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

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The June Meeting is Cancelled

The June Fish Fry is Cancelled

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association-Springfield Ethics:

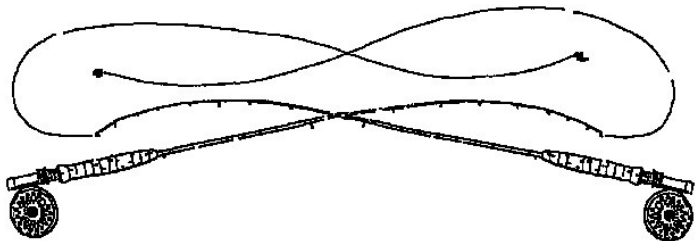
TO PRACTICE the principles of good sportsmanship and conservation of wildlife and to encourage others to do the same.

TO COOPERATE with the conservation efforts of the Missouri Department of Conservation and comply with the "objectives and purposes" of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to the extent of using single point lures when fishing in Missouri trout waters.

TO ASSIST in the expansion and development of trout fishing in the state of Missouri, including the wise utilization of available water and their protection from agricultural and commercial encroachment.

TO HELP conserve wildlife and its natural habitat, cooperating with Federal, State and private agencies directly concerned with conservation of wildlife, forest, soils and water.

TO LEND ASSISTANCE to the Missouri Department of Conservation and its representatives in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the taking of fish and game in the State of Missouri.



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Steve Jensen passed away on May 19. He was the founding president of Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers. He earned numerous awards, at local, regional, and international levels, for both his fly tying and fly framing contributions. In the fishing world, Steve was known for the hand-held, wooden bobbins he designed for tying flies, and for his beautiful, hand-painted poppers. He was 79 years old.

Charlie Collins is ill, suffering with heart failure. He has been released from the hospital and is home with hospice care. Cards can be sent to his home. 2347 E. Berkely St., Springfield, MO 65804.

Larry Olson, at the time of this writing, is in Mercy Hospital recovering from a heart attack. He is expected to return home in a couple of days and will no doubt be fishing soon. Larry turned down a chance to go fishing last week. Four of us went without him. Larry had a heart attack and the others didn't. What does that tell you?

Chapter News:

The Springfield Conservation Nature Center, remains temporarily closed as they work on a reopening plan to accommodate social distancing in our facilities to keep visitors and staff safe.

Fishing Reports:

—5/9 Lake Taneycomo, Ron Ward and Mike Kidd caught over 60 trout on double tiger tails using a sinking line wading below the dam as they turned off the water for first time in months.

—5/9 Crane Creek, Zach Castleman, Caught 15. Didn't catch anything big. Saw lots of 18"+ fish . Productive flies: #12 black stonefly nymph, #18 black mayfly nymph and #18 rainbow scud/caddis pupae.

—5/14 Lake Taneycomo, Ron Ward, Mike Kidd, and Russ Doughty caught over 150 fish total using among other things, a size 22 Harvester Midge. Report was that Russ started with his usual size 14 midge with little success. When they switched to a size 22 they knocked them dead. Larry Olson caught 31 fish below the root wad swinging and stripping tiger tails. Bob Randall couldn't seem to get it together and refuses to say how many fish he didn't catch.

—5/22 Lake Taneycomo, Ron Ward caught a 23.5 inch brown trout

—5/26 Lake Taneycomo, John Bush, Mike Kidd, Ron Ward, Russ Doughty, and Bob Randall fished. Everybody caught fish. Most of the fish were larger than the usual hatchery stock. Russ landed the largest small mouth bass he had ever caught.



