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

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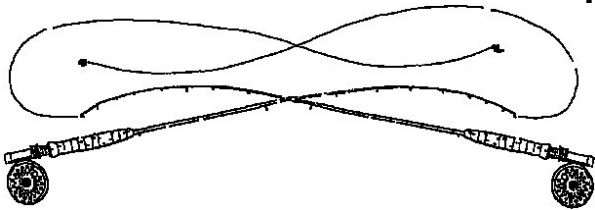
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The December Get-Together is the Christmas Dinner and Annual Meeting. It will be on December 1st at the Golden Corral on South Glenstone at 6pm in the meeting room in the northeast corner of the building. Your cost is \$10 per person and the club will pick up the balance and tip. Pay Dennis Stead or Bruce Hinkston at the event.

Bring something for a charity raffle and some cash to buy raffle tickets. It's gonna be fun.

2022 is the 50th anniversary of the Springfield Chapter of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association



Business for the Annual Meeting:

Kim Schultz, current President-Elect will be the 2023 President

The list of candidates for MTFA-Springfield's 2023 officer positions are as follows:

Nominees:

Pat Taggart, President-Elect

Bruce Hinkston, Secretary

Dennis Stead, Treasurer

Steve Young, 3-year Executive Committee

Bill Huyett, 3-year Executive Committee

The annual meeting will be December 1 at the Golden Corral on South Glenstone from 6 to 9pm. During the meeting, we will also accept nominations from the floor and then vote to make the final selection of the officers.

Springfield Chapter Officers

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Chapter News:



You may pay your 2023 membership dues at the Annual Meeting.

Please keep that payment separate from your dinner fees.

Correct change please.

Anyone interested in tying flies at the MoNASP State Archery Tournament, March 15-18, 2022 at the Branson Convention Center contact Bruce Hinkston at 417 838-0713 or bruce.hinkston@gmail.com

Taneycomo Sculpin Club fly tying event:

December 15, 6-9pm, Library Center, Community Room A. Bring your own equipment or we can loan it to you (contact Bob Randall). Featured fly is Russ Dougherty's Taneycomo Sculpin.

Recipe:

Hook: Streamer Hook, Sizes: 6, 8, 10,

Thread: UNI-Thread 8/0 Gray,

Body: Charcoal Rabbit Strip,

Tail: Charcoal Rabbit Strip,

Hackle: Brown Grizzly,

Eyes: Presentation Lead Eyes – Medium 7/32 or 5.6mm,

Head: SLF's Dubbing- Scud or Sowbug Gray

[Taneycomo Sculpin - Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association - Springfield Chapter \(mtfa-springfield.org\)](http://mtfa-springfield.org)

We will have some materials present but if you have your own, please bring them.



MTFA Minutes for November 3, 2022

Meeting came to order at 8:00 PM. A quorum of executive committee members was established:

Committee members: Russ Doughty, Nelson Morrison, John Bush; Past President: Bob Randall

Officers: Bruce Hinkston, Kim Schultz, Dennis Stead

19 Members and 1 Visitor in attendance.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: 2022 Budget-\$4295.00. Current Expenditures-\$3,841.68. 2022 Remaining Budget \$453.32; YTD Income-\$1,349.50. Current Check Book Balance \$6,634.19.

Old Business:

Fly Tying as a social event: November 17 at 6:00 PM, Library Center Room A

Ask for volunteers to be on the Nominating Committee and help select candidates for officer positions: President Elect, 2 Executive Committee Members, and Secretary

Chair positions that are open: Librarian, Social Chair. Jean Smith volunteered to take the Librarian position.

Meeting schedule for the rest of the year:

December: Dec. 1: Golden Corral, Annual Christmas Dinner/Annual Business Meeting 6:00 PM

New Business:

Motion was made and passed to use \$1,500 for the 2023 Branson Expo.

Nominating Committee members are Pat Taggart, Kim Schultz and Dennis Stead

Program: How Trout Think with Kim Schultz

Membership raffle.

Chapter Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Bruce Hinkston, President

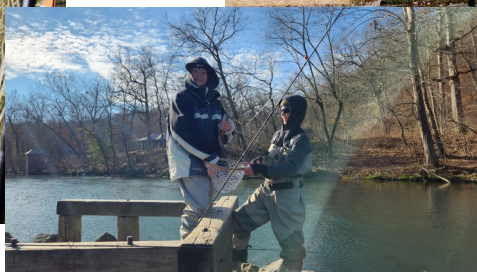
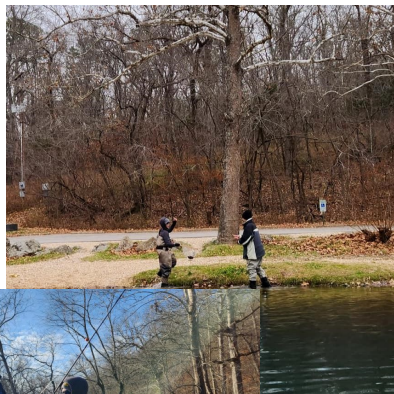
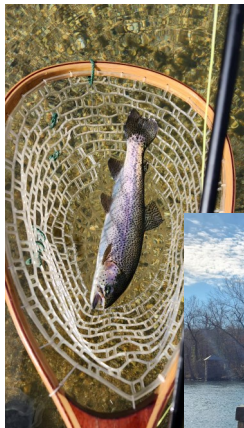
MTFA-Springfield meeting November 3, a number of tiers there, John Bush was tying a Jujubee, Cecil Woodman has his mini whip finishers, and Kim Schultz presented the program on how fish think. What the fish need, a good turn out.

