

MO Fishing

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The Thursday March 3rd meeting will be at the Nature Center with fly tying at 6:00 PM and the program and business portion of the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM

David Hendrix will be our guest speaker for the March meeting. David is the hatchery manager at the Neosho National Fish Hatchery, which is the oldest Federal fish hatchery in operation. The hatchery was established in 1888, and is located in Neosho. It is one of 69 fish hatcheries operated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. These hatcheries are a significant part of fisheries conservation and restoration efforts by producing and releasing rare, endangered and other fish back into America's lakes and rivers. Some of these hatcheries also help mitigate the loss of fishing from the large Federal dams built in the last century. Over 130 species of cold, cool, and warm water fish have been produced at the Neosho since it was established. The current focus is on paddlefish and lake sturgeon restoration, pallid sturgeon recovery, production of rainbow trout for mitigation, and native mussel propagation. Lake Taneycomo is partially supplied by these trout with stockings.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for March 2011

March 1	Opening day for Trout Season at MO State Parks
March 3	Regular Meeting tying @ 6 PM Meeting@ 7:00 PM
March 12	MTFA Pre-Derby meeting Bennett Spring State Park
March 17, 18, 19	Sowbug Roundup Mountain Home Ark. Sponsored by North Ark. Fly fishers
March 24	MSU PED 135 Class to start 6PM
March 31	MSU PED 135 Class to start 6PM

Greetings from Ralph

Hope everyone has been able to find some time to fish. In the prologue to John Prosek's book *The Complete Angler* he says "Fishing is my religion and the trout stream is my temple". If that's the case I've not been to temple as often as I'd like.

It's been a busy month. I'd like to thank those of you that went to First Baptist in Ozark for their outdoors day and thanks to the Huyetts for sponsoring the Valentine Social. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend either. Also (I'm writing this before Feb 26th), the people who helped with the tying at Bass Pro.

I've tried to start a Facebook group for MTFAs, but have had mixed results. One person found it promptly; another couldn't find it at all. When I went to the SMFF meeting I asked someone to try so I could see what happens. They could not find it, but after I added them as a member they went right to it. If you want to try it search for MTFAs-Springfield. The purpose of the group site is that I can put events on it as soon as I get information about them. I hope members would be able to post on the site as well as put photo there. And the main thing I would like to see is if someone knows they are going fishing, they can let others know when and where. I know some of our newer members would like to tag along with us on some of these, as would some of us older ones.

As of this writing we are still working on the library. Now that the weather has been a little dryer, we can think about moving the cabinet. Maybe it will be done by time this is published.

Remember to tie flies for Reel Recovery. I've received a few dozen so far. Tri-Lakes Flyfisher are also tying for RR.

Upcoming events as follow:

March 5 River Run Outfitters in Branson Spey and switch rod casting and Michigan steelhead fishing.

March 17, 18 and 19 Sowbug Round-up in Mountain Home.

For more information try www.northarkansasflyfisher.org.

April 2 Tri-Lakes Expo see last month's newsletter for more information.

Remember we will not meet in April. We begin MSU classes March 24th.

Our next meeting at the Nature Center will be May 5th.

Ralph

2011 Membership Update

Most of you have renewed membership for 2011. We submitted sixty members to the Federation of Fly Fishers for our affiliation. Another membership list will be submitted to the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association at the end of March. The memberships from the three chapters will be sent on to the Confederation Federation of Missouri for our affiliation with that state organization. If you have not paid dues for 2011, there is still time. I will have applications at the next meeting or you can download an application from the MTFAs-Springfield web site. If you have paid dues and have not received a membership card, please check with me at Thursday or call me at 860-0264.

Thanks... Kim

Chuck Tryon Dies

By [Marshall Cutchin](#)

Author, fly tier and wildland hydrologist Chuck Tryon died on February 7 in California. Gary Soucie sent us this tribute to Chuck, which describes his many accomplishments: "Chuck (Charles) Tryon had been a career wildland hydrologist with the U. S. Forest Service, mainly in Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. He and his late wife Sharon founded Ozark Fly Fishers and co-authored such books as Figuring Out Flies: A Practical Guide; Fly Fishing for Trout in Missouri; and All About Flies: Everything the Flyfisher Knows About Flies. A few years after Sharon succumbed prematurely to cancer, Chuck wrote 200 Missouri Smallmouth Adventures.

