

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

The weather the last month or so has been a whirlwind of change, making fishing sporadic at best. I hope on the good days you were able to get out and fish. With the end of the catch and release season at the trout parks Monday February 10, it's time to get ready for March and new fishing adventures.

I want to put out a reminder that the March 14 banquet tickets are available to purchase. John will have the details later in the newsletter. We will need to provide the American Legion a count of how many people will be attending so they can prepare the right amount of food. That means the Deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday March 4. If you cannot make it to a fly tying session or a monthly meeting before the banquet and want to purchase a ticket, please contact Jack Kramer or Greg Curtin to make arrangements.

There are still 3 weeks left of fly tying. If you haven't been able to make it out yet this year you still have a chance. We have had some great patterns this year and I'm sure there are more in store for the last 3 sessions.

This month's meeting is this Tuesday, February 11 at The First Baptist Church. We will be talking about event planning for summer meetings, the banquet, special events, donations, new business that anyone would like to discuss, and have a speaker. Don't forget about the drawings for two fly lines, a book, and a fly box with flies.

Hope to see you at the meeting, Greg Curtin

GUEST SPEAKER

At last month's meeting Dr. Roger Stewart came in and gave a great presentation on fishing the rivers off of Lake Michigan on the Michigan side. At this month's meeting, John Goad will be talking about fishing the Wisconsin side of Lake Michigan. He will have a video to go along with the presentation. It's sure to be entertaining and informative.

FLY TYING FEB. 13

At the February 13 fly tying sessions, we will have a guest from outside the club come in to demonstrate a new fly pattern. That guest is Sam Stewart, a naturalist with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Sam has an incredible amount of fly tying experience. When we were at the youth fly tying demonstration in January, I had the chance to talk briefly with Sam and see photos of some of the flies he has done. Needless to say, if you can make it, you should not be disappointed.

For those who were at the fly tying session on 2/6/20, John Walther mentioned a UV resin product "5 Second Fix" that could be found at Menards. Unfortunately, I discovered that the product has been discontinued and no longer available. We are out at the Jefferson City store, but if you make your way around to areas that have a Menards store, you might still find some.



BANQUET

Get one of these from Jack Kramer at meeting.



It will be a dinner from club members only this year but we will be raffling off a very nice rod from name tags during CCFE meetings and events. Must be there to win!!!

WINTER TRIP TO MONTAUK

Club members Greg Curtin, Doug Grove, Jeff Holzem and John Wenzlick took a weekend trip in the middle of a snowstorm to take advantage of the winter C&R fishing at the headwaters of the Current River. Greg got us there safely and he brought home made raspberry jam for the pancakes. Good food and company all weekend and very few other anglers.

Water was a little high and murky but the fishing was fantastic. Got there late Friday because of road conditions but in three hours above the dam Doug caught 21 trout on a grey mop fly.

The fish were on the large side and were right where they were supposed to be if you got a good cast in.



Doug and one of his 21



Pretty 17" on a #18 caddis pupa

BSSP REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

Patricia Chambers, the naturalist at BSSP, has on April 25. John Walther and I are putting together a program for the youth to tie flies at Shelter B (down by the Whistle Bridge). We are looking for help. I will have more information at the March meeting.

Mike Jaegers

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

There will be an introductory Water Quality Monitoring Class in Columbia on Saturday, April 4. This is a great training for identify the bugs fish eat, so please consider taking it if you have not already had the class. Check out this link for more information and to sign up, <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Workshop-Announcement--Intro-to-VWQM.html?soid=1103604999107&aid=bwOQE5IRUK4>

Tree Planting:

We will plant trees on the North Fork of the White at Patrick Bridge on March 7. The MDC agent, Nathan Rectenwald has 89 three gallon, eleven 15 gallon trees as well as 50 willow stakes on order. Nathan and his staff will meet us at the Patrick Bridge access at 9am to begin planting. He may also have a backhoe with auger to dig holes for the larger trees, but we should bring shovels for the three gallon trees. We will wear waders to plant the willow stakes at the river bank.

We will car pool to Bryan Bade's Sunburst Ranch, Float & Camp at the North Fork River / Sunburst Ranch on Friday, March 6. So far six from Mid-Mo (including John Wenzlick, Doug Grove and me) as well as Chris from Mo-Kan are going. The original plan was to camp, but one of the guys needs electricity, so we may all want to consider sharing a cabin. The smallest cabin sleeps 8 and costs \$200/night with a two night minimum. Since we are coming off season to plant trees, Bryan will not require a deposit. Camping is primitive (no showers or flush toilets.) The cost is \$10/person per night.

We have room for at least one more, so let me know if you would like to go.

Bryan offered to guide and provide a shore lunch for \$350 for the day. He would contact other guides if necessary. Depending on numbers, tree planting could take most of Saturday, so let's stay to fish Sunday.

Here is a link to a blog I wrote [Partnering with Trout Unlimited](#). In addition to fishing lessons, I could use some casting lessons to get slack out of the line.

*Jeff Holzem
Stream Team Coordinator*

MAYFLY PROJECT

The Mayfly Project is a 501(c)(3) national organization that uses fly fishing as a catalyst to mentor and support children in foster care. The Mission of The Mayfly Project is to build relationships with children in foster care through fly fishing and introduce them to their local water ecosystems, with a hope that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for foster children to have fun, feel supported, and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors.

WINTER STOCKING PROGRAM

*Catch and Keep started February 1st!!!
Below is a picture John Walther took that morning.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- 11 Club Meeting – First Baptist Church*
- 13 Fly Tying session*
- 20 Fly Tying for Veterans in Columbia*
- 20 Fly Tying session*
- 21 Mid-Mo Trout Unlimited Conservation Banquet at Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia*
- 27 Fly Tying session*

March

- 6-8 Tree planting and fishing on the North Fork of the White R.*
- 6 Mayfly Tying Event at Bennett*

April

- 18 Veterans Fish Free – Bennett Spring*
- 25 BSSP Youth Event*

June

- 13 Veterans Fish Free – Meramec Spring*

September

- 12 Veterans Fish Free – Montauk*