

# Missouri Trout Fishermen' Association

Next Meeting: December 5, 2018

Where: **Branson Lion's Club**

**1015 E. State Hwy., 76**

When: 6:00-7:00 PM Dinner

7:00-9:00 PM Meeting

President's Message :



Hi everyone, hope all is well. Well the year has really flown by and 2019 is quickly approaching! We've begun our long range preparations' for the next Branson Fly Fishing Expo, July 26 & 27, 2019. This year's Expo was very successful and we are all looking forward to next year's event. Thanks again to Ron Leggins and all of those who assisted in this years event! With two years of experience under our belt this

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coming year's event will be bigger and better!

Another accomplishment for our club was that we officially achieved chapter status! Congratulations to all who worked so hard to make this happen. I would like to acknowledge Howard Hawkins for providing the initial impetus for getting the ball rolling to organize a Branson chapter, along with a lot of help from Bob Randal and Harry Morgan.

Our first official Christmas dinner will be Wednesday night at our monthly meeting. Thanks to all who signed up in advance for the dinner. Famous Dave's will be delivering our feast at 5:45PM. Grilled chicken, brisket, beans, coleslaw, corn bread and bread pudding for dessert!

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I was decided at our last meeting that we should have a service project of some sort. The decision was made for the club to adopt the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery area! So on the third Saturday of every month, barring any undue weather conditions; we will have a clean up event to be held at the hatchery. We held our first official clean up on Nov. 17 and it was very successful. Howard Hawkins, myself, Mike Kidd, Ron Ward and Roger Heimerson attended (sorry if I missed anyone). Not only did we pick-up a lot of trash, we had a coffee pot going and some snacks and talked to three potential new members about the club. The next clean up day will be December 15, 10AM-2:00PM. Come on down and lend a hand. Make sure you bring a rod along.

Matt

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### Calendar

- Dec. 5.....Dinner/Meeting Lion's club
- Dec.8..... Bennett Springs outing(Sprfd Chptr)
- Dec. 15.....Clean up day @ Hatchery
- Dec. 25.....Christmas Day
- Jan. 1.....News Year Day
- Jan. 2.....Meeting @ Lions Club



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## Fish Reports

Looks like Mike Kidd has been giving em hell down at the hatchery. Mike posted on MTFA Face Book that he went fishing down by the hatchery on the 29 of Nov., and caught a lot of fish on a # 20 gray scud and "pellet" flies. (Oh my!)



I journeyed over to Bennett Springs on Saturday 24 of Nov., where I met part of my "Black Hills crew" who came down from KC. The weather was perfect and the park was relatively unoccupied. I had probably one of

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the best days I have ever had at Bennett Springs. Didn't count, but I caught a lot of fish. Best fly for me was a new style of scud. I had the opportunity to mentor a young man "Justin" who was fishing at the outlet with little or no success. Although he was fishing at probably the best spot in the outlet, it was obvious that he knew not what he was doing. I found out that this was his very first experience with a fly rod. After I secured permission from his father(who wasn't a fly fisherman) to help Justin, I nail knotted one of my hand tied leaders to his fly line, gave him a proper strike indicator and attached a "gray sparkle scud" to the tippet. I showed him how to drift the fly down with the current. Voila\* the magic began! For the last two hours of fishing , Justin literally had a fish every cast! Yeah, I know that sounds like a fish story, but I have witnesses! LOL I had to replace his tippet once and the fly once and he may have had one or two casts without hits, but that was more likely due to his inexperience in setting the hook. Any way, it was a lot of fun to watch! I was able to put this young man's rig together rather quickly because I have spent a good deal of time learning how to tie the knots necessary for fly fishing! Winter is a good time of year to practice your knot skills! Get some 10-15 lb., monofilament and a hook big enough to handle easily and practice while watching a football game! If you are not sure how to tie a knot, you can watch videos on you tube.

