



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

First, I want to thank those who attended the July 8th outing at the JC Park (County Park). I know I was worried about the weather earlier in the day, but lucky for us it cleared out, dropped the temperature, and was a nice evening. I didn't catch anything, but saw others catching some bluegill.



Added note: A special thank you to Jack Kramer who organized, ordered, and picked up the pizzas. Thank you to all those who brought snacks to share.

Second, I wanted to remind everyone about the CFM Pull for Conservation on **Saturday, August 9th**. It's a fun event and by attending with at least 6 volunteers, we receive \$250, which pays for our CFM membership. So far we have Phil Wisch, Dennis Stieferman, Mark Javersak, Greg Curtin, and Mike Dean. We need 1 more for our required 6, if you can attend please let us know ASAP.

Added Note: We would leave around 6 am to be up at **Prairie Grove Shooting Sports in Columbia, MO** by 7 am. The event runs until around 1:30 pm. Lunch provided.

Third, another reminder that **August 12th** starts our meetings at the Knights of Columbus. Our guest speaker is Tricia Burkhardt, the Executive Director for 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. So you definitely want to attend that!

God Bless,
Justin

MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETINGS

If you are new to the Monthly Meetings, here is some basic information you should know:

- 1) We meet on the second Tuesday of every month. (August 12 is next meeting)
- 2) Board of Directors/Officers meet at 6pm
- 3) Regular members meeting begins at 7pm
- 4) We meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall in the lower level meeting room
- 5) Address – 1822 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City, MO
- 6) We try to have a guest speaker or program for each indoor meeting
- 7) We will discuss club business
- 8) There is a fly box drawing at every indoor members meeting. For every fly donated, you receive a chance to win the filled fly box. You can also make a \$2 donation for each chance as well.
- 9) After the meeting concludes several of the members go out to eat.

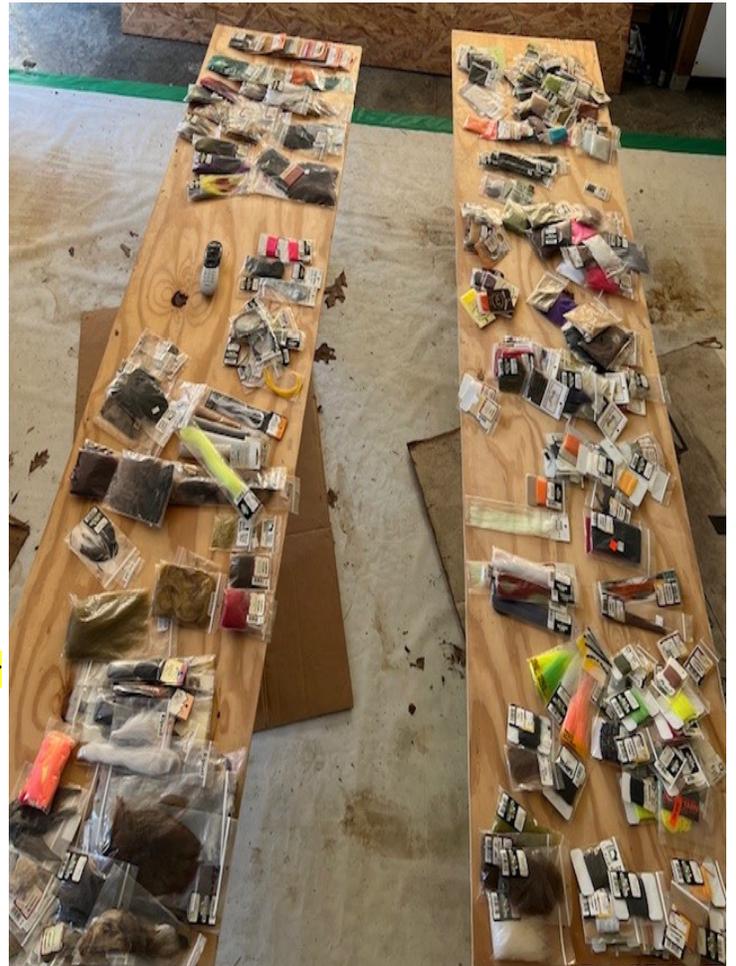
WELCOME

I probably don't do this enough, so I want to give a shout out to some of our new members and returning members. A big welcome to our 2025 new members – Steve and Ellen Cantrell, Dan Davis, David Echelmeyer, Mike Goessel, Jesse Lance, Lenny Liebler, Thomas Powderly, Mike Sapp, and Kyle Walker. Welcome back Chester Doughty, Mike Michelson, Ken Olive, Charlie Phillips, and Alex Scott. It's great to have you all here with the group. I hope you will have time to be involved with the many club and community events we have throughout the year. Apologizes if I missed you.

