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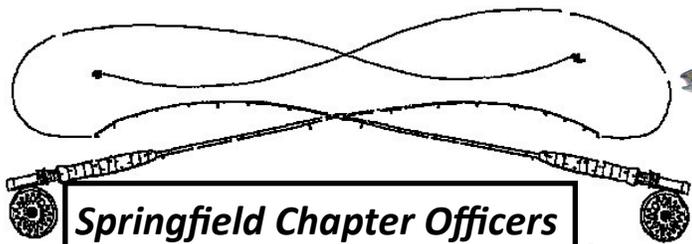
**The April Get-Together is from 5:30pm to 7pm.
Meet for casting practice at the Memorial Park just
up the street from the Nature Center and then go
back to MDC Nature Center for some video casting
instruction. Bring your fly rods.**

Chapter News:

We will be gathering at Pavillion B at Bennett Springs on April 30th to replace the wood on the picnic tables as a memorial to Dick Deerfield. If you would like to help with this project, please email me at brucehinkston@gmail.com or give me a call at 417-838-0713. We are planning to meet at 9:00 am to start the project. We will be having a cook-out immediately afterwards, probably around Noon.

For those of you not able to help with the picnic table project, please join us at Noon for a fish fry courtesy of Kim Schultz. We will need volunteers for the cookout as well. We will discuss all of this in more detail at our next meeting at the Nature Center on April 7th.

Thanks, ***Bruce Hinkston***



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Bennett Spring State Park:

-Veterans Free Fishing April 23rd 2022

-Pavilion B table repairs in honor of

Dick Deerfield, 9:00 am, April 30, 2022

Lunch at Noon, White Bass Fish Fry

-Kids Free Fishing May 7, 2022

Roaring River State Park:

-Kids Free Fishing Day May 14, 2022

The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Club will hold its annual Fly Fishing Expo at the Benton Convention Center, Clinton, MO, April 9, 9am-pm.

Early Reminder to mark your calendar for the Annual MTFA Derby at Bennett Spring State Park, May 14 & 15. Fish for Derby Prizes on Saturday and Sunday until noon.

Picnic noon Saturday at Pavilion B. Huge Raffle noon Sunday at Pavilion B.

The Legislative Action Committee of the Conservation Federation of Missouri reports that the language in House Joint Resolution 134 which sought to place the MDC budget under legislative control has been removed by amendment in committee. The language that was removed is as follows: "... pursuant to an appropriation by the general assembly". The politicians try to get their hands on MDC every year.

MTFA Minutes for March 3, 2022—15 people attended the meeting.

Fly tying began at 5:30. A brief meeting was conducted at 6:15 with the attending membership.

Treasurer's report: Dennis Stead, The club donated \$1,000 to the Pipkin Middle School. The bank balance at the end of February was \$8,481.37.

Old Business: There will not be a class at MSU this semester.

The Pipkin school raffle: Raffling two Flies for \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be held when the proceeds reach \$200 each.

Chair Positions: Social Chair position is still open. Contact one of the officers or committee chairs if interested.

BSSP Table Project: Scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Will confirm start time. 14 tables total. We will be having a social event after the picnic tables are completed.

New Business: Appoint Delegates to the March State Council Meeting: Dennis Stead has accepted one of the delegate positions.

Branson Archery Tournament: March 17, 18, 19 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Program: Mike Kidd shared photos and his experience fly fishing in Iceland.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Fishing Reports:



Dick Solomon, 3/15/2022, Fished Bennet yesterday, water is high and very stained. Very crowded with Spring Break.... Man do we need more Agents checking for violators. Just Sayen. Had a good time in the Sun tho. Fished with Bob Randall, Larry Olson and Keith Coffey. We did catch several fish but many were SMALL. After lunch up in zone one we split up and fished some more. Left about 1:30. If you are headed there check the water and remember SPRING BREAK will go on for a couple more weeks in Missouri, not counting the other states. Enjoy the good weather, its nice to know that Arkansas is still controlling the water flow on Taney. Maybe by the 4th of July, Just Maybe.

