MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everyone,

I hope everyone is safe & doing well. Temperature changes, daylight changes, deer on the move, etc. I haven't got out & fished recently, but I have done some deer hunting and we put up a new deer stand, so we're excited to see how that turns out. I am hoping to get out & do some fishing at Mark Twain Lake before it gets really cold. If/when I do, I'll be happy to update any of you on how it went.

Remember to help spread the word about the Kids Fishing Day! I've put flyers around my work, so hoping that will draw in families.

Lastly, Happy Halloween to you & your families.

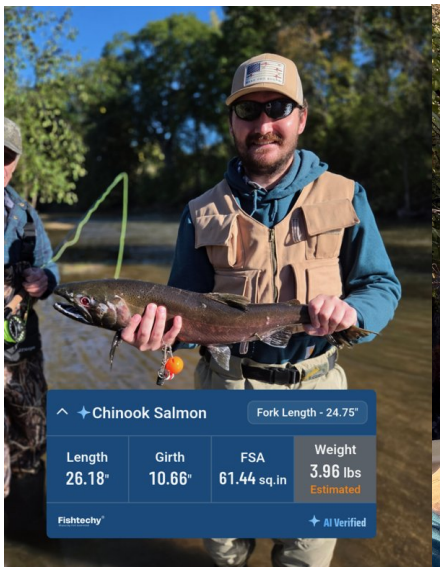
God Bless,
Justin

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE

2027 membership renewal notices have been sent out. The annual household membership fee is still only $20. Checks can be made out to “Capital City Fly Fishers”, or simply “CCFF”. Please try to have your renewal in by the first of the year. There are still two more regular meetings and several informal gatherings to pay in person. I hope everyone is able to renew and take part in all the great events we have throughout the year. If you are not able to make it in person, you can mail your payment to:

Jack Kramer
Capital City Fly Fishers
1731 Overlook Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101







MEMBERS MEETING – NOVEMBER 10

We will be holding club elections at the November meeting. You can still put your name in for one of the officers positions, newsletter editor, or board of director positions. A board member takes on a 3 year position and there are open spots every year. The officers positions are up for vote every year. Please consider helping by taking on one of these roles.

Our Guest speaker will be John Goad. He will tell us about the fishing trip he took with his grandson to Wisconsin. Here are are some photos. They get better, come to the meeting to see.

KIDS TROUT FISHING DAY

It looks like the weather is going to play with us again this year. Unfortunately, The trout release has been postponed and it appears we won't have trout for the event. With all the promotion and planning, we will be going forward with our activities on November 7. This is next weekend, so please put this on your calendar to attend. If you can spare the time please come and help.

All are welcome to help set up beginning at 10 am. The event runs from noon to 3 pm. It would be nice to have 3-5 people doing fly tying demonstrations, 6-7 people to help at the club table, gear giveaway table, or fly box giveaway table, other activities, and we could use several people to help the kids when needed. Jim Bryan, one of our newest members, has graciously agreed to do some fly casting demonstrations during the event. We will be joined by JC Parks, the Conservation Federation of Missouri, and hopefully a Stream Team group. It will be a great day!



DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas potluck is on Tuesday, December 8. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share with everyone. We will start eating at 6 pm. It will be held at the same Knights of Columbus Hall we hold our regular monthly members meetings, 1822 Tanner Bridge Rd

Once we finish eating we will have a gift exchange. If you would like to be included in the exchange, please bring a gift with a value around $10. The gift does not have to be fishing related, but it should be something that appeals to a large number of people. Gifts in the past have included craft items, gift certificates, housewares, specialty foods, fishing items, and more. If you have any questions about this, just ask. The gift should be wrapped/covered so no one can see it.

The gift exchange will be similar to the white elephant gift exchange, however, we will not have gag gifts. We will first randomly draw numbers to determine everyone's order in selecting. The first person will select a gift and then it will be the next persons turn. That person has the option to select a gift off the table or steal the gift from someone else. If your gift is stolen, you then have the option of selecting another gift from the table or stealing from someone other than the one who stole your gift. After the second steal of a gift, it becomes frozen and can no longer be taken away. It is yours to keep. The first person to select a gift will have the option to steal at the end or keep the gift they have. The exchange ends when all steals are complete and everyone has a gift.



