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Our monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center, Thursday, March 7th. It will begin at 6:00 PM with fly tying. Out program will begin at 7:00 PM

This month's program will be given by Ryan Walker. He is the founder of The Ozarks Small mouth Bass Alliance. He will be there at 6:00 P.M. to tie fly's and will present a program about fly fishing for the small mouth bass.

Harry Morgan, Program Chair

From the MTFA President – Dennis Stead

Want to thank Harry and Bob for setting up the Hunting and fishing show and all those who were tiers. It was a great success.

I also want to remind everyone who has not sent in their membership dues to Bob Randall, to please do so. That way you can have your name entered for the big drawing. At the March meeting, we will draw one member's name from the current membership list. That person will win a half-day guided fishing trip for two, from the Plateau Fly Shop. Dues must be received by the meeting. Don't risk mailing them in, bring them in to Bob.

Dennis Stead - dmstead@aol.com

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar of Events for February 2019**

March 6, 2018 Branson Chapter MTFa Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

March 7, 2019 Springfield Chapter Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

March 9, 2019 State Pre-Derby Meeting @ 1:00 pm at Bennett Spring State Park

Messages from Bob Randall If you attempt to connect to one of the links, you can just click on it if you are reading your newsletter in pdf format or if using the Word format, you have to hold the Ctrl key down while you click the link.

MTFA-Springfield Membership: Currently, there are 89 paid memberships and three honorary memberships. Translating that to people: 177 members (kids and all). There are approximately 25 memberships which have not been renewed this year. They are not a part of the 177 figure. After the March meeting, I will have to calculate the numbers so that we can pay our MTFa State Council and our Fly Fishers International dues. I will purge all unrenewed memberships at that time. *Please renew soon if you wish to remain in the Springfield Chapter.* You can download the form at

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-membership-form.pdf>

MDC has a “**Veterans Fish Free Day**” at Bennett Spring State Park on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 7am to 4pm. <https://mdc-event-web.s3licensing.com/Event/EventDetails/163208>

Time to **renew your fishing license and trout permit.** Just a reminder that if you're such an old fogey, as most of us are, that you don't need a fishing license to fish, you will still need a trout permit. You can accomplish this online at www.mdc.mo.gov

Trout Unlimited Comments on the Pebble Mine. In case you're not aware, there is a proposal by a Canadian mining corporation to create one of North America's largest open-pit gold-copper mines within a much larger potential mining district in the headwaters of Bristol Bay. Bristol Bay is one of the foremost salmon fisheries in the world. If you want to read their article, it is linked: <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/2019/02/21/trout-unlimited-comments-on-the-pebble-mine-near-bristol-bay-in-alaska/>

Our Website: Have you ever visited with another trout fisher and bragged up MTFFA hoping to get another member? I have and I always try to leave them with one of our business cards that has information about our meetings AND it has the website address: www.mtfa-springfield.com. I think the website is a good way to show others that we are an active, interesting club. In order for that to be effective, the webpage has to be active and interesting. It has to have fresh blog posts, fresh pictures of events and fishing trips, fresh information on activities, etc. Each month the newsletter must be linked in and the previous month's newsletter needs to be archived. We could have a lot more pictures but almost no one submits any (kudos to the few who do). Why not? Some of you post on our Facebook page. Why don't you also submit them to be posted on the website? AND if you do submit photos, you should have some narrative with it, especially what flies you caught fish on. So here's one recent website blog posts: <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/2019/02/17/politics-in-conservation/>

To be found Within the MTFFA website:

2019 Winter fishing pictures

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/photos/event-pictures/2019-events-2/fishing-pics-winter-2019/>

Pictures of the Hunt and Fish Show

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/photos/event-pictures/2019-events-2/hunt-and-fish-show-2019/>

Pictures of fishing for bonefish in Belize by Mike Kidd

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/2019/02/25/belize-trip-by-mike-kidd/>

Pictures of Crane Creek Fishing by Mike Kidd

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/2019/02/25/crane-creek-fishing/>

Pictures of the Crane Creek Cleanup by Mike Kidd

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/photos/event-pictures/2019-events-2/2019-events/>

Nice Fish!

Larry Olson caught these Apache trout in Arizona. The Apache trout is the state fish of Arizona, and is one of only two species of trout native to that state, with the other being the gila trout (*O. g. gilae*). Apache trout are a yellowish-gold color with a golden belly and have medium-sized dark spots that are evenly spaced and that may extend below the lateral line and onto the dorsal and tail fins. The top of its head and back are dark olive in color, and it has the appearance



of having a black stripe/mask through each of its eyes, due to two small black dots on either side of the pupil. There can be a throat mark below the lower jaw, ranging in color from yellow to gold. Larry was at Silver Creek, a 45-mile-long stream located in the White Mountains of Arizona north of Show Low. It is a tributary of the Little Colorado River. It is also the site of a supervolcano that erupted 18.8 million years ago.



Crane Creek fishin'

Photos from Mike Kidd, Dick Solomon, and



Ben Lowry



Bone fishin' in Belize Mike Kidd and Ron Ward



Below: Harry Morgan at Rockbridge Trout Ranch



Neosho angler catches state-record brown trout at Lake Taneycomo



TANEY COUNTY, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) reports Paul Crews of Neosho, Mo. became the most recent record-breaking angler in Missouri when he hooked a brown trout on Lake Taneycomo using a rod and reel.

The new “pole and line” record brown trout caught by Crews on Feb. 23 weighed 34-pounds, 10-ounces. The new record beats the previous state-record by 6 pounds and 2 ounces. Crews was fishing with 4-pound test line and a sculpin colored marabou jig.

“I never would of have dreamed to catch a state-record fish like this,” Crews said. “I’m still in shock that I actually caught that giant brown trout.”

Crews noted that he and his partner Jim Rayfield Sr. were out fishing in the Vince Elfrink Memorial Trout Tournament when he caught the state-record brown trout.

“I usually only trout fish one time a year and it’s this tournament,” Crews said.

Crews said once he hooked the fish he wasn’t sure it was that large until it began fighting.

“I fought the fish from one side of the lake to the other and back,” Crews said. “Finally, after about 20 minutes of fighting the trout, my partner and I were able to get it netted and bring it in the boat.”

Crews added that he knew the fish was big once it was in the boat, but he never really thought much about it being a state record.

“Once the fish was in the boat I just knew my partner and I won the tournament,” Crews said. “But I was shocked to hear I was a state record holder.”

Staff verified Crews’ record-weight fish using a certified scale at Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery. Crews said he took pictures and got the dimensions of the fish to make a replica, and then released the giant brown trout back into Lake Taneycomo

Missouri state-record fish are recognized in two categories: pole-and-line and alternative methods.

Alternative methods include: throwlines, trotlines, limb lines, bank lines, jug lines, spearfishing, snagging, snaring, gigging, grabbing, archery, and atlatl.

