



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

With October coming to an end in just over a week, we have successfully completed all the special events on our calendar. Thank you to everyone who participated in Women's Free Fishing Day, Redington Home Waters, Fly tying with Veterans, Stream Team Monitoring, and those able to make it to the monthly meeting to hear our guest speaker, Bob Heine. Bob had a great presentation on fishing Brown trout. The main focus of the time was spent fishing in Argentina and he had many suggestions to help one be successful fishing there. Who's ready for the trip of a lifetime???

It wasn't all fun and games at the October monthly meeting. One big topic was elections in November. The election committee has done a great job to cover all the upcoming openings on the board with the exception of the President position. No one as of this writing has come forward to help at this spot. At the monthly meeting, I agreed to do one more year if no one else would help as long as we have someone around to be the Newsletter Editor and some more committees were formed to help with different events. The Newsletter Editor is a voting position on the board, so the person who takes on this role needs to be at the majority of the meetings. The editor will develop content for the newsletter from the meetings, but it is the job of all members to supply additional content to help fill the pages. You can share stories, information, photos, or anything you think other club members would like. Let's help the next editor be successful.

Once the elections have been determined, we must then start forming some committees. We will need your participation on these committees. A list of just some of the committees will be in an upcoming article.

I have fished a few times since the end of September. My trips consisted of a couple days fishing Taneycomo, a day on the Niangua River, and an afternoon on Roubidoux Creek. All of my fishing has come during or after one of the events the club was involved in. After Women's Free Fishing Day, My dad and I went down and fished on Taneycomo in Branson. It was a fun trip and the Browns were moving up towards the dam. With the fly tying in good hands, I tried my hands at fishing the One Fly Contest at the Redington Home Waters event on the Niangua the next weekend. I did terribly during the contest, but later in the afternoon, I redeemed myself a little bit and caught 7 rainbows. My last trip after water quality testing on Saline Creek was down to Roubidoux Creek. Jeff Holzem, Steve Peters, and myself set out to catch some fish. Well, I did a lot more fishing than I did catching on that day. I caught one little chub and had what could have been a thousand chub hits. There were only a couple of times during the whole afternoon that I could say I saw a trout. Definitely not my day.

I am going back down to Branson next weekend with family and hope to get a little fishing in. Between the family activities and the potential weather, we will see what happens!

Fish on and catch some, Greg Curtin

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

I hope you are getting out to enjoy these beautiful fall days. Several of us got out recently. On October 14th, Greg, Steve Peters, Rick Thom and Lenny Liebler did our water quality monitoring of Big Saline Creek. Lenny and Rick are master naturalists and Audubon members. Lenny tried to sign up for the November water quality class, but it was full.



The day was cool and damp, but we all enjoyed checking out the stream and looking for fish. We saw some small bass and many minnows. We even got a crawfish as we were sampling macroinvertebrates. Two things really stood out, first, we found all of the insects that do not tolerate pollution, mayflies, caddis, alder flies, gilled snails, a stonefly and even a hellgrammite. This was the first time I think we ever found all of them. The other item was not good. Two more big trees with green leaves had fallen into the water, because the stream bank eroded. I got level 2 certification in 2014, and was monitoring a year or so before that. It is not surprising with the major drought that the water level was the lowest I have seen.

We have started a new tradition, fishing after monitoring. We tried Saline Creek and caught some sunfish in the past. It was a great smallmouth fishery years ago, but we have not found any for several years. This time Steve, Greg and I tried our luck at Roubidoux Creek. There was not much flow there either, so nymphing was very challenging. We did manage to land a couple trout, a couple sunfish, and some chubs, but it was a slow day.



TU and many other groups are pushing to remove dams on the Snake River to help salmon and steelhead survive.

