - see more above*

*31 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

## **October**

*1 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*3 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

## **5 REDINGTON HOME WATERS EVENT**

*This year's Redington Home Waters is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. It feature vendors, giveaways, and the one fly contest. This might be a great day to plan a club trip and have some kind of cookout. I mention this date for a club outing because the Redington event coincides with the 100th anniversary celebration at Bennett Spring State Park.*

## **BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK 100th ANNIVERSARY**

*The whole household may want to attend this one! This event will feature live music, storytelling, food trucks, vendors and a car show. They will have exhibits to share the history of the park. Join in the fun to celebrate Bennett Spring State Park's 100th anniversary. At the end of the festivities they will show "A river runs through it." You can go to [mostatelparks.com](http://mostatelparks.com) to get more information.*

## **Montauk: OCTOBER 5-6, SATURDAY & SUNDAY- 61st ANNUAL**

### **ROSE HOLLAND TROUT DERBY**

*Anglers catching tagged trout will receive prizes awarded on Sunday just after the derby ends at 12 noon.*

*Nature Bingo for prizes will be held on Friday at 6 pm at the campground amphitheater. An Old Time Cruise-In Car Show will be held Friday night at 3 pm. Activities will fill the weekend with fun, entertainment, and excitement for all.*

*8 Membership meeting 7pm*

***11-12 BRANSON WHITE RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO***

*Dennis Stead was kind enough to share information about the Branson White River Fly Fishing Expo. It is an event for fly tiers and vendors taking place October 11-12. If you are interested in being a tier at the event, you will find picture above for sign up. Please send the completed form back in the mail or via email to the given addresses.*

*15 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*17 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

***Montauk: OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY - A HAUNTING AT THE MILL***

*The Haunting at the Mill event is held the Saturday before Halloween and presents history from a unique perspective. When the air begins to cool and the nights become longer, a strange fog hangs over Montauk. It is rumored that each year around Halloween, the spirits of Montauk valley meet at the old grist mill to reminisce about the good old days, you know, when they were alive... Don't miss this, not so scary, historical, fun for the whole family, event! Show times are 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm and 8 pm with a limit of 45 per show.*

*22 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*29 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*November*

***NOVEMBER 1, FRIDAY - MISSOURI TROUT SEASON CLOSSES***

*The last day of October marks the end of the open Missouri trout season. Montauk never closes, however several facilities will be winterized. The Lodge limits their hours to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The shower houses in the campground are closed as the vault toilet is opened near loop four, and fishing is not allowed in any section of the park until the catch and release season starts on the second Friday of November.*

*5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

**NOVEMBER 8, FRIDAY - CATCH AND RELEASE  
TROUT SEASON OPENS**

*The second Friday in November marks the opening of the annual winter Catch and Release trout season at Montauk State Park. Fishing allowed Friday through Monday, 8 am to 4 pm. The Dorman L. Steelman Lodge restaurant, snack bar, and store will be open on Friday through Sunday for limited hours of each weekend during the winter season to accommodate visitors. Some housekeeping cabins, motel rooms, and a meeting room will be available throughout the winter season.*

*12 Membership meeting 7pm*

*19 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

*21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm*

*26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

***Send me ([jeff2002h@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff2002h@yahoo.com)) pictures and other items of interest to club members. Be safe and avoid too much sun!***

***Jeff Holzem***

***Newsletter Editor, Stream Team Coordinator***