



September, 2024

Message from the Prez -

The most important messages will be in the next few articles of the newsletter letter. I separated them out so you could see the different topics.

Thank you to Craig Fuller for being our September guest speaker. Craig had a lot of great information about Muskies in Missouri. It was very interesting to hear all about the history and how the muskies ended up in Missouri waters. Musky are only stocked in a few select lakes. Maybe one day, if I ever get the proper equipment, I might try to go after one of these giants.

I have taken the time to fish a few weekends and hit Montauk, Bennett, and even Lake Taneycomo recently with Phil Wisch and/or Phil Curtin. The water was low at both Montauk and Bennett. Lake Taneycomo was not running generators until about 1 PM each day and then bumped it up to either one or two generators after that. Once I found my groove, fishing(catching) was decent. We even tried fishing in the dark at Taney. The first try was about hour and it was a bust for me. The second try was a little better. I caught 7 rainbows in about an hour and a half. I saw a few browns, so I know they're around. They should start moving up even more in the weeks to come.

Take someone fishing and enjoy the outdoors,

Greg Curtin

LADIES FREE FISHING DAY

BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK 9 am to 2 pm

All summer we've been gearing up for September 28, ladies fishing day. Well, that day is almost here so it is GO TIME! We have at least 15 volunteers on our list and other organizations in attendance which should make for a great event. There will be Fly tying demos, casting demos, informational presentations(Jim Washabaugh, CFM, stream team,) Fly box giveaways, other fishing gear to give away, and help on the water for ladies in attendance. With the CFM and Missouri Stream Team participating, it will show some of the conservation efforts we support. We also want to promote fly fishing to all attending. Capital City Fly Fishers and Ozark Fly Fishers out of St. Louis will both be present to discuss club activities. Ladies of all ages are in for an exciting day!! if you are volunteer for this event and have any questions, please contact me. Otherwise, plan to be to Bennett by 8-8:30 to prepare.

Kids trout fishing day at McKay

We must now prepare for kids trout fishing day at McKay Park on November 9. The Club members that have come out to the Tuesday informal meetings did a great job with tying flies for ladies day and now we need everyone's help to fill more fly boxes. Our goal is to put at least 6 flies in 70 fly boxes for

November 9. I am looking for volunteers for the day of Saturday, November 9 starting now, as well. The official time printed in the JC Parks and Rec guide for this event is from noon to 3 pm. It sure would be nice to have members available from about 10 am to 3:30 pm for any setting up to start and cleaning up at the end. Our activities will be similar to those of Ladies Fishing Day. Please sign up to volunteer for the event. Thanks, Greg

Volunteering

I'm going to cut to the chase, we need everyone's help throughout the year! We all understand that life events happen and no one is available all the time, but it sure would be nice to get your support every once in a while. We struggle some weeks to have enough people to go to the VA hospital to tie flies with veterans. This only happens twice a month on every first and third Thursday between 2 and 5 pm. You would be in a rotation and not go every time.

If you are at work at that time like myself, there are so many other big events we have throughout the year that you can get involved with. We get involved with CFM and MDC events throughout the entire year. We look to have 4 big volunteer events next year. They consist of Kids Fishing Derby at Binder Park in June, Ladies Fishing Day at Bennett Spring in September, Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park in November, and Veterans Fishing Day at Bennett Spring in April/May. Veterans Fishing Day would be a new one for us. Without the Friends of Bennett Spring being present to tie flies, it wouldn't have been much of an event. Let's see what we can do to make it a better experience.

These are just some examples of how everyone can help make the club run on all cylinders. We need you to keep it rolling!

Elections

Elections are just around the corner. Here is another way to help the club and be an active member. Jerry Kemple, Mark Javersak, and Phil Wisch have agreed to be on the nominations committee and have already started contacting members for roles on the board. If you are ready to help, please let them know.

Other BUSINESS Committee help Requested

October 5th Events

With the 100th year anniversary of Bennett Spring State Park and the Redington Home Waters event happening on the same day it would be a great opportunity for club members to get together for an out of town outing and enjoy a day of different activities. If you don't want to fish, there will be many more events going on all day. We could even set up a group lunch if we have enough people interested. Let's talk about it at the next meeting.

