

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

As we continue forward in these strange days, we are all wondering what the future has in store for us. How will current events shape the world? Unfortunately, I don't have the answers to give anyone.

How does all this relate to the Capital City Fly Fishers Organization? Well, I have spoken with a few club members and there is definitely concern over health and safety and still conducting monthly club meetings as a group. Having this concern, I would like to suggest that we postpone all meetings until the start 2021 and re-evaluate at that time. The decision itself should be made as a group, so I need everyone to let me know how you feel about it. You can email me at gjc14thebooks@yahoo.com or call/text me at 651-492-4025. There are over 65 members in our club and I would like to hear from everyone to make this decision. Typically, there will be maybe 15 responses when asking for help, but this is a big decision. So, please help me out by responding. I will not be offended if you feel differently and I welcome any ideas you may have. My feeling is, I would rather error on the side of precaution than to jeopardize anyone's health. I would appreciate a response by September 6th. That way I can let everyone know what is happening before the start of the next scheduled monthly meeting. Thank you all in advance.

To give you some more information to use in your decision, please read the next article. You have my input to postpone for bit, but I know there are other possibilities. – Greg Curtin

MEETING VENUE

Early in August it was determined that we would not be able to meet at the First Baptist Church for the foreseeable future. With this in mind, the board met to discuss possible venues available. Through the efforts of Jack Kramer, we found a spot. To follow is the information Jack shared with me:

It is all set to have our regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in the lower meeting room at the Knights of Columbus, 1822 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City, MO. It's by the round-a-bout at the intersection of Ellis Boulevard and Tanner Bridge Road.

The lower meeting room can be accessed by entering the front of the building (if you park in front of the building) and then go down the steps and turn left at the bottom of the steps to go into the meeting room. You can also gain access by parking behind the building in the gravel parking area, go through the left entrance door under the deck, go around the steps, make a left turn into the meeting room.

After the meeting, you may enjoy your favorite beverage in the lounge area on the upper floor.

Jack

Thank you again Jack for taking the effort to help the club. Also, thank you to the Knights of Columbus for accepting us on such short notice. Out of respect for them, please let me know how you feel on the matter of holding meetings. That way we can inform all parties of our intentions.



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Level 2 and 3 water quality monitors are required to re-certify every 3 years. Instead of large classes, the validation will be individually at a date and time we plan. I believe John Wenzlick, Jim Farthing, Kent Campbell and Ginger Koziatek and I have completed level 2. Here is the form I submitted request my validation, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcMO3r9SFXw_h3cYDXLNqX_880kETeUSsUJpPxzYwLvBi2jQ/viewform. I got a response that I could meet the tester at Washington Park or the Missouri River to do the field work. We can meet nearly any day between 8am and 8pm. I can take the test to identify insects on line and just have a brief field test. The first requirement is to make sure all reagents are current and then to schedule a date. The Stream Team group certainly makes this easy for us.

*I **always** enjoy fishing at Bennett and got down on August 5th. Later I learned Jerry Forck and Melvin S. were there too, but I did not see either of them. It was a cool day, but weed cutting was a challenge. The stream was at a good level and my most successful fly was a "JF Special" (Jerry Forck crackleback).*



STREAM TEAM (Cont.)

As conservation minded fly fishers we can thank Senator Blunt for co-sponsoring this law: "The Great American Outdoors Act is one of the most important packages of conservation legislation we've seen in decades," said Blunt. "This bipartisan bill will support significant improvements to Missouri's rich array of public lands and national parks, which will enhance the visitor experience and boost the tourism and recreation industries. The bill also provides permanent funding for the Land and Wildlife Conservation Fund, which protects historical and environmentally-significant sites. In our state, the LWCF has historically benefited the Mark Twain National Forest, the Ozark National Scenic River, the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, and Wilson's Creek National Battlefield."

I hope you are staying safe and getting chances to fish,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

FLY TYING VIDEOS

With all the uncertainty right now, we also have to prepare for a potential future without fly tying sessions in January and February. John Walther is looking into the possibility of posting videos on our website to give fly tying instructions. Dan Howard was kind enough to share information on a video editing program called "Windows Movie Maker." He might even be willing to teach me and John how to use it, so we all are able to continue to learn fly tying techniques from the master. We'll see what happens.

FLY FISHING EVENTS

With so many events being cancelled this year, I would like to announce a few events that are still on the schedule currently.

Women's Free Fishing Day

This event is at Bennett Spring State Park. It will be held on September 26, 2020. The CCF would usually help out, but to be precautious, they will have no extra programs to coincide with the event this year. Free tags only for Women's Free Fishing Day.

Branson Fly Tying Rendezvous

When: October 2-3, 2020 - 9am to 4pm

*Where: Lions Community Building
1015 E. State Highway 76
Branson, MO 65915*

*Contact: Dennis Stead
417-380-3687 or dmstead@aol.com*

Redington Home Waters Event

I was not given a lot of details about the 5th annual Home Waters event this year, other than it was to be held on October 10th. I have gone a couple times and found it to be a great time. I will see if I can get more info to share.

Holland Derby

When: October 10-11, 2020 - 7:30-10:30

Where: Bennett Spring State Park

Win prizes for tagged fish and other drawings.

Please confirm all events before traveling.

CLUB DUES

One of the things I wish we did not have to bring up every year is club dues. Especially now in such an abnormal situation, but the club will only survive with your support. We generally start collecting dues for the upcoming year starting this September. I will talk with Jack Kramer, our Treasurer, to see how he wants to handle the collection of funds and get back to you.

FISHING FUN

Well, it's not all about business. Here are a few photos of some fishing fun.



John Goad, caught this bow on a 2 wt set up.



Terry Smith, out fishing and having fun!