



MO Fishing

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The Thursday May 5th 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

Our guest speaker for this Thursday will be **Mike Mitchell**. Mike is the hatchery manager at Bennett Spring State Park. Mike did a presentation last May for us. He told us about the approved funds and plans to build a new hatchery facility.

Mike will update to the progress of the construction, and give us an update on the state of the hatchery. It will be informative, provide us with good data and the condition of the trout.

I am sure since the heavy rains and flooding, Mike will also update us to any damage to the park and water conditions.



Mike Mitchell
Bennett Spring State Park Hatchery Manager

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

May 5	Regular Meeting Fly Tying @ 6 PM Meeting @ 7 PM
May 14,15	MTFA Spring Derby Bennett Spring State Park
May 21, 22	<u>Six Annual Fly Fishing Expo - Readings's Fly Shop, Hwy 64</u>

Greetings from Ralph:

Hope you've been doing more fishing than I recently. Between the rain, minor health issues and other commitments, I've not been on the water enough. Been quite busy; as I write this we have one class meeting and the Roaring River trip left with MSU. I want to thank everyone who was able to help us in any way with the class. So far, it has gone fairly well.

I've also been working with some of the boys at Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. That's been real rewarding. We fished with the boys, 6 of them, at one of their ponds April 19. In about 45 minutes, several bass, blue gill, and crappie were caught. Then we went in and tied some foam beetles. Worked on a stream team activity at Crane Creek and Larry got some nice video from that. The stream tested excellent again. I've started building the rod from PHW, but I'm still not satisfied with my wraps. I've been practicing on an old rod section. I'm determined to get it done.

Remember we do have a May meeting at the Nature Center on May 5th and the next weekend, May 14 and 15 is the MTFA Derby at Bennett Spring State Park. Unfortunately, I've never been able to attend one of these, so I can't tell you much about it. I do know that there are tagged fish and those that register and catch one will be rewarded. There will also be a lunch served on Saturday. I have another commitment on Saturday, but I'm going to try to get there Sunday morning. We'll have someone give us more information at the meeting.

June 11 is the One Fly for Cancer event at Beaver Dam Tailwaters in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. There will be information on this at the meeting. And our fish fry will be June 25 at Living Memorial Park. Warren will be giving us an update and probably asking for help.

Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter Celebrations. See you May 5th. Tight lines.

Ralph

REEL RECOVERY



Saturday, June 11, 2011

**Beaver Dam Tailwaters Eureka Springs, AR
The One Fly Contest will run from 7:00am to 11:00am**

**Pairings will be drawn at 6:30am in the parking lot at the Dam
Entry fee is \$20.00 (\$25.00 after 6-5-11)**

**Receive 1 fly, 1 raffle ticket and 1 lunch ticket
"Mulligan" flies up to 4 - \$5.00 each
Raffle tickets \$5.00 each**

Three Divisions: Individual, Team (3 person) and Youth* (under 16)

Free lunch

Free fishing weekend - No license required

If you would like to contribute or would like to ask additional questions

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**100% of all proceeds will go to the Reel Recovery Retreats in Arkansas for men in
AR, MO, OK, KS and TN**

Reel Recovery is a 501(3)c non-profit group that provides

Free fly

Also from Ralph

Larry checked and they still expect the MSU class at Mountain Spring Thursday night. So far, there has been no damage done to their trout pools. Remember, our members can fish for \$10 and we need barbless hooks. After fishing we will tie flies and then have a program by Kim.

Saturday we will try to fish Roaring River. It was flooded today, but the river falls rapidly, so we are hoping it will be down by Saturday. Looks like a wooley bugger day. The members will meet at the lodge for breakfast, on MTFA, at 7:30.

Hope to see you there.

Ralph

Editor's Note:

Mountain Spring Trout Park in Highlandville has a great website: www.rainbowrun.net

Take a look.

From Rod Pennington

This walleye and white bass were caught at the pothole a couple of weeks back.





Also the derby is the weekend of the 14th and 15th. Memorial service will be around 11:00, Meeting and Dinner at 5:00, Awards Sunday at noon.

R. Pennington

DNW Event June 3-5 2011

Rod, Kevin and I will attend this event. We have helped with this workshop the past four years. We will discuss the fly, the bugs of the water and have them rotate three tables to tie a different fly. We will provide 3-4 sessions, which is four hours long. The Friday and Saturday evening is spent on the water looking for white bass along the lakeshore. For more information, use the link below.

Kim

<http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/programs/discover-nature-women/summer-workshop>

**MDC Fishing Report From the Web Site
OZARK REGION: (417) 255-9561.**

LAKES

Bull Shoals (East):

59 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Norfolk:

59 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

RIVERS

Big Piney (lower, Pulaski Co.):

60 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Big Piney (Upper):

58 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Bryant Creek:

58 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Current:

62 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Eleven Point:

60 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Gasconade (middle, Pulaski Co.):

60 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

Gasconade (upper):

58 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/28/2011)

Jacks Fork:

61 degrees, high, muddy; all species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

North Fork:

59 degrees, high, muddy; white bass fair on stickbaits and soft plastics; all other species slow. (Report made on 4/27/2011)

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