



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Overall the weather in November has been very mild and made for some good days of fishing. The winter stocking program is in full swing and I have now been to Columbia, Fulton, and of course McKay Park in Jefferson City. I still hope to visit two or three of the other cities that have been graced with getting trout stocked for the season. I fished Taneycomo with my dad a couple times in October and will head back one more time this year in early December. Hoping to see the big brown trout still active and looking to eat!

Elections were held for next year's Officers and Board Members. It was a hard fought campaign and it looks like I will be President for one more year. I would like to introduce those elected for 2024 and beyond:

BOARD MEMBERS (TERM)	2024 OFFICERS
<i>Jerry Kemple (1 yr)</i>	<i>President - Greg Curtin</i>
<i>Lee Kudrna (1yr)</i>	<i>Vice President - Justin Byers</i>
<i>Michael Collins (2 yr)</i>	<i>Treasurer - Jack Kramer</i>
<i>Steve Peters (2 yr)</i>	<i>Secretary - John Wenzlick</i>
<i>John Walther (3 yr)</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor - Jeff Holzem</i>
<i>John Goad (3 yr)</i>	

Please make sure to thank everyone who stepped up to make sure the club maintains its success. Even if you are not on this list, we will still need your help. There will be committees that call for all members to participate. Please show your support.

Thank you to Jeff Holzem, John Wenzlick, and Doug Grove for sharing their Colorado adventure with us at the November meeting. Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited, which all three guys are also members, put together a trip to fish in Colorado. We saw many pictures of the camaraderie, incredible nature scenes and the fish caught along the way. Thanks guys!! Maybe we should look at planning a trip in the future???

*Until next month,
Greg Curtin*



Mike H fishing the hot McKay corner



Dancing with a nice BROWN

DECEMBER MEETING - CHRISTMAS TIME

*All club members and their households are invited to take part in the **December 12th** Christmas Party. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share with the group. Most will probably bring their favorite holiday appetizers to share with everyone. 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 exchange.*

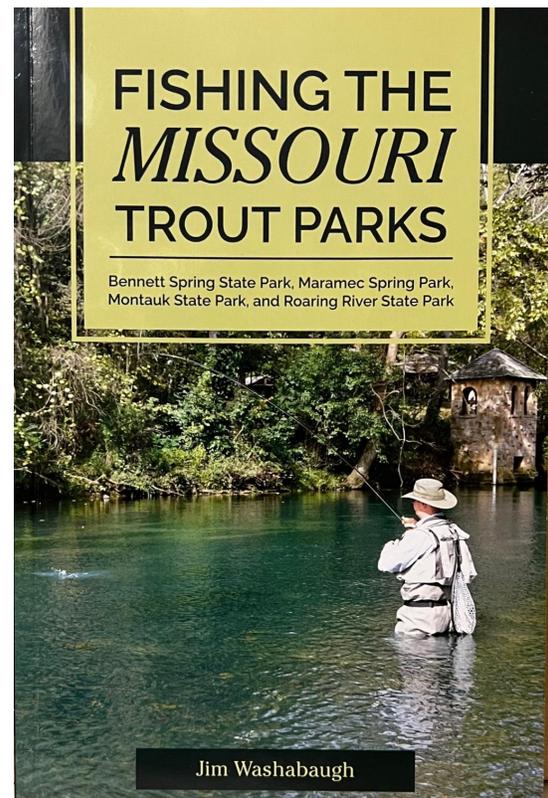
*For those who are not familiar with the gift exchange process, it is called *The White Elephant* exchange. Each person that brings a gift will be eligible to receive a gift. Gifts should be something that you yourself would want to receive. Gifts can be anything, not just fishing related. Not only have we had fly fishing related gifts, but also household items, foods, decorations, clothing, crafts, and many other items. Gifts should be around \$10 in value. 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. Number one picks the first gift off the table. Number two is next and 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. If you have any questions about the Christmas Party please let me know.*

As a special bonus, we will have a guest singer that will share a couple of songs with us at the Christmas party and it looks like we will be upstairs at the KC Hall.

