



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

As 2022 draws to a close, I look back on a year where the Capital City Fly Fishers got back into the full swing of things. We had a full year of live meetings or outings that gathered members together to take part in club discussions, guest speakers, social gatherings, and any other business for the club. CCFE was able to hold a successful Banquet to raise over \$4400 for future club activities.

More importantly we were able to get back to being involved with community events like fly tying with veterans, kids fishing day at Binder Park, fly tying sessions in January and February, Women's free fishing day at Bennett Spring, and helping the Boy Scouts with their fly fishing merit badge. Many club members also participated in the Mayfly Project events, went out for Stream Team reporting, helped at Explorer Camp for the Lebanon Public Schools, demonstrated at the Redington Home Waters event, and attended and participated in many other fly fishing events outside of the club. This can not be done by just a handful of people. It takes a group ready to give their time and effort for the betterment of the community and the waters we use to fish. CCFE members, thank you for all your continued support of the club and its activities. We will need your help again as we head into 2023.

*Happy Holidays,
Greg Curtin*

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas, Christmas, time is here. A time for laughter and time for cheer. Oh, and did someone say eating a lot of great food? I will say this, there was a lot of incredible food at the Christmas party. Thank you everyone for sharing with the group. No one went away hungry.

After filling our bellies past full, we had the white elephant gift exchange. We had some good back and forth gift selections and steals. The flies I stole from someone as my first selection, were then stolen from me right away. It's all part of this tricky game and all in all, I ended up with another gift and had a great time with the exchange.

At the end of the night we had a rod/reel drawing for all the female members in attendance. This combo was donated by Generose Kramel, who wanted it to go to a female member. Donna Kay Hinkle was the lucky recipient. Congratulations, Donna, you got a great prize.

Again, thank you everyone for another successful event and an even better year. I look forward to doing it next year. There are a few pictures to follow:



*Left: Greetings to Terry Smith. Sorry you couldn't be here!
Right: The gang enjoying the night.*



Left: Mike with the Fisherman's Prayer.

Center: Wait Justin, choose that one.



Right: Jack is Jamming!



FEBRUARY MEETING DATE CHANGE

*As previously mentioned, the January and February members meetings would coincide with the fly tying sessions. It has come to my attention that there is this Valentine's Day event on February 14th, which would be the same day as our February members meeting. So, we will be moving the members meeting to the following week on **Tuesday, February 21**. The members meeting will commence at 7 pm after tying. The biggest reason for the meeting's start time is that we will be having a **rod/reel auction**. Jimmy Kramel's widow, Generose, has asked for our help to sell these combos to raise some funds. Jimmy was always ready to go help at the VA since he retired from the USAF, so let's help the Kramel's now. Jerry Kemple has given me a list of the Rods and Reels. The rods and reels had been matched together by Jimmy Kramel and that is the way they will be paired for the auction. I do not know which rod is with which reel at this time. If I obtain a list of which goes where, I will send it out ahead of time. The list, that is coming up next, has 10 rods and 12 reels on it. If you know anyone that might be looking for a rod/reel combo, please invite them.*

Something we should have discussed months ago, is having a club banquet in 2023. This time it would be just a members only banquet and not a fundraiser. Let's talk about this at the January members meeting and see if we can figure something out.

NOTE: *So there is no confusion, we are still having a fly tying session on February 14th. The only thing we are moving is the members meeting portion. This will allow us to devote all the necessary time to the tying session on the 14th and the rod/reel auction on the 21st and still try to keep things moving for those who might have plans after.*

ROD/REEL LIST

RODS

- 1) Orvis 8' Graphite 6wt (full flex)
- 2) Orvis 7'11" TLS 4wt – 2 pc (Mid flex 7.5)
- 3) St. Croix 8'6" Graphite TVL Rod – 4 pc (4.5 full flex) mod fast
- 4) St. Croix 7'9" Graphite – 3 pc – Legend Ultra UFT 793 3wt (fast)
- 5) St. Croix 7' Graphite IF 7034 3 / 4wt (mod fast)
- 6) Sage 8'6" Graphite 586 RP 5wt (med fast action)
- 7) Sage 9' Graphite II 890 DS 8wt (med fast)
- 8) SSFR-905 9' 5wt – 4 pc
- 9) Winston 9' 5wt – 4 pc Boron & Graphite (Fast Action)
- 10) TFO BVK 8'6" 4wt – 4 pc Graphite

