



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

The Capital City Fly Fishers were a busy crew in the month of September. We visited the veterans in Columbia twice, participated in Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring, did water quality monitoring at Saline Creek, helped the boy scouts with their fly fishing merit badge, and some even took part in the Mayfly Project or attended Veterans Free Fishing Day at Montauk. We even had a little time to fish after some of the events. I would call that a successful month. Thank you to everyone who came out and lent a hand at one of the events.

We have another event right away on October 1st. Tomorrow some of the guys will be doing fly tying demos at the Redington Home Waters on the shores of the Niangua River. It's always been a great time. If you feel like participating, come on out. We will be setting up in the morning around 8 am.

See you there,

Greg Curtin

MEMBERSHIP FEES

At the September club meeting, there was a vote taken on annual membership fees. The decision was made to keep the fees at \$15 for 2023 and raise them to \$20 for 2024. This decision was passed by a vote of 17 to 4.

So, we are now collecting annual fees for 2023. Please bring your \$15 payment to the next meeting or mail it to:

Jack Kramer

Capital City Fly Fishers

1731 Outlook Drive

Jefferson City, MO 65109

Checks payable to: Capital City Fly Fishers

NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

A nomination committee will be formed in the next few days. I will send out an email as to who is on the committee, so those interested in being on the board of directors can inform them. With the terms of some of the board coming due, we really need your help to fill the spots. We are also looking for someone who could take over as the news editor. The news editor is part of the board of directors.

Please play a part in helping the club remain successful.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

We planned to leave early September 17 to fish after monitoring. Per Phil's request, I bought BIG donuts from Schultes' when they opened at 6am. We car pooled to Big Saline Creek, ate donuts, picked up trash, put on waders and got set up to count macro-invertebrates by 7:30. Greg, Doug and Mike Dean counted bugs, while Phil and I did the chemical tests. Except for being the lowest we had ever seen the stream it was in good shape. We saw a couple fish and caught a minnow and a crayfish in the kick net. The number of insects was small consistent with a major decline that has been happening around the country for years, but diversity was good, a may fly, caddis, stone flies, water pennies, snails and even an alder fly. We also counted clams and aquatic worms. We don't often get shirts, but this time John got these stream team tees, so we could be quintuplets.



We finished up the stream discharge test by 8:30 and drove to Meramac Spring to fish. The five of us caught about 20 trout along with a couple sun fish. As you probably guessed, Greg contributed greatly to that number. The park was crowded and pretty warm, but shade and cool water made it pleasant. Overall a very productive and enjoyable day! Thanks to Phil for driving and to everyone for helping monitor. We will plan to fish somewhere again next time.

*Enjoy the cool days and catch some fish,
Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*

GUEST SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER

*For the **October 11th meeting**, we are fortunate to have Mike Kruse coming in to give a presentation. I'm sure I will not do his credentials justice, so I will keep it basic. Mike is retired from the MDC, has taught university classes, is an advocate for water and land preservation and conservation, an active member of Trout Unlimited, and a fly fishing fanatic, just to name a few things to describe his background. Mike's presentation will be about fly fishing the Niangua River. It sounds like a great alternative to fishing inside the park and you may want to find out about the guiding service he offers. Don't miss this opportunity to gather some great fishing information.*

WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

What a fantastic day to have an outdoor event! Ben Havens and his crew at Bennett Spring State Park did an incredible job once again in hosting Women's Free Fishing Day. There were at least a dozen fly tiers of which 8 were from the CCFE. We also had several club members helping and handing out fly boxes. There was a lot of interaction between the tiers and the ladies stopping in to find out about some great new flies to use. Thank you to all who contributed to the day!

Looks like a great turnout for Women's Free Fishing Day.



Fly tiers at work



Left: Marilyn Forck enjoying a day out on the stream!

Right: Uldis and Phil, handing out fly boxes.



BOY SCOUTS

In order for a Boy Scout to earn the fly fishing merit badge they must tie two different flies that are listed in the requirements. When Mike Collins was contacted by a troop up in Columbia about needing help, where did he turn? To the Capital City Fly Fishers is the correct answer! Through a team effort we rounded up some club members and headed up to Columbia on Monday night, September 26th. 11 scouts attended the tying session. Mike chose to tie a wooly worm and a beetle. The scouts were focused on the task at hand and did a great job completing this portion of the requirements. There were 9 club members (Mike Collins, Lee Kudrna, Jerrt Forck, Jerry Kemple, Melvin Schulenberg, John Goad, Uldis Pironis, Phil Curtin, and Greg Curtin) helping that night. Thank you for your efforts.



*Top and bottom:
CCFF members
assisting the scouts*

*Left: Mike Collins
leading the session*



CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP CORPS

As taken from the CFM website, The Conservation Leadership Corps (CLC) is a multi-year youth education program for high school juniors and seniors and college students. The goal is to engage youth in sustaining the conservation of our natural resources and to develop the next generation of conservation leaders. In following with the Capital City Fly Fishers mission to promote conservation/future conservation leaders and advocates, we have voted to donate \$200 to the CLC.



Fishing at Maramec Spring State Park

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 1 Fly Fishers International – Southern Council Conclave – Mountain Home, Arkansas*
- 1 Redington Home Waters – Hidden Valley Outfitters – near Bennett Spring*
- 1-2 Rose Holland Trout Derby – Montauk – American Cancer Society*
- 6 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 8-9 Clarence Holland Trout Derby – Bennett – American Cancer Society*
- 11 Club Meeting – Mike Kruse – Guest Presenter*
- 20 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 31 Catch and Keep season ends at all trout parks – closed for 2 weeks*

November

- 1 Winter Stocking Program - Fishing Begins – Various Cities*
- 3 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 8 Club Meeting – Sam Stewart – Guest Presenter*
- 11 Trout Parks re-open for catch and release season – 8 am to 4 pm*
- 17 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*

December

- 1 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 13 Club Meeting – Christmas Party*
- 15 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*



*More Photos from
Women's Free Fishing Day*

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