DONATED FLY TYING MATERIAL

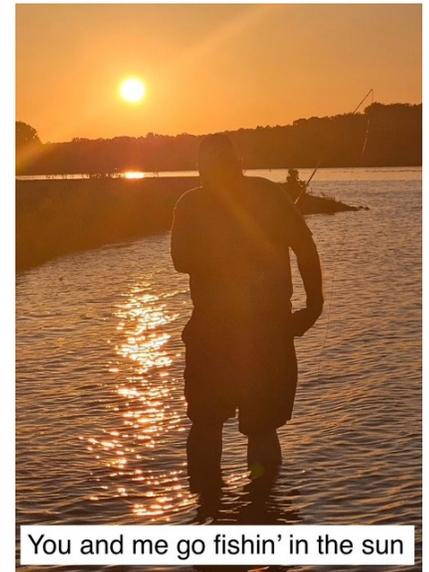
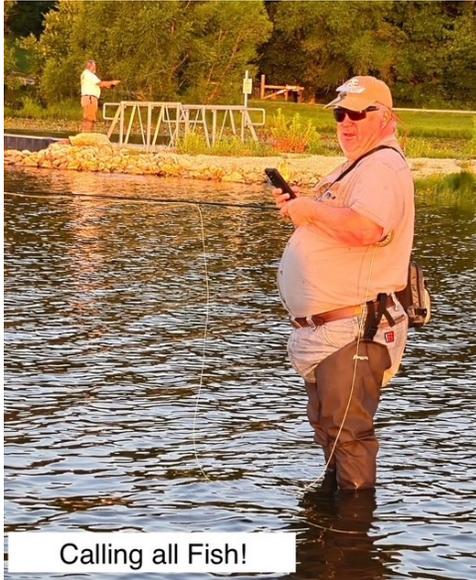
John Walther was put in contact with a gentleman from Columbia, MO who had a family member passed away that was big into fly tying. Mark Streeter, heard how much we are involved with kids, women and veterans events and wanted to donate the fly tying material to the club. John, Phil Wisch, and myself took a trip to pick up the material and were amazed at how much he had to donate. We really appreciate Mark's contribution and can't thank him enough.

John went through and picked out materials that the club can use for future tying sessions and events. The rest will be brought to the August meeting where we will be looking for donations to raise money for the club. **If coming to the meeting to hear our guest speaker wasn't enough incentive, you will not want to miss the chance at some great tying materials.** The included photo does not show all the items that will be available for donation. Figure that there are 1-2 more tables of materials to spread out. You don't want to miss this opportunity to support CCFF. Bring your wallet to this one!!



GET ON BOARD

I'm going to throw out my annual request. Every year positions open up for the Board of Directors and Officers. There are members that have accepted these positions and have done it for many years. They want the club to be successful and it reflects in their efforts. Now we need more people to help fill these roles and continue that success. Are you ready to take a more active role to help keep CCFF a great organization and fill one of these spots? As we get back in to the indoor members meetings, think about how you can make an impact on the club. If being on the Board doesn't happen this year, remember there are a lot of activities you can help with as well. Be involved, Thanks!



WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

It's now only two short months away from Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park. Thank you to everyone that has been working hard preparing for it. We need to start putting together a list of volunteers to help at the event. This is one of our biggest events of the year and we are asking for your support to make things run smooth. The goal is to have at least 12 volunteers for the day. Here are a few details:

Date: September 27, 2025

Time: Set up 8-9 am

Start 9am

End 2-3 pm

Location: Bennett Spring State Park

Lebanon, MO

Zone 2

Tent between parking and stream

Volunteers needed for: fly box giveaway, fly fishing gear giveaway, fly tying, sharing club info, help on the water if needed.

A sign up list will be started at the August 12 meeting. I hope your name will be on it.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

There are no water quality classes scheduled nearby at this time but I will let you know when there will be some. Mike was asking at the pizza outing when we will monitor again. October 18 or 25 look good for me. So, let me know what dates work for you.

We always monitor nitrogen and Saline Creek has never had a problem since I have been testing. However there are a lot of issues in Iowa with fertilizer runoff. For nearly a month, hundreds of thousands of Iowans have not been allowed to water their lawns — even though there's no drought

Local authorities previously asked the public to refrain from washing cars and filling pools. And some cities turned off splash pads in the height of summer heat.