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Greg, Uldis, Mike, John van Eschen, who went for the first time, Lenny and I had a very successful day October 10 monitoring. The only down side was Hen House, which was Schulte's had no donuts when Greg and I got there at 6am. Fortunately, Uldis brought some to go with the apple turnovers, I got. We carpooled to Big Saline Creek which we have monitored for around 20 years. We carpooled to the stream and got there before it was light, but we had donuts and got our gear on. The stream was the lowest I have ever seen and there were even more trees down in the water. The worst place is the big dirt bank where we first walk to the stream bed. I will let CFM know and ask if they can do something to stop the erosion. That pool is used to hold nice fish but now it is silted in and shallow. Even without much flow we found all except one of the insects that are sensitive to pollution, mayfly, caddis, water penny, 3 big helgramites and a riffle beetle. That is the highest water quality rating in the good range. Dissolved oxygen was on the low side because of so little flow, but still in the acceptable range. We got a lot of trash and Lenny hauled it away. This may have been a record for the earliest finish ever, 9:30. That gave us more time to fish. Bennett had a tournament, so Greg, John and I fished the Niangua. Greg caught a 4 pound, 22 inch rainbow! John and I did not go that well. John had not fished much, but he got the hang of fishing a riffle and will do much better next time. Catch and release at McKay Lake will be a good opportunity for all of us to catch more trout.

Videos of fish moving back

Trout Unlimited is proud to announce When Fish Return, a new series of films celebrating the Snake Basin's wild salmon and steelhead, the people who depend on them and the communities shaped by their return. This is possible because of a major effort by TU, tribal partners and many others to remove the dams.

The films debuted at TU's annual meeting and are now available to watch at TU.org/Lowersnake.

Roadless areas

You're benefiting from Roadless areas whether you're aware or not. Trout and salmon call these locations home thanks to the healthy habitats there. https://us.list-manage.com/RtXAD2hb7UZ?e=9fb8644ac7&c2id=d358dbb95fd4e667ce37f15ee9487a78

Removing culverts

A culvert replacement project in Georgia benefits trout, the local economy, and expands a business owner's options. https://us.list-manage.com/fW1LTpIKumh?e=9fb8644ac7&c2id=d358dbb95fd4e667ce37f15ee9487a78

Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator





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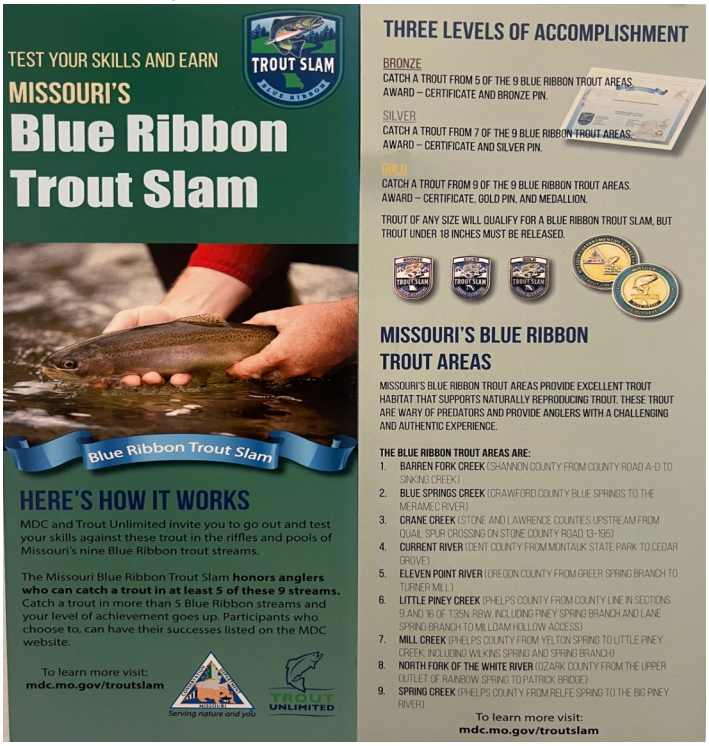
FLY TYING SESSIONS

Tuesday, January 5, 2027 is our first fly tying session. We will have a beginner's session starting at 5:30 pm and the regular session starting at 6:15 pm. We will have tying sessions every Tuesday in January and February. We will meet in the same place as our regular meetings and informal gatherings. That is the lower level of the knights of Columbus hall on Tanner Bridge road in Jefferson City. Equipment will be available for use and all fly tying materials will be provided at both sessions. Beginners are welcome to stay for the regular session.