Bob Randall, Bennett Spring: 3/10/22, Arrived fairly early and almost no one was there. It was overcast and windy. I had to get out of the water twice to add layers of clothing. I had the Gut Hole almost to myself for about an hour until a few people arrived. The water was high and murky. It was just clear enough that I could observe that there were not many fish moving as I crossed the outflow stream just as it empties into the spring creek. I noticed fish hitting the surface in a slack water spot and tied on a size 19 Adams dry. I caught about 10 before I left for another spot that I had in mind. That other spot yielded nothing. I went back to find someone else in the previous spot so I went to an outflow and caught another five or so. Lunch and then drove home.

On 3/15/22, they hit very softly for me and I only landed two. I had several others on and a number of soft strikes that I didn't even know I had until I recast. Larry Olson fished downstream of the Gut Hole and caught five right off on a chammy worm. They struck his fly hard. Go figure. Someone else noted that they were very picky, striking a couple of times on a fly and then shutting down. If you changed flies, you might get another couple of strikes before they shut down again. That was a problem for me as I had left my fishing vest in my truck at Larry's house (I blame Larry for distracting me). I had to borrow a leader and a few flies. When we got out at lunch time, I realized I had lost my tag so I didn't fish after lunch. We lunched with Dick and Keith.

On 3/25/22, water was high but less murky, for the most part you could see the bottom if you were in thigh deep water. They hit with a light touch. I found a calm spot where the fish were taking something off the surface. I saw two mayflies take off from the surface. I tied on a Griffiths gnat and landed two. I switched to a crackleback and landed two. I had several hits that I could not set. Then they quit. About 15 feet away, I could see them feeding just below or barely at the surface. A section of the hatch that was on a slightly different timetable. I switched to a soft hackle and caught three or four. The wind was just enough that I had to get another jacket layer. I went to the top-most outflow of the main outflow stream. I still had the soft hackle on so I dropped it in the water as I prepared to tie on a bead head turkey tail nymph. I caught one. I moved up into a deep hole with the nymph and pretended I was Euro-nymphing by tight-lining. I caught several more. After lunch, up above the old rock dam, I noticed that fish were hitting the orange indicator. I switched to a clown egg that was a close color. Sure enough, I caught the last one of the day.

On 3/28/2022, Larry Olson caught 10, some were pretty nice. He caught most casting toward the far bank below the gut hole and letting the fly swing. Successful flies: Griffith's gnat, tiger tail. I caught 7, mostly using various dry flies and soft hackles. They were picky, biting soft and refusing flies.

Fishing Pics

Gina Leitle, Sowbug, Dry Run Creek and Norfolk, Friday and Saturday, March 25 & 26



I took my grandsons to a fly tying expo in Mountain Home, Arkansas. We had a grand time. The boys collected flies, won themselves a Wapsi fly tying kit, received a bunch of good stuff from the Northwest Arkansas Fly Fishing Club, met Dave and Emily Whitlock, fished Dry Run Creek, and floated the Norfolk with



me. Oscar caught his first trout on his own fly rod. Dean is learning how to fish from a drift boat and he landed a stunning, feisty seventeen inch rainbow; it was the only one we hooked. We caught and landed 6 at Dry Run and ro-deoed (8 seconds on) 7 more. Both of the boys took a turn at the oars and maybe someday I'll have fishing partner who can row me down the river.



Blue Bonefish Lodge, Ambergris Caye in Belize, Feb 26- March 5 I spent a week in Belize and fished 6 days. This was my third trip to this lodge. I caught lots of beautiful bonefish, had two heart stopping follows from big permit, and one hopeful follow from about a 40 pound dock tarpon. My husband and I traveled with a group and knew most of the folks going. Weather was warm and there are 50 shades of blue in the water and sky to ease your mind and rest your soul. Love this trip, and I have already signed up to go next year.

