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We will meet at the Nature Center on February 2nd. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

February Program:

John Bush, Sam Stewart, and John Dozier will give us tips and tricks about fly fishing, fly tying, and other topics.

Be sure and get your questions ready.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar of Events for February 2017

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| February 2, 2017 | SPFD MTFA Monthly Meeting, Nature Center, 6:00PM Tying, 7:00PM Mtg. |
| February 7, 2017 | Branson MTFA Monthly Meeting , Lions Community Bldg., 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm |
| February 11, 2017 | Fly Fishing Outing, Jolly Mill |
| February 13, 2017 | Last day of C&R at Trout Parks, 8:00AM-5:00PM |
| February 16, 2017 | 2017 Trout Pre-Season Meeting, 7:00PM-8:30PM, “The Bennett Room” Hwy 64 west of Lebanon, (formerly Gaston’s Tackle) |
| February 25, 2017 | Fly Tying Demonstration @ Bass Pro, Spfd. 9:00AM-12:00PM |
| March 2, 2017 | Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm |

Club Notes from President Harry Morgan:

This has been a very busy month for fly tying events; three so far. One more is scheduled for January at the conservation center. We can take a breath and then there is one in February at Bass Pro. It will be the Saturday before opening day of trout season.

Our hope is to grow our club and educate people in the ways of trout fishing and conserving what we have available in nature to use for this wonderful sport. It's fun or I wouldn't do it.

As we look to the future let us help each of our new members be a better sportsperson. Education is the key to what we do. The more one knows the better one can do.

March 1st will be here before we know it and then it all starts over again for catch and keep fishing in our state parks. Be a good sport and follow the laws.

We have been blessed with four new members so far this year. I'm sure we will make them feel welcome and help them when we can.

A word about our next program; John Bush, Sam Stewart, and John Dozier will give us tips and tricks about fly fishing, fly tying, and other topics. Get your questions ready.

January Club Fishing Outings by Bob Randall

We held two club Fishing events in January. We went to Bennett Spring State Park on Monday, 1/16/2017, and to Roaring River State Park on Saturday, the 21st. Yes, it's the catch and release season and that's fine with us.

Six of us fished Bennett Spring on Monday. Harry Morgan, John Bush, Dick Solomon, Mike Kidd, Larry Olson, and Bob Randall braved the cloudy January skies to stalk the elusive hatchery raised rainbow. Morning reports gathered at lunch time were sparse, ranging from the "monsters-that-managed-to-release-themselves-without-help-from-the-angler" to 8 trout to the net.

Among the successful fly patterns were a brown and white soft hackle, an egg pattern, a bead head red and white egg sucking wooly bugger. In the afternoon, some of the fly patterns were Charlie Craven's Deep Blue poison midge, Pat Dorsey's top secret midge, and a food pellet pattern near the outflow stream. Active areas included the outflows, the riffle about 75 yards below the main stone bridge, and just below the dam casting right up into the whitewater. We spotted a small mayfly mocking us on our picnic table but only one trout was taken on a dry fly.

A moment was reserved for bird watching as a bald eagle flew above the spring creek.



On Saturday, the 21st, seven of us went to Roaring River State Park. It was a beautiful day but the fishing was mixed. Attending were John Bush, Dick Solomon, Larry Olson, Dan Ditzler, Chuck Penland, Chuck's guest, Mike, and Bob Randall. Dan was sporting a brand new split bamboo rod, fished for the first time on this trip.

Down in the pools across from the historic CCC lodge, I know of seven fish caught on the Dorsey top secret midge in either black and brown, size 20, or on the Ruby 2 midge, probably size 18. We ran into Chuck and Mike at that location but they fished further down stream. Dick fished around the big outflow of the hatchery and cleaned up, stating that he quit counting at 50. We moved upstream near the several hatchery outflows using the midges, a brown Tabou Caddis fly, and some nymphs with varying success.

We lunched and met up with Dan, Chuck, and Mike. After lunch, John, Larry, and Bob went down to zone 2 below the bridge. We each caught a fish or two but it began to slow down. John did better, catching 5 or so down near the end of the zone. There were quite a few anglers down there.

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Bob noticed a bench that had been donated by an organization called the Springfield Chapter of the Missouri Trout Fishermen’s Association. They must be nice people.





2017 Trout Pre-Season Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2017

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Located at "The Bennett Room"

Hwy 64 west of Lebanon, (formerly Gaston's Tackle)

We will present information about the upcoming 2017 Trout fishing season. We will also discuss the hatchery and park improvements, park events and fishing on the Niangua River. If you have any questions about the topics covered or would like another topic addressed please stop by the hatchery and visit with me, or give me a call at 417-532-4418, ext. 1062.

This is an open invitation for everyone interested in Trout fishing or activities at Bennett Spring State Park. If you know of interested individuals who would benefit from the information being discussed, please let them know.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Thanks-

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| <p>Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM for Fly tying and 7:00 PM for programs and business meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee Chairs</p> <p>Program Chair – Kim Schultz Education Chair – Ralph Eichholz Social Chair – Lezlie Chastain and John Bush Newsletter Editor – Eve Krit-Anderson Librarian – Dennis Stead Equipment & Supplies – Wayne Frizzell and Kim Schultz Web Page – Brent Simmons Membership Chair – Bob Randall Liaison to National and State Affiliate fly fishing Association – Bob Randall Public Relations – Bob Randall</p> | | |

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