

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

*As we go through the holiday season and move into 2022, I reflect on the roller coaster we have been on over the last couple years and how the club has finally gotten back to active. We navigated the uncertainty with a few online fly tying events and then reunited with some fishing and food events throughout the summer. We were able to help at Kids Fishing Day at Binder and Ladies Fishing Day at Bennett. We then got back into having our regular monthly meetings and started looking ahead to the big banquet. We've had some great guest speakers and even got officers elected. We then topped it off with our Christmas party to end the year. I want to thank everyone for how dedicated they are to the success of the club and a great rebound to an unexpected and uncertain circumstance.*

*We now hit 2022 running with the start of our fly tying sessions and having our big banquet. Let's all work to have another great year and give as much support to the club as we can.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all,*

*Greg Curtin*



*John Goad shared a photo of a lighted fly rod Christmas tree. One of my favorite trees of the season.*

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*The December meeting was a gathering of great friends, great food, and great fun. Everyone was able to visit with old friends and meet some new ones as well. If you weren't able to indulge in all the great food and drink, then you really missed out on some special treats. Thank you to everyone who made our taste buds smile.*

*Once we finished eating, there was a thrilling gift exchange. There was some give and take, but ultimately everyone who brought a gift, left with a gift. Thanks for a great holiday memory.*



*A gathering of friends*



*Partaking in the wonderful food*



*The getting and the taking of the gift exchange.*



## **FLY TYING**

Here is the lowdown on the fly tying sessions, just in case you have not already read about it. Sessions begin Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and continue for every Tuesday in January and February. All sessions will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall basement meeting room on Tanner Bridge Road in Jefferson City. Materials will be supplied. There will be two sessions each night. A 5:30 pm beginners slot and the 6:30 pm regular session.

Everyone is welcome to participate in either session, whether you are a club member or not. If you do not have your own tying tools yet, it's no problem. There will be some equipment available for use. We encourage current members to come early to provide a little help at the beginner's sessions.

For January 4th, John Walther has prepared a damsel fly nymph pattern for your fish catching pleasure. Here is a photo sample of the fly pattern.



I'll see you there!!!

## **LADIES DAY FLY BOXES**

For the last few years Wayne Simpson has done the fly club a great service by not only purchasing the club fly boxes (Our logo and website address on cover to promote club) used at Ladies Fishing Day and other events, but also for tying the majority of the flies that were put into the fly boxes. Once again, Wayne has purchased boxes for future events and will be tying another big batch of flies. He is sending 30 boxes or so our way to fill with flies. Typically, we will have 10-12 different flies per box. We looking for volunteers that are willing to donate a little time and supplies to tie up at least 30 of the same fly to be able to put one in each box. It does not have to be an elaborate pattern, just something you like to tie that is simple and generally effective.

The fly tying sessions coming up might be the perfect setting to get started with your 30. Let's try and knock this out early, so if we have events to promote the club, we are ready. Thanks!!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

*For those who are interested in joining us for the first time or those who are looking to renew their household membership, coming to the fly tying sessions is the perfect time to get it done. The \$15 dues can be paid with cash or a check to Capital City Fly Fishers. We will have membership application at fly tying or you can download one from our website:*

[www.capitalcityflyfishers.org](http://www.capitalcityflyfishers.org) go to About Us page.

**We have a lot of great events throughout the year!**



## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

*Fishing at McKay has been fun and I hope you are getting a chance to enjoy it. I missed the Christmas party but I am sure it was a good time.*

*As you may know Trout Unlimited works very hard to take care of trout. TU scientists measure what is happening with streams. They see higher temperatures and lower flows decreasing trout habitat and putting stress on the fish. Check out the climate change workgroup page <https://www.tu.org/get-involved/volunteer-tacklebox/council-leader-resources/national-leadership-council/nlc-conservation-workgroups/climate-change-workgroup/> and scroll down to the video on Climate Change and Trout. It shows how streams are impacted by the changing climate, what TU is doing about it and how we can help.*

*Have a Merry Christmas,  
Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator*

## **SOWBUG ROUNDUP**

### **25th Annual International Sowbug Roundup**

**March 24, 25 & 26, 2022**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Mountain Home, AR  
Baxter County Fairgrounds

