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MO Fishing

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We will meet at the Nature Center on June 1st. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Sam Steward with the MDC will be coming to our meeting to talk to us about the insects and larvae that live in our local waters. It should be an interesting meeting. Sam is a Naturalist at the MDC's Springfield Nature Center and the club's President Elect (next year's president).



Calendar of Events for June 2017

June 1, 2017 Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Springfield Nature Center

June 10, 2017 Float trip on James River, 8:00 am, meet at Shelvin Rock Access

June 13, 2017 Branson MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00, Shep Hills Hatchery

June 17, 2017 MTFA Fish Fry, Living Memorial Park, Springfield, set up/preparation 4 pm, eat approximately 6:30 pm.

July 6, 2017 Springfield MTFA Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Springfield Nature Center

From Harry Morgan, MTFA President:

Dear fellow club fly fishers;

We have had no regular meeting of the club in two months but a lot has taken place as far as functions go.

The M.S.U. fly fishing class started in March and lasted until May 6. It ended with a field trip to Roaring River.

A lot has happened even though we have had no meetings. We just finished up with the Bennett Spring derby and I think it was a success. The main thing that happened there was that the state council voted to make Branson group a provisional chapter and after one year they will be an independent chapter the same as the other three. That means there are now 4 chapters in the state. This just makes us a stronger organization.

Our fish fry will be on the 17th of June . Fish, fried potatoes, drinks, plates and tableware provided by the club. Please bring a side dish.

Now, as far as the planning for the expo, it is going well. We have about 54 tiers lined up. About 14 vendors are coming. I'm thinking we have a full building. One can go to our web site and see all the vendors and sponsors we have lined up. If we can get the crowd to come we will have a great show. Our aim here is to get more people interested in fly fishing and conserving what we have. Don't forget to bring those good used or new items to our meeting for raffle at the upcoming Branson expo. Everyone I talk to is excited about the expo and they should be. It is a first for our club and a new beginning that can last into the future. Hope all of you have a great summer and catch a bunch of fish.

**2017 Spring MSU Class
Summary by Ralph Eichholz**

The spring class is over with, grades turned in and invoices sent to MSU for the class. In many ways this was an unusual class. We had 18 students enrolled, but one never did make it to class. I don't recall ever giving an F before, but including the no show, we had two this spring. Lots of rain caused us to miss one evening of casting. We had a broken rod, one student's truck was broken into and his tying kit stolen and another kit was not returned. The university has been asked to hold all of that student's grades, but I've not heard back from them. That's the bad stuff; most of the students were very enthusiastic and pleased with the class.

Some of the comments from MSU Students, Spring 2017 evaluation form:

Did you enjoy the class:

Yes, I loved my mentor (Russ) Great class.

I absolutely did.

Best thing about the class:

Getting outside.

Making a connection with our mentors.

Getting the hands on experience outside to cast. I love tying flies as well.

Going fishing. The mentors. Tying flies.

Fishing, even though I didn't catch a thing.

One on one instruction with a good mentor.

Something we could have done better:

More actual fishing days.

It would have been cool if we were required to get a starter kit.

If there's a way to cast more in the water.

Sometimes assistants were too quick to help us while we figure a skill out.

Went over casting a little more.

Do you expect to use what you learned:

Yes, I plan on coming quite good at fly fishing. Red fishing in the marsh is the goal.

Additional comments:

This was a nice relaxing class. I enjoyed it.

Our mentor (Russ) was very helpful & friendly. Lovely experience. Loved working with everyone.

Thanks for everything.

This class was a really good opportunity for me to broaden my skill set and learn a new hobby/lifestyle. Thanks for the help, I really appreciate the patience. Lastly, I think the way this class is set up is really efficient. The trip to mountain springs gave us all a chance to catch fish and that's where the basics are learned. Also like how each person has a fishing guide to help them through all the processes. (This was sent to me in an email by a student who missed the Saturday trip).

From Bob Randall

Trout Vision

Trout focus: When you were young, the lenses in your eyes were pliable enough to change shape for changes in focus. If you're over 40, your lenses have become less pliable and you need glasses to thread 7X tippet through the eye of a hook. Trout need to focus on tiny insects. Our lenses change shape while trout lenses remain rigid and move forward and backward to focus the light on their retinas. Maybe that's why trout don't use reading glasses. I know that's pretty lame so I'll switch to color.

Trout see color using retinal cones just like we do. Since light gets refracted as it enters the water, they may see color differently than we do. Colors of light on the red end of the spectrum (think of a rainbow) are of a longer wavelength and are absorbed in the water both because of depth and distance. Shorter wavelength light on the blue end of the spectrum pass through water better. So a red colored fly may not seem so red in a deep pool as it does near the surface. The same red fly near the surface may not seem so red at a distance but will become clearer (color-wise) as the fish gets closer to it. That said, I've heard it said that orange is a good color to use in dingy water. That makes sense close up but the advantage of orange should diminish with distance. Furthermore, it may have more to do with florescence in the orange dye used to make the fly tying materials.

Derby camp out

The derby didn't get washed out but it was almost blown away. I arrived about 2 pm on Friday, and set up my tent. I had difficulty deciding where to put it because of the anticipation of rain. The flattest spot was also in the apparent wet spot. I finally picked a spot that would be dry but not level. Dick Solomon arrived with stories of good fishing at the "Gut Hole" and the outflow stream. Mike and Faye Kidd drove up and while we were all visiting, a park employee drove up and told us we needed to evacuate immediately as the tornado warning only gave us 15 minutes. I started grabbing things and zipping up the tent. John Bush arrived and was no sooner out of his car than the park ranger drove up and told us to evacuate. All this time, Dick was involved in the telling of a story about wooly buggers. Dick was born in Oklahoma and is apparently immune to tornadoes. He also must be afflicted with the same malady as all good story tellers as stories aren't over until they're over. I finally told him that we had to go. Dick decided to drive home. Mike said his cabin had two extra beds and we could stay there. We jumped in and all took off except Dick changed his mind and stayed in camp. He slept in his truck that night, springing a leak in his camper shell, and sharing his new air mattress with about 3 gallons of rain water. Too bad he didn't move into my tent as the interior was dry as a bone the next morning. John and I were warm and dry in the Kidd's cabin. Thanks to Mike and Faye. We always have an adventure!

June 10 Float Trip on James River

We'll be floating/fishing from the Delaware Town Access between Nixa and Clever down to the take out at Shelvin Rock Access on Saturday, June 10. We'll meet at Shelvin Rock to drop off our take out vehicles and then convoy up to Delaware Town to launch. Last year we did the Shelvin Rock to Hootentown float. Only 5 of us went but we had a blast. I have two canoes and a kayak, so we have craft for extra people who don't have their own. I also have extra PFD's. Contact John Bush at 417-772-4180 or Bob Randall at 417-224-1104. Please plan ahead. Don't just show up unannounced. We need to be organized.

New State Council President

Our own Lezley Chastain is the new President of the MTF A-State Council. The Council presidency changes at the end of each state derby. Lezley will preside over State Council meetings until the next fundraiser in May 2018. Lezley was the Springfield Chapter president in 2014.

BRANSON FLY FISHING EXPO

Sponsored by the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association



JULY 28th and 29th, 2017

Friday and Saturday



9 am – 5 pm

Lions Community Building

1015 E State Highway 76, Branson, MO 65915

Food and Drinks served by the Branson/Hollister Lions Club

Admission - \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family

Fly Casting Demos

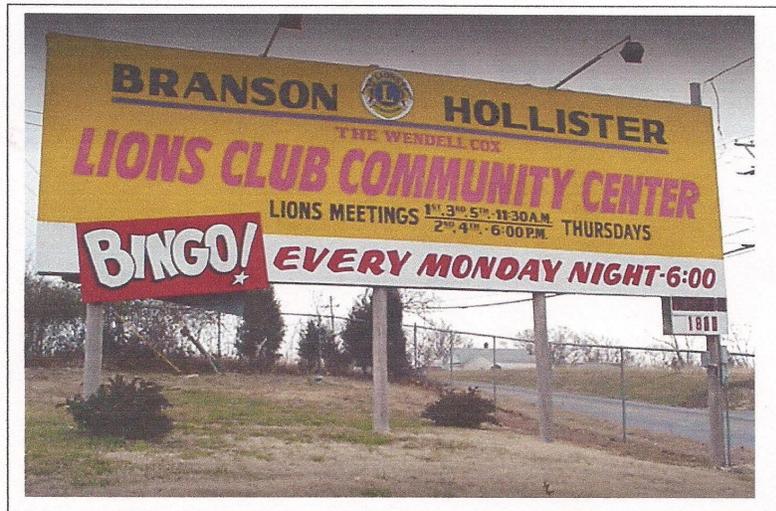
Fly Tying Demos

Raffles and Silent Auctions

Many Local Exhibitors

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