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\*The first thing to know about *voilà* is that it's spelled *voilà*. Please note that the grave accent on the a is obligatory. Secondly, *voilà*, which is a [contraction](#) of *vois là* (literally, "see there"), has varied uses and meanings, which are hard to define precisely.

I have totally change two aspects of my leaders and knots. 1) I now use the "Davy" knot for attaching my flies to my line and I now use tippet rings as part of my leader construction. After a solid six months of using tippet rings I am 100% sold on their use! When it comes to my tippet selection I have also made a change. I now use 4lb., "Red" label Seagar fluorocarbon for most of my fishing.

Here is my list of the knots that every fly guy or gal should know:

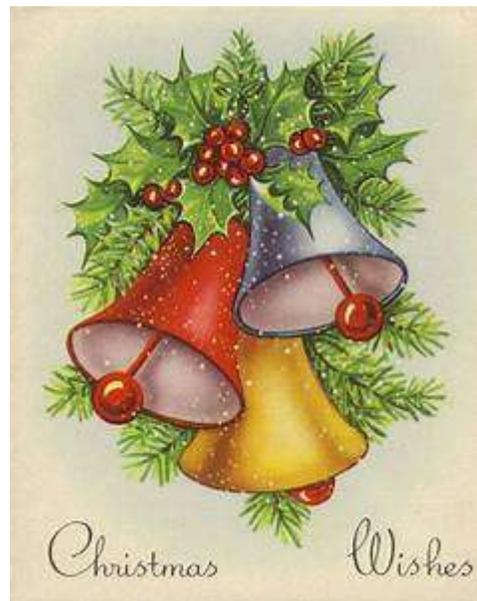
- 1) Nail knot-for attachment of leader to fly line (use Fast-Tie tool)
- 2) Perfection end loop knot-for loop to loop connection
- 3)Davy Knot-attaching lure to leader
- 4)blood knot –for building leaders(I know a really easy way to tie this knot -ask me how!
- 5) double surgeon knot-for attaching leader to tippet
- 6)Uni- knot-for attaching lure to line that allows the fly to swing freely on an open loop and tightens on the hook set

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7) Rapala Knot-attach lure to line with a non tightening loop that allows the lure/fly to move more freely. On really picky trout, it might make the difference!

8)Jam knot – for building leades, replaces blood knot! You need a Tie-Fast Knot tool for this knot. I keep this tool in my vest at all times!

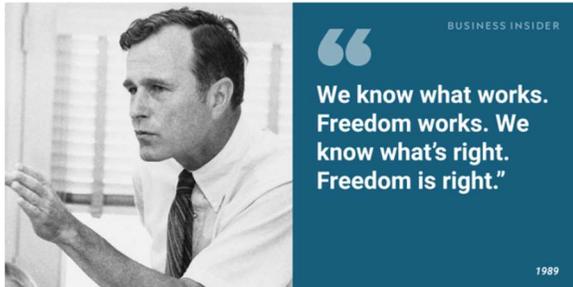
9) Clinch knot- lure line connection. I've been tying this knot for so long that sometimes it is automatic.



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George H. W. Bush June 12, 1924 – November 30, 2018

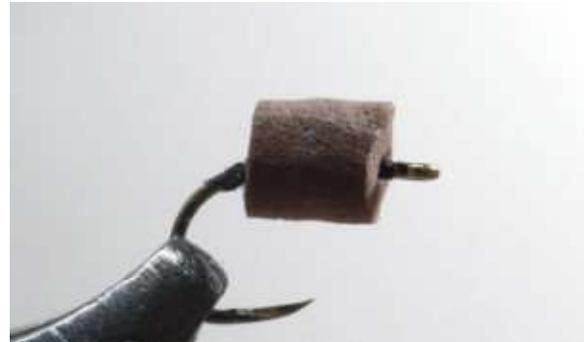


Bush's son, George W. shared his own [touching tribute](#) to his father on Instagram.

“Jeb, Neil, Marvin, Doro, and I are saddened to announce that after 94 remarkable years, our dear Dad has died. George H. W. Bush was a man of the highest character and the best dad a son or daughter could ask for,” he wrote alongside a photo of his parents walking towards Marine One together.

