



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Mother Nature has shown us varying weather this month of August. From the hot and dry to wet and cool. I guess it wouldn't be Missouri if the weather wasn't changing all the time! Luckily for Club members, our biggest event for the month was indoors and temperature controlled. This year's banquet, held the first weekend of August was a success. More about that ahead.

At our August Member's meeting, we were able to accomplish a few things. We voted on and passed updates of the bylaws, formed a board nomination committee for the upcoming elections, determined a path for upcoming banquets, and other topics as well. With these things worked out, we should be in a better position to concentrate on future events.

I've had a couple enjoyable fishing trips since the last newsletter. I went down to Branson with my folks and attended and tied at the Branson Fly Fishing Expo on Friday July 28th. I'm not a very elaborate fly tyer, so I decided to tie a simple green caddis style pattern. What I did with it was to tie it four different ways using different materials in each one. It was great to visit with the attendees and the other tiers for the day. That evening I took mom to a show and enjoyed some good music and comedy.

On Saturday and Sunday, it was all about fishing. Dad and I began Saturday at Taneycomo with no flow. That lasted until about noon and then two generators were started. After about an hour, there were four generators running. At that point, we were fishing by the hatchery outlets. I have had days down at Taneycomo where I have caught multiple 20" fish. This was not one of those days. We did both catch some nice chunky fish and what I was most excited about was catching 5 or 6 browns.

For Sunday, we had some breakfast, packed up, and made our way back to Bennett Spring to fish. We wanted to be a little closer to home and I wanted dad to smoke some fish that I could bring to work for lunch. We got in the water around noon and the fishing was on. I was still rigged up with the fly I ended on the day before from Taneycomo. If you ask me what one of my favorite flies is, if not my favorite, it is the Ruby 2. It is such a simple pattern and I have found it to be very effective at Taneycomo, Montauk, and Bennett. This Ruby 2 had caught a few fish at Taneycomo and some of the color had faded from the fly. I wondered if I should change it or not for a new fly and ultimately decided to use it. It paid off because I ended up catching two nice fish with it that day. A great end to a great weekend of fishing.

The other trip was a day trip down to Bennett Spring this past Saturday, August 19th. My dad and I met Justin Beyer there for another day of fun. Even after all of the rain that had gone through, the water level was low and it was very clear. These conditions made it a little more challenging, but we were ready to take them on! Justin had not been back to Bennett Spring since taking up fly fishing, so I was excited for him to be out there. I wanted to take him around to scout things out, but it was a typical weekend summer day at the park. Meaning there were plenty of people, so we fish 2 to 3 areas in Zone 2. I am happy to report that we all caught fish. What I didn't know until Justin told me, was that this was his first trout caught on a fly rod. What a great feeling and moment to have! Justin wasn't done, as he went on to catch several more. A great day all around.

Fish on and catch some, Greg Curtin

BY-LAWS UPDATE

Club members were asked to participate at the members meeting on August 8th. We did have enough members present to vote on the proposed changes to the by-laws. Members voted to approve the changes. Attached with this newsletter, you will find the revised by-laws that are to be hopefully passed and adopted by the Board of Directors at our September 12, 2023 meeting. Thank you to the by-laws committee for working through all the details and getting us to this point.

WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

Women's Free Fishing Day will be here in no time. The club will be there to help the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) promote fishing to women. A sign-up sheet was sent around at the August meeting asking for volunteers. We have a good list of volunteers, but we could always use more help. If you were not able to attend the August meeting you still have time to get on the volunteer list. The list will be at the September 12th meeting or you can get a hold of Greg Curtin to sign-up. If you know of any women that might be interested in attending the event, please let them know. Daily fishing tags are free to women of all ages for the day. Check the calendar for full fishing hours.

Here are a few details for volunteers:

Date: September 30th

Start Time: 9 am

End Time: 3 pm

Where: Bennett Spring State Park, Zone 2

Between the Hatchery run and Whistle Bridge

Need Volunteers For: Fly Tying Demonstrations

Handing out fly boxes

General Assistance

2023 BANQUET

The Banquet brought households together for some great company, great food, and a little fun. After a slow start, we ended up with 43 tickets sold. Thank you to everyone in attendance and to those who make the club the success that it is. It was quite the welcome for our newest members, Brandon and LeAnne Gentges. They participated in the card raffle and came away with two nights in Branson. Welcome and congratulations!! The winner of the participation drawing was Earl Schuessler. He received a nice Sage - Pulse Rod. Thanks for another great event!!!