John Bush, I went to Crane Creek on March 19th. I left late as it was cold that morning, and wasn't supposed to get above freezing until lunchtime. I arrived around 1:30 and fished my usual combo of a Guide's Choice Hare's Ear and Flashback Pheasant Tail. I had several to the net, including this nicely colored one from a hole that's produced a couple of nice fish.



Russ Doughty at the Sowbug Roundup.

Kim Schultz and Rod Pennington: Beaver Creek white bass 14-16 inches



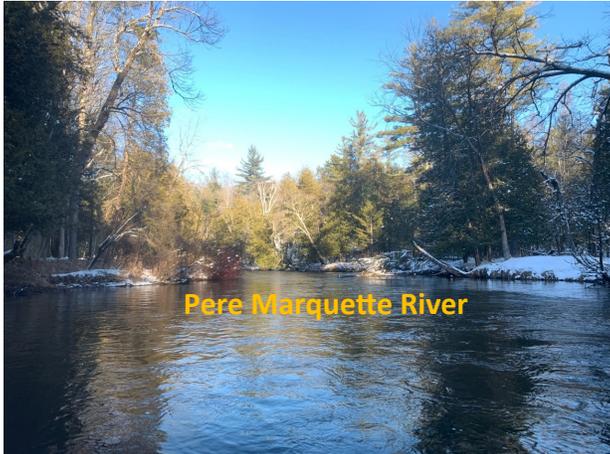
Rod Pennington fishing the Pothole.





27 inch steelhead trout

Kim Schultz, Maple leaf access Pere Marquette River, Michigan



Pere Marquette River



Little Rabbit River



Ludington lake shore

March 6, 2022: I drove to Michigan to spend some time with my parents and fish with my brother for steelhead trout. I stayed for eleven days with five of those days on the Pere Marquette River, Pawpaw River, and the little Rabbit.

March 8, 2022: My brother and I drove to Watervliet to fish the Pawpaw River. It was a mild day for march (just above freezing) with the river up a little and some color to the water. My brother went three for five keeping a 25-inch steelhead, I had one on for a few shakes before losing it. We stayed until noon then drove north to Ludington. We made it to the Pere Marquette River with plenty of time to fish the section of water called the Maple Leaf. I did hook and land a 27-inch steelhead female and released it back to the water, my brother released a 28-inch male a short time later. He also picked up a few small brown trout, also released. We left the water before dark and drove back to Ludington to spend the night at a Best Western and found a diner that served liver and onions.

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Continued from previous page. Kim Schultz fishing reports, Michigan and Missouri:

March 8, 2022: The temperature in the morning was in the mid-twenties with weather forecast above freezing by noon. We packed out and drove around to look at the beaches which were covered in piles of ice coming off the lake. We finally headed east on Hwy 10 to Walhalla and back to the Maple leaf on the Pere Marquette River. There was 4-6 inches of snow on the ground which requires caution on the steep trails along the river. I found my boots with screws on the bottom made the steps more confident. I went to another section of water fishing upstream towards Ackerson cabin, only found a small brown trout. My brother took three steelhead from the same hole I caught a fish the day before. We fished until 4 PM before heading back to Battle Creek.

March 9, 2022: I drove myself to the Pawpaw River. I fished the area I missed a fish days before. I hooked up after a few cast/drifts and took a 25-inch steelhead. An hour later, missed another fish in the same area. I fished to 5 PM before returning to my parents in Battle Creek.

For the next few days winter returned to Michigan with six inches of snow on Friday through Sunday. I stayed with my parent, staying inside play cribbage with my father. My nephew drove to the Pere Marquette from Detroit Friday night and fished Saturday and Sunday, he found a few going four for six steelhead. He did not have a problem spending winter on the river.

