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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association
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Program Notes for June Meeting

Larry Wegman will present a new program on Scuds and Sowbugs. His programs are excellent and informative. Scuds and sowbugs are a major food source for trout. You can't be proficient in "Matching the Hatch" if you don't know about scuds and sowbugs. You should attend this meeting.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for June 2019

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| June 6 | MTFA-Springfield Meeting – Nature Center @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm |
| June 15 | Fish Fry – Living Memorial Park – North Side @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm |
| June 19 | Expo Planning Meeting @ Branson Lions Community Building @ 6:00 pm |
| June 21 | Camping Outing @ Bull Shoals State Park @ 12:00 pm - June 23 @ 10:00 pm |

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From the MTFA President – Dennis Stead

Members who audited the MSU Fly Fishing Class, please turn in your issued equipment at the June meeting. The students at Roaring River caught over 200 trout. Secret – Bed Spread Fly. I was hoping for better attendance to the Derby – just a few faithful from the club. Let’s make it a priority next year. Hope by our next meeting I can share about find the original Bed Spread Fly material and show you what I have.

Dennis

Reports:

- May 2 ,The MSU Fly Fishing Class went to Mountain Springs Trout Park. Everybody caught fish using any old fly they wanted to throw out there. See photos at: <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/news-events/2019-spring-msu-fly-fishing-class/5-2-2019-msu-class-trip-to-mountain-springs/>

-May 7, Dick Solomon and Keith Coffee were disappointed that the Bennett Spring creek was high and murky. However, that changed when their flies hit the water in the lower part of the Gut Hole and up into the outflow branch. They had great success with a gray hare’s ear nymph, a top secret midge, and an orange mop fly.

-May 17, I arrived at Bennett Spring about 10am, drove the length of the fly fishing area and didn’t see a single bent rod. It was going to be a slow day fishing. I squeezed in between two anglers on the hatchery outflow stream. I watched them not catching any fish. I, on the other hand, used a sowbug fly and caught a dozen before quitting to go set up camp. Many times, I have been skunked while others were landing trout. It was nice to have the circumstances reversed. Bob Randall

-May 30, Two anglers (not from MTFA) were knocking ‘em dead in pool above the BSSP dam with sinking line with a crackleback. Water was high and murky, fish were deep.

Some Conservation Notes from the 2019 Missouri Legislative Session

The 2019 Missouri State Legislative Session adjourned on Friday, May 17.

-HJR 18 would have placed the Conservation Sales Tax on the ballot as constitutional amendment to be renewed every six years. Tax is currently permanent. This bill failed but it will probably be reintroduced into the 2020 Legislative Session.

-HCB 1 & HB 1237 Would stop creation of Eleven Point River State Park. Passed in the House. The language affecting the park was removed in the Senate. The state park is no longer in danger.

-HB 260 would increase penalties for poaching, etc. This bill passed with amendments.

The Derby Report 2019



The annual MTFA Derby was May 18 & 19. Many of you may think that the Derby is only a tournament. It's a fun weekend of events for all four chapters of the MTFA. 143 anglers registered to participate in the tournament portion of the Derby. Of the 100 tagged fish released, 35 were caught and registered. David Cook, president of the Kansas City Chapter estimated that 50 MTFA members participated in all of the facets of the Derby, including the picnic

and the prize raffles. More than \$2,500 worth of prizes were given away either as tournament winnings or member raffles. It was a good time. To see more pictures on the website click [here](#).



Did you know that MTFASpringfield has a YouTube site? Watch Kim Schultz's post showing a grizzly bear fishing for salmon in Alaska: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eoVrC8gsc7M>

MDC proposes raising trout permits and daily tags starting in 2020

If the price increases are implemented, starting in 2020 the cost of an annual trout permit will go from \$7 to \$10 for anglers 16 years of age and older and from \$3.50 to \$5 for anglers ages 15 and younger. The cost of a daily trout tag to fish at Missouri's four trout parks -- Maramec Spring Park, Bennett Spring State Park, Montauk State Park, and Roaring River State Park -- will go from \$3 to \$4 for adults and from \$2 to \$3 for those 15 years of age and younger.

Fly of the Month: Wispy, A Mike Kidd Original



Wispy – Mike Kidd's

Mike said he started using this fly at Montauk and caught a lot of fish. The same results at Roaring River and Taneycomo.