VA HELP REQUESTED

We have a great bunch of guys that go up to the VA Hospital every month, but with scheduling conflicts it would be nice to have a few more people available to fill in. There are two groups that take turns doing the fly tying demonstrations. They go up to Columbia every first and third Thursday of every month. Departure from Jefferson City is usually 2 pm. The demo takes place between 3 and 4 pm and then back home. If you are able to help every now and then, please contact Jerry Kemple. Thanks!

FLY TYING VIDEOS

There are now videos posted for the 2023 January/February fly tying sessions. If you go to Youtube and search "Capital City Fly Fishers" one of the channels should come up with 10 videos. A couple of the videos actually have two flies in them. You should also see an episode about how to use the homemade dubbing twister tool. The video quality is lower than I would like on parts of the videos, but you will still be able to follow along. In no particular order, here are the episodes:

1) Slush Jelly/Baby Egg	5) Bunny Leach	9) The Bed Spread
2) Cicada	6) Empie's Deadly Shiner	10) Dubbing Twister Tool
3) "Bare Bones" Gotcha	7) Sow Bug/Ray Charles	
4) BH Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear Nymph	8) Master Splinter	

The links will get posted to the website as soon I provide them to Larry Murphy, our Webmaster.



CFM 10th ANNUAL AFFILIATE SUMMIT

Dear Conservation Leaders,

Registration is now open for the 10th Annual Conservation Federation of Missouri's Affiliate Summit. This year's Affiliate Summit will feature impressive speakers again and cover important topics. Although most CFM Affiliates have specific initiatives, each has the same goal of ensuring Missouri remains the conservation model other states strive to become better and organize their collective powers as the conservation community of Missouri. We hope that you will attend this year's Affiliate Summit. Your attendance benefits other attendees and will help ensure this Affiliate Summit is as productive as possible.

2023 Affiliate Summit

Event date: September 7, 2023

Time: 9 am- 4 pm. Please take a look at the attached agenda for times.

In-Person Event Address: Missouri Electric Co-Op, 2722 E McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dinner at Canterbury Hill Winery, 1707 South Summit Dr, Holt Summit. Dinner with guest speaker- Sara Pauley, Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the MDC commissioners will join us for a wonderful evening.

Hurry! Get your registration in. You will want to attend this fantastic day of education and networking.

Each Affiliate receives one complimentary ticket to the CFM Affiliate Summit. The additional ticket cost is \$50.00. Click the link below to register.

Who would like to represent us and attend the Summit? It falls on a Thursday. I have attached the agenda for the day. The deadline to register is September 1st

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker at our September 12th meeting will be none other than Jeff Trigg. If you are not familiar with Jeff, let's just say that he has a vast knowledge of fly fishing equipment, fly tying, fishing techniques, fishing Missouri streams and lakes, fishing out of state locations, and much more. The subject he will be talking about will be Redfish. I'm sure he will give us the right gear, flies, and locations. Be ready to get the needed tips and techniques you will need to be successful.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Check out these great Macroinvertebrate pictures: <https://mostreamteam.org/macroinvertebrates.html>

If you have not learned about monitoring check out the Level 1 introduction to [water quality monitoring](#).

Here is a service opportunity that you could combine with a fishing trip.

THIRD ANNUAL 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2023

CURRENT RIVER CLEANUP

Help by boat, kayak, canoe or foot

For more information, contact:
Butler & Carter Counties AmeriCorps Seniors
573-686-8624
jennifer.rosener@thecrc.org

10 A.M. → Registration at three locations:
Watercress Spring, Waymeyer and The Landing

3 P.M. → Food, door prizes at Big Spring

TRASH COLLECTION AT BIG SPRING

WITH SUPPORT FROM

MOSSY OAK PROPERTIES
MOZARK REALTY

OZARK FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY RESOURCE COUNCIL

Butler & Carter Counties AmeriCorps Seniors

Drop off trash by 3 p.m., join party at pavilion.

WAYMEYER
TRIP LENGTH: 10.5 miles (About 5 hours)

WATERCRESS
TRIP LENGTH: 5 miles (2 hours)

THE LANDING
TRIP LENGTH: 11.5 miles (5 hours)
*Must rent from The Landing which drops off at Pin Oak.

BIG SPRING

I am convinced we must slow climate change to save coldwater fishing. Temperatures at the poles are increasing faster than the rest of the earth. If you are open to learning about it, take a look at this NOAA report on major flooding from a glacier in Alaska: <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/event-tracker/major-flood-outburst-mendenhall-glacier-alaska-not-possible-without>.