[Help remove Snake River Dams to restore salmon and steelhead.](#)

[Here is a survey on potential development at Eleven Point: Eleven Point State Park CDP Survey #1](#)

[Here's a tip from TU that I can certainly use: How To Make A Great Roll Cast](#)

[Tip – Nymph Fishing Basics - Trout Unlimited](#)

[In two recent papers, Saint Louis University researchers report finding high concentrations of microplastics present in a Missouri cave system that had been closed to human visitors for 30 years.](#)

**Get out and catch some fish,
Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator**

WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

I want to thank everyone who came out to help and Women's Free Fishing Day. We had 6 or 7 guys tying flies and 3 or 4 more helping with fly boxes or out on the water. This was a very popular event, as you will see in an upcoming photo. When we wrapped things up around 3 pm, the attendance was well on the way to over 500 tags given out. Thank you to Ben Havens, the hatchery manager and his team for putting on another great event. We are talking about making things even more exciting next year. Check for future details!!



Thank you to John Walther, Melvin Schulenberg, Lee Kudrna, John Goad, Jerry Forck, Justin Beyer, Steve Peters, Phil Wisch, and Phil Curtin for all the help at the event.



The Ladies were lined up just like opening day. Greg helps his mom. Marilyn Forck fights the rainbow and then brings it in.



REDINGTON HOMEWATERS

As my dad and I arrived at Hidden Valley Outfitters to attend the Redington Home Waters event, the temperature was yet to hit 40 degrees. Despite being a cool start to the morning the day warmed up and the weather was great for being outside fishing. I just wish I could have convinced the fish of that during the One Fly contest. Congratulations go out to John Goad for catching the largest fish of the contest at 15.5 inches. John is pictured with the rod he won. Thank you to John Walther and John Wenlick for setting up for the fly tying demonstrations. Jerry Kemple and Doug Grove offer backup support. I was not able to stay for the Fly Fishing Film Tour this time, but I am Sure it was a good time. See you there next year.



ONE SEASON ENDS AND A NEW ONE BEGINS

As you all know, October 31st marks the last day of catch and keep season at the trout parks around Missouri. They will then close for a couple of weeks and reopen for the catch and release season. This is one of the best times to be at the parks because it means the crowds have lightened up. With the exception of Meramec Park, which I believe is open all week, the other parks are open Friday through Monday every week. The hours of operation are from 8 am to 4 pm on those days. Plenty of time for a full day of Fishing.

Now, if you do not want to go that far away from home or simply want to try somewhere different, don't forget about the winter stocking program that begins on November 1st all around Missouri. In Central Missouri you have cities like Jefferson City, Columbia, Fulton, Mexico, Moberly, Marshall, and Sedalia with stocked lakes. Not to mention if you go a little farther out, you have Union, Farmington, Kirksville and Beyond. For a list of urban-area lakes stocked for winter trout fishing, visit <http://on.mo.gov/1k87SOk>. This is a great time to try some new possibilities.

CLUB BUSINESS

- 1) *Membership renewals have now gone out. We are now taking the \$20 household membership fee for 2024. If you were not at the October meeting, you should have received a postcard in the mail as a reminder to pay your dues before January 1st 2024. You were also asked if you are a member of Fly Fishers International. If you are an FFI member, our dues to the organization will decrease. Checks can be made out to Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFE and sent to our Treasurer, Jack Kramer, via the address provided on the postcard.*

- 2) *Elections will take place at the November 14th members meeting. If you would like to be part of the Board of Directors or Officers there is still time. You can let me know any time up until the elections take place. Please be in attendance at the meeting to cast your vote.*

- 3) *Committees will need to be formed to help keep everything going. We will be looking for help in several areas. Here are some of those areas:*
 - A) *The most important committee will be the Banquet/Fundraising committee. This committee will have three board members and two regular members on it. This is a multi-year commitment. The process to select the committee starts once we have a new board and officers elected and their job begins on January 1st. With the decision to try and move the banquet back to the first quarter of the year, the group will only have to plan a members only banquet this year and have the entire year to get the fundraising banquet figured out.*
 - B) *There will need to be a Chairman and/or committee for the Summer Outings in May, June, and July. They will make sure all venues are booked/reserved, volunteers are arranged for cooking/supplying the main course (reimbursement given for main course), bring the proper supplies to the outings (some could be donated by members), and coordinate club member attendance to help determine counts and keep costs appropriate.*
 - C) *A decision was made to have a Kids Fishing event when the winter stocking program at McKay Park becomes catch and keep in February. If we are going to do this we will need to start to form a committee at the November meeting and start planning it out. What permissions are required? Who shall we try to include at the event(CFM, MDC, Parks and Rec, Sports Academy, FFI, etc.)? A lot to do.*
 - D) *We talked about writing up a grant to submit to the Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) and at this moment, to my knowledge, nothing has been started. We could use some help to get this rolling. The deadline for submission is December 15th, 2023. That is not very far away if we have to come up with a proposal to meet CFM guidelines and come up with an event or activity worthy.*
 - E) *These may be just some of the committees needed to keep things running effectively. We need everyone to get involved to make the club a success. Thanks!!!*

