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# MO Fishing

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter**

**The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the  
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association**

**Formed in 1972 to serve all fishermen in the Springfield area**

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## **Notes for the November Meeting**

**Mike Kidd, President of the Branson Chapter, will present a slide show about his recent fly fishing trip to Alaska.**

### **Calendar of Events for November 2019**

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| <b>November 7</b>  | <b>MTFA-Springfield Meeting – Nature Center @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</b>             |
| <b>November 8</b>  | <b>Fishing Parks Catch and Release Season begins</b>                            |
| <b>November 21</b> | <b>Hands-on Fly Tying Workshop by Larry Wegman and John Bush; details below</b> |
| <b>November 23</b> | <b>Club Fishing Outing, Bennett Spring State Park; details later</b>            |

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**From the President's Desk – Dennis Stead**

As most of you know, my wife Lois, passed away recently. I want to say how much I appreciated the kind words and the support from our members and others in the Fly Fishing family. It is very hard to lose someone close to you and without friends and family, I just do not know how anyone can get through. Thanks.

As the year draws to a close, we need to have individuals step up and take one of the officer's positions that are available for 2020. The Nominating Committee will approach some of you and it would be great to have you say yes, you will be a candidate for that position. New officers bring with them new ideas, and can make our club stronger.

Dennis Stead  
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**Reports:** *The MTFA-Saint Louis Chapter* held its annual Derby on September 21 and 22 at Montauk State Park. Greg Darlington, the chapter president, said, "Despite the weatherman's forecast 4 rain all weekend somebody up above is looking out for us we were down about 10 to 15 entries from last year but still it was a good Derby. Tom Whelan the Hatchery manager saw to it that extra Lunkers were put out so that helps as well." Sounds like a success.

*The Mountain Springs Trout Park picnic* was fun. About 30 people showed up. The fishing was a little slow because they had been fed shortly before our fishing began. Maybe we should either plan our trips earlier in the day or on Saturday at noon.

*The Annual Chili Feed:* I don't know of an official head count but probably 25 to 30 people attended the event at the Shep Hills Pavilion at Lake Taneycomo. The ratio between the Branson, Springfield, and Kansas City Chapters was close to an event split.

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**KC fishing report for Taneycomo during the Chili Feed weekend: "Fishing was good after we got a boat. David and Darrel did most of their fishing at night. Fishing from midnight to 2 or 3 am. They did fairly well with a 21" being the largest. Barry and I fished on Sunday from about 9am to 2:30pm. It was slow but steady. Barry caught the largest rainbow measuring 16+ inches. the rest was around 14 to 15 1/2 inches. The oxygen level was really low measuring .5 to 1.4. I didn't think the Corps was allowed to let it get that low."**

**John Bush: I don't generally post a lot of pictures of the fish I catch as usually I'm just having too much fun to slow down and take pictures, but this one was a little special. (Picture is posted below) I decided to fish Crane creek after church today, (October 13), and my 2nd fish of the day was this 15 inch rainbow, pretty sure this is my personal best for Crane. Caught on a Pheasant Tail nymph.**

**Zack Caselman: My best McCloud of the day (10-20-2019) picture below. Sight fished from under a root wad/undercut. I was sitting on the bank drinking coffee and he showed too many times to not have a go at him. I lost one a couple inches larger as I went to net it. They were on 🍷 today. Even managed a few on a dry Caddis on my way back to the car. This bruiser measured 14 1/4". Caught on #12 UV Blue Isonychia nymph**

**Dennis Stead and Nellie Morrison, Stockton Reservoir, October 23, white bass from the shore, jig 1/8 oz & 1/16<sup>th</sup> oz, also shad lures.**

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### Fishing Pics



A fine McCloud River Rainbow from Crane Creek caught by John Bush



Another McCloud from Crane Creek caught by Zack Caselman

For more: [Click here.](#)

***Trout Parks Catch and Keep Season Ended – October 31***

***No Fishing in Parks – November 1 thru November 7***

***Trout Parks Catch and Release Season Begins – November 8***

***Trout fishing is allowed from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Fridays through Mondays.***

***You must possess a fishing license (unless exempt) and a trout permit but the daily trout tag from the store is not required.***

Remember, that you can continue to fish for trout in Taneycomo, Crane Creek, and other areas.

***Permit Fees to Increase***

***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. Also starting in 2020, the cost of a daily trout tag to fish at three of Missouri’s four trout parks -- 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. Starting in 2020, MDC will begin a pilot program at Maramec Spring Park where the daily limit will be raised from four to five trout and the cost of a daily trout tag for adults will go from \$3 to \$5 and from \$2 to \$3 for anglers 15 years of age and younger. “The five fish for \$5 pilot at Maramec Spring will allow us to survey anglers to determine their level of satisfaction,” said MDC Director Sara Parker Pauley. “Gathering input from our anglers and area users is critical as we look at ways to recruit new anglers.”***

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***Classic Streamer instruction by Larry Wegman on November 21 at Prince of***

***Peace Lutheran Church on Plainview Rd located between Campbell and National, 7-9 PM***

***This will be the same program I presented at Sowbug last spring. I will provide materials to tie the streamer. Tiers must bring their own tools and vise, preferably a rotary vise. They should also bring 8/0 black thread. Those planning to attend need to email me at [lwegmann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwegmann@sbcglobal.net) My goal is to have attendees submit a streamer to the Sowbug Fly Tying Contest in addition to having a new fly in their arsenal.***

