

## **TAKE ME TO CHURCH**

With the summer schedule complete, the monthly club meetings move back to the First Baptist Church at regular times on the second Tuesday of the month. So, the august meeting is this week on the 8<sup>th</sup>, which might be the same day you read the newsletter.

Board meets at 6pm

Member meeting at 7pm

The speaker this month will be Steve Keller from Reel for Recovery.

## **JULY FLY FISHING EXPO**

The Springfield and Branson chapters of the Mo Trout Fishermen's Association held their first annual Fly Fishing Expo on July 28-29. It featured approximately 55 fly tyers and 15 vendors/factory reps. Capital City Fly Fishers were represented by members, Mike Ross and Wayne Simpson (fly tyers) and Jeff Trigg (Sage rep). Thanks guys, for representing the club!!!



## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

JJ Gates of Parks and Rec met with an engineering firm about a concrete walkway along the dam to stop erosion at McKay Lake. There are no definite plans and he said they are also considering rip rap. The City has single axle dump trucks and could use an excavator to move the rock. JJ asked my opinion about lowering the lake during the winter to do the work. I said it would be much better for fish and fisherman to complete the project before November 1st. That would not allow enough time for concrete work, but possibly for rip rap. The City is discussing a new budget, so this may a time to encourage our City Council Members to consider including money for erosion control at McKay.

**Water Quality Class:** If you have taken the introductory class, you are eligible for level 1 training. It will be offered in Columbia:  
4-H Center for Youth Development  
1110 South College Boulevard

Saturday, October 28  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Register by Wednesday October 11

To Register:

CLICK HERE for online registration:

<http://mdc7.mdc.mo.gov/applications/StreamTeam/OtherDataSheets/WorkShopRegistration.aspx?returnurl=http://www.mostreamteam.org>

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Stream Team Coordinator

## **BENNETT SPRINGS INFO**

PROVIDED BY BEN HAVENS – HATCHERY MANAGER

### Fish Production

June was an average month and the stream had time to clear up and return to normal. Much of the same continued through July as the stream stayed ultra-clear and flows slowly diminished. We only saw about 1.5” of rain in July, which was hardly enough to increase flows. The outside fish production continues to do well, most of our lots for the remainder of 2017 season stocking are on a maintenance ration and fish size is looking great! In late June, we took around 100,000 5” fish from Sheperd of the Hills hatchery in Branson and will begin growing them for use somewhere in the hatchery system next year. We also hatched off 100,000 trout eggs on June 6<sup>th</sup>. These fish are already over 2” long and growing! Floating brown algae continues to be a problem around the hatchery and is typical during low flow times, but we are managing well.

### Hatchery Maintenance

Staff continues using time improving the area, mowing and repairing stocking points. We have painted curbs, railings, and some other infrastructure. You may notice several empty raceways as you drive by the hatchery as we are in the midst of some fall cleanup efforts around the hatchery. This time of year, after heavy stocking months of the summer, is a great time to power wash and tidy up the raceways. This helps keep pools cleaner and healthier for raising fish. The better conditions are for the fish, the healthier they will be and bigger they will grow. Soon, after they are cleaned up, we will continue sorting and splitting raceways giving our fish plenty of room to grow.

I’m working on putting together a flyer to start promoting our fall Ladies’ Free fishing day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully it will start circulating soon.

## **IT’S TIME FOR MY CLOSE UP**

Club member picture and comment shared by Jeff Holzem:

It was great to see Jerry wading in the stream and catching fish at Bennett! He caught more leaning on the bank than some of us caught standing out in the stream.



## **REMEMBER**

October 20-22 is the club trip to Arkansas.

October 7 is the Day at Hidden Valley Campground near Bennett Springs. Dealers, Demos, Fly Fishing Film Tour Movie, and more.

**LET’S GET OUT THERE  
AND FISH!!!**