

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Well what can I really say? The last few weeks have been unsettling for the entire world. I hope everyone is healthy and safe and we can get back to our routines sooner than later.

Our last big event was the banquet on March 14. For those that came out, I wanted to say thank you for your participation. We have a great group of people in the club and I am very thankful to be a part of it. For those who were there a little early to get things set up, thank you. Thank you to our hosts at American Legion Post 5. I also wanted to recognize Mike Jaegers who received the past President's plaque and Jack Kramer who received the President's award plaque. Mike has done an incredible job as President the past two years as well as Vice President before that. Jack has really shined as the club Treasurer. Jack has been there at every local event to handle our money matters, goes above and beyond to make events successful, and gives a solid review of the club financial standing every month.

*If it has not been said, **all events in April will either be cancelled or postponed.** Our Club meeting for April 14 is canceled. The club outing to Bennett Spring for April 18 will be postponed to a later date. I will let John mention any other known cancellation dates.*

Cancellations will probably occur in May as well, but we will watch as things unfold closer to that time. The most important thing to do right now is be safe. There will be time for us to go fishing together in the future.

Take Care,

Greg Curtin

Mike Ross



Mike Ross, 70, passed away on March 4th.

Mike lived down at Bennett Spring and was a long time member of our organization. He was an excellent fly tier and tied at many venues for CCF and FFI. Lucky members also got to go with Mike to many fishing trips and outings of the club. Mike will be remembered and missed at all our future events.

Jack Kramer had sent out an email to all members that a Celebration of Life for "MIKE ROSS" scheduled to be held at the Bennett Room of the Lodge at Bennett Spring State Park on Saturday, March 21, 2020 had been Postponed and would be rescheduled.

The family decided to have a small funeral service. They had the service and have already spread his ashes at several places at Bennett Spring.

It is up in the air whether there will still be any event at Bennett Spring.

In closing I'd like to insert a letter from the Guest Book on the web page of his obituary, it says much better than I can how I remember Mike.

John Wenzlick



I had just gotten to know Mike in the last few years, having been a fly fishing guide and commercial fly tyer myself we hit it off immediately. Mike was always glad to see me, we had lots to talk about as he was very accomplished in the field also. My first and lasting impression was his kindness, sincerity, and genuine love and interest in the sport of fly fishing, and never sought praise for himself. I already miss not seeing him at the park, he will be greatly missed by the brotherhood.

Larry Vaughan

March 14, 2020 | Cole Camp, MO | Friend

TU & CCFF Tree Planting Project:

Great weekend camping, tree planting and fishing March 6-8 at the North Fork of the White.

We had a really good group. Shared food and beverages contributed to a very enjoyable time. The boys made fires, pitched in eagerly with the work and best of all, had great success fishing. Bill said one of them even offered to let him use his spinning rod.

I want to thank everyone who participated:

- *MO-Kan TU: Chris Selle*
- *Mid-MO TU: Bill Lamberson Curt Morgret*
- *Mid-MO TU and Capital City Fly Fishers: John Wenzlick, Doug Grove, Kent Campbell and me, Jeff Holzem*
- *Capital City Fly Fishers: Greg Curtin, Bob Leonburger*
- *Hickman High School: James Rioux, Carson and Carter Byrum*
- *MDC: Nathan Rectenwald, Fisheries Biologist, Barry Olmsted, James Harlan, Forestry*

I believe climate change had a hand in the extreme flooding in April 2017. An all time record high 40 foot flood and washed away trees and everything else in it's path including several buildings and the Patrick Bridge access

[North Fork Flood Video.](#)

<https://youtu.be/x6hkH0WDPxw>

The NFOW is a blue ribbon trout area with naturally reproducing rainbow. Unfortunately,

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

CCFF Stream Team Update:

All of the Introductory Water Quality Monitoring classes were canceled, but I will let you know when more are scheduled. The Capital City Club considered monitoring our stream on April 19, but we will probably delay that until the virus stops spreading.





extreme weather in 2016 also led to fish loss. With no shade and silted in pools the water temperature can be a much as 11 degrees warmer so trout have to get to cooler water. The trees will provide some shade for the fish and take some carbon out of the air, so we are doing something to help the trout...

