



October, 2024

Message from the Prez -

Where do I start? The last month has been a whirlwind! I've had something fly fishing related going on every weekend since women's fishing day. That is not a complaint. It just means I've had a lot going on. So, you'll have to blame me for the late newsletter.

There are so many people that deserve a big thank you for helping with the events of the past month. We had Women's Fishing Day, Redington Home Waters, and water quality monitoring where a number of volunteers came out to help. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and tie flies for Women's Fishing Day. Without all your prep work we would not have been so successful. Jeff can tell you about the events in a little more detail.

We have one big event to go!!! Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park on November 9 is right around the corner. I'm going to ask for all hands on deck just one more time this year to help at the event. The event runs from noon to 3 pm for attendees. I'm going to be there by 10-10:30 to make sure we are set up on time. JC Parks will provide two 10x10 pop up canopies, tables, and some chairs. It might be a good idea to bring along an extra chair. We will need people to help with fly tying demonstrations, fly casting demonstrations, handing out fly boxes, working at the gear giveaway table, being available to help kids to fish, set up, clean up, and I'm sure other things I forgot. This is our first time for this event, so let's make it a great one!!!! If you were not able to sign up to help at the last members meeting, please contact me to let me know that you will be there.

Welcome to the Wolfe, Springfield, Evers, and Krupa, households. They are the newest members to join our ranks. I hope you can join us for the Kids Trout Fishing Day in Jefferson City on November 9. We'll have some great gear to give away for those 15 and under and expect to have some fun catching rainbow trout. Welcome back to Danny Goldsmith who also rejoined us on Women's Fishing Day. When you continue with us into 2025, we have some great stuff coming up. Every Tuesday in January and February we will have live fly tying sessions. In March we will have a big fund raising banquet with lots of raffles and auctions of great items. Before we get out of 2024, we have our Club Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10.

I have gotten a fair amount of fishing in this past month to go along with all the events. I've been down to Branson three times to fish Lake Taneycomo and attend the White River Fly Fishers Expo. I've had the pleasure to fish with my dad, Jeff Holzem, Doug Grove, Justin Beyer, and Phil Wisch on those trips. Because of the warmer weather and lack of rainfall, fishing was slower, but we all caught fish and had good times.

I hope you can get out to fish,

Greg Curtin

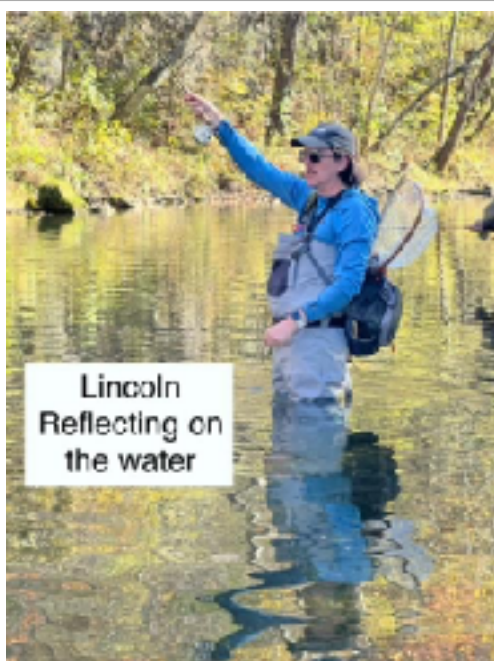
Kids Fishing Will Not Be Nov 9- The Trout Stocking Will Be Put Off Indefinitely -

This Year is a First - The Water was Too Warm to Stock Trout:

About 7 or 8 years ago, Jerry Kemple and I collected donations to cover half of the cost of stocking trout in McKay that MDC did not provide. The next year I think it was Jerry who talked the JC Parks into paying the half we provided the first year. Until now MDC stocked McKay and Bethel Lakes on November 1st. We had a near record 85 degree and several unseasonably hot days along with the night time lows too high to cool the lakes. 2023 was the hottest year ever and this year is hot. We hear about less snow melt out West and “Hoot Owl” stream closing on the Madison other famous rivers because the water temperatures are too high. Missouri is now being impacted warming temperatures.

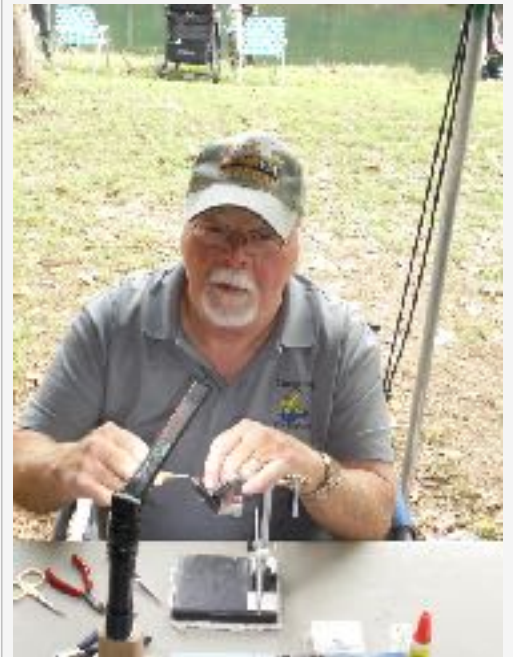
Stream Team Update:

Thanks to Greg and Phil Curtin, Mike Dean, Lenny Libler (from Eldon), Lincoln Purvis, Uldis for helping me monitor on October 19. When we met at the stream it was barely light at 7am, but we could see well enough to have the donuts everyone got to choose. One of the drivers got an extra one. Uldis’ rake really helped stir up the gravel and we found a tiny catfish, a darter and minnows in addition to a great assortment of macro invertebrates. The stream was the absolute lowest I have seen in 10 years of monitoring. With no rain for about a month the stream would have been dry were it not for a spring. We finished around 9:30 when Greg, Lincoln and I headed to Bennett for some fishing. We all caught fish and a man fishing down from me even caught my tags which had fallen off.



Ladies Fishing Day:

We had a very successful event with the generous CFM grant Greg secured. There were about 500 ladies fishing with free tags. Many came past our tables, where Mark Javersak and Lincoln Purvis handed out boxes of flies. John Goad and Justing Beyer gave out around 20 fly and spin rods along with numerous fishing accessories, a total of 154 items. Lee Kudrna, Jerry Forck, John Walther and Melvin Schulemberg tied flies. Karah McCune, Greg and Phil helped in several ways to make it go smoothly. I took a little time to fish, came back for a second shift and helped Laura from DHNR collect macro invertebrates to display. Karah enjoyed our last water quality monitoring and signed up for a class scheduled for November 5. Since we had some time after the event ended, Mark, Karah and I did some fishing. Thanks to all who helped!





Note:

I have many more pictures of this event plus several from Taneycomo, the White River Event and a San Juan trip. Stay tuned next month to see them.

Good News:

The City Council significantly increased the administrative charge for JC Parks, but they secured a grant to help fund a dock at McKay Lake. It is scheduled to be installed in November in the vicinity of the playground.

Reminder:

Don't forget to pay Jack \$20 for your club dues before year end.

EVENTS -

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

November

5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start

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

8, FRIDAY - CATCH AND RELEASE TROUT SEASON OPENS

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 get out to fish when you can.

Jeff Holzem

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