Admission \$10.00 for all three days  
Adults with kids 12 and under admitted free

Guests of Honor  
**Dave & Emily Whitlock**

More than 150 Fly Tyers  
Vast Variety of Vendors  
Great Auctions and Raffles  
Free Fly Fishing Seminars  
Free Fly Tying Classes  
Free Prizes for Kids

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*After 2 years off, it's back!*

*A lot of fly tying and fly fishing info.*

*An event to be seen!*

*Plan now.*

## **FISH THE PIERRE MARQUETTE**

*Baldwin, Michigan.*

*John Wenzlick, Ric Washburn, Greg Nance, Ken Foster and I from TU fished the PM the week of November 7. John and I hired Kam Zamites, who works out of Baldwin Bait and Tackle. Greg will remember him from Alaska. John and I had fished with him the year before, and that is why we chose him. Knowing were to fish and positioning the boat for good drifts is the key. Kam did a better job getting us on to fish than the 2 more experienced guides. I give him the credit for any success I had. John is good, so he doesn't have to say that.*

*On Monday, John and I hooked 2 kings and 2 steelheads. Two of them broke us off after a fight and the others released themselves quickly. Like the salmon in Alaska, these fish will break off immediately if you do not have a good drag and let them run. Unlike in Alaska, the PM is full of downed trees, so it is easy for a fish to get away. The other 2 boats only got 1 hookup, but Ken did land a steelhead. On Wednesday we fished further downstream. Most of us switched from chuck and duck with fly rods to drifting egg patterns below indicators with spinning gear. That gave us much longer drifts. John got 2 steelhead into the boat, and I landed 1 and broke of another after a nice fight. The other 4 guys landed 2 steelhead. So if you want to catch kings and steelhead in Michigan, call BBT and book a trip with Kam.*

*-Jeff Holzem*

## **BANQUET**

*Here is the basic banquet information:*

*Tickets: \$20*

*When: Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

*Happy Hour: 6 pm*

*Supper: 7 pm*

*Fried Chicken and Roast Beef as main courses have always been great.*

*Where: American Legion – Post 5*

*Address: 1423 Tanner Bridge Road, JC, MO*

*Silent Auctions, Live Auctions, Raffle Drawings, Card Raffle, Awards all to be done after Supper.*

*Invite a friend or two. \$20 will get you a great meal and some entertainment for the evening.*

## **BANQUET DONATIONS**

*Ladies and Gentlemen, receiving donations for the banquet, is really coming down to the wire now. We will take donations up until the last minute, but it sure would be nice to have things in ahead of that, so we can prepare. If you have already donated, thank you! If you have something to donate, thank you! Now is the time to get it to Terry Smith to store and process. If you haven't had time yet to make or acquire something to donate, please begin. We have just a little over a month to get organized. We have some great items, but we really need some more to help fill the bucket raffles and auctions. Remember, it can be more than just fly fishing items. We would love things that have mass appeal. Thanks in Advance!!*

## **PHOTOS**



*Jeff Holzem with a steelhead on the Pierre Marquette*



*John Wenzlick with a nice steelhead of his own!*



*Phil Curtin and a nice rainbow on Taneycomo*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**



**PHOTOS**



*Above: Terry Smith using top water flies in Sedalia*



*Some of Terry's catches in various cities*



*While relaxing in Cancun, Mike Dean takes some time out to catch supper!*



*John Goad has caught fish at the many different lakes during the Winter Stocking Program.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

January 2022

- 4 Fly Tying Session 1
- 11 Combo - Fly Tying Session 2/Club Meeting
- 18 Fly Tying Session 3
- 25 Fly Tying Session 4

February

- 1 Start of Winter Stocking - Catch and Keep
- 1 Fly Tying Session 5
- 8 Combo - Fly Tying Session 6/Club Meeting
- 14 Last Day of catch and release season at Parks
- 15 Fly Tying Session 7
- 22 Fly Tying Session 8

March

- 1 Opening Day of Catch and Keep at Trout Parks
- 8 Club Meeting
- 24-26 Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR

I SAW THAT "40 POUND" MAHI YOU CAUGHT LAST WEEK...



YOU'RE GETTING A FISH SCALE FOR CHRISTMAS.