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**The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association
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This month we are having a special meeting on **Wednesday the 3rd of April at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library** located one block east of Glenstone and Seminole at 2214 S Brentwood Blvd, Springfield, MO.

The time will be **6 to 9** and would encourage everyone to bring their fly tying equipment – the focus of the meeting will be on fly tying.

The library always has a lot of tables and we can make use of them. Everyone who attends the MTFA meeting at Brentwood library on the 3rd of April will get 3 feet of the material needed to make the Bed Spread Fly “FREE”. Plus we will have a lot of flies in our raffle at meeting's end.

Dennis Stead. President, MTFA Springfield Chapter

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Calendar of Events for April 2019

April 3	Branson Monthly Meeting @ Branson Lions Club	6:00pm-9:00pm
April 3	Springfield Monthly Meeting @ Brentwood Library	6:00pm-9:00pm
April 4	MSU Class	6:00pm-9:50pm
April 11	MSU Class	6:00pm-9:50pm
April 13	Club Outing Montauk State Park	8:00am-4:00pm
April 18	Mountain Spring Trout Park	6:00pm-8:00pm
April 25	MSU Class	6:00pm-9:50pm

From the MTFA President – Dennis Stead

The Spring Basic Fly Fishing Class at MSU began last Thursday, the 28th of March. Thirteen students signed up for the class and four new chapter members are auditing the class. We only had nine club mentors to assist the students. The Sowbug Roundup might have drawn some of you away. If you would still like to help mentor the class, contact Larry Wegman at 314-623-3933 or lwegmann@sbcglobal.net to sign up and receive a parking permit. Class times are 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm. at Kemper Hall on the corner of Grand Ave and S. John Q Hammons Parkway, room 205.

The Sowbug Roundup was at Mountain Home, AR, on the 29th and 30th of March. Several of our chapter members attended the event.

We had a great meeting MTFA Pre-Derby Meeting at Bennett Spring on the 9th of March. The Springfield Chapter was represented by Kim Schultz, Harry Morgan, Fred Brown, Bob Randall, and myself. We need to elect our next Springfield Chapter representative to the State Council Board of Directors. That person will take the position of 2nd Vice President for the 2020 MTFA State Council and will represent us through 2022. Bob Randall has been nominated for that position. We will accept any other nominations from the floor at our meeting on the 3rd of April, and will vote on the nominees.

Thanks, Dennis
Dennis Stead - dmstead@aol.com

Overlining A Fly Rod - Do or Don't by Gary Davisson (KC Chapter)

It's interesting to me how people are either adamantly against over-lining (putting a 6- or 7-weight fly line on a 5-weight rod, for example) or totally in favor of it. I'm somewhere in the middle. On the one hand, rods are built to handle specific lines for a reason. That being said, the moment you put a 6-weight line on a 5-weight rod, the rod becomes a 6-weight, right? The advantages of doing this are that the heavier line loads the rod more, you can feel that when you cast, it can help you fling heavier flies, and bust casts into heavy headwinds. It can also help turn over a longer leader when you use one.

Some people worry that this is a crutch. If you get too dependent on the heavy line, they say that it ultimately fouls up your casting stroke (I do not believe this). They say just figure out how to cast an 8-weight rod with an 8-weight line in the wind, or else go up in size when you know you will cast larger flies?

Of course, there are no rules for any of this, and I admire how anglers adapt and adjust their gear to optimize performance and success. I'd never criticize anyone for over-lining, or refusing to do so, for that matter. I don't think it's like throwing deflated footballs in an NFL playoff game. But are you cheating yourself and your own skill development by using fly lines off label?

In my opinion a well-designed rod should work with 2- or 3-line weights easily. Of course, on the light end of the spectrum 1-3 wt this is probably narrow but in mid ranges 4-6 one can play around with line weights quite a bit. Then say your using a Sage One or Sage X, they will cast the rated line weight and at least 2 up very easily, but never down.

I think if done in moderation, in specific situations, it's probably a good thing. *Gary*

Press Release – CFM Announces New Executive Director

The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) has a new Executive Director, Tyler Schwartze. Mr. Schwartze replaces Brandon Butler, who has taken another position elsewhere. “Tyler has been the Events Manager since joining CFM in June 2017. He has been integral to the expansion of the Explore the Outdoors Event and Pull for Conservation events. Tyler is a lifelong Missourian, and grew up near the Gasconade River in Vienna. Before CFM, Schwartze worked for over a decade with Missouri State Parks. He graduated from the University of Central Missouri with a B.S. in Recreation Management.” Read more about his appointment by clicking [here](#).

Larry Wegmann wins the 2019 Sowbug Roundup Fly Tying Contest

Larry is a long-time member of the Springfield Chapter of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. For the past several years he has tied some beautiful streamer flies, mounted them in frames, and donated them for the chapter's annual fundraiser to help the students of Springfield's Pipkin Middle School. Congratulations, Larry!



John Bush tying flies at the Sowbug Roundup

Photo by Mike Kidd

"Fishin' Funnies"

We have added a new section to our MTFA-Springfield/Branson website called "Fishin' Funnies". You can access it at <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/fishin-funnies/>
Here's a sample:



If you want to submit an *appropriate* cartoon, send it to Bob Randall at bobbyleensandy@gmail.com.

***“No prudent man is a fisherman”* by Bob Randall**

One of my heroes is Aldo Leopold. Many people consider him to be the founder of wildlife conservation and he was one of the early leaders of the American wilderness movement. After receiving his Master of Forestry degree from Yale, he spent most of the next 20 years in the US Forest Service in New Mexico. Here, he found the beginnings of his philosophy of conservation. He went on to become author, philosopher, scientist, ecologist, forester, conservationist, and environmentalist, and later, a professor at the University of Wisconsin.

Somewhere through all of that, he developed his own special way of communicating his love for nature. For instance, he describes history backwards as he uses a cross cut saw to take down an old oak tree. “On a crisp winter’s day we laid a newly filed saw to its bastioned base. Fragrant little chips of history spewed from the saw cut and accumulated on the snow before each kneeling sawyer. We sensed that these two piles of sawdust were something more than wood: that they were the integrated transect of a century; that our saw was biting its way, stroke by stroke, decade by decade, into the chronology of a lifetime, written in concentric annual rings of good oak.”

He didn’t write much about ***trout fishing***. In one such writing, he had noticed a nice trout hitting the surface in an opening on the creek. There seemed to be no way to get to it. He worked his way upstream so that he could attempt to let his fly drift with the current into the pool. ***“It (his fly) rounds the bend. In no time it reaches the black pool. ... I hear, rather than see, the rush of the great fish; I set hard and the battle is on. No prudent man would risk a dollar’s worth of fly and leader pulling a trout upstream through the giant tooth-brush of alder stems comprising the bend of that creek. But, ... no prudent man is a fisherman.”***

He died of a heart attack while helping a neighbor fight a wildfire. He is most famous for his book, *A Sand County Almanac*, published posthumously in 1948. All quotes are from that book. Bob

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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.		
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