



### **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

*We did it! We made it through all of this year's major events in excellent fashion. Now let's take some time during the holidays to relax, enjoy, and celebrate. Come join the group in December for our Christmas party, which will be filled with old friends, new friends, food, fun, and fish tales.*

*Thank you to Sam Stewart for being our guest presenter at the November meeting. Sam came in and showed us one of his stone fly pattern called "The Stunner". This is a weighted fly often used with a double nymph rig to get the flies down faster in the water. As always, Sam has some great stuff and great insight on how to use it. Thanks again, Sam.*



*With the recent rain, flooding and devastation around Montauk State Park and even Meramec Park, it sure is nice to have the urban stocking program available around the state. Once, McKay Park received shipment of its trout for the urban stocking program, several club members have been able to take advantage of fishing closer to home. I have enjoyed fishing at Fulton and McKay so far this year. Be sure to check the MDC website for the closest locations to you.*

*Get out and fish, have fun, stay active, and stay safe,*

*Greg Curtin*



### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

*Notifications for membership renewal went out in October. If you could please send in your \$20 household membership to our Treasurer, Jack Kramer, it would be most appreciated. It sure would be nice to have it before the end of the year. You are welcome to come to one of the Tuesday informal gatherings and drop it off to Greg Curtin or Jack Kramer. Attending the December Christmas party would be a great opportunity to take care of your renewal. If you are not able to drop it off in person, you can mail a check payable to Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFE and send it to:*

*Jack Kramer*

*1731 Overlook Drive*

*Jefferson City, MO 65109*

*Thank you for being timely on your renewal. We have a lot of great things happening in 2025!!!!*

## **2025 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*With enough club members present at the November meeting, we were able to proceed with the election of our 2025 Officers and Directors. Please congratulate and thank those willing to take on these positions.*

*Here are your 2025 Officers, Directors, and other roles:*

*President - Justin Beyer*

*Vice President - John Goad*

*Treasurer - Jack Kramer*

*Secretary - John Wenzlick*

*Board (3yr) - Mark Javersak*

*Board (3yr) - Phil Wisch*

*Board (2yr) - Michael Collins*

*Board (2yr) - Steve Peters*

*Board (1yr) - John Walther*

*Board (1yr) - Melvin Schulenburg*

*Newsletter Editor - Greg Curtin*

*Stream Team Coordinator - Jeff Holzem*

*Webmaster - Larry Murphy*

*Facebook Administrator - Michael Collins*



## **VA VOLUNTEERS**

*As the majority of you are aware, we provide a fly tying program for veterans up at the VA hospital in Columbia on the first and third Thursday of every month. This program takes a volunteer effort to be successful. Jerry Kemple has put together a good group of guys to try and take care of things, but your help is needed to help fill in when someone is on vacation, has an appointment, or is under the weather. The crew usually leaves Jefferson City at 2 pm and is back by 5 pm. Please contact Jerry and let him know you can help. Thanks!!*

## **FLY TYING**

*We begin fly tying sessions on Tuesday, January 7. The beginners session starts at 5:30 pm and will be led by varying club members each week. The regular session will generally begin at 6:15 pm and will be led by either John Walther or Michael Collins. Flies good for trout, bass, pan fish and maybe more will be demonstrated. We hope to have some photos in next months newsletter.*

## **KIDS TROUT FISHING DAY**

*What started out with some question marks, turned into a great event! The first big question was, are we going to get trout at McKay before the start of the event? If you were not aware, they had to delay the stocking because of the water temperature. And then, the rain hit and flooded out Montauk State Park, where the trout we're supposed to come from. In the end, 2425 rainbows were shipped from Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery in Branson and hit the water at McKay around noon on the Friday right before the event. Phew! We could still call it "Kids Trout Fishing Day."*

*The other question mark was the weather. With occasional rain in the forecast for that Saturday, we weren't sure what we were going to get. Well, it rained most of the morning and it was still present as we started setting up around 10 AM. By noon, when the event started, the rain had ended and all was good. We had about 2 hours of clear weather and then a light rain came back. The rain wasn't significant, so we kept going.*

*Thank you to all CCF members who braved the weather and came out to help with all the activities of the day. We also owe thanks to the JC Parks Department and the Conservation Federation of Missouri for making the event run smooth. Last but certainly not least, thank you to The Conservation Foundation of Missouri Charitable Trust for approving funding of \$1000 through the Carl Morrow Grant. The funding allowed us to purchase giveaway items for the kids.*



Fly tying table at kids day

*At the end of the day, we had a count of 85 kids along with their families in attendance. If you take in to consideration that this was the first year of the event and the weather was a little suspect, this was a great turnout! There were fly tying and fly casting demonstrations, information shared, food on hand, giveaways, and of course fishing for the families to enjoy. I'm looking forward to having the 2nd Annual Kids Trout Fishing Day. This was a great event to be a part of. Thanks again to all the organization and individuals that helped!*



1st trout caught at kids day



Lachlan with a nice catch at kids day



Kids day winner



Rod/reel winner



The path to kids fishing



Families line the lake

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*Ring in the Christmas cheer!!! Join us for the **Christmas potluck on Tuesday, December 10**. Please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share with everyone. It's time to bring out those super secret special family favorites for sampling! We will start eating at 6 pm. We will be **upstairs** at the Knights of Columbus hall at 1822 Tanner Bridge Road in Jefferson City.*