Side note: If anyone is interested in joining me, I will be going from Bennett to Branson at the end of the day on October 5th. The browns start to move upstream at Taneycomo and it's a fun time. I have

booked a 3 bedroom place for checking in Saturday and then checking out Monday, October 7th. Let me know if you are interested. Greg

November 9th - kids fishing at McKay Park

- 1. Please try to make these dates available to help. Fishing time will be possible after each event.**

We need everyone's help. Please participate!!!! Thank you.

**Please help the team,
Greg Curtin**

Stream Team Update:

We will **monitor on October 19**, so mark your calendars for stream work and fishing. We will make more plans at the October meeting. We had a great turnout in the spring and the bugs will be even bigger, so plan to come out.

Help Famous Anglers Video Advocate for Trout:

Check out their video https://www.hatchmag.com/articles/50-million-anglers/7715985?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly and call your members of congress.

Watch to see if you recognize them or read about them first.

Last year (2023) was the hottest year on record, <https://www.nasa.gov/news-release/nasa-analysis-confirms-2023-as-warmest-year-on-record/> while 2024 looks poised to take over that title <https://apnews.com/article/heat-climate-change-record-broiling-hot-699026b8e57cc8404bc73d20e223500e> in a little over three months. The summer of 2024, which just wrapped up, was the hottest summer ever recorded. We're seeing the huge fires and ferocious storms that have become the hallmark of a rapidly warming world, along with all the negative impacts — think problematic water temps, nasty smoke, and hellacious heat domes — that shut down fisheries and make life miserable for anyone hoping to wet a line. Some of the nation's most prominent fly anglers are paying attention to the threat. They're also asking their fellow fly fishers to get engaged and stand up for our fisheries.

Conservation Hawks, <https://www.conservationhawks.org/>. a nonprofit organization made up of "hunters & anglers defending our future," just released a short public service announcement featuring several of the biggest names in fly fishing. The 94 second video showcases Craig Mathews, Tom Rosenbauer, Hilary Hutcheson, Kirk Deeter and Todd Tanner sharing their views on human-caused climate change, <https://whatweknow.aaas.org/whatweknow.html>

Craig is the author and angler who invented the Sparkle Dun and X-Caddis fly patterns, and founded [Blue Ribbon Flies](#) in West Yellowstone, Montana.

Tom is the longtime face of [Orvis](#) fly fishing. (You could also make the case that he's the most well-known and highly-respected fly fisher on the planet.)

Hilary, a supremely talented guide and writer, was the longtime host of Trout TV and now owns and runs an iconic fly shop — Lary's Fly & Supply <https://www.larysflyandsupply.com>— in Columbia Falls, Montana. I was lucky enough to fish with her on the Middle Fork of the Flathead bordering



Glacier National Park. She got me on to a lot a fish like the cutthroat (but I didn't land that many). She is a fantastic advocate for the environment. As an outfitter and guide her business depends on keeping the climate suitable for trout.

Kirk is the author, conservationist and media savant who edits TROUT magazine and, along with Tim Romano, heads Angling Trade and the new online fly fishing platform [FlyLab](#).

Todd runs both the [School of Trout](#) and Conservation Hawks, and has been writing about fly fishing on 8a national level for more than 30 years.

[Fishing Streamer Video from FarBank](#)

https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-how-to-fish-streamers/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=HvtD4

There are two types of streamers, those that imitate bait fish like a leech, and those that annoy the fish like a Dali Lama. Fish streamers when the fish are not active. A sink tip works well with short 6 foot leaders. You can tie two droppers on a tippet ring for two flies or just tie on the top hook bend.

More Pics from Pull for Conservation



John Goad's 12" bluegill from a pond in Cuba.



Jeff's Rainbow from Yamcola Lake, CO



View of the Flattops, where Doug, John and I camped at Bear Lake Campground.



Greg sent this and is being modest, but probably one he caught.





Chunky Cat

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

Fly tying for Vets every first and third Thursday. Informal gather every Tuesday except for meetings or otherwise noted.



Craig Fuller - Muskellunge Program Coordinator

September

10 Membership meeting 7pm Craig Fuller is the Muskellunge Program Coordinator with the Missouri Department of Conservation in Lebanon, MO. He operates the Show-Me Muskie Project. He will give a presentation about the Show-Me Muskie Project and general information about the muskie species.

