



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, & Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all are enjoying the festivities. On December 19th, Rachel & I enjoyed the Centralia Christmas Parade (see pictures) and took our Christmas card photo with her horses (see picture).

I want to thank all those who attended the Christmas Party. I believe everyone had a great time. I know I was happy & thankful for my gift of candies & a candle. And a huge thank you to everyone who brought a food item, the dinner was delicious as always.

Remember to spread the word about our tying sessions every Tuesday in January & February. It's free & open to the public. All tying skills are welcome. My friend, Tyler, joined us once or twice last year & had a lot of fun. I'm hoping he'll join us again.

Everyone be safe & I'll see you in January,

God
Bless,
Justin



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Here is the next reminder about membership renewals. Generally they are due by the first of the year. If for some reason this is not possible, bring them to a fly tying session, starting January 6, 2026.

You can mail renewal to:

Jack Kramer

Capital City Fly Fishers

1731 Overlook Drive

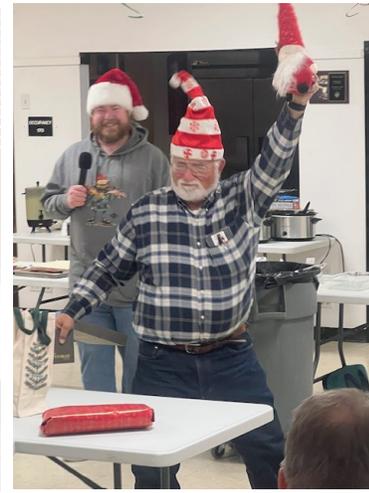
Jefferson City, MO 65109

Make your \$20 check payable to:

Capital City Fly Fishers or CCFF

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party was a blast! Great friends, food, and fun. It was great to get out and see everyone in a festive mood. So many Delicious food items. Thank you all for making my taste buds happy. Merry Christmas everyone!



CLUB BANQUET

ATTENTION! Banquet tickets are now available for purchase. They will be brought to the first fly tying session on January 6. Tickets are \$25 each.

Banquet info:

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2026

Time: Happy Hour ---- 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Supper ---- 5:30 – needed

Raffle/Club Business(if needed) ---- after supper

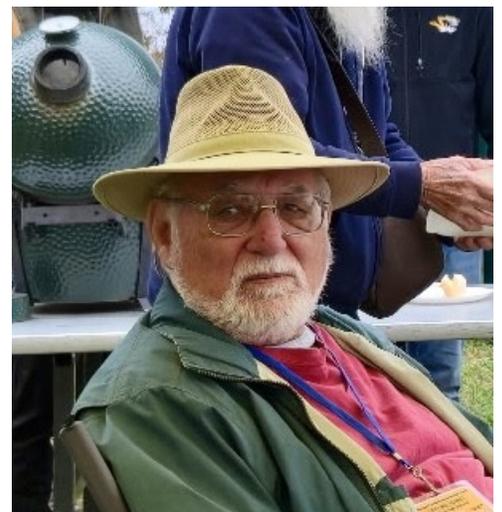
Location: American Legion Post 5
14232 Tanner Bridge Road
Jefferson City, MO

This is a club members banquet only, but if you have family in town at that time or have any potential new members, we would not turn them away.

Tickets need to be purchased by Wednesday, March 18 to give enough time to order food supplies.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBER

Make sure to congratulate Jack Kramer for becoming our latest lifetime member. More importantly, please thank him for all that he does for Capital City Fly Fishers. He takes on a tremendous responsibility as Treasurer and most of what he does is behind the scenes. His hard work and understanding of how the organization should function has been essential to our success. With his busy schedule, he still finds the time to go above and beyond what is necessary.



Thanks Jack!!!

SAM STEWART

I missed it in the last newsletter so I wanted to make sure to give a shout out to Sam Stewart. Sam came in and did another great job as our presenter at our November meeting and showed us a great mashed up fly pattern. He always brings us some great streamer patterns, and this articulated pattern was no exception. Not to mention he is always good for a tip or trick to improve your fly tying skills. We look forward to his visits every time.



FLY TYING SESSIONS

It is so, so close! The first fly tying session starts on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026**. We are meeting in the basement room of the Knights of Columbus hall. Beginners start at 5:30 pm and the regular session at 6:15 pm. Please help get the word out to get some people at the beginners session. Equipment and materials provided. We will be tying every Tuesday in January and February, unless weather is bad. The rule for weather is, if the local schools close we will cancel the tying session for safety, as well.

Here are the flies that will be tied this season:



Madam X



Stealth Bomber



John's Bennett Spring Woolly Worm



Renegade



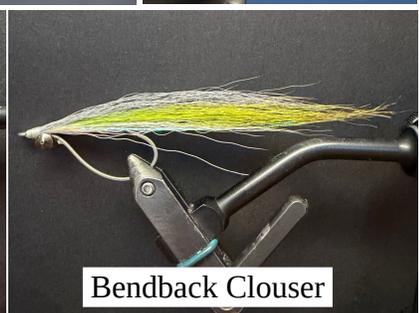
Ol' Mr. Wiggly



Crackleback



Hellegramite



Bendback Clouser

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Hi All,

As we close out another year, I want to share how much I enjoy and appreciate our club. It has given me a chance to get to know and to fish with guys I would not have met otherwise. We should all thank our officers and fly tiers, who work hard to make it successful.

