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# MO Fishing

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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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**The May Meeting is cancelled.**

**The June Meeting will be at the Mountain Springs  
Trout Park on June 3, 4:30 pm to dark.**

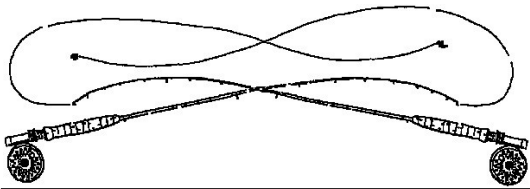
## ***Four Reasons to Ditch the Indicator***

By Allen Gardner 4 Reasons to Ditch The Indicator – The Catch and The Hatch

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| 1. It Beats the Current                               | <i>Match the Hatch, Match the Current</i>                         |
| 2. It Tightens Up Your Game                           | <i>Shorter Casts = Better Casts</i>                               |
| 3. Double Those Drifts                                | <i>Now that Fly Will Hunt Twice as Hard</i>                       |
| 4. You can Adjust Your Depth With the Tip of Your Rod | <i>No More Line<br/>Kinks or Begrudging Indicator Adjustments</i> |

## ***And Two Reasons to Keep the Indicator***

1. You Can't Reach the Drift You Want
2. You're in a Drift Boat



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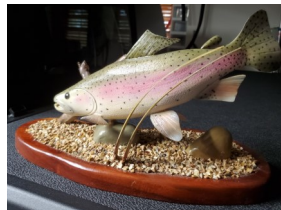
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On April 15, we went fishing at Mountain Springs Trout Park. Twelve members were present along with three enthusiastic youngsters. We also had a unofficial meeting (at which some official business was conducted) called to order by President Dan Ditzler. We decided to authorize a \$250 donation for the upcoming 75th anniversary State Derby. A donation was requested from the State Council at the Pre-Derby meeting for a special raffle to be held at the Saturday evening meeting of May 16 at Bennett Spring. We have purchased for that donation a Yeti cooler for the raffle (Photo on page 4). It is noted that this is not the usual procedure for budgeting but what has been usual this year? Also important is the fact that there wasn't a lot of notice for this expenditure. Additionally, a very nice rainbow trout carving by member Allen Stanley was donated for auction or raffle at the upcoming Expo in July. Notice was given by President Ditzler that we will not be renewing our affiliate membership in the FFI.

**Bob Randall**



Thanks to  
Allen Stanley



## Chapter News: It's Derby Time 2021



This year the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association Derby will be at Bennett Spring State Park on May 15 and 16. Some of us will arrive on Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. The Saint Louis Chapter is taking their turn to be in charge. They'll set up the tournament rules, obtain Derby and raffle prizes, accept the tournament donations, organize the picnic, distribute the prizes, and be responsible for making sure that the sun shines and it doesn't get too hot. If you want to participate in the tournament portion of the Derby, you must sign in with your donation on Friday evening from 6:30 to store closure or Saturday morning from 6:45 AM -8:30 AM in front of the park store. Or you can contact Bob Randall to pre-register (\$7 donation in advance, please). The rules are yet to come. The picnic will be on Saturday under a tent between the restaurant and the store at 6pm (that plan may change). Business meeting will follow. Special raffle for members only after business meeting. Derby prizes will be awarded at the pavilion behind the spring on Sunday at noon. Left over prizes will be raffled off to members. 100 tagged fish will be released: 60 for Saturday, 40 for Sunday.

In the past, I have noticed that the Springfield Chapter has not attended the Derby well. I have been a little disappointed to find that KC and SL members show a good level of participation when few of us bother to drive an hour for the event. I have often thought that it was because we were "day fishers" rather than "over-nighters". I understand that but let's give it a shot this year. **Bob Randall 417-224-**

### ***Fishing Reports:***

April 6, Bennett Spring, Larry Olson, Dick Soloman, Keith Coffey, Bob Randall. Fishing was slow. In the morning near the Gut Hole, Bob caught 3, Larry caught 4, Dick caught 6, Keith ? After lunch, Bob and Larry went just above the dam catching a few more but went home early. Dick and Keith went above the old rock dam and did well. From Dick: "Fishing up stream was better, we caught several decent fish. I ended up with 22 total and Keith caught several, not sure what his count was. I used my Hot Pink Mop and a Pink and White Mega Worm ."

*April 12, Taneycomo, Dick Solomon:* "Just a little bit of info about the Corps phone in generating schedules while the Divers are working around the bottom of Tablerock Dam. Although the generation schedule is listed as 0 and it is earlier in the morning the water has been being turned on at @0700 long enough for the Dive Boat to get upstream and anchored, then the water is turned off. It takes at least a hour or more for the water to get back to 0 again. So if you're planning on a early fishing trip go real early and plan on having to get out of the water and sit around and tell some fishing stories or whatever BS Fishermen do when they aren't fishing. Then be prepared for the horn to blow around Two or so for Divers to Weigh Anchor and leave. By that time if you haven't caught any Slabs you might as well go home."

Rod Pennington reports: "Caught a limit of whites on the Little Sac River April 13<sup>th</sup>. Kim and I caught a few whites, crappie and perch at Galena April 19<sup>th</sup>. ... Bennett was easy yesterday. Anywhere in the creek. ... Kids had fun at Mountain Springs"

April 23, James River below Galena, Kim Schultz reports that he is slaying the white bass and has also caught bluegill and a walleye over 18". Kim launches his kayak at the Blunt Road launch and goes up around Taylor Shoal, drifting back down.