***Pic of the Month:***

This is what whirling disease looks like. Although, it has not been found in MO or AR, it has been established in many other states both east



It looks like this fisherman is a jerk who is squeezing the life out of the fish for a picture. Not so. This fish has whirling disease which destroys the cartilage of juvenile trout, resulting in skeletal deformities and sometimes whirling behavior. Whirling disease is caused by a parasite.

and west. I know that some of our members fish in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota, and the Carolinas. Clean your wading boots regularly, especially if you go fishing in another state where the disease is prevalent. If you see a deformed fish like the one in this picture in Missouri, contact MDC. Don't throw it back into the water. Check out this video from the North American Fishing Club: <https://youtu.be/reh9b9OxpqY?t=1>

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**Video of the Month: Reading Water by Orvis**

<https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/video-lessons/chapter-eight-reading-water>

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***The Call of Nature Rule:***  
***"Always go to the bathroom before you put your waders on."***

If you can't bring yourself to spend the money on one of those front zipper waders, maybe you cut back on coffee instead ... or, if you're catching fish just suffer. It may be a delicate subject in a newsletter, but the longer you stand in the water

unable to relieve yourself, the less delicate it is and the more urgent it becomes. You can have an after-market horizontal waterproof zipper installed in your new or used waders in the appropriate location for those occasions. It is guaranteed against leakage or failure for the life of your waders. Read about it at this link

<https://troutbitten.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/EZ-P-Wader-Zipper.pdf>

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## **A Fishing Club** by Bob Randall

I went fly fishing one day over at Crane Creek. I didn't catch many fish. I did catch lots of trees. Since I didn't like buying flies but didn't know how to tie them, I picked other fishermen's flies out of those trees. That's how I got most of my fly selection back then. At lunch time, I went back to the parking lot and sat on my truck tailgate eating my sandwich. Along comes another fisherman, coming back for lunch like I did. I greeted him and we engaged in a fly fishing conversation. That was when I met Harry Morgan. During the conversation one of us said that there was a trout fishing club in Springfield. We agreed that it would be a good idea to check it out.

We both attended the next meeting and joined the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association. For just \$15 we were now officially trout fishermen. What's more was that they tied flies during the social hour and put them on the table to be won in a raffle at the end of the meeting. Think of that, I now had a source for flies that didn't involve ripping a hole in my waders. They had a speaker from one of the Missouri Department of Conservation's trout hatcheries who talked about raising trout, stocking trout, trout areas, trout management, trout seasons, trout catch and release. It was an evening of all-things-trout. I came away with everything I needed for trout except a recipe. I met people who knew how to tie flies, cast a fly line properly, tie knots, and whether they really caught trout or not, they knew how to tell a good fish story. Some of them even knew what the weight of a rod and its fly line meant. They knew the sizes of hooks and could look at a fly and not only name it, they could tell you what size it was. They didn't have to look at the hook package. They knew places to go fish that I didn't even know existed. They taught a beginning fly fishing class at the local university. Students could even get college credit for it. My new friends were the smartest people I knew.

That was a long time ago. While I still catch trees during moments of carelessness, I know how to cast properly, I can tie my own flies, and I can tell fish stories with the best of them. Some of my stories are even true. As you can surely tell by now, I found value in my new fly fishing club.

Just a month after Harry and I discovered our new life of trout, another newbie joined the club, Dennis Stead. The three of us have been involved deeply in the club. We have helped form a new chapter in Branson, we've become involved with the club's State Council, we all have helped develop the Branson Fly Fishing Expo, we have been mentors in the MSU Fly

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Fishing Class, and we have all been officers in the club, including the presidency. We have all found it rewarding.

We would like to see more participation from others in running the club. We'd like to see fresh ideas implemented. **Soon, the Nominating Committee members will be approaching some of you asking that you become a club officer. Step up to the plate and participate.**

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### ***Fly of the Month: Blue Winged Olive***

From Trout Unlimited, by Chris Hunt (with permission)  
entire article is [here](#)

Recipe:

Size 20 dry fly hook

Body: olive thread, size 8/0

Tail: hackle quills

Post: white Antron

Parachute: size 20 hackle

**“Rather than go with olive dubbing, I simply go with olive thread, size 8/0. I’ll start at mid-shank and tie back to the bend in the hook. I’ll wrap in a few hackle quills for the tail and wrap back to the tie-in point. There, I’ll tie in a very sparse parachute post made from white Antron. I’ll wrap over the Antron, back to the bend, which gives the body just enough bulk, but not too much. The thread looks more natural to me as opposed to even a sparse dose of dubbing.**

From there, I’ll wrap back to the tie-in point and make a couple of turns above the post. Then—and this is important—I’ll twist the Antron post and hold it upright. At the base, I’ll put the smallest drop of UV resin (Loon makes a great thin, “flow” resin) I can squeeze out of the bottle at the base. I’ll give it a dose of UV light, and this will create the perfect parachute post.

Finally, the size 20 hackle goes in behind the post, wrapped parachute-style around the post. Tie it off. Whip finish. A drop of head cement (or another tiny drop of resin) finishes it off. “



## *I Wish I'd Said That*

### *The Fly Fishing Equation*

*Location + Fly Selection + Presentation = Catch Fish*

[From Allen Gardner, The Catch and the Hatch](#)

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