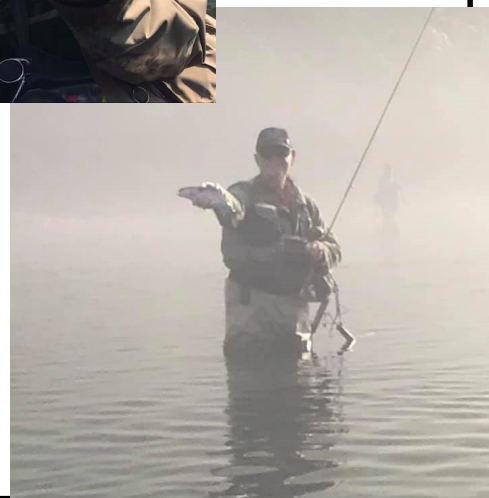
Fishing Pics
Ron Ward at Lake
mo with 23.5 inch
trout



Taneyco-
brown

Dick Solomon at Lake Taneycomo

Russ Doughty at Lake Taneycomo



Fly of the Month: Klinkhammer Fly

devised by a Dutch angler Hans van Klinken in the early 80's to imitate an emerging caddisfly. Klinkhammers are different from many other parachute dry flies in that the thorax of the fly is **designed to hang down 'through' the surface of the water** to imitate an emerging insect.

The abdomen serves as a trigger point which penetrates the surface film, which gets noticed by trout from great distances, even before any resulting surface footprint features. In all variations of this fly, the abdomen of the fly is underneath the surface of the water to attract the fish and improve hookups, while the parachute hackle and foam or wing is on or above the surface of the water for visibility and flotation.



Fly Tying Recipe: The Klinkhammer Special

Note: Change the colors to match the naturals

Hook: Orvis Czech Nymph Hook, size 12

Thread: Black, 6/0

Post/underbody: White polypropylene yarn

Body: Tan Super Fine dubbing

Thorax: Peacock herl

Hackle: Ginger dry-fly hackle, slightly oversize

Hook Retention in Northern Pike Study:

The Short Explanation:

- Deeply hooked crankbaits with barbs were typically free from the fish's mouth in a couple of days
- Barbless hooks usually came out of the fish's mouth in 24 hours or less

The Longer Explanation:

"This research has demonstrated that retained lures do have an impact on northern pike. In the laboratory setting in the short-term, lure retention does not appear to have significant physiological or behavioral impacts although these results may be complicated by the effects of confinement in this species. In the field, **pike released with a lure do show a period of reduced activity, eventually resuming normal movements** within the lake. **Pike appear to be able to rid themselves of retained lures following break off and there is a difference in retention time based on hook type but not hooking location.**"

The study was a thesis presented for a Masters of Science Degree by Christopher Pullen at Trent University (Canada) in 2003. The entirety can be read at: https://curve.carleton.ca/system/files/etd/ce20574d-c177-48d3-bb34-5648ab013630/etd_pdf/0ee2354d95189c37480af6a1a14bb686/pullen-theconsequencesofretainedluresonfreeswimming.pdf



Bennett Spring State Park

I'm sure you recognize these shots and have seen anglers standing waist deep in that very location in the upper photo

