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# MO Fishing

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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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**The September Meeting is 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, September 2, 2021**

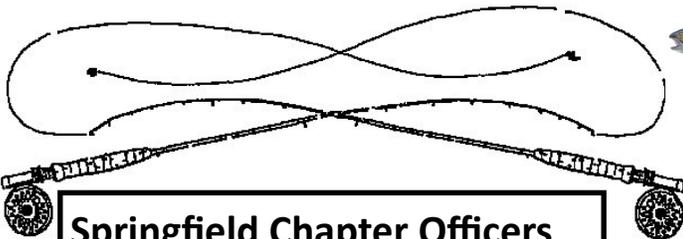
**At The Living Memorial Park**

**Featuring Casting Practice**

***CASTING PRACTICE:*** Casting Instructor Kim Schultz will assist anyone who needs help with their casting. This will be a chance to brush up on your casting skills and maybe try different weight rods. Bring your fly rods. If you need to borrow a fly rod, please notify us in advance. ***Bring lawn chairs*** so we can sit and tell fish stories after casting. The Living Memorial Park is at 4323 S Nature Center Way Springfield, MO. Drive toward the MDC Conservation Nature Center but we will be near the pavilions on the right.

***Reminder*** to bring items for raffle. A special prize of a \$35 gift certificate from the Plateau Fly Shop will be raffled. You must be present to win.

***Even though this is an outdoor event, please be considerate of other people's sensibilities concerning Covid-19.***



## ***Meeting Schedule for 2021***

### **Springfield Chapter Officers**

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**October 7, Mountain Springs Trout Park,  
wiener roast and fishing**

**November 4, meeting with program,  
location TBA**

**December 2, Christmas Party and Annual  
Meeting, location TBA**

**Notice: The business meeting portion of the monthly meetings will be cancelled. Our meeting nights will still have a social hour and a program. Business requirements will be conducted by the Executive Committee. Controversial items may be brought before the chapter membership for approval.**

***Chapter News:*** The Executive Committee met on August 13 at the MDC Nature Center Pavilion to elect a new president to replace Dan Ditzler for the rest of the 2021 term. Vice-president Joe Wingett chaired the meeting. Bob Randall was voted for president. Harry Morgan was voted for vice-president. Minutes are on page 3.



***October Fishing, Plan ahead:*** Mountain Springs Trout Park, October 7, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, wiener roast and fishing. Bring a lawn chair. Bring a long handle net, if you have one. Single point barbless hooks only for a gentle, in-the-water release. Mountain Springs Trout Park is at 2549 State Hwy O, Highlandville, MO From Nixa at St Hwy 14, go south on Hwy 160 9 miles, turn right on State Hwy O, drive 2 1/2 miles. It will be on the right.

**Librarian Wayne Frizzell says there are 16 outstanding DVD's checked out. If you have one of the club's DVD's please bring them to the September 2 meeting. Thank You**

## ***Business Minutes of the August 13, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting:***

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Acting President Joe Wingett. Present for the meeting were Executive Committee members Regina Leitle, Harry Morgan, and Nellie Morrison. Also present were Chapter Secretary Bruce Hinkston and Bob Randall. It was determined that a quorum was present (at least three Executive Committee members are required).

Wingett announced that the purpose of the meeting was to elect a new chapter president to complete the rest of the term vacated by Dan Ditzler. Wingett announced that Bob Randall had been nominated through an email by Mike Kidd. Other nominees were requested from the floor, but none were proposed. There was a brief discussion before the vote to clarify that the term was until the December meeting. The vote was taken and Randall was elected. Acting President Wingett announced his resignation as Vice-President.

Randall took over the meeting. Some announcements were made.

Nellie Morrison nominated Harry Morgan as Vice-President for the remainder of the 2021 term. It was seconded by Regina Leitle. Motion voted on and passed.

