

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

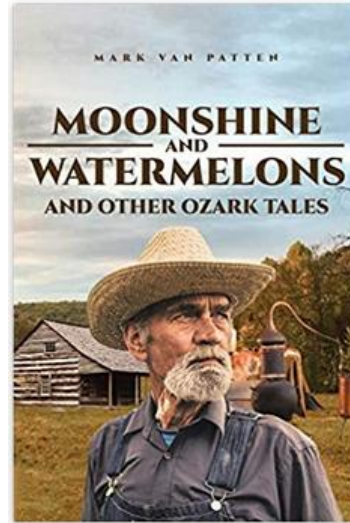
*Well the weather is starting to cool down and the end of catch and keep trout season is coming to an end in a couple weeks. Which means, we all need to get ready for catch and release season. There we be fish at McKay Park again this year for those that want to stay in town to fish. There is always an options to fish the trout parks as well. I like have both possibilities available for different experiences. Now that my parents are finally moved, I hope to get out a little more and get some fishing in.*

*As you know, from previous messages and newsletters, our next meeting is on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. It will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in the basement meeting room. If you have not done so already, this would be the perfect time to turn in your 2021 membership renewal of \$15. The big things we will be discussing are, fly tying sessions for January and February and Voting on Officers and Board. We would like as many people to participate in this as possible. We intend to practice social distancing and wear masks at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, but would like to share some input on any matters, please contact me. I want everyone to be part of the discussion.*

*If you have any photos or stories related to your fishing adventures, I would love to hear about them. The next article, talks about a book with fly fishing all over it. You might even recognize the author.*

*Happy Fishing, Greg Curtin*

## MOONSHINE AND WATERMELONS



*This is a recently published book by original CCFF member Mark Van Patten. It is available online. Read the review about it to follow.*

### A teenaged fly-fisher's guide to growing up in the Ozarks - By Jo Schaper

*Moonshine and Watermelons, the story of a teen boy growing up fly fishing in the south central Ozarks, could be called a memoir, but really consists of coming of age vignettes, punctuated by the sort of learning not possible in school, nor under direct supervision of adults.*

*In this book, Mark arrives in the Ozarks as a greenhorn to country living, and begins the misadventures recounted here. His paternal grandparents unexpectedly find themselves raising a flatlander unaware that roosters have spurs, that church is required, and ingenuity has to take the place of hard cash. Both Gramps and Granny fly fish, and Van Patten becomes Gramps' willing but initially clueless student.*

*The hero of the book is Mark's friend Donald Ray, who instigates scrapes and is a willing partner in crime. That they managed to survive their teens Van Patten credits to a guardian angel, and Donald Ray's ability to figure a way through whatever they fell into (or out of). Van Patten is an entertaining writer and storyteller. I wish the book were a little fatter, since stories he skims over 'for another time' haunt the book.*

*If Tom Sawyer had been a real boy on Roubidoux Creek with a box of hand-tied chicken feather flies, he would have fit right in. Good read.*

## CATCH LIMIT AT BENNETT

*I was given some interesting news about the possibility of Bennett Spring changing the daily tag price and catch limit to \$5 and 5 fish, respectively. They have been conducting surveys on certain days to gauge if this is something they might want to consider. One thing I was told is, if the change takes place, there will not be an increase in the number of fish released. I do not have all the specifics, but it is something that is worth watching.*

## FISH PHOTOS

*Here are a couple of rainbows caught at Bennett Spring State Park. I'm sure it was fun to catch these little fellas.*

*John Goad Caught this 6lb beauty.*



*One of John Walther's and John Goad's neighbors caught this 9lb Whopper*



## Redington/Three Creeks Event

*The Redington Home Waters event was held on October 9-10th at Hidden Valley Outfitters in Lebanon Mo. We had a very good turnout despite the current situation. We were down on the numbers of vendors but we did have several new vendors.*

*Due to Covid 19, The F3T ceased all showings this year so, we went with the IF4 (International Fly Fishing Film Festival) The films were very good with a broad spectrum of locations.*

*We also had a "One Fly" tournament on Saturday morning that had 40 participants. Prizes were awarded for biggest fish, most fish, and smallest fish. Ben Havens (Hatchery Manager) was kind enough to stock some additional fish in the river for the tournament. Conditions were tough with low clear flows and bluebird skies but fish were caught by all participants.*

*Charlie Reading held several clinics on casting and spey casting that were well attended. There were several kids that were roll casting like seasoned pros after a few lessons with Charlie.*

*The purpose of the Home Waters Event is to have a free outdoor event on the water with something for everyone and to promote the sport of fly fishing. I might be somewhat biased but, I believe we have achieved that goal.*

*We are planning the event for next year on the same weekend in October. Hopefully things will be back to normal by then and our turnout will be even better.*

*We hope to see ya next year!*

# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

## *November*

***1 Catch & Release Trout at MckAY  
Park***

***10 CCFF – Knights of Columbus Hall,  
basement meeting room, 6:00 PM***

***13 Trout :Catch & Release Nov. 13, 2020 –  
Feb. 8, 2021 Hours vary by park.***

### ***Notes:***

***This season is open only in the following  
trout parks: Maramec Spring Park,  
Bennett Spring State Park, Montauk  
State Park and Roaring River State Park.***

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