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

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2022 is the 50th anniversary of the Springfield Chapter of the MTFA

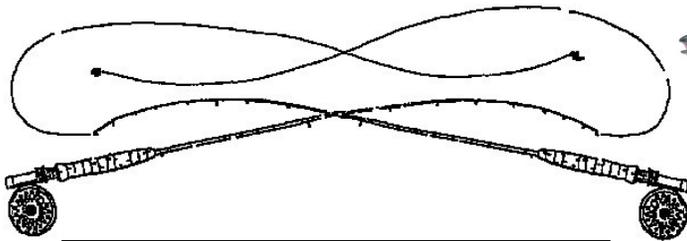
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**The August Get-Together is at the Library Center
Community Room A/B, 4653 S Campbell Ave
Springfield, MO from 6pm to 9pm.**

After entering lobby, it is the first door on the left.

The August 4 meeting is all about Fly Tying. John Bush is going to do something a little different and tie a generic emerger using pantyhose and styrofoam. Then, John Dozier will demonstrate how to tie the Gartside Gurgler as a tube fly. Bring your vices so we can practice what our demonstrators show us.



Chapter News: Ron Ward was our featured speaker at the July meeting. He is a member of the Branson Chapter of MTFA. Ron has made it a personal quest of understanding the water flows involved with the White River system. If you've ever wondered why they were or weren't discharging water through the Tablerock Dam, Ron knows the answer or at least how to find the answer and why it matters. For instance, recently they've had a lot of rain that will drain into the upper Mississippi River. If they have too much, it will affect how they release water from the White River system dams. Another practical piece of information is that you can determine whether the tailwater below Tablerock Dam is wadable by looking up the water level on the computer or using an app. If it's 705' or less, it's ok. If not, stay out of it. If you weren't there, you missed a good program. Thanks, Ron.

Bob Randall

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Insect-O-Rama

We will participate in the Insect-O-Rama again on August 12 from 6:30pm to 9:30pm at the MDC's Springfield Conservation Nature Center. We will tie flies on safety pins for the kids. It's great fun. Sign up at the next meeting or contact Bruce Hinkston. We will use the regular MDC parking lot this year. The Insect-O-Rama is MDC's annual celebration of insects and the important role they play in nature returns! Insects-- they fascinate us, they bug us, they surround us, and they bite us; but what would a summer evening be like without them! Join insect specialists and enthusiasts for an evening devoted to discovering insects. Grab your entire family and participate in some creepy-crawly fun for all ages.

Bob Randall

MTFA Derby News report by Vic Smedley, MTFA State Council Treasurer

The Derby Financial summary shows a negative figure for Receipts over Expenses. In comparison to last year, the entry fee total was within \$2, but we only had one raffle this year compared to two raffles last year. As a result the total receipts were nearly \$1050 less!

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association 2022 Annual Fishing Derby Financial summary

Receipts;	\$ 825.00	Entry fee donations
	656.00	Sunday raffle
	97.00	50/50 drawing
	\$1578.00	Total Receipts
Expenses;	\$ 488.79	Derby dinner
	134.06	Plaque engraving
	110.00	Shelter house rental**
	1500.00	Prizes**
	\$ 2232.85	Total expenses
Received from Stl. Chapter- - unused prize money**	\$ 216.60	
	\$ 2016.25	Total NET expenses
Receipts over Expenses	\$ -438.25	

Fishing Pics

Mike Kidd, 7/14, Caught some nice bows after 9:30 pm at Taney-como on sculpins

Fished White River with Ron Ward and Guide Lisa Belue and caught them on dry flies size 18.