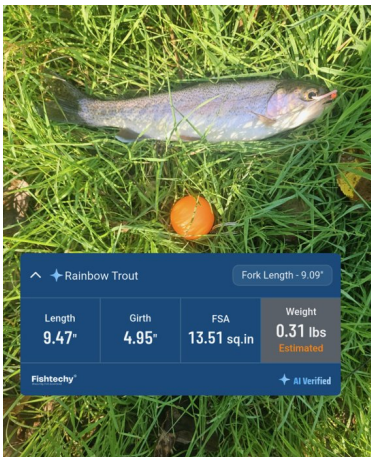
John Walther and Michael Collins will be our instructors at the regular sessions. If you can help at the beginners session please let me know. I hope to have some pictures of the flies that will be tied in a future newsletter. Invite anyone that may be interested. The sessions are free to the public.

BLUE RIBBON TROUT SLAM

If you get a chance, please congratulate Phil Wisch and Bobby Zylstra for being the latest members to complete the blue ribbon trout slam. Phil finished on Crane Creek and Bobby had a nice finish on the North Fork of the White. They each shared a photo. If you are not familiar with the Blue Ribbon Trout Slam, here is some information.









BANQUET

The March banquet is the big fundraiser for the year so we need everyone's participation. March is only a few months away and we could use help finding donations. We could really use Items outside the fishing category. Anything from gift certificates, food/drink, crafts, housewares, clothing, and more would all be great.

We will hope to have tickets ready to sell by the December Christmas party. I believe the room can hold 125 people and we want to sell to full capacity. This banquet will be open to the public so think about who you can invite that wants to support the club and help us raise funds. Thanks!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

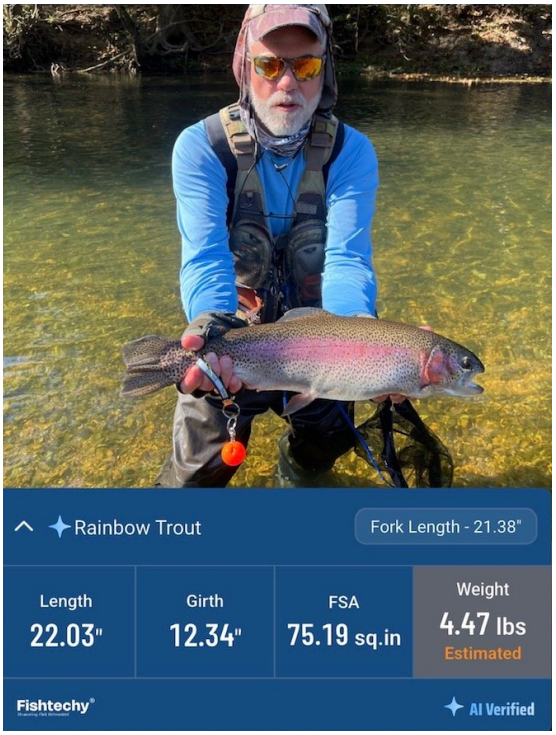
Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear by submitting something to the newsletter.

November

- November 1 – Urban Winter stocking program scheduled to begin
- November 3 – Informal Gathering
- November 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 7 – Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park – Volunteers Needed
- November 10 – Monthly Members Meeting
- November 13 – Catch-and-Release season starts at the trout parks
- November 17 – Informal Gathering
- November 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 24 – Informal Gathering

December

- December 1 – Informal Gathering
- December 3 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- December 8 – Monthly Members Meeting – **Christmas Party**
- December 15 – Informal Gathering
- December 17 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- December 22 – Informal Gathering
- December 29 – Informal Gathering



January

- January 5 – Fly Tying Session 1
- January 7 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- January 12 – Fly Tying Session 2
- January 19 – Fly Tying Session 3
- January 21 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- January 26 – Fly Tying Session 4

February

- February 2 – Fly Tying Session 5
- February 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- February 9 – Fly Tying Session 6
- February 16 – Fly Tying Session 7
- February 18 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- February 23 – Fly Tying Session 8
- February 26 – Trout Unlimited Banquet

March

- March 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 6 – CCFF Banquet
- March 9 – Monthly Members Meeting



Jeff finding one on the Niangua



Ken on a float trip