



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

In just a couple of days we will bring in a new year! We remember the past and look at 2024 to create new memories. I want to thank everyone that makes the Capital City Fly Fishers (CCFF) a great organization to be a part of. It would be nothing without the commitment of the entire group. We will need your help again in 2024. CCFF is set to have another full schedule of events. First up, we jump right into the Fly Tying Sessions. We also have a couple new events coming up at the end of January and beginning of February. More about that to come.

Jeff Holzem will be taking over as Newsletter Editor in 2024. Please help him to fill up the content of the newsletters by sharing anything that you think might be interesting for the club. If you have a photo or fishing experience, please share it. If you have the latest and greatest fishing gear or fly tying material, please feel free to share it. Thank you.

Whether it was because of the weather or me feeling under the weather, I haven't done as much fishing as I would like. My dad and I did make it down to Lake Taneycomo at the beginning of December for a couple of days. We didn't see the bigger Browns like we did during our previous trip in October, but there were still plenty of fish to be caught. Gray and tan scuds, as well as, a wooly were successful flies for me. There were some fishing days at McKay Park. It's always great when you can get out and fish and you are within 10 minutes from home. We also spent an afternoon at a private pond this past weekend and caught some crappie. We brought just enough home to put a batch on the smoker.

I'm looking at planning at least a couple of trips back to Taney this year. What I have in mind for a couple of the trips is one for the beginning of March and one in October. There will be some day trips and most likely some other weekend trips in between, so if you are interested in joining me or have a trip in mind, just let me know. I'm always interested in a good fishing adventure! I'm heading out to California to visit my brother in January. The plan is to get in one or two days of fishing and/or crabbing and clamming. I'm excited!!!!

*See you at fly tying,
Greg Curtin*



Bill finds a nice McKay bow



Potential new member, Wayne catches his first trout on a fly rod

FLY TYING SESSIONS

They are back!!! The 2024 fly tying sessions begin next Tuesday, January 2nd. Here is the basic information you need for session dates, times, and location:

Dates: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 29 February 6, 13, 20, 27

Please note that the last session in January (January 29th) will be held on a Monday due to a large event at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Tuesday.

*Times: **Beginners session begins at 5:30 pm**
Regular session begins at 6:15 pm*

*Location: **Knights of Columbus Hall**
Downstairs Meeting Room
1822 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO 65101*

Basic fly tying equipment is available if needed. Sessions are open to the public. If you know of anyone interested in tying flies, please share this information. Materials for making the flies will be provided. Also note that some of the group will go out to eat after the sessions.

Here are the flies you will see this year (maybe one or two more):



FLY TYING AT RUNGE/KIDS FISHING AT MCKAY

As the end of the winter stocking program's catch and release season draws closer, the club is working on a couple of events to promote fly tying and fly fishing. On Thursday, January 25th we have scheduled an Intro to Fly Tying event at the Runge Center. The MDC website shows registration will begin on 1/1/24. The event will run from 6 pm to 8 pm. Registrants must be a minimum of 7 years of age and there are 10 spots open to the public.

On Saturday, February 3rd as the McKay Park catch and keep season starts, the club is sponsoring a Kids Fly Fishing Day. We will have to keep an eye on the weather for this one. We are developing the format for the event and should have more details in the next couple of weeks. What we will need for sure is volunteers to help at both events. Expect the fishing day event to run for 4 to 6 hours in the middle of the day. Mark it on your calendar now so that you can be there to help.

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Congratulations to Jerry Kemple, John Walther, Lee Kudrna, and Wayne Simpson for being selected as honorary lifetime members. They have all shown the passion and dedication to make the Capital City Fly Fishers a successful organization year in and year out. Thank you for what you have done and what you continue to do. This photo depicts three of the honorees at the Christmas party receiving their award.

Wayne Simpson was unable to attend, but sent a message of appreciation and his gratitude for the honor.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was a great time with great food. My taste buds loved me but my stomach yelled a little for eating too much. Thank you to John Goad for providing some entertainment at the party. John was nice enough to sing a couple of songs for us. There were 35 people in attendance, and we had some action at the gift exchange.

Jerry Forck was a busy man with all of the steals he had going on. He first stole his wife Marilyn's gift. Shortly after that he convinced Sandra Goad not to steal his fly box, only to have John Goad get it from him. Luckily for him he picked another fly box off the table. That box too left Jerry's hands. Steve Peters was the new owner of the fly box. Steve was more than happy to help Jerry pick a new gift. Everyone in the end came away with a gift and a night of memories.



Watching for the next selection



Jack and his dancing hat



Winner, Winner!
Buffalo Wild Wings
Gift card dinner



After much discussion, Jerry holds off Sandra from a steal



One of our newest members, Karah finds a great resource



John looking for just the right one



Steve graciously offers to help Jerry find a new gift after the steal



Hey mister, pick a good one

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

In 2023, Stream Teams United created a brand new video series, featuring people taking positive actions for our river and stream resources. Have you watched them all? View the entire series at <https://www.streamteamsunited.org/missouri-watershed-champions.html>

I do not see any level 1 or 2 classes at this time but will be on the lookout. If you have not taken training, I think you will enjoy learning about insects and watersheds. Here is the only class I am aware of:

Level 2 and 3 Validation

Monitors certified at Level 2 or 3 must be recertified by attending a Level 2 training every three years.