*Once we finish eating we will have the gift exchange. If you would like to be included in the exchange, please bring a gift with a value in the \$10 range. 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 let me know. Please make sure gifts are 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 person's turn. That person has the option to select a gift off the table or to steal a gift from someone else. If a gift is stolen, the person who it was stolen from will either select another gift off the table or steal from another person other than who stole from them. This will go on until everyone has ended up with a gift. The very first person to select has the chance to steal at the end or*

*keep their gift to end the exchange. After a gift has been stolen twice, it is frozen. Meaning, no one else can steal it. That gift is yours. Come be involved, meet other club members, feast, and have fun.*

## **BANQUET**

**Set the date now!** *Our big fundraising banquet will take place in March. It will be open to the public to help us raise funds for our organization. Start thinking of people or businesses that might want to help us through donations, purchasing tickets, and spending at the banquet. We will have several raffle and auction items to choose from. Tickets have just been printed and will be available for purchase starting Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Come to an informal gathering or contact Jack Kramer. The Christmas Party would be a great opportunity to pick up some tickets as well.*

*Here are some details:*

*Date- Saturday, March 8, 2025*

*Time- Social hour 4 pm*

*Supper 5 pm*

*Raffles and auctions approx. 6 pm*

*Location- American Legion Post 5*

*1423 Tanner Bridge Road*

*Jefferson City, MO 65101*

*Price- \$25 per ticket*

*Meal- Fried chicken, pot roast, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable, buns, and dessert.*

*Water and tea provided. Cash bar for other refreshments. A GREAT MEAL*

## **Stream Team Update**

*Conservation Notes from the Missouri Streams:*

*This one hits close to home: Key Colorado River Basins at Tipping Point: Study Six key watersheds along the Colorado River have become increasingly vulnerable to drought and could be nearing a point of no return <https://thehill.com/policy/equilibrium-sustainability/4990948-colorado-river-watersheds-vulnerability/>*

*The Hill*

*How can YOU reduce your personal use of plastic?*

- 1. Clean with baking soda and vinegar or homemade cleaners instead of cleaners packaged in plastic.*
- 2. Buy powdered laundry detergent in boxes rather than liquid detergents in plastic containers, or make your own detergent.*
- 3. Skip the plastic containers, and package food leftovers in glass, metal, or ceramic dishes.*
- 4. Bring your own containers to restaurants to package leftovers.*

5. *Swap disposable paper napkins with reusable cloth napkins. They feel nice and reduce overall waste, which reduces the use of plastic bags!*

## **MISSOURI**

### *ONSR Experienced Historic Flooding*

[Ozark National Scenic Riverways experienced widespread flooding following significant rainfall that started on November 3](#)

*National Park Service*

### *Residents Braced for Meramec Flooding*

[Residents in Valley Park, Eureka and Pacific brace for Meramec River flooding](#)

*St. Louis Public Radio*

### *Flood Damage Postpones Trout Opening*

[Flood damage postpones opening of winter catch-and-release season at Montauk State Park, Meramec Spring Park](#)

*MDC News Online*

### *Untreated Wastewater Reaches Missouri River*

[A wastewater spill in Sioux City, Iowa, led to an unknown amount of untreated wastewater reaching the Missouri River](#)

*Wastewater Digest*

### *Rivers Eroding Sacred Mounds*

[On the Wisconsin-Iowa border, the Mississippi River is eroding sacred Indigenous mounds. The Effigy Mounds are one of the densest collections still existing in North America.](#)

*MINN Post*

### *Key Colorado River Basins at Tipping Point: Study*

[Six key watersheds along the Colorado River have become increasingly vulnerable to drought and could be nearing a point of no return](#)

*The Hill*

### *Ohio's Newest Scenic River*

[River declared "nearly lifeless" in Ohio now is home to 92 species of fish and is the state's 16th Ohio Scenic River](#)

[Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Natural Resources \(ODNR\) Director Mary Mertz officially designated Raccoon Creek as Ohio's newest state scenic river.](#)

*WTRF*

### *Raining PFAS in Miami*

[It's Raining PFAS 'Forever Chemicals' in Miami, Study Finds](#)

*EcoWatch*

## **Fishing Tips**

*How to Make the Reach Cast:*

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-reach-cast/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=7d7J4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-reach-cast/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=7d7J4)

**Casting Sinking Lines:**

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-casting-sinking-lines/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=NN6H4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-casting-sinking-lines/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=NN6H4)

**Casting Heavy Flies:**

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-casting-heavy-flies/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=kW7I4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/tip-casting-heavy-flies/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=kW7I4)

## **White River Fly Fishing Expedition October 11, 12**

*Greg and Justin proudly represented our club*



## **San Juan Fishing Trip**

*Doug Grove, Ken Foster, Ric Washburn and five other anglers traveled to New Mexico and caught some nice trout.*

*Ken is on the right. Ric and Doug are in the boat below*



## **EVENTS -**

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

*November*

*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](mailto:jeff2002h@yahoo.com)) pictures and other items of interest to club members. Be safe and get out to fish when you can.*

*Jeff Holzem*

*Newsletter Editor, Stream Team Coordinator*