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED

If you have been looking for a gift for your favorite fishing enthusiast and more specifically your favorite trout fishing enthusiast, then look no further. Capital City Fly Fishers' own Jim Washabaugh has written and published a new book entitled, "Fishing the Missouri Trout Parks." The knowledge and information that Jim shares spans multiple generations and is so thorough that it will benefit all skill levels. To acquire your copy go to one of the following:

- 1) *The Park Stores at Bennett Spring, Roaring River, and Maramec (Montauk in 2024)*
- 2) *T. Hargrove Fly Fishing - St. Louis, MO*
- 3) *Tim's Fly Shop - Cassville, MO*
- 4) *K & K Fly Fishers - Overland Park, KS*
- 5) *Weaver's - near Bennett Spring*
- 6) *Skylark Bookshop - Columbia, MO*
- 7) *Downtown Book & Toy - Jefferson City, MO*
- 8) *Feather Craft (feather-craft.com), St. Louis, MO*



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Doug, John and I enjoyed showing slides from our trip to the Colorado Flattops Wilderness. Although most guys on the trip belong to MidMo TU, it was not an official TU activity. It was open to non-TU members and a friend from Colorado joined us. I will let you know when another trip is planned and you are welcome to come along. Of course, you can join TU and get the Trout Magazine, the fishing calendar and tips like [Fishing in the Wind](#), which sure comes in handy at McKay. Introductory Discount <https://gifts.tu.org/intro> \$17.50 (which is less than the \$35.00 membership offered at the home page). Select Chapter 493.

As I said at the beginning, it is becoming less about catching fish, even though that is always fun, but more about enjoying time with friends, sharing memories, and making more memories in beautiful wild places. Of course, the increasing heat, droughts and floods makes it harder and harder for wild trout to survive in the West. I believe we have an obligation to care for creation. In fact, TU was founded in 1959 as a conservation organization with a mission "To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon. What are we doing to take care of trout?"

The Missouri Stream Team always has lots of good information on our waters. We are so lucky to have four trout parts, Lake Taneycomo, winter stocking in warm water lakes and a few wild trout streams. Here is a [recording of three speakers on clean water](#), Tim Gibbons of the Missouri Rural Life Crisis Center, a retired Research Engineer, who monitored streams in Iowa, and a teacher.

Happy Thanksgiving and I hope to see you at the Christmas Party,

*Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*

VA HELP

*We could still use some volunteers to help with veterans fly tying at the VA Hospital in Columbia. The sessions are the first and third Thursday of every month. Two different groups split up and one does the first Thursday and the other group does the third Thursday. We are in search of those that can fill in now and again. Having 4 people per group seems to work out best and if someone becomes unavailable for whatever reason life throws out, having some backups is crucial. The groups have been leaving from The First Assembly Church park lot at 2 pm. The VA Hospital tying session would start at 3 pm and generally goes no later than 4 pm. You are back in Jefferson City by 5 pm, unless a run to Bass Pro is in order. Please let Jerry Kemple know that you are available to be added to the list of helpers. Even if it might be once every month or two or three, please contact Jerry.
THANK YOU!!!!!!*

HONORARY MEMBERS

In accordance with our newly amended bylaws, Article II: Membership and Dues, Section 12: Classes of Membership, there were four club members that were nominated for the status of 'Honorary Life Members' to the board of directors. As per the bylaws, each of the members needed an affirmative vote by eight (8) of the eleven (11) members of the board. It is with pleasure that I tell you that the 8 attending board members at the November meeting voted unanimously to approve the 'Honorary Life Members' status for all four nominees. Through their individual actions, each of these members have exhibited and exemplified the aims and purposes of the Capital City Fly Fishers. They have gone and continue to go above and beyond the normal expectations of a regular member. Please thank the following members for their dedication to the club:

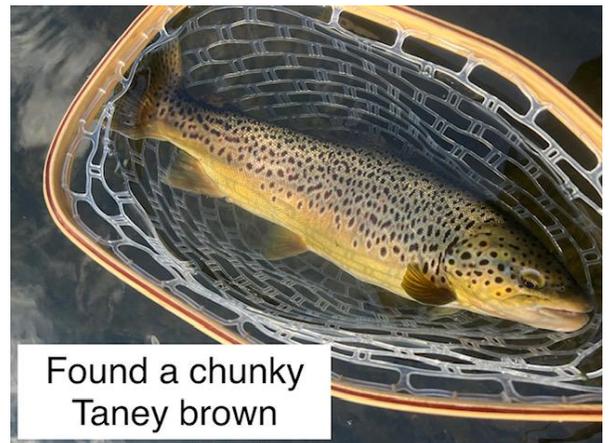
- 1) John Walther*
- 2) Jerry Kemple*
- 3) Lee Kudrna*
- 4) Wayne Simpson*

FLY TYING

I hope you are as excited as I am about the upcoming fly tying sessions starting in January. It looks like there will be 9 sessions this year. The first session will be Tuesday, January 2nd. I hope to get the names and photos from John Walther and Michael Collins of all the flies to put in the December newsletter.