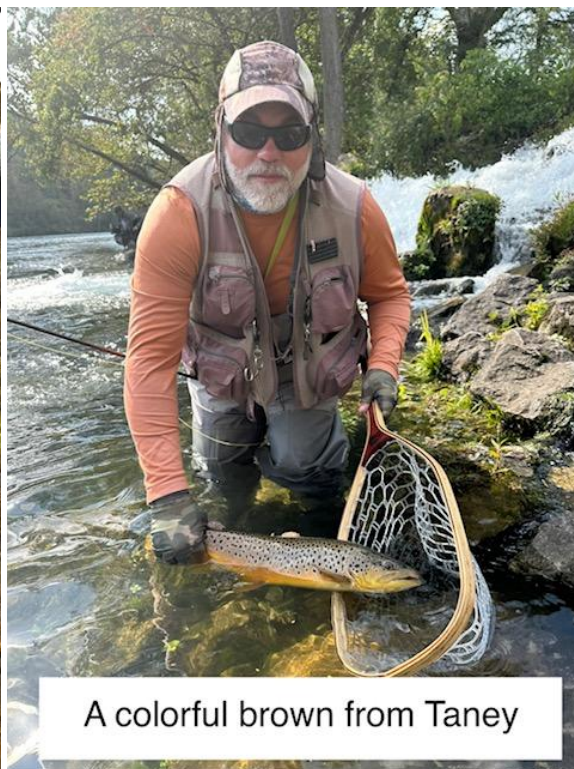
- 4) *As touched on in the committees section, we need to talk about possible dates to have the next non-fundraising banquet. Hopefully we have given Jack Kramer enough time to find a date.*

- 5) *Please let me know if you have any ideas to help improve the club! Maybe a new event, some website or facebook enhancements, or maybe a fundraising opportunity to spice things up. Remember that with new ideas also come new commitments. Be open to giving your time and effort.*

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Jeff Holzem has graciously agreed to give the presentation at our November 14th members meeting. Back in August the Mid-Mo TU chapter put together a trip to Colorado and several of the members enjoyed a fly fishing trip to remember. Jeff will share some tales and photos of the many adventures they had. I'm not sure if he plans to have any back up to help support the occasion or not, but I'm sure he will have some stories to tell.

FISHY PHOTOS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 31** *Informal Gathering - 6pm start - Watch your emails - because of Halloween we may cancel*
- 31** *Last Day for Catch and Keep season at the Trout Parks*

NOVEMBER

- 1** *City trout stocking program begins throughout the state*
- 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*

DECEMBER

- 5** *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 7** *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 12** *Monthly Members meeting - Christmas Potluck/Gift Exchange starts 6 pm*
- 19** *Informal Gathering - 6pm start*
- 21** *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 26** *Informal Gathering - 6pm start - Canceled for the Holiday*

JANUARY

- 2** *First Fly Tying Session*
- 4** *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 6** *Ozark Fly Fishers are having an event in St. Louis Area - Still waiting on details*
- 9** *Second Fly Tying Session*
- 16** *Third Fly Tying Session*
- 18** *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 23** *Fourth Fly Tying Session*
- 30** *Fifth Fly Tying Session*

We need to confirm our times for the fly tying sessions in January. We also need to establish who can help teach the beginners sessions as well. Maybe we can get a group of guys to collaborate as the instructors to help the beginners. Thanks!!!

**Capital City
Fly Fishers**



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023