The river was high so Bryan Bade, owner of Sunburst Ranch, suggested we may not want to pay him for a guide trip. However, Chris and Bob caught browns below the island at Sunburst on Friday. We were warm sitting around the campfire, but overnight chunks of ice formed in Doug's 5 gallon water jug. We woke to a frosty morning and a hot breakfast.

We met at Patrick Saturday morning at 9. Everyone pitched in and we got all the trees planted by mid-day. Bob brought pulled pork for the entire crew and there was enough left for lunch. Greg topped off the meal with pickled cauliflower.



Looking down access



Carson and James putting in willow stakes

Some of us fished a while after lunch with limited success below the bridge. Curt and Bill took the boys below Rainbow Spring, where they caught a dozen smallmouth and a inch 16 trout. Back at Sunburst Greg landed a brown and I caught an 8 inch rainbow with par marks.

Sunday morning we pooled our resources and had another fine breakfast. Some of us went to fish at Blair Bridge, which produced a few fish. We decided to try our luck at Myron's River of Life, but we discovered a flat tire when we arrived. The spare was stuck under John's truck but Myron brought tools and food to help.

The Rainbow Springs crew went back there and can fill us in later on their success.

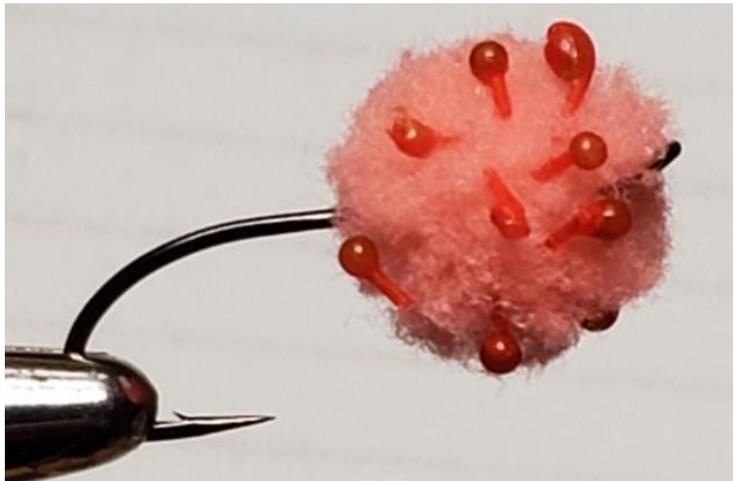
Thanks to everyone for making this a successful weekend,

Jeff Holzem

*TU Missouri Council Climate Change
Coordinator*

*Capital City Fly Fishers Stream Team
Coordinator*

John Walther's Fly of the Month



Covid 19 Bug

CANCELLATIONS

MAYFLY PROJECT

*Canceled for April. All state parks are closed
except for day-use until April 30*

SOWBUG ROUNDUP

*We have just received notification from David
M. Boyer, President of North Arkansas Fly
Fishers, that the 2020 Sowbug Roundup that
was scheduled for March 26 thru 28, 2020 has
been CANCELED due to the Health
Emergency declared by the Governor of
Arkansas concerning the COVID-19 situation.*

CLUB OUTING ON APRIL 1

*See President's Message at the beginning of the
newsletter. Canceled.*

BSSP – May 2 *Kid's Fishing Day – Bennett
Spring*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

*4 John Walther tying at Nature Center, 12
crazy patterns for Bennett Spring*

15 Teens Day at BSSP

17 Mayfly Tying Event at Bennett

*18 Veterans Fish Free – Bennett Spring &
Club Outing*

18 Tri Lakes FF Conclave in Clinton, MO

25 BSSP Youth Event

May

*2 Kid's Fishing Day – Bennett Spring,
Montauk – **CANCELED***

*16 Kid's Fishing Day - Roaring River,
Meramec Spring*

June

2020 Officers of Capital City Fly Fishers

6 Family Fishing Fair – Shepherd of the Hills

6&7 Free Fishing Weekend – Bennett Spring, Roaring River, Montauk, Meramec Spring,

13 Veterans Fish Free – Meramec Spring

September

12 Veterans Fish Free – Montauk

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