



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

If I haven't said it lately, I wanted to say that the Capital City Fly Fishers has a great group of members. Whenever help is needed someone steps up to fill the role. I have seen both longtime members and new members alike show their desire to create a successful club environment. That is what makes the CCFE a great organization. As we transition to a new board of directors for 2023, please continue to share that same level of support. Thanks everyone!!!!

On October 8th, Mike Dean and I took a guided fishing trip with Misty Mountains Guiding Service on the Meramec River. We met Michael Collins at the Woodson K Woods public access. The day started out a little chilly at under 40 degrees, but it would get into the 60s by the afternoon. As we worked our way from the access point to the river, you could see how incredibly low the water was. There would be a few points where we would have to get out of the boat to get past the shallow areas. Mike Dean caught his best fish of the day within the first 20 minutes of being on the river. It was a nice smallmouth looking to fatten up for the winter. It wasn't until we got into the trout waters that I got my first fish. The rainbow put up a memorable fight and made a fisherman smile. Other than a few other little fish and a few missed opportunities, the catching was tough. Michael Collins worked hard to try to get the fish to eat. You couldn't ask for a better effort to have a successful day.



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NOMINATIONS/ELECTIONS

We will be holding elections at the November 8th meeting. With some terms expiring we will have some new faces joining the board of directors. The nomination committee has submitted a list of potential board members to fill these spots. The Board of directors consists of 11 members and to follow is the list of the positions and the club member that could potentially fill each spot:

1) President – Greg Curtin 2) Vice President – John Goad 3) Treasurer – Jack Kramer 4) Secretary – Mike Dean 5) News Editor – John Wenzlick 6) 5 board members, 2 of which are returning – Dennis Stieferman, Ray Bloomer, Michael Collins, Jerry Kemple, and Lee Kudrna 7) Past President – with Mike Jaegers not returning, Steve Peters would come in as the 11th voting board member. Please show your support and give your vote at the November meeting.

MIKE KRUSE

A big thank you to Mike Kruse for his presentation on fishing the Niangua River at our October meeting. He provided a lot of great insight on how to have a successful day of fishing. He talked about where to fish, water conditions, what to use, how to use it, and answered everyone's questions. Much of the information Mike shared could be applied to other rivers as well. If you would like to talk with Mike more, did you know that he is available as a guide? Here is his contact information:



NOVEMBER MEETING

*The November meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 8th** at the KC Hall on Tanner Bridge Rd. You will want to be there because there is a lot of good stuff happening. Not only are we holding **elections**, which everyone should be a part of, we also have another great presenter coming in. **Sam Stewart** will be showing us some of his world class flies. We haven't talked about what he is going to tie, but I know he really likes streamers.*

*If that wasn't enough, our presenter from October, Mike Kruse, has **donated a guide trip** on the Niangua River. The trip will be auctioned off at the November meeting to raise funds for the club. To qualify for the auction, one must be present at the meeting and have paid their 2023 membership fees. And of course, you will want to bring your flies to take part in the fly box drawing.*

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Mark Van Patten started our club and the stream team program. He led it as it grew to over 5,000 teams. He lives near the Current River and is a park ranger. Mark will teach fly tying at Montauk State Park during catch and release.

I will miss the meeting but hope things are good for you.

*Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*



REDINGTON HOME WATERS EVENT

The 6th annual Redington Home Waters event was held on October 1, 2022. Hidden Valley Outfitters is the perfect location to hold this event because it is situated right along the Niangua River. The day started out cool, but once the sun came out, it was a great day. The heroes of the day were John Walther and Terry Smith. They set up to represent the club and did some fly tying demonstrations. This allowed the rest of us to take part in the one fly contest. Thanks guys!!!