Dennis Stead



Fishing Reports:

Kyle Garber, Bennet Spring, Nov 15: “The kids were out of school for deer season, so we headed to Bennett Spring for winter catch & release. Fishermen were few, and the fishing was good. The whistle blew on a sunny morning at a crisp 27°F. Early in the morning, pheasant tails, stone flies, and mop flies were working. “



Bob Randall: Larry Olson and I were fishing the same area as Kyle and kids (above report). I was just above the Holland Dam and couldn't quite hit the hot spot from there. Larry was further upstream and caught about 20. I switched to dries and had many strikes. Gotta set the hook better. One-thousand-one.

John Bush: “Phil Boren and I fished Bennett Springs on Saturday, Nov. 19th. The temperatures were pretty cold and we arrived around 9:30 AM. We fished up by the spring to start. The fishing was good, and fish were hitting on scuds, Charlie Craven's deep blue poison midge, and top secret midges. We fished at the spring until lunch and both landed several fish.

After lunch, we fished the pool across from the pavilion where the derby is usually held, and then later moved up to the outlet stream that feeds into the gut hole. The top secret midge was the ticket here again and we ended the day with a lot of fish released.”

Phil Boren: *It's a McCloud. That tells you which creek it was in. Which part of that creek?*
The Crane City Park



Kim Schultz fishing report:

Oct 28, 2022 (Friday): Rod Pennington and I twin bridges north beach. We each caught 25 fish (a combination of white bass and walleye). [Stockton Lake]

Nov 4, 2022 (Friday): I fished Twin Bridges south beach before the rain moved in, a 20-25 SW wind. I caught twenty white bass, a walleye. My hat blew off several time with the strong wind in my face. There was white caps and a good mix of water along the shore. [Stockton Lake]

Nov 6, 2022 (Sunday): Rod and I fishing the south beach at twin bridges. The wind blew from the southwest less than 5 MPR. There was very little wave action, poor conditions to catch white bass near the shore. With the sun getting low, I looked for shadows on the water where I found a few fish. Rod and I did see an otter swimming and he came out of water with a fish in his mouth. On the north beach, a decent large-mouth bass was caught, two catfish in the same vicinity, small white bass, a few blue-gill, and a short walleye. We finished with fifteen fish to hand. [Stockton Lake]

Nov 7, 2022 (Monday): My daughter, Jenn and I fished the north beach near twin bridges. The wind blew at 10-15 MPR from the ENE. The catching was good with 30+ white bass released. We saw an otter, eager and turkeys. [Stockton Lake]

Nov 10, 2022 (Thursday): Rod and I fished the south beach with a south wind blowing 10 MPR. It was forecasted higher with a late afternoon wind switch, that happen later that evening. I caught a 17" walleye, 14" largemouth and Rod measured a 20" catfish. I fished farther down the beach found a few white bass. We finished on the north beach, no wind. We finished the day with fourteen fish. [Stockton Lake]

There was a change in the weather, with cold temperatures for ten days. The lake temperature dropped ten degrees.

Nov 23, 2022 (Wednesday): Finally, a warm day in the low sixties. The wind is out of the south 10-15 MPR. The lake temperature has dropped at least ten degrees since my last outing. There was almost no surface activity seen while fishing. I managed a white bass and a large-mouth bass. [Stockton Lake]

Nov 25, 2022 (Friday): I met Jenn and the grandkids (Des and Fi) and we drove the Bennett Spring for the catch and release. We had a few hours to fish. We fished the waters below the stone bridge. Jenn caught the first trout with Fiona's help. Jenn and Des caught a few more over the next hours. Fiona decided she had enough, and Jenn took her back to the car. Des decided he had enough thirty minutes later and walked back to the car to meet up with Jenn and Fi. I had an opportunity to fish solo for a short time. It was past noon and there was a pale morning dun hatch, and I placed a few dry flies on top. I hooked a few and had several misses. Jenn and the kids when on a short hike and came back to me and we decided to call it day. It has been tradition to fish the day after Thanksgiving fish a bit and stop at Cole's Tree farm to pick out a Christmas tree. My son-in-law, Brent met us, a tree was picked out and we returned to Springfield.

David Ransin Fishing Report:

"A peaceful, early November week floating the Current River from Baptist Camp to Twin Rivers with 3 of my best long-time friends and amazing weather made for a wonderful time!



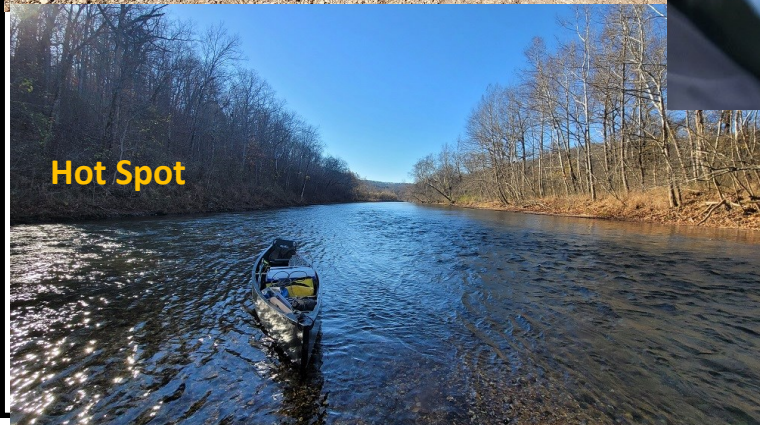
Strong winds and cold rain postponed our start of what had been planned as an 8-day float, after which we were blessed by clear skies, sunscreen, wearing shorts and no shirts, then on the last day the temperature dropped to the 30's followed by snow when we got home.

I stopped at Tan Vat below Montauk on my way to our put in and was excited to see the early morning hatch rising like



a fog.

I carried 4 fly rods and one spinning rig, using every one of them and throwing everything I owned, but the trout were not interested."The first few days, I glided over tons of good-sized trout doing my best to entice them with presentations on the surface and at all depths yet found no action in deep holes, above, below or in the rapids, nor in eddies along the banks.



David Ransin's report continued:

Then suddenly the smallies lit up! My morning began landing 4 in sequential casts, totaling about 20 by noon before they suddenly quit.

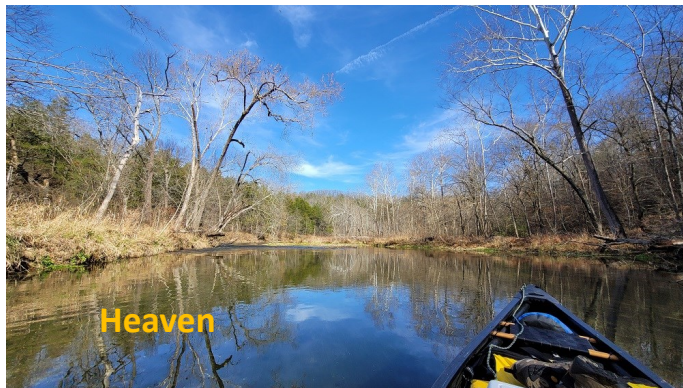
The next day, I found a nice shallow spot in the middle of the river to beach my canoe so I could wade and work up and down either side below some nice rapids. This produced several 10" to 14" smallies until my final catch at that spot ended with a 5-minute battle on 2-pound line, walking well downstream as the drag screamed. I figured this was a keeper for sure, but when I bent to net my catch, I saw it was a double! (the second time in my life I've had this happen).



Later that day a hungry tiger had not yet swallowed a crawfish when he gobbled my lure!

Over the next few days, I lost 3 lunkers and 3 "hot" lures in deep holes due to the 2-pound line contest; perhaps not smart but it ups the challenge!

In all, we cheat fate to get away on trips like this, and the moment we get back home it all becomes a distant memory to cherish forever.





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I Released a Lunker Award

Catching and releasing big trout takes skill and dedication. That's why the Conservation Department's "I Released a Lunker" program recognizes anglers who release big trout to fight another day.

Here's how to earn a patch:

- Catch a trout by legal methods that is at least 18 inches long.
- Release it in the presence of a witness (a photo really helps).
- Do it between March 1 and Oct. 31 in the trout parks located at Bennett Spring State Park, Montauk State Park, Roaring River State Park and The James Foundation's Maramec Spring Park.
- Find a Missouri Department of Conservation staff person at the fish hatchery located at the trout park and ask for an "I Released a Lunker" program application.
- Once you and your witness have signed the application, the MDC staff person will present your patch.



Never Touch Another Man's Fly

I was showing Dick Owensby how to tie a Zonker fly. We had talked about using head cement earlier and I suggested UV cure resin instead of other coverings that take 5 minutes or longer to set up. I was distracted by someone else and when I later turned my attention back to Dick's Zonker, I noticed that the feather fibers that made the collar needed to be swept back a little. In my effort to demonstrate that effect, I reached over and pinched the collar to sweep the fibers back. I immediately realized that Dick had covered the fly head with Sally Hansen's Hard as Nails and just enough time had elapsed that it was pretty darned sticky. My fingers were stuck to the fly. So there's the moral of this story: Never Touch Another Man's Fly. No double entendre intended.

Bob Randall

Low dissolved oxygen levels affecting trout at Taneycomo | Missouri Department of Conservation

However, Lilly's Landing Facebook page reports that Tablerock Lake should be turning over. This will redistribute oxygenated water and Lake Taneycomo oxygen levels should improve ... so should the fishing.

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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