REELS

- 1) Orvis CFO III 6wt
- 2) Orvis Batenkill disc drag 5 /6 wt
- 3) Orvis Batenkill disc drag 3 /4 wt
- 4) Lamson LP 1.5 (has extra spool)
- 5) S/A System Two 56-L
- 6) Cabelas HP-2 disc drag
- 7) Ross Cimarron C-4 (WF8F)
- 8) Cortland Graphite
- 9) Cortland (Mosquitos)
- 10) Okuma Model 180ES
- 11) Zebco Cardinal 156
- 12) Galvan open back OB-4 w/ 2 spools for 5 & 6 wt lines

MCKAY FISHING

There are some nice fish still being caught at Mckay Park. If you look closely one of them was caught with the cheeseburger fly that was from one of the Christmas gift exchanges.



STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Brown Trout Egg Stocking

On December 6, Mike Kruse and I from our MMTU Chapter met several members of the Gateway (St. Louis) Chapter at Westover Farms near Steelville, MO. If you fished the Meramec River years ago, you will remember it was a great brown trout fishery. Now the river is shallow and the bottom is covered with sand. The last time I fished there the water was 70 degrees and we found no trout in over a mile of the stream. I heard Greg and Mike fished with Michael Collins and worked to find fish. The Gateway chapter had limited success with telemetry studies to track the stocked browns. I suspect many of the trout moved upstream to cooler water in the park or were taken by nature's predators.

Three years ago the Gateway Chapter got approval from MDC to try a new approach at Westover Farms. They purchased vibert boxes and fertilized brown trout eggs. If you are not familiar with the boxes follow this link,

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Conservation/Projects-Programs/Whitlock-Vibert-Box> Dave Whitlock modified the design and successfully established sustaining brown trout fisheries. The Gate Chapter documented their efforts in this video <https://www.gatewaytu.org/project-brown-trout.html>. The first year stocking was not successful, but Mike and I saw pictures of browns caught at Westover, which stocks only rainbows. Only one was small enough to have been from the egg stocking. DNA testing could confirm the brown was the stocked strain. It was an enjoyable experience and I look forward to hearing how the fry are doing.

Klamath River Dam Removal

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued the Final License Surrender Order for [the Lower Klamath River Hydroelectric Project](#), <https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/reconnecting-the-klamath/>. This clears the last major hurdle necessary to implement the world's largest river restoration project to date by removing four old dams on the lower Klamath River.

With this order now in place, the [Klamath River Renewal Corporation](#) (KRRC) — the non-profit entity created to oversee Klamath River dam removal and related restoration activities — and the States of Oregon and California will accept transfer of the Lower Klamath Project License from the energy company PacifiCorp and start the dam removal process.

Removing the four dams will reconnect more than 420 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for salmon, steelhead, lamprey, and other native fish, and while improving water quality, preventing deadly algal blooms, lowering temperatures, and improving dissolved oxygen during hot summer months.

Bringing a river back to life is never simple or easy. For the Klamath River, it's been a long, hard road, filled with painful setbacks and critical breakthroughs. Today, the broad coalition of Tribal leaders, commercial fishermen, and conservationists who have spent years working tirelessly to make this moment possible are celebrating one of the biggest highlights of the process so far.

Climate News

TU has already secured \$30 Million in funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure law and more may be coming to help sustain healthy trout and salmon populations.

Trout Unlimited worked diligently on a bipartisan basis to secure significant provisions in the bill that support our mission. With this memo, we are beginning the process of informing staff and volunteer leaders about program funding opportunities provided by the new law.” This link provides more details: <https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/from-the-field/why-tu-backed-the-infrastructure-and-climate-laws/>

Hope you enjoy the holidays and have time to do some fishing,

Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator

FLY TYING

Fly Tying is right around the corner and I can not wait to get started. Remember that it is free to the community, so pass on the word to anyone interested!! Here is the basic information for the sessions:

Date: Every Tuesday in January and February. First session is January 3rd.

Time: Beginner’s session starts at 5 pm and the regular session starts at 6 pm

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1822 Tanner Bridge Road, Jefferson City

We are in the lower level meeting room.