I was fortunate last year to take prizes for both the longest fish and shortest fish. I had to come back to try and defend the titles. Like everywhere else, I could see how low the water was compared to last year. That wasn't enough to stop anyone from participating. By the time I was ready, the contest had already started. Most people had picked their spots near the area where fish had been released the previous 2 days. I went downstream a little ways to try my luck. I hit a spot where the fishing was great. I had caught over a dozen fish in the first hour of the contest. Then the unthinkable happened. I had my best fish of the day, but when I went to net it, he made one last jerk to the side and broke off my fly. By rule, my day was done. I had to wait out the rest of the time for the results. Much to my amazement, I was able to repeat catching the shortest fish. I must preface that by saying Jeff Holzem did have a fish shorter than mine momentarily, but was not able to hang on to it to take a measurement. John Goad showed he could compete with the leaders by taking third place in the longest fish category. I'm going to go for the three-peat next year.

John and Terry showing off their fly tying skills



Greg and John with "One Fly" prizes



MCKAY IS DAYS AWAY

Most are already aware of the great job the MDC does to provide communities with winter trout fishing opportunities. The winter stocking program is just days away and I'm sure I will see many of you at McKay Park. Don't forget that there are over 35 lakes throughout Missouri that get stocked with trout as well. There are at least half a dozen other lakes in reasonable proximity to Jefferson City. You can find winter trout-fishing locations, regulations, tips and more at mdc.mo.gov/fishing/species/trout/winter-trout-fishing-areas.

DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS) MEETING

December 13th is the annual Christmas Potluck. All club members and their family are invited to take part in the festivities. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share with the group. We will be at the KC Hall on Tanner Bridge Road. The same place as our regular meetings. We will begin the meal at 6 pm and go to around 7 pm.

After eating, we will have our traditional gift giving. For those who are not familiar with the gift giving process, here's how it goes:

Each person that brings a gift will be eligible to receive a gift. Gifts should be something that you yourself would want to receive. Gifts can be anything, not just fishing related. Not only have we had fly fishing related gifts, but also household items, foods, decorations, clothing, crafts, and many other items.

Gifts should be around \$10. They can be higher as long as you understand that not all gifts will have the same higher value.

Gifts should be wrapped so no one can see what it is. Everyone will draw a number to determine the order of selecting gifts. Once the first person selects the next number in sequence is up. That person can select a gift off the table or have the option to steal a previously selected gift. After the second steal of a gift, that gift is frozen and can no longer be stolen. It's yours!

If your gift is stolen, you then have the option to pick something off the table or steal someone else's pick. If you draw off the table you could have that item stolen in the future as well and you will go once again.

This will go on until everyone has had a turn and ends up with a gift. Everyone is welcome to participate.

FFI – VIRTUAL EXPO

Starting November 4th and going through November 6th, Fly Fishers International will be hosting a virtual expo. A \$25 registration fee gets you access to over 70 free demonstrations, seminars, and more. Explore the offerings at: www.flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities

They will also have some fee based workshops during the expo. This might be a time where a few people could get together to split the cost and get the same enjoyment. It looks like they might have some live auctions to check out.

NOTES

Just a few notes to finish things off.

- 1) Membership Fees are now due. 2023 dues are \$15 per household. Payment needs to reach our Treasurer, Jack Kramer*
- 2) Fly tying sessions start on Tuesday, January 3rd.*
- 3) At the last club meeting we mentioned the CFM Grant program. Although, we don't have enough time to put a plan together this year, let's see if there is a way we might be able utilize the funds with a qualifying project.*
- 4) The newsletter could really use your help for content and photos.*

PHOTOS



*A recent trip to Westover Trout Farm
by John Goad and Terry Smith*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 1 Winter Stocking Program - Fishing Begins – Various Cities*
- 3 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 4-6 Fly Fishers International – 2022 Virtual Expo*
- 8 Club Meeting – Sam Stewart – Guest Presenter*
- 11 Trout Parks reopen for catch and release season – Check days and times*
- 17 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*

December

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

January

- 3 Fly Tying Session #1*
- 5 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 10 Fly Tying Session #2*
- 17 Fly Tying Session #3*
- 19 Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 24 Fly Tying Session #4*
- 31 Fly Tying Session #5*



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