Fishing Reports:



Bob Randall, I went to Bennett Spring State Park Tuesday 7/13. I arrived about an hour after the beginning of the fishing day. First, I was impressed by the number of vehicles that weren't there. In other words, I expected it to be a little more crowded. I noticed that the Gut Hole was nearly void of anglers. I suspect there are several reasons for that. One is that the hatchery is under renovation and the big feeding event doesn't occur like it has in the past. I'm sure it will return to normal after the work is done but in the meantime it does not draw fish into the hatchery outflow stream. Secondly, the big hole at the confluence of the outflow and the main spring creek has filled with gravel after several flooding events. I saw people walk right across the spot where a few years ago, they would have fallen into the pool and would have been over their heads. I have read a report that there will be an attempt to manipulate the stream bottom near the "Gut Hole" next winter.

I watched the pool above the old rock dam. There were probably up to 10 anglers, but the number of anglers varied over the half hour that I was there. I saw maybe 5 or 6 fish taken and saw a number of 3-fish stringers. I also observed fish in the pool. The rumors that there are no fish at BSSP are incorrect. The rumors that it's just too damned hot to fish are true.

David Ransin: "Nothing but sweet dreams of past and future fishing ! "

Kim Schultz: I spent four days camping, hiking, and fishing Roaring River State Park with my daughter (Jenn) and two grandkids (Des, Fiona). I drove down Sunday afternoon July 24, 2022, to set up camp and pitch two tents. I reserved Campsite 139 which is near the stream with good access to the water. Jenn and kids came down later that day, with everyone getting in a swim and sitting around a campfire. The temperatures did reach 100 for Sunday, 104 on Monday and 106 for Tuesday. Monday morning, we did hike a trail along the stream, that afternoon I fished with Jenn and the kids floating and swimming the lazy current of Roaring River. Tuesday, I spent the entire day in the water and kept a few trout for dinner. The kids left before noon on Tuesday. Wednesday, after breakfast due to the heat slowly broke camp, packed the gear. I sat in the shade enjoying the view and left Roaring River after noon. Overall, it was a good four days, did not enjoy the hundred-degree days but did find wet wading in the shade to be very comfortable. My best fly for this trip was a #18 Renegade off the top late in the day with the sun off the water.

July meeting minutes:

Full club meeting came to order at 7.00 PM.

Treasurer's report: 2022 Budget-\$4295.00. Current Expenditures-\$3,004.05. 2022 Remaining Budget-\$1,290.95. YTD Income-\$870.00. Current Check Book Balance \$6,992.32.

Old Business:

Chair Positions: Social Chair-Open

The Pipkin school raffle: The two fly plates were raffled off at the July meeting.

Motion was made to pay for rooms at BSSP for the 2023 Derby volunteers working the derby. Total amount approved was \$625.02.

The club is in favor of having a fish fry at the 2023 derby.

Officers have authorization to buy raffle items any time before the derby as items are found on sale.

Meeting schedule for the rest of the year:

August: Library Center: Fly Tying Program

September: Mountain Springs Trout Park: Joint Meeting with Branson, Fish Fry

October: Library Center: Regular Program

November: Location TBD, Fly Casting

December: Golden Corral, Annual Christmas Dinner/Annual Business Meeting

New Business:

Insectorama at the Nature Center on August 12.

Fly Tying Demonstration at Nature Center ???

Fly tying occurred from 6:00 to 7:00. Program from 7:15-8:15. Raffle from 8:15 to 8:30.

Program: White River Flows, Power Generation and Flood Control

24 people attended the meeting.