Be safe and try to stay cool.

Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator

REDINGTON HOME WATERS

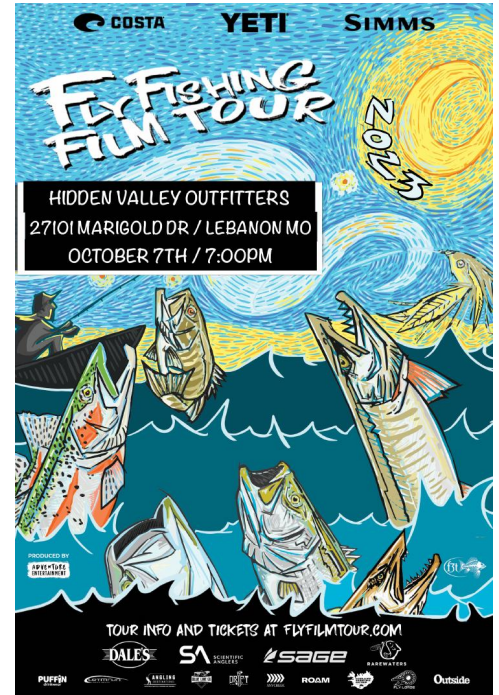


Saturday, October 7th will be this year's Redington Home Waters event. Capital City Fly Fishers have set up to tie flies at the event and I will ask if anyone would like to come out to tie this year.

It looks like there will be 2 one-fly tournaments. One of the tournaments involves a kayak. Test your skills and see if you can take a prize. You use a single fly for the length of the contest. You lose it and you are done.

When evening hits, they will be showing the latest Fly Fishing Film Tour movie.

Sure to be a great time!!!



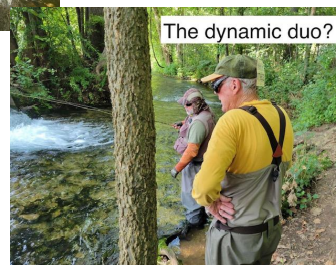
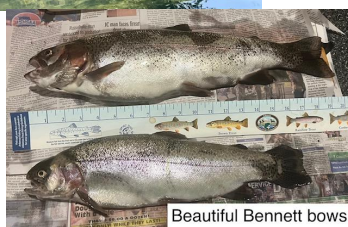
BOARD POSITIONS

The nomination committee of John Goad, Uldis Pironis, and Jim Wasabaugh has started the search for the 2024 Board members. They have made some good progress to make sure that there are candidates to fill all open spots, but the quest goes on to make sure all positions are filled. The President's position is one of the spots needing to be filled. I'm not sure if we can officially operate without this position filled. If someone would be able to step up for just a year or two, it would really help out. You are never alone! There are so many people ready to help out. You just need to ask. Please consider helping the team. Thanks!!!

2024 BANQUET AND BEYOND

With the anticipated approval of the updated by-laws in September and the elections occurring in November, we will be looking to form a Fundraising/Banquet Committee to be ready to go by the start of 2024. Since we are in a good financial position and we want to move the banquet back to earlier in the year, the 2024 banquet will not be a big fundraising banquet. Moving it back to February/March would not give the new committee the time to prepare. By starting right away in 2024, we should be able to build a great banquet for 2025.

FISH PHOTOS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

29 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

SEPTEMBER

5 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

7 *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

9 *Veterans Free Fishing Day - Montauk State Park*

9 *Women's Fishing Day - Maramec Springs State Park*

9 *Current River Cleanup*

12 *Monthly Members meeting - 6pm board meeting - 7 pm regular meeting*

15-16 *Fly Fishers International - National Fly Tying Group Rendezvous - Branson, MO*

16-17 *Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Tournament - Montauk State Park*

19 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

21 *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

26 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

30 *Women's Free Fishing Day - Bennett Spring State Park - **Volunteers Needed***

OCTOBER

3 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

5 *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

7 *Redington Home Waters - Hidden Valley Outfitters - Near Bennett Spring State Park*

7 *Rose Holland Trout Derby – Montauk State Park*

10 *Monthly Members meeting - 6pm board meeting - 7 pm regular meeting*

14 *Holland Cancer Derby – Bennett Spring*

17 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

19 *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

24 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

31 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

NOVEMBER

2 *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

7 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

11-12 *Fly Fishing Clinic with Dr. Gary Borger - Gaston's Visitors Center - Bull Shoals, AR*

14 *Monthly Members meeting - 6pm board meeting - 7 pm regular meeting*

16 *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*

21 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*

28 *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023