John Walther sent me a list of some of the things you should bring with you. The thread colors he mentioned were fire orange, brown, black, white, and olive. Along with your vise and standard tools, you should also have super glue and a hair stacker as well. John, also wanted to thank everyone for the fantastic vise that he was given this past year. Here are the first 5 flies that will be tied:



FUTURE EVENTS OF INTEREST

We are always looking for events to add to the calendar. Steve Peters shared an article with me about a MDC and MAKO (Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma) Fly Fishers Co-sponsored event down at Roaring River State Park. In the article, it gave a link to the MDC events page, where you can see all of the things they have planned in the future. The programs take place all over Missouri and could make for a great outing. They cover many topics and are not limited to just fishing. There is hunting, camping, arts & crafts, wildlife, plants, and more. A lot of the events require registration and could book up fast. So, if there is something that interests you, book it as soon as you can! I'm sure many of you already take advantage of MDC programs, but for those who are not aware of the offerings, here is the link to see them: mdc.mo.gov/event.

Most of the fly fishing programs that are taking place in January are already booked up or close to it, some may have waiting lists, if you wish to try and get in. The one Steve mentioned at Roaring River State Park, had two spots available as of the morning of 12/24/22. On February 2nd, there is a fishing event being held at McKay Park here in Jefferson City. Registration period opens on 1/15/23 and there are 45 spots available. This is a catch and keep event, so make sure you have all of the necessary permits.

Some other day trips or overnight events to consider are:

Streamer Lovefest 2023

This event was mentioned in last month's newsletter. It takes place on January 28th in Cotter, AR and starts at 6:30 pm. The name kinda speaks for itself.

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Expo 2023

This is Tri-Lakes annual fundraiser.

**LEARN from nationally recognized fly tyer & White River & North Fork guide, BRIAN WISE*

MEET & get tips from **more than thirty fly tyers from across the nation!*

**SEE the latest in fishing & outdoor gear!*

**RAFFLES, AUCTIONS DRAWINGS and much, much more!*

Date/Time: Saturday, March 11 from 9 am to 4 pm

Where: The Benson Center, 1008 E. Sedalia ave., Clinton, MO

Sowbug Roundup 2023



**26th Annual
International
Sowbug Roundup**
March 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2023

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

Date/Time:

March 23-25

9 am to 4 pm each day

Where:

**Baxter County Fairgrounds
1531 Fairgrounds Rd
Mountain Home, AR**

They expect over 150 tyers

Plan now!!

LAKE TANEYCOMO TRIP

I had a chance to go fish Lake Taneycomo in Branson, MO in early December. I was accompanied by Phil Curtin and John Wenzlick. We left early Sunday morning with the temperature in the lower 30s with the hopes we would see mid to upper 40s by the afternoon. After making a stop at Bass Pro in Springfield, we thought about going to Crane Creek to fish, but with the temperature still only in the mid 30s we went straight to Taneycomo. When we arrived there, it was around 40 degrees, there were no generators running, and the flow was slower. It was a hard day of fishing, but there were a few fish caught. For the next two days, we had some great fishing. The generations varied throughout the day, but we were able to adapt accordingly and temps were in the 50s with no rain. The brown trout were in the area. Here are a few images from the trip:



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 3 *Fly Tying Session #1*
- 5 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 10 *Fly Tying Session #2 – We will have a **short members meeting** starting at 6pm before fly tying*
- 17 *Fly Tying Session #3*
- 19 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 24 *Fly Tying Session #4*
- 28 *Streamer Lovefest 2023 – Dally's Ozark Fly Fishers – Cotter, AR 6:30 pm onwards*
- 31 *Fly Tying Session #5*
- 31 *Last day of catch and release at all the winter stocked lakes*

February

- 1 *First day of catch and keep for all the winter stocked lakes*
- 2 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 7 *Fly Tying Session #6*
- 13 *Last day of catch and release at the Trout Parks*
- 14 *Trout Parks close to prepare for opening day March 1*
- 14 *Fly Tying Session #7*
- 16 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 21 *Fly Tying Session #8 – **Members meeting/auction starting at 7 pm** after fly tying*
- 28 *Fly Tying Session #9*

March

- 1 *Opening Day of Trout Seasons*
- 2 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 11 *Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Expo 2023 – Clinton, MO*
- 14 *Club Meeting*
- 16 *Fly Tying For Veterans – Columbia, MO*
- 23-25 *Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR*