

# Missouri Trout Fishermen' Association

Next Meeting: June 6, 2018

Where: **The Pavillion @ Shepherd of  
the Hills Fish Hatchery**

When: 6:00-7:00 PM Meeting

7:00-9:00 Fishing

President's Message :



Hi everyone! Another month has gone by and we are only 52 days away from the 2018 Expo! We are now a fully fledged chapter of Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. Congratulations to Howard Hawkins for making the initial push to form our own chapter in Branson and many thank to Bob Randal and Harry Morgan for their words of wisdom as we went forward.

## June 2018 NEW MEETING PLACE

SOUTH WEST POWER ADMIN.  
Generation Schedule  
1-866-494-1993  
[www.swpa.gov](http://www.swpa.gov)



During the warmer months, with the longer day light, we decided that we would have our meetings in places that we could actually fish! We are after all a fishing club! So we will be having this next meeting at the pavilion at the Hatchery!

Bring your gear and get in a little fishing after the conclusion of the business meeting. Hopefully the water level will be low enough for wading. This Tuesday the corp., have scheduled 0 generation starting a 6:00 PM. If that is the same for Wednesday, that will be perfect. Grey scuds will be my fly of choice for tomorrow night. See ya there!

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Executive Committee 2 Year	Ron Leggins, Mike Kidd	
Executive Committee 3 Year	Pat Malone, Ron Ward	

### Calendar:

June 6, 2018 Meeting @ The Pavilion, 6:00  
PM

June 7, 2018 Springfield MTFA Meeting at  
Springfield Conservation Facility 6:00-9:00  
PM

July 4, Fourth of July, July meeting moved to  
July 11.

July 27 & 28, Branson Fly Fishing Expo(all  
hands on deck)

### Catch & Release Guidelines

As an organization we encourage responsible angling practices that promote proper catch and release. Here are some basic guidelines to keep in mind while out plying the waters for trout and other species.

Use Barbless Hooks or Bend Down Your Barbs  
Don't Drag Your Fish Onto Land or Across Rocks...  
Wet Your Hands and Use a Proper Net (some of you will argue to USE NO NET)  
Keep Fish in the Water as Much as Possible  
Use a Light Grip and Cradle the Fish, Do Not Squeeze  
Wait for Fish to Revive Before Releasing

I personally debarb every one of my hooks before tying a fly. I believe that you will catch more fish on barbless hooks than you will on barbed hooks. Another aspect of fishing 100% barbless is that you never worry about local regulations! On the White River in Arkansas, they have barbless regs., on some waters, so if you are always barbless, you never worry about being out of sync with the LAW. Also, you will spend more time actually fishing, because you will be spending much less time trying to remove your fly from the fish's mouth! Very often, when I net a fish the fly becomes dislodged and falls out without me actually touching the fish. Fishing barbless will also extend the life of your flies because you won't be grabbing them with serrated jawed pliers when removing them. If you don't tie your own flies, get a pair of flat jawed hemostats to hang on your vest for

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mashing the barb. I can also recommend the use of a Ketchum Release tools.



I have the medium size and it works well for most of the flies that I fish with. I often find myself wishing for the smaller size when using some of the little flies that we fish with on Taneycomo, #18's and smaller. Yes they are expensive, but they are very durable (I break everything) and work as advertised. Especially when wading, I never have to touch the fish when I use my Ketchum tool! I feel that this is one of the best tools on my vest!



Fish Reports

This newsletter "real hunker" award goes to Mike Kidd, our new Vice President. He

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caught this 23" brown on Lake Taneycomo this past week! Congratulations Mike!



Beautiful trout!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I recently returned from my annual trip to South Dakota. I have journeyed to South Dakota every year for the past eight years in pursuit of trout. Like all fishing, some years are better than others, but this was a pretty good year. Caught mostly rainbows, with a few nice browns scattered in the mix. I even caught a small Northern Pike on a jig head glow ball of all things. One 16"+ brown trout I caught actually had an Elk Hair Caddis fly along with about 15" of leader in it's mouth when I landed it. Turns out that one of the members of my group had lost that very fly two days before! I was able to retrieve the fly and return it to its rightful owner. LOL. Here is that beautiful Brown Trout!

**Welcome our new members:**

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Jerry Parrish

Drew Roemmich

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Caught this fish on my version of Guide's Choice Hare's Ear, my number one fly in the "Hill". This is Spring Creek, below Sheridan Lake right in the middle of the Black Hills.

Here is another one of my favorite spots, just upstream from where I caught the previous fish.



Not an aesthetically beautiful place, but I always try to hit it at least twice every trip. We were in luck this trip as we had it all to ourselves on both visits I call this place the "Chute"! You never know what you will pull out of this place. In past years I've caught an European Rudd (a type of rough fish, probably the result of an illegal dumping of aquarium fish), yellow perch, crappie, rainbows and browns and this year a Northern Pike! Here are a few of the fish I caught this year.



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This an adult Caddis Fly that landed on my knee as I was retying my tippet, ot was about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " not including antennae. There were many of these fluttering about the stream. This was on Castle Creek. No wonder that Caddis imitations do so well in this area. Here is another rainbow I caught while casting up into a culvert that passed under St. Hwy. 17 on Castle Creek. May be hard to tell from this photo, but this trout had the most beautiful shade of green on it's back.



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Accommodations were a bit rustic but we weren't expecting the Hilton! LOL This is actually a historical land mark. The cabin we stayed in was much more accommodating.

## Famous Quotes

"Remember, a chip on the shoulder is a sure sign of wood higher up!"

Brigham Young



## Fly of the Month

Guide'e Choice Hare's Ear

Hook: Daiichi # 1260, #12

Bead :Tungsten 3/32 Gold

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Thread: 70 Denier Fluorescent Pink

Tail: Pheasant Tail, length of hook shank

Rib: Fine Mylar tinsel, Pearlescent or Ice Blue

Body: Hareline's Hare's Ear Plus Dubbin in Dark Hare's Ear

Flash Back: Large Pearl Tinsel

Thorax: Ice Dup in Peacock Black

Hackle: Partridge or Brahma Shoulder Feathers

## Recipe of the Month

Whenever we go to South Dakota, we have at least one fish fry. This year we had three pretty good sized fish left over from our fish fry. Our camp host suggested that I use these fish up in "Trout Cake". I did and the results were pretty good for my first try.

## Trout Cakes

1 lb. cooked trout meat	1 c. onion minced
2 Tbsp. butter	1 c. bread crumbs
2 eggs slightly beaten	1 Tbsp. Dijon must.
2 Tbsp. Mayo	2 tsp. Worceshire
¼ c. Parsley, dried	¼ c. chives
¼ c. tarragon or dill	1 tsp. salt
1/3 c. veg. oil for frying	

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Carefully debone trout. Sauté onion in butter til tender. Combine onion with all other ingredients form into small patties and set aside for 20 min. Heat oil medium high heat and brown cakes on both sides. Enjoy.

## Annual Trout Derby 2018

The MTFA State Council Derby went off pretty well. This was the 72nd annual Derby. We had a little rain, but I didn't see anybody melt. Fortunately, the rain held off while we were cooking fish in hot oil. We were able to [serve](#) up the food for Saturday night's picnic without getting wet. I have no idea how many people were there. I never heard a head count being made. I would say at least 50 or more from the different clubs. The food was great. I heard someone say that the fish fry had the best bass he had ever tasted.

Fishing was variable. Many people caught a lot of fish, but fewer tagged fish were turned in. That could be due to the fact that a different kind of tag was used. In the past, the tags were flashy metal pieces attached to the gill

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cover. The tags were easier to see in the water and anglers "in-the-know" could target them. This year the tags were a light green plastic tag hooked to the fin. There were 123 people who obtained tags (I almost said "bought" tags but since we can't sell anything at the state park, we request a "donation" instead) for \$5 each. Only 8 tagged fish were turned in. Those 8 people made their choices of the prizes available. After that, we sold [raffle](#) tickets to the club members present and raffled off the rest. There were some pretty good prizes available. Thanks to Larry Wegmann, John Bush, and others for getting those items.

While [working](#) at the "sign-up" table on Friday evening, I was surprised to find that so many people who are not members of MTFA look forward to the Derby each year. Several people spoke of their entries in years past. I heard one father talk about how this was his kids' first year in the Derby and how it would be a family tradition

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in the future. His kids had tagged fish,  
by the way. I have said in the past,  
that the Derby was a fundraiser, but I  
now believe it to be more of a  
“community event” which is anticipated  
by anglers from all over the state.  
Special thanks must be given to Kim  
Schultz who stepped up to the plate to  
organize the event. He made it all  
happen