Chuck Tryon was the originator of the [BUBfly](#), a weighted fly with rubberleg tails and antennae and a palmered hackle, which is a great fly for trout, bass, and good-sized panfish. I've even used it successfully in salt water. Originally black, with a grizzly hackle (BUB originally stood for Big Ugly Black), Chuck started tying the fly in many other versions, as long as its new name began with the letter B (Blue, Bloody, Brindled, Banana, etc., in front of BUBfly). The BUBfly was featured in an article by Chuck ("The Big, Ugly, Bodacious BUBfly") in the September/October 1997 issue of American Angler. For a few years, Chuck tied BUBflies for Ed Storey's Feather-Craft Fly Fishing in St. Louis, MO, until he decided he's rather spend his spare time fly fishing.

In addition to stalking trout and smallmouth bass in Missouri waters, Chuck also enjoyed such annual forays as gar fishing with friends in Illinois. Along with Sharon, Chuck was actively involved for many years with the local chapters of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers.

Among Chuck Tryon's many other attributes, he was a great fishing companion. As I, Joel Vance, Gary LaFontaine, Spence Turner, and many others knew, fishing with Chuck Tryon really made a fishing trip in Missouri. I shall miss him." -- Gary Soucie"

Bennett Spring Update by Kim Schultz

Last Friday (Feb. 18), the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had a public meeting for the merchants and residents surrounding the area around Bennett Spring State Park. This is an annual meeting for the public to get updated information about the park and provide an informal Q&A session. For the most part, there is little change; no price increases or changes in regulations. The Hatchery building is scheduled to open in June. Mike Mitchell provided projected data to the numbers and size of trout of for the 2011 season. He do not foresee problem with the stocking of 12 inch trout throughout the season with the exception of September and early October. J J.D. Muschany DNR Park Supervisor discussed the return of the Youth Corp with young people hired for the season to work maintaining the park. He was satisfied with the program last year and felt the youth provide good service with and it provided them the opportunity to work. Craig Fuller MDC biologist discussed the Niangua River and the brown trout population from a survey last fall. Craig discussed several additional issues in park; no gravel removal this year, the replacement of concrete slurry in front of the old hatchery building has been put on hold due to budget constraints. One of the topics of discussion, which is being addressed in Missouri, is how to stop rock snot (Didymo). There has not been any report of Didymo in Missouri with several reports in Arkansas. They feel problem is near and time to deal with it. There will be a 5% salt wash station near the handicap hole for individuals to soak their felt sole waders. They're looking to change regulations. Mark Van Patten will conduct five meeting in March to get anglers input. There was a law enforcement check last year during the 4th of July weekend, to check for violations... there were several citations issues. Many at the meeting voiced support and even asked for additional checks.

Stream Team information:

Information from Stream Team

1. **Invasive and Nuisance Species Workshop.** Will be in Blue Springs on March 5th from 9 am until 2 pm. \$10 registration fee, lunch included. [Register by Feb 23.](#)

2. **Introductory water monitoring workshop, Joplin March 19th & Springfield March 26th.**

If you are interested in either contact Ralph. (417) 343-2591 or mathman3@aol.com

Also, one of our members has expressed an interest in a group Facebook page. I'm not sure what I'm doing, but I have one started. If you are on Facebook, try MTFA-Springfield. I just started this, so I've got a lot of work to do. This is not to replace our webpage, but hopefully another way to attract people and get those who sign up as members information quickly.

Thanks, Ralph

Update from Kim Schultz

Last November, the Neosho National Fish Hatchery celebrated the grand opening of its new \$4.6 million visitor center. The new visitor center boasts 9,500 square-feet and includes a conference room and a 2,500-gallon aquarium featuring species of fish that the hatchery personnel work with. The building is modeled after the original visitor's center, which was torn down in the 1950s. Construction focused on using environmentally friendly and energy efficient materials, including solar panels, geothermal wells and regionally extracted and manufactured building materials. This will be an informative presentation with an emphasis on the federal operation.