Randall made a request for a motion for the following:

*“Raffle items will be purchased as prizes to be given away at the September, October, and November 2021 meetings as to encourage attendance. The funds will be taken from the Discretionary Fund. The President is directed to purchase the following: Plateau Fly Shop gift certificate \$35, Mountain Springs Trout Park \$35, Dogwood Canyon gift certificate: \$35 (covers general admission for one and an hour of fishing).”*

That motion was made by Harry Morgan and seconded by Nellie Morrison. In discussion, Harry Morgan wanted to clarify if we had the funds. Randall stated that earlier in the day he had checked the latest financial report from Treasurer Dennis Stead and that the money was available. The vote was taken, and it passed.

Randall explained that the by-laws require the president to appoint a Nominating Committee for 2022 officers. He announced his appointments which are:

Harry Morgan                      Mike Kidd      Russ Doughty                      Regina Leitle  
Nellie Morrison

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes compiled by Secretary Bruce Hinkston

## ***Announcements made at the 8/13/2021 Executive Committee meeting:***

**Proposed meeting schedule:**

**September 2, Living Memorial Park for casting practice, Kim Schultz will teach**

**October 7, Mountain Springs Trout Park, wiener roast and fishing**

**November 4, meeting in Library Room or MDC, program**

**December 2, Annual Meeting, we can use a library meeting room for \$20 for catering cleanup charge**

**Schedules are subject to change.**

**MDC Nature Center meeting space changes. Time frame change. 5:30-7:30 pm. First meeting at Nature Center will probably be November.**

**MDC is considering a 25 person maximum. They may open up the wall between the rooms. 25 people per room = 50 people.**

**We will have to be flexible. The by-laws read: *“Chapter meetings shall be held monthly on the first Thursday of the month when practical. Notice to all members shall be included in the newsletter.”* There may scheduling problems due to Covid-19 restrictions. Be prepared for changes or cancellations.**

**We will cancel the business portion of the monthly meeting except for the Executive Committee. All business to go through the Executive Committee and chapter can over-ride on some decisions. The by-laws say, “The Executive Committee shall meet and function any time the President directs.” The first 30 minutes of our monthly meetings will be for the Executive Committee to meet. Minutes will be published in the monthly newsletter.**

**In future Executive Committee meetings, we will discuss amending the by-laws. Topics are:**

- consider changing the dues to go into effect 2023**
- change committee assignments**
- change nominating committee system**
- establish a chapter close-out procedure if even needed**

**For a copy of the current by-laws: [By-laws click here.](#)**

**Fishing Reports and Pics:**



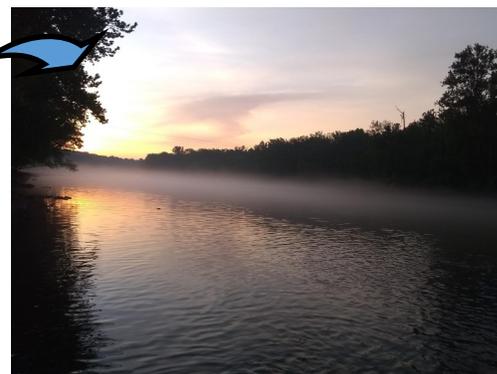
**August 4, Bennett Spring State Park, Larry Olson and Bob Randall, a hastily planned trip that was supposed to avoid the aquatic weed cutting schedule. Unfortunately, the park was a day off of the published schedule. Early on, there were many people between the Gut Hole and the Whistle Bridge but only a few around the Gut Hole and only one in the outflow stream. That person turned out to be Paul Sheppard. Paul did pretty well on grey scuds and left about mid-morning. Bob did fair in the outflow stream with grey scuds and a few on a pellet fly. Larry caught a few near the Gut Hole. Bob and Larry were hoping to try some dry fly fishing but the aquatic weed cutting activity left so much debris on the surface that the day was over before lunch.**

**August 8, Mike Kidd: “Thanks to [Dave \(Tucker\)](#) of Mtfa Springfield I used harvester midges size 20 and caught 5 in 10 minutes. Harvester midge is size 18 or 20 hook with black bead and brown thread with black wire ribbing .” Fished in about 24” of water under an indicator.**