To register for a Level 2 or Validation training:

1. Highlight and copy the 4-digit Event Passcode listed by the training you want to attend.
2. Click the Register Now button below.
3. Then paste the event passcode into the Private Event search bar.
Log in to complete registration

All trainings are scheduled 9 AM to 12 PM. Instructions and details will be emailed prior to scheduled training.

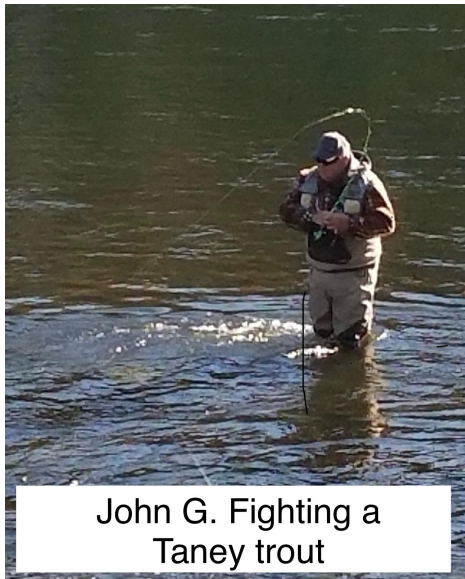
- **Kirkwood 2/1** - Event Passcode 3A72
- **Springfield 2/17** - Event Passcode 808D
- **Jefferson City 2/24** - Event Passcode 88DB
- **Lees Summit 2/27** - Event Passcode 06A8

REGISTER NOW

Below is the link to the stream team news in Missouri and around the country:
[December 8, 2023](#)

An example of an entry is an MDC class in SW Missouri
[Learn about fly fishing Dec. 16 at MDC's Shoal Creek Conservation Center](#)

Hope to see you at McKay.
Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator



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March 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, 2024
9:00 AM—4:00 PM each day.
Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, AR
Admission \$10 Each—Adult with Children under 12 Free
Baxter County Fair Grounds, Mountain Home, AR

Fly Tiers, Vendors & Exhibitors,
Instruction in Tying and Casting
plus many Seminars.



For more information,
please visit our website!

<http://www.northkansaflyfishers.org>

SHIRTS AND THINGS

We have been trying to develop some ideas to be able to print a CCFE image on shirts and other items. We have come up with a few ideas, so if you are interested in acquiring something there is a price list below. The image that everyone has selected so far is shown below.



You can request changes to the images like a color in the image, font style, or size of the image if you like. The UPF 50 shirts are moisture wicking and have UV protection. This is a heat pressed image called direct to film. It is a high quality transfer process. I have a couple of samples to look at. There is no minimum order quantity. We can order one at a time at no added expense.

SHIRT SIZES	S, M, L, XL	2XL	3XL
<i>Short Sleeve 50/50 blend</i>	\$18	\$20	\$21
<i>Short Sleeve Polo</i>	\$25	\$25	\$26
<i>Short Sleeve UPF 50</i>	\$21	\$22	\$23
<i>Long Sleeve UPF 50</i>	\$25	\$25	\$26
<i>Fleece Hoody</i>	\$34	\$34	\$34
<i>Coffee Mug</i>	\$10	NA	NA
<i>Travel Tumbler 20 oz.</i>	\$20	NA	NA
<i>Car Coaster</i>	\$7	NA	NA
<i>Stickers (8.5x11 Sheet)</i>	\$6		

CLUB BUSINESS

- 1) Membership Renewals are due. All 2023 members will receive newsletters and email reminders through February 2024. After that you will be on the inactive list. You can pay at Fly Tying.*
- 2) We will have brief monthly meetings in January and February. They will be between the beginners fly tying session and the regular session January 9th and February 13th.*
- 3) A donation to Reel Recovery will be discussed at the January meeting.*
- 4) Banquet options will need to be discussed at the January meeting.*
- 5) We need to start setting up committees for several things - We need both board members and regular members to be part of this.*
- 6) Plans for Fly Tying at Runge Center and Kids Fishing day in February need to be discussed. Meeting on another day other than Tuesday, may be necessary.*
- 7) Be open to Volunteering/Helping on Committees and/or at events this year. Thanks*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 - Volunteers Needed 9am to 2 pm, Weather permitting*
- 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*

MARCH

- 1 Opening Day of Trout Fishing Season at the Parks*
- 5 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*
- 7 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 12 Monthly Members Meeting - Board Meeting 6 pm - Members Meeting 7pm*
- 19 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*
- 21 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO*
- 21-23 Sowbug Roundup - Mountain Home, AR*
- 26 Informal Gathering - 6pm Start*

If you know of any events that could be added to the calendar, please let us know. A banquet date is still being worked on at this time. 2024 is almost here, let's have another great year!!!



NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2023