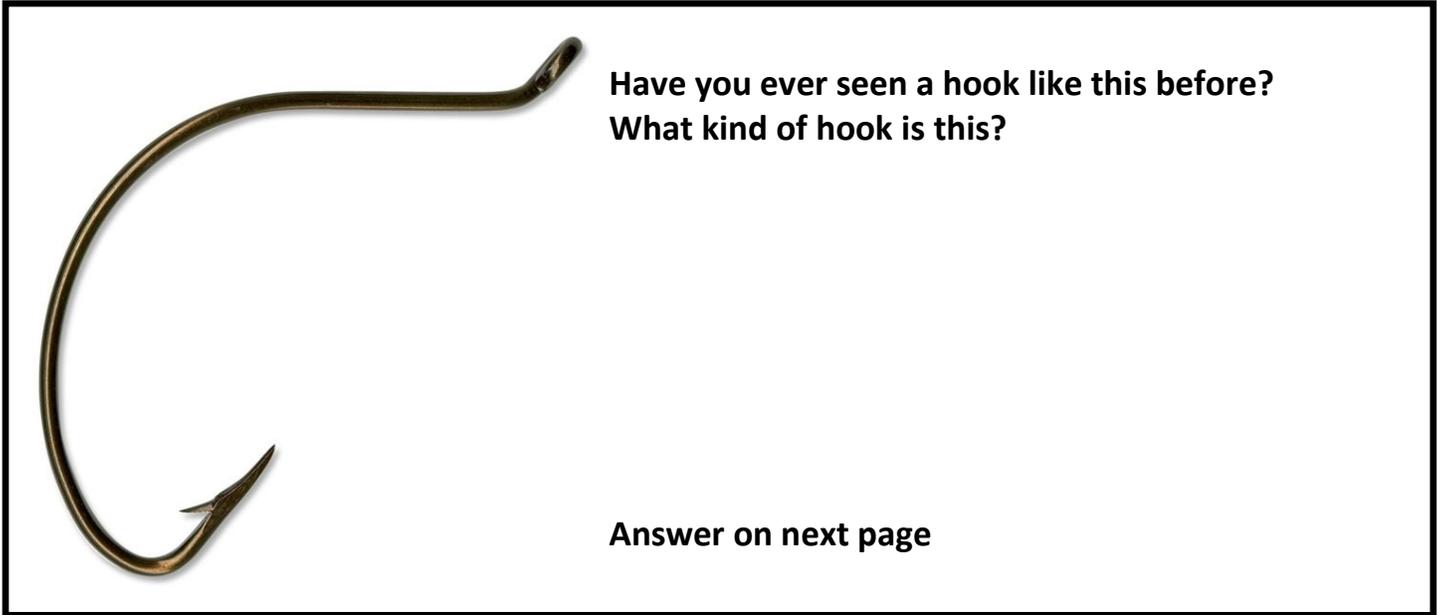
Chapter Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Casting Talk:

Is it time to think about tying flies to your tippet using a different knot? [16-20 knot - Bing video \(outlook.com\)](#) Also called the Pitzen knot. Larry Wegman used to talk about the Pitzen and how it "pops".

[Dry Fly Fishing | How To with Tom Rosenbauer - YouTube](#) August is time to try out the terrestrials. I tied up some grasshoppers a couple of years ago and haven't used them yet. It's time.



Have you ever seen a hook like this before?
What kind of hook is this?

Answer on next page

The Branson Fly Tying Rendezvous

The Branson Fly Tying Rendezvous was Saturday, July 30. Several of the Springfield Chapter members were demonstrating their tying skills. You will recognize Dennis Stead who is tying up some jig flies that will work at Lake Taneycomo in olive and yellow. I watched Harry Morgan tying up a fine looking popper fly but forgot to take a photo. Our other fly tying member doesn't like to have his photo taken but the jujubee midge fly he was tying was so good that I used the photo anyway. I took the liberty to disguise him so as not to offend his sensibilities. Of course the fly, which was tied in a size 18, was too small to show up in the picture. I had to use a magnifying glass just to watch the tying process from across the table. If you get a chance, you should ask him about the fly, that is, if you can recognize him.



I happened upon Ben Havens, Hatchery Manager at Bennett Spring Trout Hatchery. Ben verified that they hope to manage some of the spring creek features to give the fish some stream bed structure and cover. He invited any of our chapter members to stop by his office at the hatchery if you have any questions.