**David Cook, President of the KC Chapter of MTFa, participated in the 2021 Branson Fly Fishing Expo. He used the opportunity to catch a few fish in Lake Taneycomo.**

**August 16, Taneycomo, Bob Randall, No generation, low O2, Dissolved O2 below dam was about 2.5 mg/l, at School of Ozarks, was above 6**



**mg/l. Caught a nice bow before sunrise. First and only fish of the day. About 14-15 inches, big body, fought well, pretty fish. Beautiful sunrise. Didn't have to fight the crowd. That's all I need for a good day fishing.**

**8/17/2021, Bennett Spring, Dick Solomon: “Went to Bennet Springs today with Keith Coffee, we fished the Gut Hole and the hole by the handicap pier in zone one. All total we caught over 40 fish, one slab and mostly stockers. The water is low and very clear. After lunch we headed home about 1. It was very crowded. Over all it was a great time on the water. One consolation, schools start next week, that should eliminate most of the crowds through the week days and I don't fish weekends until catch and release.”**

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

**Mike Kidd “Caught a bunch of wild trout at Little Piney and Current River “**

**“Caught some trout and this large sucker on Current River in Blue Ribbon area on wispy’s“**



*This sucker was so big,  
it wouldn't all fit in the  
picture.*



***Todd Christell reports:*** “Donna and I went for some afternoon/evening fishing at Roaring River on the 16th. I started fishing about 4:00 in zone 2. I fished the pools on top of the falls with Sulphur crackle backs dead drift then with a submerged retrieve right at the fall. Caught about 10-11 fish over the next few hours. About even amounts between the two techniques but missed MANY more strikes on the drift. Donna fished between 6:00 and 8:00 off of the access dock. She was sight fishing using an egg pattern, yellow core with a red/orange veil. Caught four fish, the last one was in the net right at the siren and was the biggest of the day. “

**8/26/2021, Dick Solomon:** “Fished Bennet Spring, the water is very clear and as usual the stream is full of veggies from the Whistle Bridge all the way up to the Spring. For the most part if your wanting to fish Dry's or Subsurface Fly's they are your best bet. I fished the Gut Hole for about 3 hours and netted well over 20 fish none were what I call keepers<12-15>. I fished some in both areas the outlet area of the Gut Hole and the main stream. Most fish were caught on my White Chammy Jig. My Hares Ear produced a few small ones. Now that school has started the steam was like a ghost town in places. At several times I Was the only person in the Gut Hole except down stream near the whistle bridge. About 12:30 I moved up to zone one and was surprised to see how many people were there. I'm not a big Crackle Back fan but that was the fly of choice up there. So I rigged for that. The fish population in zone one is by far the best I've seen in several trips. After catching several keepers I headed out for home. Most of the keepers were caught on a new fly of mine, I call it The Cyclops. Its a Hot Pink and White Mega Worm Jig tied on one of Dennis Steads jigs fished deep out in the main stream fishing with a Ultra lite rig beneath a weighted cork. Oh well some one has to fish that way at Bennet.

***Fly Talk:***

Springfield Chapter member, Markus Schumacher, brought the Rusty Spinner fly to my attention. Take a look at it.

**Rusty Spinner**

**Hook:** Standard dry-fly hook, size 14.

**Thread:** Rusty Brown, 8/0 or 70-denier.

**Tail-splitter** Rusty Brown thread.

**Tails:** Mayfly Tails.

**Abdomen:** Rusty Spinner Turkey Biot Quills.

**Adhesive #1:** Superglue (here, Fly Tyers Z-Ment).

**Wings:** White Polypropylene Floating Yarn.

**Thorax:** Rusty Brown Superfine Dry Fly dubbing.

**Adhesive #2:** Head cement (here, Sally Hansen Hard-As-Nails).



**Video:** How to Tie the Rusty Spinner [Rusty Spinner - YouTube](#)

There are many ways to tie this fly with many substitute materials.

***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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