



**MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ**

*With the end of the year drawing near, I reflect back on my time as president and our accomplishments in 2024. After surviving the COVID years, it took a little bit of time to get back to a full complement of group activities. 2022 saw us start to move in the right direction and by 2023 we were back to a full year of group involvement. What would we do to make 2024 even better? That was answered by being awarded two \$1000 grants. One was used to enhance the already established “Ladies Fishing Day” at Bennett Spring State Park and the other saw us create a new event. We held the first of what I hope to be an annual, “Kids Trout Fishing Day” at McKay Park in November. Both events were a great success and brought together other organizations in a collaborative undertaking.*

*Our club success would not be possible without a strong team effort given at all events and activities throughout the year. Everyone should participate in at least one or two events yearly. It really does feel rewarding and it’s a great time.*

*Justin Beyer is our incoming President. He has been a great vice president and brought in a lot of incredible guest speakers. Please give him the same or more support that you have provided me these past five years. With that, I know we can thrive for years to come.*

*Since “Kids Trout Fishing Day,” I have fished several times at McKay Park and also taken the opportunity to fish at Bennett a couple weekends. I went down to Bennett for a day in November with Phil Wisch and Jeff Holzem. We had 60’s by the afternoon and a few drops of rain to go with it. The rain wasn’t enough to stop us. We had a good day.*

*The second trip was with Jeff Holzem, John Wenzlick, and Doug Grove. We stayed at Larry’s for one night. Since no one else was coming in that day, Bekka at the desk was very accommodating and let us check out late. That gave us two full days of fishing without having to rush. In the end, we all had good days. I had 40+ fish caught on both days. My best flies were the ruby 2, red wispy, and the Wendell woolly.*

*This is my final message as President, but I will be the 2025 Newsletter Editor. I can’t thank everyone enough for all the support and teamwork to get everything accomplished. Keep it going!*

*With my appreciation,  
Greg Curtin  
2025 Newsletter Editor  
Greg Curtin*



*Our annual Christmas party was another success. We had great attendance, good food and lots of gift stealing.*



*Guilty as charged! In my defense I only stole his second set because someone else took the first ones I stole from him. Also in my defense I brought a big box of flies.  
Jeff*



***Kudos to Eric Downs!!***

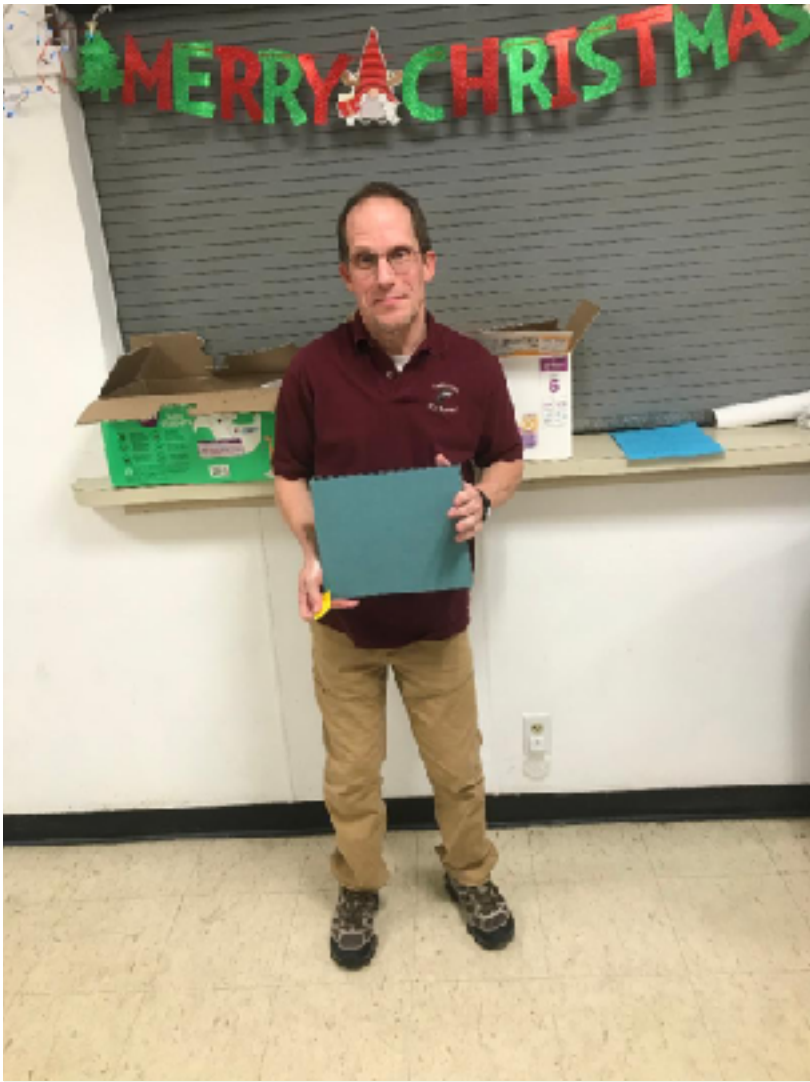
***Some of us remember Eric Downs. He and his brother, Chris, were club members several years ago. Please join me in welcoming Eric back. He now lives in Columbia and works at the University Hospital.***

***A special note of thanks to Eric for a very generous donation!! He donated several fine collectible cased and clamshell books from the now defunct Meadow Run Press, sporting book publisher (1989-2010). The collection is mostly centered on a well known saltwater fly fishing authors (Jimmy Buffet and Jeffrey Cardenas, to name a few) and one book on Spey rod and Salmon.***