Bob Randall



Answer to “what kind of hook is this?”:

The hook is called a Kahle hook. Our club happens to have some in the supply cache. At first it seemed like a possibility for any curve back fly such as a resting scud. However, Anglers’ Gear gave a full review of the Kahle hook. The following is a portion of their review:

“The Kahle hook has a point that turns back towards the eye and an exceptionally large gap. The wire is thinner than the circle hook variety – leading to less damage to live bait. Because of the limited damage on live bait, Kahle hooks are ideal for a strong hook up. However, it comes at a deep cost – the hook can often gut hook the fish. It is important to remember that the goal of Angler’s Gear continues to be catch and release fishing. If you are planning on catching enough for a meal and are not limited to sizes, Kahle hooks are ideal. For any sort of fish limits, catch and release only waters or if you are not catching to dine, please select a hook besides a Kahle hook for your needs. “

<https://anglersgear.net/the-kahle-hook-the-anglers-gear-full-review/>

Since MTFA is not going to use these in any of the fly tying classes, I will make them available free to the first chapter member who requests them, provided they will not be used in catch and release. Contact me if interested.

Bob Randall

Bramwell Bridge at Bennett Spring State Park closed to vehicular traffic

JEFFERSON CITY, MO, JULY 20, 2022 – The wooden Bramwell Bridge at Bennett Spring State Park is closed to vehicular traffic indefinitely. During the last flood, a large tree struck the bridge and was lodged against its upstream side. Due to safety concerns, park officials kept the bridge closed until water levels were low enough for a thorough inspection.

On June 23, inspectors noted damage the tree had caused to the bridge’s pilings and abutments, as well as significant pitting of the steel girders. Based on these inspection results, the bridge was deemed unsafe for vehicles to cross. The bridge is closed to vehicular traffic until further notice. The fishing access at that location is still accessible from the Bramwell entrance. While the bridge is closed to vehicular traffic, it is still open and safe for pedestrians to cross, and is also open to anglers.

Bennett Spring State Park is located at 26250 Highway 64A outside of Lebanon. For more information, call 417-532-4338.

For more information on state parks and historic sites, visit mostateparks.com. Missouri State Parks is a division of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Flotsam and jetsam: “There’s no doubt that one could raise philosophical objections to breeding an animal solely for its plumage. While the underlying concern is more than legitimate, at least hackle chickens are a tiny minority of the total chickens raised in America each year. And their lives are about six times longer and a myriad degrees less stultifying than the standard pullet destined for the fryer.” [Raising hackles: The prized chickens at the center of fly fishing \(growlermag.com\)](#)

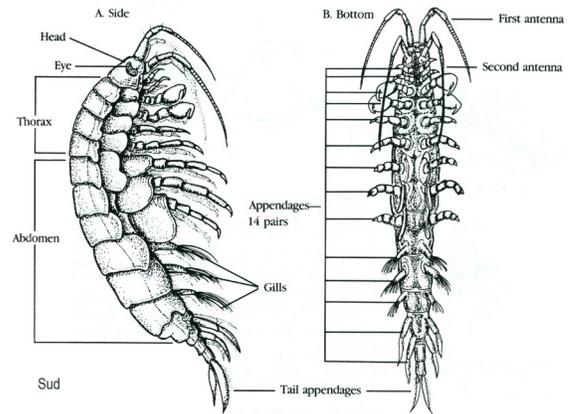


Amphipods or Isopods = Scuds or Sowbugs

“Amphi” = roughly in ancient Greek it means two or more. In biological terms it is “different footed”. Scuds have different types of legs.

“Iso” = roughly one or “the same footed”.

Sowbug legs are all alike.



Clean and condition on your fly line. When cleaning and conditioning don’t help you achieve a great cast, get a new fly line. And don’t be cheap.



A Somewhat Tongue-in-Cheek Discussion about Fishing Barbed or Barbless

[Blog - Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association - Springfield Chapter \(mtfa-springfield.org\)](#)

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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