We have a rare chance for Level 2 Water Quality Monitoring training right here in Jefferson City. Currently, John Wenzlick, Lenny Liebler and I are certified at level 2, so we can conduct the chemical tests. I think Greg and Kara have completed level 1, but if I missed you, please let me know.

Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a great New Year,
Jeff Holzem, Stream Team Coordinator

Water Quality Monitoring Training

If you are a Level 1 monitor, this training will allow you to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and collect higher quality data. The focus of this training is quality assurance and quality control.

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

Step #1 - Virtual Training

Make sure to complete all Level 2 training videos to be eligible to attend the in-person classroom certification. These are self-paced and can be watched before or after registering for the training.

You must pass a macroinvertebrate quiz as part of this virtual training prior to your classroom workshop.

Prerequisites

Completion of **Level 1** and submission of at least 2 seasons of data: biological, water chemistry, visual survey, & stream discharge.

Watch virtual training https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIfy_cD4ATgWMEpFEq8DIpGUTYIXNY

Step #2 - In-Person Classroom Certification

During the classroom certification, you will practice the monitoring methods under the direction of Missouri Stream Team staff, where you will be checked on quality assurance and control. These trainings are offered in the summer and winter at multiple locations across Missouri.

Registration closes two weeks prior to each training class.

Use the codes below to register for a Level 2 Water Quality Monitoring Training Workshop:

Location: Jefferson City

Date: Saturday, February 28th

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration Code: EB32

The Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Program

This program was added to Missouri Stream Team in 1993 with the intention of using volunteer data to establish baseline data on streams throughout Missouri, monitor long-term trends, and locate streams in need of professional follow-up monitoring.

<https://www.mostreamteam.org/water-https://www.mostreamteam.org/water-quality-monitoring-monitoring>

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Riffle Review

A quarterly glimpse of Missouri Stream Team activities -

- 244 total activities
- 1,299 total participants
- 4,668 hours
- 16 tons of trash collected
- 66 water quality monitoring trips
- 7090 stream teams
- Started by Mark Van Patten, who started our club in 1996.



New proposed Waters of the US (WOTUS) Rule

Comments from Missouri organizations and Missourians needed by January 5th!

[Learn about the history of WOTUS and one legal interpretation of the proposed rule](#)

On November 17th, the Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA proposed a new definition of Waters of the United States (WOTUS). The proposed definition further removes protections from wetlands and streams. [Learn more about the rule and how to make a comment by January 5th!](#) Missouri voices are needed to speak up for clean water in our state and nation! [Read what American Rivers organization says are their four biggest concerns with the proposed WOTUS rule.](#)

How Managed Wetlands Protect Migratory Birds

[Duck Hunting: How Managed Wetlands Protect Migratory Birds](#) - News Tribune

New Mining Rush to Missouri?

[New mining rush may soon hit Missouri, bringing new health and pollution risks](#) - KSDK

EPA Embraces PFAS Pesticides

[The EPA Is Embracing PFAS Pesticides. These Are The Health Risks](#) - Time Magazine

Federal Rule Seeks Rollback for Imperiled Species

[Trump administration seeks to roll back protections for imperiled species and habitat](#) - NPR

Congress Extends Farm Bill

[Congress extends critical Farm Bill for a third time. It's a relief for farmers, but raises concerns](#) - KCUR

Family Fight to Save the Klamath River

[Yurok tribal attorney chronicles family's fight to save the Klamath River and a way of life](#) - OregonLive

River Corridor Rule Amendment Consideration

[St. Paul Council Considers Amending Mississippi River Corridor Rules](#) - My Villager

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- December 30 – Informal Gathering

January

- January 1 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital) – Canceled for Holiday
- January 06 – Fly tying session #1
- January 13 – Fly Tying Session #2 and members meeting
- January 15 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- January 20 – Fly Tying Session #3
- January 27 – Fly Tying Session #4

February

- February 1 – Catch and Keep starts for urban fishing areas
- February 3 – Fly Tying session #5
- February 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- February 9 – Last Day of Catch and Release season at Trout Parks
- February 10 – Fly Tying session #6
- February 17 – Fly Tying session #7
- February 20 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- February 24 – Fly Tying session #8
- February 27 – Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet

March

- March 1 – Opening Day of Catch and Keep fishing at trout parks
- March 3 – Informal Gathering
- March 5 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 10 – Monthly Members Meeting
- March 17 – Informal Gathering
- March 19 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- March 24 – Informal Gathering
- March 26-28 – Sowbug Roundup – Mountain Home, AR
- March 28 – CCFE Spring Banquet – American Legion Post 5
- March 31 – Informal Gathering

April

- April 1 – Conservation Day at the Capitol
- April 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 7 – Informal Gathering
- April 14 – Monthly Members Meeting
- April 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- April 18 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- April 21 – Informal Gathering
- April 28 – Informal Gathering



Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear by submitting something to the newsletter.