***Also, 3 books from Gary Borger's ongoing Fly Fishing Series.***

***Lastly, the complete whole set (26? volumes, next to new, hardback, 1991) Lefty Kreh's Little Library of Fly Fishing. Authors include Kreh, Whitlock, Tullis, Hughes, Blanton, Pallot, Borger, etc. These must be very valuable.***

***All of these books, individually or as a collection can provide an great opportunity for any amount of fundraising, looking for a good fly fishing home and for a great cause!***



## **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*

#### *Water Quality Monitoring Training:*

*The Level 2 training includes short educational videos and a macroinvertebrate quiz to complete at-your-pace prior to the classroom portion. In the classroom, water samples will be analyzed by monitors using their program-issued equipment.*

*PREREQUISITES TO ATTEND LEVEL 2: Completion of VWQM Level 1 and submission of two seasons of data including biological, water chemistry, visual survey, and stream discharge.*

*The class will be offered February 22 in Jefferson city and here is the registration link [Events | Missouri Dep](https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Account/Login?returnUrl=/Event/Register?EventId=205169)<https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Account/Login?returnUrl=/Event/Register?EventId=205169>artment of Conservation. The passcode is A237*

#### *A win for TU and trout:*

*On Dec 10th, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Legislation, which is expected to be signed into law by President Biden. The impacts of abandoned mine drainage are staggering, with 40% of headwaters in the West and 22,000 miles of native trout and salmon streams impacted. This legislation marks a historic moment in changing that, allowing organizations like @TroutUnlimited-that had nothing to do with the creation of pollution caused by abandoned mines-to clean up these sites, making our rivers and streams cleaner for the fish, wildlife and communities that depend on them. Read more here: [https://www.tu.org/magazine/from-the-president/good-samaritans-get-to-work/?utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=none&\\_zs=hW5wb&\\_zl=JRFK4](https://www.tu.org/magazine/from-the-president/good-samaritans-get-to-work/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=JRFK4)*

#### *Protecting trout from climate change:*

*Here is a new documentary that just launched about climate change by Protect Our Winters. Maggie Huemann from TU Volunteer Operations has an interview clip around the 10-minute mark. Protect Our Glaciers: POW Film 'DOWNSTREAM' Examines Surging Impacts of Melting Ice <https://gearjunkie.com/winter/downstream-protect-our-winters-pow-glacier-film>.*

*Remove the Snake River Dams: It's actually past time to breach the dams on the Snake. Spring and summer populations of Chinook salmon require it for survival. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00MzI1MTI0JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT00OTIyMDI3MQ/index.html>*

#### *PROTECT A FAMOUS FISHERY:*

*With a national monument designation in California, the Fall River's sole source could be permanently protected. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00MzI1MTI0JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT00OTIyMDI3Ng/index.html>*

## **REELS TO THE RESCUE:**

*2 Colorado companies help fund TU's longest-running grassroots habitat restoration program, Embrace A Stream*

<https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00MzI1MTI0JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT00OTIyMDI3OQ/index.html>

*Help make fishing better:*

*Permanent protection for Sáttítla/Medicine Lake Highlands. California's Medicine Lake Highlands are a unique area of public lands that serves as a vast natural water reservoir and the sole source of the Fall River and its famous trout fishery. [https://www.tu.org/conservation/conservation-areas/watershed-restoration/permanent-protection-for-the-medicine-lake-highlands/?](https://www.tu.org/conservation/conservation-areas/watershed-restoration/permanent-protection-for-the-medicine-lake-highlands/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=aRFK4)*

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*Good news on the McKay Fishing Dock:*

*A few weeks ago I talked to a Parks and Rec Commissioner at church and asked that there not be a roof over the entire dock. He talked to the director, who said MDC approved a design with an open space for casting.*

**TIP - FLY FISHING FOR SALMON AND STEELHEAD:**

*This is a 23 minute video: <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00MzI1MTI0JnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT00OTIyMDI3Mw/index.html>*

*You do not need to sign in if you click the Youtube arrow. John will be pleased to know they catch a big Coho on an egg sucking leech.*

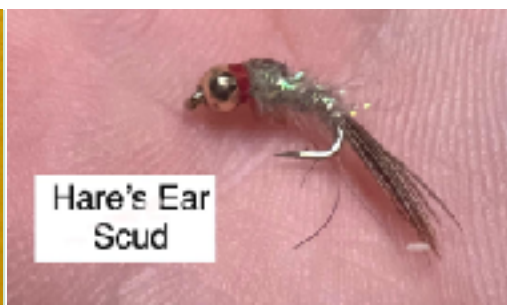
## **FLY TYING**

*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. Here are some photos of flies we will tie in next months*





John's bluegill fly



Hare's Ear Scud



Marabou Muddler



Dennis catching at McKay



Jack with a nice 15 incher

**December**

**19 Fly Tying for Veterans - Columbia, MO - leave 2pm**

*I really enjoy this club and appreciate what you do to. At this time I want to extend a special Thanks to Greg who led our club this year after his term expired. With Greg's leadership the club has grown and prospered. He will continue to be strong presence in our club and will take back the newsletter. John Walther, Mike Collins, Jack and Justin are also major contributors, but thanks to all the officers, board members and everyone who volunteers: veterans fly tying, ladies fishing day, stream team, kids fishing day, conservation day at the capital.....*

*Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for the new year.*

*Jeff Holzem*

*2024 Newsletter Editor*

*Stream Team Coordinator*

*Sam Potter is selling his guide business.*



*November 20, 2024*

*For Sale*

*Established and successful fly fishing guide service for the past 19 years*

*If you are interested in an outdoor business or picking up a fun post-retirement job this is a rewarding opportunity.*

*Client database-highly rated Website-Guidance for Federal Permits-Gear*

*Contact information below- only serious inquiries please.*

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