On April 24, Paul Sheppard reported, "I took my neighbor who had never fly fished before to Bennett two weeks ago. We were able to get into an area where he didn't need to make very long casts to get to fish. He caught about 7 trout before his back wore out and we came home. He was able to take his limit of four home with him. He now looks forward to learning how to cast and fish some more in the park. "



## **Fishing Pics**

**Dick Solomon, Lake Taneycomo, 4/12/2021**



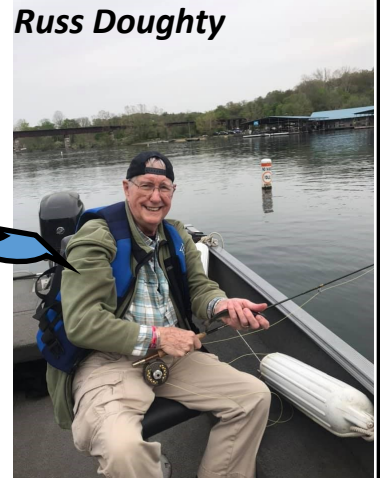
**Mike Kidd, Lake Taneycomo, caught a number of rainbows over 18 inches at Taneycomo when the water was down**



**Ron Ward and Mike Kidd had luck fishing the James River for White Bass**

**Russ and Mike caught close to one hundred rainbows on Taneycomo in just 3 hours**

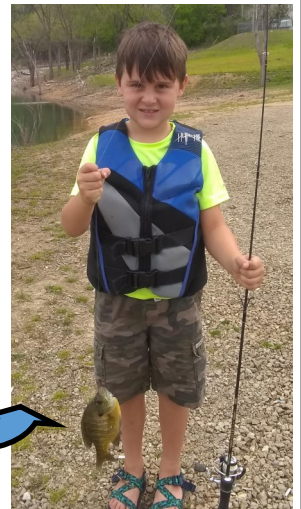
**Russ Doughty**



**Roaring River about 9:30 on April 28, 2021**



**Jax Randall, Shaddowrock Park, Forsythe 4/27/2021**

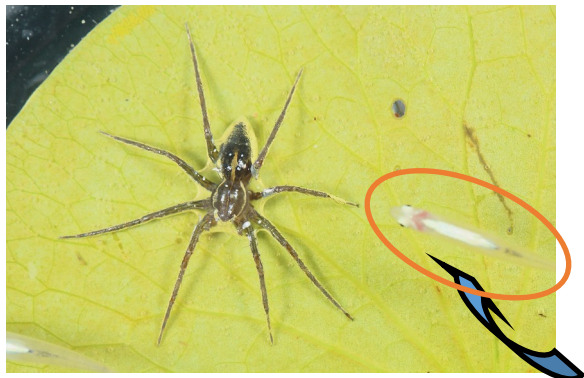


**The Yeti cooler up for raffle at the 2021 Derby at Bennett Spring Will be raffled off Saturday night. A \$300 value. If you want to buy raffle tickets, contact Bob Randall., 417-224-1104**

### ***Fly Talk:***

We know that dry flies aren't exactly dry all the time. They generally float because of air trapped inside the feather fibers (not talking about foam flies). Leave it on the water long enough and you will either catch a fish or it will sink. Recasting with false casts gets a lot of the water off and makes it buoyant again. We shouldn't forget about water repellency such as CDC feathers (Cul de Canard is French for duck bottom) which are located around the preen gland and act as a wick for the oil with which ducks preen themselves. Assuming that you don't have a duck handy, a coating of artificial "floatant", available in any fly shop, helps prolong the process. Of course, CDC feathers are also available in fly shops.

Where else might you see this in nature? How about fishing spiders? "When these spiders are alarmed, they quickly duck under the water to hide. Since they are covered in a dense pile of fine hairs, it seemed likely they would become enclosed in an air bubble while under water. This turns out to be the case, as shown in the next two pictures. For the second of these, it should be explained that you are looking *up* at an alarmed spider through the bottom of the aquarium, while the spider is meanwhile *under* water. Air is around her body, and this makes her buoyant so she can sit upside down under the lily pad." It's difficult to see but there is a coating of air surrounding the spider.



Notice the small fish just to the right of the spider in the second photo. There's a good reason they are called fishing spiders and if the spider had not been frightened for the photo opportunity, the fish might be lunch. **Bob Randall** Quote and photos are with permission of Mark Sturtevent.

A little while later: lunchtime.





## ***Trout Permits (not the same thing as a fishing license or the daily trout tag)***

You gonna keep that trout? Better have a permit (not talking at about the parks in summer). Mostly the trout permit allows you to keep your trout but some places require the permit just to fish period, whether you keep the trout or not. And, did you know that there are no exemptions because of age, even if you're 90 or you're taking your 4 year old grandchild. **That's right, from ages 0 to 15 trout permits cost \$5.** Older than 15 cost \$10. You know that you must have a Missouri Trout Permit to possess or transport trout in the state of Missouri. Here's where you need it **just to fish**:

- 1) In the **state trout parks during the catch and release season.** *Note, you do not need the permit during catch and keep season because you have purchased a daily tag.*
- 2) **Lake Taneycomo upstream of the US 65 bridge. Yes, even the part between the mouth of Fall Creek and the 65 bridge.** *In Taneycomo, fishing from the Cooper Creek fishing dock requires a trout permit. Fishing from the Rockaway Beach fishing dock does not require a trout permit, unless you keep a trout.*

Almost any place else, even Crane Creek or the Blue Ribbon Trout areas, you won't need it unless you keep the trout. Giving your fish to a buddy is a different thing. Not only do you need the permit, you need to tag your fish with your name and conservation number. Transporting your trout catch home from a trout park, better keep your daily tag. Not sure? Check the regulations. [3 CSR 10-5.430 Trout Permit](#) pg 14. *Bob Randall*

## ***Water levels:***

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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