From: [Larry Wegmann](#)

To: MTFA Members

A mining company is proposing an open pit mine to extract gold at the headwaters of a large salmon river. This would be the largest open pit mine in the world. The Bristol Bay fishery is one of the largest salmon producers in Alaska.

From: FFF Southern Council <mngdir@southerncouncilfff.org>

Subject: You can help save the Bristol Bay Fishery

CONSERVATION ACTION ALERT: Support the Environmental Protection Agency's use of the Clean Water Act to intervene in the Pebble Mine threat to Bristol Bay!

Fellow FFF members and clubs of the Southern Council; Please support the EPA's intervention using the Clean Water Act to check the threat imposed by the proposed Pebble Mine on the Bristol Bay in Alaska by taking action at the following link: [Take Action Now!](#)

It is extremely important to shore up political support of EPA's decision. Believe me, there will be opposing political pressure mounted to discourage EPA's decision.

Thank you for taking this important action at this critical time.

Follow the attached link [SAA EPA Sportsman Bristol Bay press release 2 7 2011](#) [PDF], to read the Sportsman's Alliance of Alaska's press release giving details about EPA's proposed study of potential damage to Bristol Bay by mining and also citing FFF's partnership in these efforts. **(editor's note: This link did not transfer)**

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Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.
Helen Keller



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Design for Conservation Sales Tax Funding Alert!



Representative John Cauthorn just introduced [HJR 22](#) to sunset the Design for Conservation Sales Tax (1/8th of 1 percent sales tax). Please contact your Representative and Senator immediately and voice your opposition to this legislation. Help us spread the word right away. Thank you. Find contact information for your Representative and Senator on CFM's website.

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Missouri Department of Conservation NEWS: Feb. 16, 2011

MDC to hold public forums on preventing invasive “rock snot”

This invasive alga smothers aquatic life vital to the food chain that supports fish such as trout.

JEFFERSON CITY Mo – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will hold public open-house forums in March and April to help educate anglers and boaters about the dangers of “didymo” or “rock snot.” This invasive alga forms large, thick mats on the bottom of lakes and streams, smothering aquatic life vital to the food chain that supports many fish species, including trout. Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) has been found just south of the Missouri-Arkansas border in the White River.

According to MDC Fisheries Biologist Mark VanPatten, preventing the spread of this invasive species is critical to the health of Missouri’s lakes and streams. He added that recreational equipment such as boats, lifejackets, and fishing gear -- particularly waders -- are the most likely ways for Didymo to spread into Missouri.

“In addition to educating anglers and boaters about the threats of Didymo, we are considering potential regulation changes to prevent the spread of this invasive alga,” said VanPatten. “Public input in this process is very important.”

Public meetings will be held at or near the following fish hatcheries:

- Montauk State Park: Searcy Building, Tuesday, March 15, 6 p.m.
- Bennett Spring State Park: Hatchery Building, Monday, March 21, 6 p.m.
- Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery – Lake Tanyecomoco: U. S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Dewey Short Visitor Center at Table Rock Dam, Saturday, March 26, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 7, 6 p.m.

- Maramec Spring Park: James Memorial Library Meeting Room, 300 W. Scioto St. in St. James, Monday, April 11, 6 p.m.

To help reduce the spread of Didymo, remember, “Check. Clean. Dry.”

· Check all gear and equipment and remove any visible algae. Do not dispose of algae by putting it down a drain or into bodies of water. Clean all gear and equipment with a solution of 2-percent bleach, 5-percent saltwater, or dishwashing detergent. Allow all equipment to stay in contact with the solution for at least one minute. Soak all soft items, such as felt-soled waders and life jackets, in the solution for at least 20 minutes. Dry all gear and equipment for at least 48 hours by exposing it to sunlight. VanPatten added that replacing felt-soled waders with waders that have rubber or synthetic soles can also minimize the risk of spreading rock snot and other invasive species.

For more information about the meetings, contact VanPatten at 573-751-4115 ext. 3892 or mark.vanpatten@mdc.mo.gov

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