What we missed talking about at the November meeting was who would be able to help instruct the beginners tying sessions? To my knowledge, no one has said that they are doing it. We want to make sure that those new to fly tying get help with some of the basic techniques used to create their own flies. There were quite a few people at the beginners sessions last year and it would be great to keep it going. We could try and have more than one person help, if you can't be there for all the sessions. Please contact Greg Curtin if you are available.

John G's beautiful Taney bow



Found a chunky
Taney brown

DECALS

I have been sending decal samples out for your suggestions. Here is what we have worked up so far:



Please understand that the designer is doing this for free in his spare time, so we will be on a little bit lower priority level than other work. We can submit other ideas if you would like to share them. I hope to have a price sheet for shirts, tumblers, coffee mugs, stickers, and maybe some other things worked out for the December Christmas party. He is looking into hats, but right now that is not an item he carries. His product is a printed/heat transfer product and not embroidery. The images will be an original image that the club can use for other purposes in the future, if we so choose.

FFI FLY TYING - ONLINE

Event Date: November 28, 2023, 6:00 PM - November 28, 2023, 7:30 PM [Export event](#)

Translated 

November 28th, the Fly Tying Group is sponsoring an Online Fly Tying Techniques demonstration. The instructor for the class is Mike Kelly from Project Healing Waters. He will be demonstrating the various way to use dubbing materials on various flies; The SHWAPF, the Casual Dress, the Waterhen Bloa, and the RS2 fly. The demonstration will be online using Zoom.

Topic: FTG Fly Tying Techniques - Ways to use Dubbing Materials

Date: Nov 28, 2023

Time: 5PM PT | 6PM MT | 7PM CT | 8PM ET (US and Canada)

Join The Demonstration:

The link for the session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353315437?pwd=WUUyM0lvR2hEZ3MzTmdicHBPeHpjZz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5331 5437

Passcode: 276791

All FFI Fly Tyers and non member Fly Tyers are invited to join Mike and the Fly Tying Group for this year's first Online Fly Tying Demonstration Series.

SAVE THE DATE!

FFI Fly Tying Group Presents Online Fly Tying Technique Demonstrations

 Date: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month from November 28 through April 22

 Time: 5PM PT | 6PM MT | 7PM CT | 8PM ET (US and Canada)

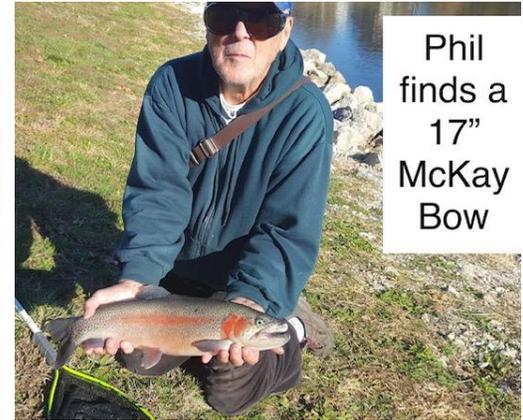
 Location: Online

I'm not sure if this is for FFI members who are part of the Fly Tyers group and FFI members who are not part of the Tyers Group or to all of the general public. I guess we'll have to find out.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Remember to send your membership dues to our treasurer, Jack Kramer. Please try to get them in before the end of the year. At some point anyone unpaid will be removed from the active roster and no longer receive newsletters and any necessary club updates. Your \$20 household membership can be made out to Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFE and then mailed to:

*Jack Kramer
Capital City Fly Fishers
1731 Overlook Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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*
- 27** *Fly Fishing Film Tour - Sponsor Mid-Mo TU - RagTag Theater in Columbia, MO - 10 am*
- 30** *Fifth Fly Tying Session*

FEBRUARY

- 1** *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 3** *CCFE First Annual Kids Fishing Day is being talked about*
- 6** *Sixth Fly Tying Session*
- 13** *Seventh Fly Tying Session*
- 15** *Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 20** *Eighth Fly Tying Session*
- 23** *Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited Banquet - Columbia, MO*
- 27** *Ninth Fly tying Session*