“The entire Bush family is deeply grateful for 41's life and love, for the compassion of those who have cared and prayed for Dad, and for the condolences of our friends and fellow citizens,” he added.

### Fly of the Month



- Hook: Tiemco TMC2499SP-BL
- Hook Size: 16, 18
- Body: Foam Cylinder 3/16 Brown
- Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Black

When they are feeding in the hatchery and some of the food is being washed into the stream, it's almost impossible to get the fish to hit anything else!

### Knot of the Month

The Davy knot/Double Davy Knot: The Davy knot was invented by Davy Wotton. It's [easy](#) to tie, very strong, wastes little tippet material and, perhaps most importantly, is extremely small.

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### Monthly Recipe

Well the cold weather is here and it's the perfect weather for soup. This month's recipe "Potato Leek Soup" is from *Once Upon a Chef*.

Ingredients:

3 Tbs. unsalted butter

4 Lrg. Leeks, white and light green parts only, roughly chopped, about 5 cups.

3 Cloves garlic peeled and smashed

2 lbs., Yukon Gold potatoes (who cares!), I used russets, peeled and chopped in ½" slices.

7 cups low sodium chicken or vegetable broth. I used regular chicken broth because that is what I always have on hand.

2 Bay leaves, 3 sprigs fresh thyme ( I used dried, 1 tsp.)

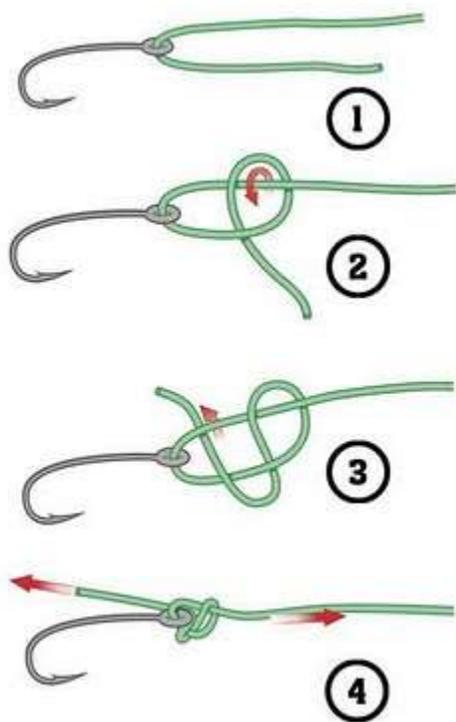
1 cup heavy cream, I used half and half

Fresh chopped chives for garnish (I omitted this)

I only had two medium sized Leeks left over from making my gravy stock for Thanksgiving, so I made the following adjustments.

6 medium potatoes

2 Leeks



Double Davy Knot



I use this knot on line sizes 6 lb. and smaller.

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4 cups chicken stock

½ package of cream cheese

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Melt the butter over medium heat in a large soup pot. Add the leeks and garlic and cook, stirring regularly, until soft and wilted, about 10 minutes. Adjust the heat as necessary so as not to brown.
2. Add the potatoes, stock, bay leaves, thyme, salt and pepper to pot and bring to a boil. Cover and turn the heat down to low. Simmer for 15 minutes, or until the potatoes are very soft.
3. Fish out the thyme sprig and bay leaves, then purée the soup with a hand-held immersion blender until smooth.( Add cream cheese during this step) (Alternatively, use a standard blender to purée the soup in batches; see note.) Add the heavy cream and bring to a simmer. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. If soup is too thin, simmer until thickened. If it's too thick, add water or stock to thin it out. Garnish with fresh herbs if desired.

This was a great soup, it was all gone by the next day!

Enjoy!

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### Lost and Found

Several weeks ago I lost a 12 compartment fly box full of midges, RS-2's. etc. The box is a "Myran" and has the silhouette of an ant on the top! If anyone hear of a box like this being found, let me know. Matt