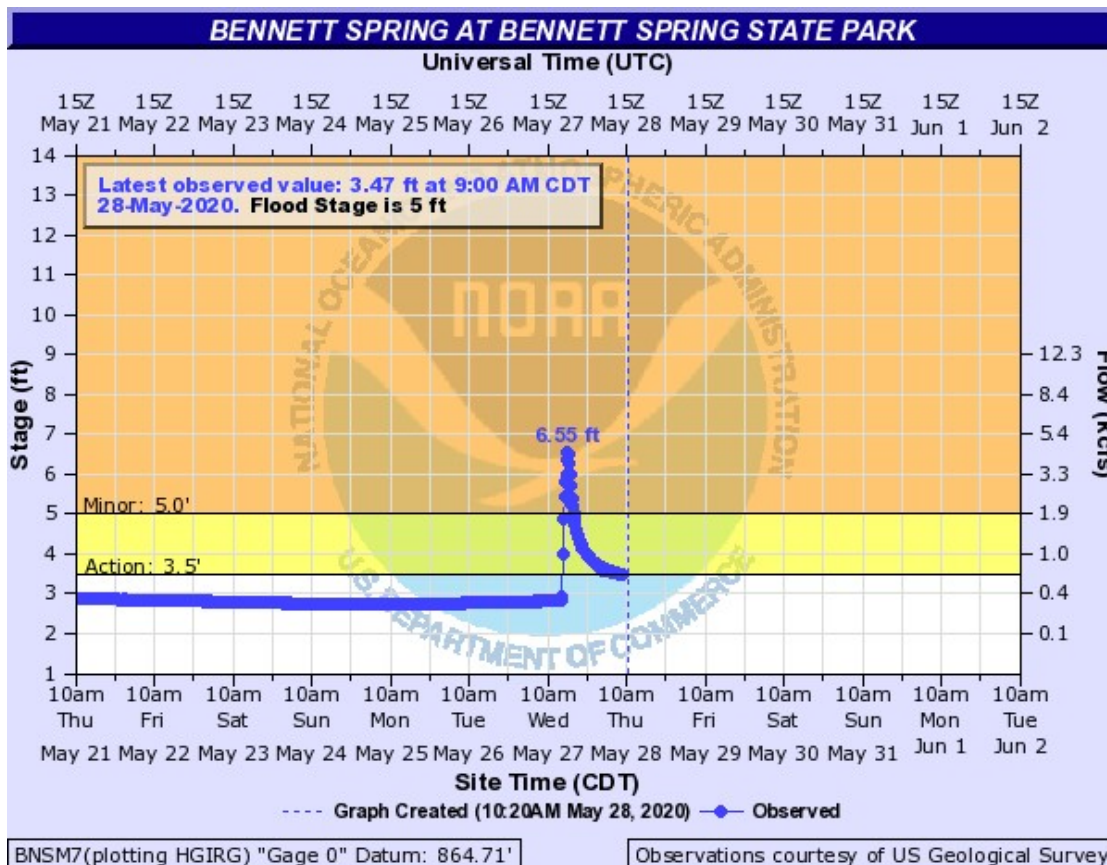


and on the dam in the lower picture.



Photos taken at 5pm, May 27, 2020

Now, take a look at the NOAA water level graph below.



Bennett Spring Creek went from below 3 feet to 6.55 feet in minutes.

Water levels—5/26 Lake Taneycomo, the word was that the Corps of Engineers would open the spillway gates of the Tablerock Dam today to accommodate water coming through the Beaver Dam gates and the rainwater from the upper White River watershed. This was expected to be the last day that the Taneycomo Tailwater (it's really the Tablerock Tailwater but we'll go with the colloquial name). The spillway gate opening was postponed, however, the generation schedule was changed to two hours earlier than scheduled. Generation was not supposed to start until 1pm. The horn sounded about 10am but the water didn't come up. Several anglers went back out only to be caught off guard again about 11am. Were they crying wolf again? This time the generator was put into action and the water rose swiftly. At the time of this writing, the Corps has not opened the spillways at Tablerock Dam.

STOP THE PRESSES!

TABLE ROCK LAKE, MO. [News Release] — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be conducting a spillway release from Table Rock Dam at around 12 p.m. on May 30.

The total spillway flow will be around 5,500 cubic feet per second. The total release from the dam, when combined with hydropower releases will be around 17,500 c.f.s.

The Corps is advising areas downstream of the dam to begin assessing their respective plans and to begin taking the proper precautions. Landowners with belongings near the river's edge should also begin making plans for high water.

Because of uncertainty in rainfall forecasts, releases will be made in response to the on-the-ground impacts to best minimize flood damages.

The Water Management staff has been and will continue to be engaged and proactive in responding to the conditions. From KY3, Kadee Brosseau

AND SURE ENOUGH: THE WATER GAUGE SHOWS THE WATER AT ALMOST 705'.

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/mo/nwis/uv?site_no=07053600

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