24 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

28 Women's Free Fishing at Bennett - see more above

31 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

October

1 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

3 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

5 REDINGTON HOME WATERS EVENT

This year's Redington Home Waters is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th. It features vendors, giveaways, and the one fly contest. This might be a great day to plan a club trip and have some kind of cookout. I mention this date for a club outing because the Redington event coincides with the 100th anniversary celebration at Bennett Spring State Park.

BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK 100th ANNIVERSARY

The whole household may want to attend this one! This event will feature live music, storytelling, food trucks, vendors and a car show. They will have exhibits to share the history of the park. Join in the fun to celebrate Bennett Spring State Park's 100th anniversary. At the end of the festivities they will show "A river runs through it." You can go to mostatelparks.com to get more information.

Montauk: OCTOBER 5-6, SATURDAY & SUNDAY- 61st ANNUAL

ROSE HOLLAND TROUT DERBY

Anglers catching tagged trout will receive prizes awarded on Sunday just after the derby ends at 12 noon.

Nature Bingo for prizes will be held on Friday at 6 pm at the campground amphitheater. An Old Time Cruise-In Car Show will be held Friday night at 3 pm. Activities will fill the weekend with fun, entertainment, and excitement for all.

8 Membership meeting 7pm Randy Sarver

Randy is an Environmental Scientist with the Department of Natural Resources. He will do a PowerPoint presentation on entomology focusing on Mayfly nymphs & mayfly families here in Missouri.

11-12 BRANSON WHITE RIVER FLY FISHING EXPO

Dennis Stead was kind enough to share information about the Branson White River Fly Fishing Expo. It is an event for fly tiers and vendors taking place October 11-12. If you are interested in being a tier at the event, you will find picture above for sign up. Please send the completed form back in the mail or via email to the given addresses.

White River Fly Fishers 2024

Expo

October 11 - October 12

FREE

White River Fly Fishers is having their 2024 Expo in Branson MO. There will be fly tying demonstrations, fly casting demo's, classes, raffles, silent and live auctions and more.

Watch the excellent fly tyers tie their signature flies. Meet and discuss fly fishing with other fly fishers. Not a fly fisher? Not a problem. Learn and become one yourself.

Friday, October 11th – 9AM to 5PM

Saturday, October 12th – 9AM to 4PM

15 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

17 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

19 Stream team and fishing

Montauk: OCTOBER 19, SATURDAY - A HAUNTING AT THE MILL

The Haunting at the Mill event is held the Saturday before Halloween and presents history from a unique perspective. When the air begins to cool and the nights become longer, a strange fog hangs over Montauk. It is rumored that each year around Halloween, the spirits of Montauk valley meet at the old grist mill to reminisce about the good old days, you know, when they were alive... Don't miss this, not so scary, historical, fun for the whole family,

event! Show times are 5 pm, 6 pm,

7 pm and 8 pm with a limit of 45 per show.

22 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

29 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

November

NOVEMBER 1, FRIDAY - MISSOURI TROUT SEASON

CLOSES

The last day of October marks the end of the open Missouri trout season. Montauk never closes, however several facilities will be winterized. The Lodge limits their hours to Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The shower houses in the campground are closed as the vault toilet is opened near loop four,

and fishing is not allowed in any section of the park until the catch and release season starts on the second Friday of November.

5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

NOVEMBER 8, FRIDAY - CATCH AND RELEASE

TROUT SEASON OPENS

The second Friday in November marks the opening of the annual winter Catch and Release trout season at Montauk State Park. Fishing allowed Friday through Monday, 8 am to 4 pm. The Dorman L. Steelman Lodge restaurant, snack bar, and store will be open on Friday through Sunday for limited hours of each weekend during the winter season to accommodate visitors. Some housekeeping cabins, motel rooms, and a meeting room will be available throughout the winter season.

12 Membership meeting 7pm

19 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

December

3 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

5 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

10 Christmas party

17 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

19 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm

24 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start ???

Send me (jeff2002h@yahoo.com) pictures and other items of interest to club members. Be safe and avoid too much sun!

Jeff Holzem

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