I had planned to return to Missouri on that Sunday, but the weather forecast changed from winter to spring with several days above freezing. So, I stayed until Thursday fishing a few additional days on the Pawpaw River and the Little Rabbit River. There was not enough water to bring up the rivers, so the water was clear as the water levels dropped. It did not help with hooking up fish. So, we saw a lot of water, with few fish caught. I hope to return to fish for steelhead in the fall.

When I returned to Springfield, the rivers were high, and the cold front left the rivers cold. I waited a week before setting out to find white bass.

March 29, 2022: Finally, some warm days, looked at several water levels for Beaver Creek, James River and Little Sac and decided to check out Beaver Creek. My daughter met me in Forsyth, and we drove to Kissee Mills access (which is now open) and made our way down stream. Rod was already on the water, looking for fish above Kissee Mills. We met just below from Kissee Mills access and found a few line bass and nine bluegills. My daughter had to get back to Springfield for dinner and I took her back to her car in Shadow Rock Park. Rod and I put in at the pothole hoping to find another walleye. We fished until 8:30 before calling it a night.

March 30, 2022: The temperature reached 70 degrees, and Rod and I returned to fish Beaver Creek. I stopped at Barker Hole and talk to an individual fishing. She had a few fish on her stringer. I asked where all the boats? she said the boats are in Beaver Creek below slough Hollow. So, when I met up with Rod in Kissee Mills, we drove down below sough hollow and found a spot to drop in the kayaks. The wind blew with dirt from the dirt trails into the air. At times, it looked like a dust storm had moved in. It was difficult and not much fun getting blown around, but we stuck it out. I found a point with the wind blowing into and decided to get out of the kayak and stand in mud. I did find a few white bass moving about taking my small Clouser and jig. Rod fish of the night was a 2.5 lb. line bass. I cleaned 13 white bass and a bluegill.

With the rain moving through and colder temperatures, time to reset and find them again.

Tight lines... Kim

Fly Talk

56%'er

A fly that Larry Wegmann used at Roaring River that worked well. Start by debarring the hook. Add 10 turns of lead or non lead wire and then tie down you weight and create a thread base on your shank bringing your thread to the bend of the hook.



Add a tail using barred mallard flank and the color should match the body.



Then tie in your hackle feather and this should match the body. Next, tie in the under belly which is in contrast to the body color. Next, tie in your body material. You can use a number of materials for the body and under belly.



Now wind the body material forward to the eye and tie off. Remember, do not crowd the eye. Bring you under belly forward and tie off. Then palmer the hackle feather forward, tie off, and whip finish.



My hackle should be a little larger to match Larry's but sometimes you have to use what you have.

What do you think? Let me know.

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56%'er

Materials:

Hook: TMC5264

Hook Size: 10

Weighted: Lead or non lead wire

Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 color of body

Tail: Barred Mallard Flank Tail

Hackle: color of the body

Belly: Contrast color of Body

Body: Dubbing, Floss, or Madeira thread, color to match the hackle

Check out my fly tying video: <https://youtu.be/APz5kFFi-Zs>

Trout in a far away place:

Imagine the wheat fields of Kansas, the Ozark Plateau, and the White River along the edge of a half size version of the Rocky Mountains. If you put all of that together in an area a little larger than Missouri, Arkansas, and Kansas combined, and at the general latitude of the US-Canadian border, you can visualize the geography of Ukraine. Now that is a place where you should be able to fly fish for trout.

Indeed, there are trout and trout fishing opportunities in Ukraine. (brownies, it's Europe) . A part of the southwestern border of Ukraine runs along the Carpathian Mountains. Remember them?

If you Google "trout fishing in Ukraine", up pops: "[Fishing in the Carpathians-Green Ukraine](#)". Click the link and you will find a website that says:

"We offer trout fishing in [Shybene village](#) (next to Verkhovyna, Ivano-Frankivsk region of Ukraine, 10 km from Romanian border). Chorny Cheremosh river.

Benefit of this place—it still untouchable peace of nature, no noise and tourist crowds. The only noise you will hear is from the river.

