

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

*Greetings to all.*

*We are ready to return to our normal meeting schedule Tuesday, August 13. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church downtown. The board meeting will be at 6:00p.m. We need help planning activities for the rest of the year.*

*Even in the heat, I understand there was a good turnout for the pizza outing at Dan Bernskoetter's farm. Thank you, Dan, for your hospitality and thanks to Jack Kramer for picking up the pizza.*

*It's been a busy month for several of our fly tyers. The Branson Fly Fishing Expo was held the last weekend in July. Three members (Wayne Simpson, Mike Ross and myself) of our club were tying. We also brought in a special guest to tie with our club members – Ben Havens, Hatchery Manager at Bennett Spring tied with us. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this event and it gets bigger each year. Think about going down next year. For all of you who have wives that don't want to participate in the event, there are plenty of other activities across Lake Taneycomo for them to do.*

*Last Friday night, 5 of our members helped at the MayFly event at Bennett Spring State Park. Once again there was a nice crowd to tie for a good cause along with a lot of fellowship. We had a couple of pre-teens trying their hands at tying and John Walther guided a young couple in their first attempt at tying flies. I think they were on their way out to invest in a vise and fly tying materials. Melvin Schulenberg will be demonstrating the proper technique for tying glo balls. Melvin, John, Wayne, Mike R. and myself were representing the club at that event. The next 2 MayFly events are scheduled for September 13 and October 4. The October 4 is scheduled the night before the Redington Homewater Event.*

*Be sure to catch the pics from Branson later in the newsletter.*

*Mike Jaegers*

## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

*Alaska report:*

*You do not expect Alaska to be hot, but it set all time heat records just before Greg and I arrived. There had been no rain for over a month, the streams were low and too warm. We saw wildfire smoke from the air around Anchorage. A normally good King Salmon stream was 70 degrees and the kings avoided it. Fortunately, the sockeye salmon came up the river in good numbers and we were fortunate enough to have some great fights. The average sockeye is around three pounds, but Greg fought a seven pounder for 20-25 minutes before our guide netted it way down stream. If you do not let them run or you grab the reel as they are stripping line, they will break you off. As temperatures keep rising I am not sure how much longer we will be able to enjoy great salmon and trout fishing in Alaska, but I am thankful we were able to catch some nice fish there.*

*Water Quality Information:*

*There will be a level 1 class in Jefferson City: JEFFERSON CITY Conservation Employees Credit Union 2915 W Truman Boulevard Saturday, October 26 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Register by Wednesday, October 16 at <http://mdc7.mdc.mo.gov/applications/StreamTeam/OtherDataSheets/WorkShopRegistration.aspx?returnurl=http://www.mostreamteam.org>*

*Registration confirmation and directions to the workshop will be mailed to registrants prior to the workshop.*

*For questions about the workshop, contact me or Molly Vannoy (DNR) at 573-526-1156.*

*Hope to see you at our August 13 meeting, Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator*

### JULY OUTING AT DAN'S

*A hot day did not stop those who attended the July outing, from having a great time. A big thank you to Dan Bernskoetter for inviting the club out to his home for an evening of food, fishing, and all around fun. Also, thanks for sending some photos Dan. Jack did you bring enough Pizza?*



### BRANSON EXPO

*It's great to hear that the Branson Fly Fishing Expo was a success and that it improves every year. Thank you to Mike Ross, Wayne Simpson, Mike Jaegers, and Ben Havens for representing CCFF at the Expo.*





### **ALASKA PHOTOS**

*Even with the weather obstacles, Jeff mentioned earlier, we still had a great time in Alaska! The one positive take away on the weather was very few mosquitoes. We are still hoping to get a few more photos back from a couple of our guides, but here is what I can share now. My first arctic char, mama and 3 cubs, and Jeff's 27" rainbow. More next month.*



### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### *August*

- 13 *Club Meeting – First Baptist Church*
- 15 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 17 *Fall Free Kid's Fishing Day – Roaring River*

#### *September*

- 5 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 7 *Veteran's Free Fishing Day - Montauk*
- 9 *Club Meeting – First Baptist Church*
- 13 *Mayfly Event – Bennett Spring*
- 14 *Ladies Fishing Day – Maramec Spring*
- 19 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 28 *Women's Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring*

#### *October*

- 3 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 4 *Mayfly Event – Bennett Spring*
- 5 *Redington Home Waters Event – Lebanon, MO*
- 8 *Club Meeting*
- 12 *Holland Derby – Bennett Spring*
- 17 *Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*

### **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