Materials:

Hook: Tiemco TMC100BL or TMC101

Hook Size: 12, 14, 16, 18

Body: Thread Olive

Ribbing: Krystal Flash Green or Peacock Pearl (any

Diamond Braid Pearl can be colored using a Sharpie)

Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Olive

Wings: Marabou Olive

Head: Midge Diamond Braid Caddis Green

Fishing Instructions: Use sinking leader or sinking line and strip back. Video: [Click here](#)

Pic of the Month:

You may have to stare at it a while to see a trout slurping at the surface. Submitted by Fred Brown but the photographer is unknown.



Best MSU Class Fishing Day at Roaring River ... EVER

It rained a lot near Cassville that week; the water data from the USGS indicated the stream was two feet above flood level just two days before our trip. It was about six inches below flood level on the evening before we arrived and was two feet below when we saw it. Whew! The water from each pool overwhelmed each rock dam that formed a pool. No



crystal-clear water was to be seen. Driving the upstream road to pool one (the educational pool) I only saw one fishing pole under tension and that was from a snag. At the pool, I could actually see one fish – just one. The water in pool one was



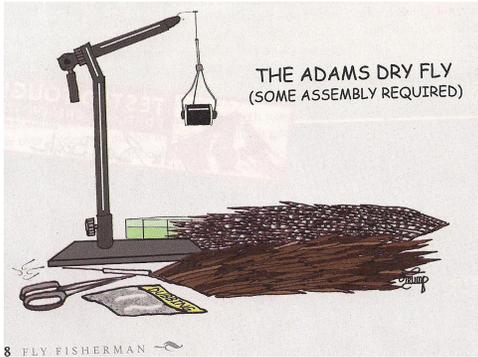
flowing from the stream above it rather than out of the hatchery raceways which is the normal case. Driving back

to the park store we saw a couple of fish being landed. At the store, Larry Wegmann made the decision that the students wouldn't have to fish if they didn't want to, but the first student said that after driving all that way, he was going to fish no matter what the conditions. He caught 27 fish that day. Wow! Were we all wrong. The fish were concentrated deep in the lower part of the pool. They hit pretty hard on Dennis Stead's [bedspread flies in pink and in white](#) fished in tandem like a hopper dropper at about 4 feet. They also took Larry Wegmann's 56er fly (learn about this fly at Flies and Guides website by clicking ([here](#)), and a [chili pepper fly](#) , both stripped close to the bottom. Was a good day.

See photos at: <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/news-events/2019-spring-msu-fly-fishing-class/5-4-2019-msu-class-roaring-river-trip/>

Older newsletters through 2007 are archived here: <http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/news-events/newsletter/newsletter-archive/>

I've heard it said that trout eat mostly under the surface. Rather than expend the energy to rise, trout prefer to simply swim through the clouds of emerging pupa and gorge themselves. Stomach samples show trout consume midge pupae over adults by a ratio of around fifty to one. I believe it, although seeing that surface action adds to the adventure for me. Would you rather catch a fish on a dry fly or five fish on a wet fly?



What you see and what they're doing:

- The Sip - The fish are either sipping midges or eating spent mayfly spinners.
- The Slurp - The fish are dialed in on a hatch—likely mayfly duns.
- The Splash - Trout are on moving targets, like skittering caddisflies.
- The Boil - They're eating emergers before they reach the surface.

By Bob Randall and a lot of help from [Field and Stream](#) Photo from Fly Fisherman magazine June/July 2019

I've also heard it said that 90% of the fish are in 10% of the water. I don't know of any data to support those numbers so let's just call it a hypothesis. Water movements concentrate the food so a smart angler will look for feeding lies, places where fish will wait for food. Water movement can also make it harder for a fish to maintain its position, so the fish will look for easy water. If a fish can find a spot where food is concentrated, they don't have to fight the current, and if they're protected such as under an overhanging bank, well that's a part of that 10% that we're looking for. Do you only see these things in two-dimensional surface features, or do you imagine the water in three dimensions? Do you consider the depth and how fast your wet flies sink? Is your fly in the right part of the water column or is your fly passing over fish feeding deep in that beautiful pool? Do you use a sinking line, a sinking leader, or maybe a split shot? If not, maybe you're just fishing in two dimensions. Try some weight before you move onto another location.

If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put **MTFA NL** in the email subject line and send to **Bob Randall: bobbyleensandy@gmail.com**

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