There are no fancy hotels in the area. But it is rather benefit than a weak point. The local people are friendly, not spoiled with tourists. You will stay in a house of local family. You will have a separate room(s), super fresh meals and everything you need. Local moonshine is superb!

There's no Internet and GSM connection is very weak.

House owner Ivan will take care about you. He will act as fishing guide and assist everything you need. With Ivan you're in a good hands.

Toilet is outside, but clean and works perfectly. Instead of shower there's a sort of local sauna, which you're gonna love! ... Price \$US150/night."

Some thoughts:

-Now is not a good time to go trout fishing in Ukraine.

-What is a "sort of local sauna"? I think you would need some of that local moonshine.

-If you went for a hike from Ivan's place, you could easily end up in Romania.

-The fish photos I saw on the website weren't anything to write home about, but who writes home?

-"Breeding programs" [hatchery and stocking] ... "have been implemented and fishermen will be able to fish for rainbow trout, podust, barbell, brook trout and grayling."

-Any geography professor and anyone writing a newsletter for a trout fishing club (other than this one) would claim that I have lost my mind.

You can donate to help the Ukrainian people thru a number of charitable organizations.

State Archery Competition in Branson

The MTFA was recently invited to tie flies at the MoNASP State Archery Tournament held at the Branson Convention Center in Branson. The tournament hosted over 4,200 high school students from across Missouri during the 3-day event. A variety of vendors were invited to display various outdoor opportunities for the students. MTFA was fortunate to have tables set up in the same room the tournament was being conducted. Members of the Branson and Springfield chapters demonstrated fly tying and talked to many of the students that attended. A special thank you goes to David Reynolds for helping us get involved with this event. Members that tied flies were Matthew Peet, Dennis Stead, John Bush, Howard Hawkins, and Bruce Hinkston.

Bruce Hinkston

From David Reynolds of the Branson Archery Tournament:
Bruce, you guys were a big hit with everyone, especially the kids. Thanks to all who help show kids fly trying.

David Reynolds



Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22	2022 Actual	2022 Budget
Beginning Check Book Balance	\$ 9,126.37	\$ 8,331.37	\$ 8,466.37	\$ 9,126.37	\$ -
1 MSU Class @\$798				\$ -	\$ -
16 student fees @\$25				\$ -	\$ -
Memberships (93)	\$ 45.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 670.00
Raffle (Christmas) Pipkin	\$ 160.00		\$ 140.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 85.00
Memorial-Dick Deerfield				\$ -	\$ -
Misc. (gifts)(others)				\$ -	\$ 90.00
Christmas Dinner				\$ -	\$ -
Expo**				\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Total	\$ 9,331.37	\$ 8,466.37	\$ 8,851.37	\$ 9,851.37	\$ 2,845.00

EXPENDITURES

CFM dues				\$ -	\$ -
Charity (Pipkin)	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00	
Derby*			\$ 214.00	\$ 214.00	\$ 300.00
Discretionary fund				\$ -	
Equipment (Includes storage)				\$ -	\$ 840.00
Expo (Paid 2019)				\$ -	
Hunting and Fishing Show				\$ -	
IFFF dues				\$ -	\$ 350.00
Liability				\$ -	\$ 200.00
Library				\$ -	\$ 200.00
Membership				\$ -	\$ 50.00
MSU Expenses				\$ -	
Office Supplies				\$ -	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Postage & supplies				\$ -	\$ 125.00
Programs			\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 400.00
Rental Agreement Fish Fry				\$ -	\$ 80.00
Socials				\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Website				\$ -	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous				\$ -	
Total	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 239.00	\$ 1,239.00	\$ 4,295.00
Ending Check Book Balance	\$ 8,331.37	\$ 8,466.37	\$ 8,612.37	\$ 8,612.37	\$ (1,450.00)

Current Check Book Balance	\$ 8,612.37
Current date	3/29/22

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