While such measures are common during dry periods, there's no shortage of water: Rather, the water in and around Des Moines contains [too much nitrate](#), a natural component of soil and a byproduct of commercial fertilizer and livestock manure. Persistent rainfall has flushed nutrients out of fertilized fields into streams and rivers.

While the water bans are temporary, they're the starkest sign yet of the state's long-brewing struggle with high nitrate levels in streams and rivers that supply drinking water.

"It's a big deal: the first time ever that lawn watering has been banned," said Tami Madsen, executive director of Central Iowa Water Works, a regional water authority serving 600,000 people.

[Federal law](#) limits nitrate levels in drinking water because of its association with infant asphyxia, also known as blue baby syndrome. And a growing body of research has found links between nitrate consumption and cancer.

<https://stateline.org/2025/07/10/ag-fertilizer-runoff-likely-will-force-more-drinking-water-restrictions/>

TROUT TIP - SMALL STREAM GEAR

Learn what rods, lines and leaders are ideal for small stream fly fishing.

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tips/trout-tip-small-stream-gear/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=Te7b4

Stay cool and fish when you can,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

GARAGE SALE THIS WEEKEND

Rick Thom has notified me that one of his friends will be having a garage sale this Saturday, August 2 that will have fly fishing and fly tying equipment being sold. There will be some camping equipment as well.

Address: 2921 Cochise Lane
Jefferson City, MO

Date: Saturday, August 2, 2025

Time: 8am - 3 pm

CFM AFFILIATE BOARD MEMBER POSITION

Since there is a process to apply and the deadline is August 15, we need to hear from you right away if you are interested in becoming an affiliate board member for CFM.

2026 Board of Directors Positions

CFM's Nominating Committee is seeking dedicated and active members to join the Board of Directors in support of our mission "To ensure conservation of Missouri's wildlife and natural resources, and preservation of our state's rich outdoor legacy through advocacy, education and partnerships."

What can you do to help? This is your opportunity to serve as a Missouri conservation ambassador, work alongside like-minded individuals, and make an impact in areas such as leadership, finance, natural resource management, wildlife management, or other areas where your passion lies.

The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2026 election for the following positions:

- **At-Large Board Directors:** 4 positions (3-year term)
- **Executive Committee:** 2 positions (3-year term; must be current or former board members)
- **Secretary:** 1 position (3-year term)
- **Vice President:** 1 position (2-year term)
- **Affiliate Directors:** 4 positions (3-year term; must be approved by affiliate organization)

You may nominate yourself or another person by completing the nominations and bio forms. When applying, choose one path: either as a CFM Board Director or an Affiliate Board Director. Applicants may only apply for one type of position.

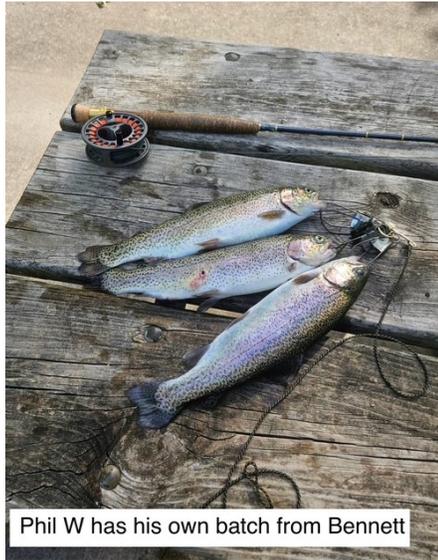
Are you ready to become a CFM board member, get involved in the conservation movement, and serve as a conservation ambassador?

Visit <https://confedmo.org/cfmcandidates/> to complete the application.

Deadline: August 15, 2025



John G with a nice batch from Roaring River



Phil W has his own batch from Bennett



Bennett on a rainy Sunday morning

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

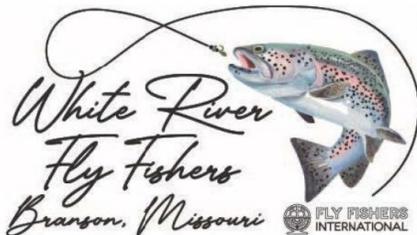
October

- October 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 4-5 – 62nd 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

SAVE THE DATE

WRFF EXPO
OCTOBER 10-11/2025

FLY TYERS
VENDORS
FLY TYING CONTEST
DEMONSTRATIONS
SILENT AUCTIONS
RAFFLES
GOOD FOOD
GREAT FELLOWSHIP



White River Fly Fishers

Exposition 2025

Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear to go in the newsletter.

When: October 10-11/2025

Where: Branson-Hollister Lion's Club

1015 East Hwy 76, Branson, Missouri 65616

Sign up to tie flies for the event!