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Our August 2nd meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

Our guest speaker for the August meeting will be Andy Cornforth, the Manager of Chesapeake Fish Hatchery; he will provide a glimpse into the daily operations and the task to rearing warm water species of fish.

The Chesapeake Fish Hatchery produces a variety of warm and cool water fish species. Over one million channel catfish are hatched annually; many of these distributed to private pond owners. Bass and bluegill are also produced for private ponds. Walleye, muskellunge, hybrid striped bass, flathead catfish and grass carp are produced for many of Missouri's lakes. The hatchery is an ultra-modern facility consisting of 24 ponds, 12 raceways and a large hatchery building. The hatchery is open to the public and tours are available to organized groups.

This past spring while Rod (Pennington) and I (Kim Schultz) fished the Pot Hole, we saw the MDC working the waters in Bull Shoals Lake. Later that night, we stopped to visit with them at the boat access. We found out this was a return trip for them. The MDC were finding ripe female walleye, taking eggs and releasing the fish back to the water. These eggs were for the Chesapeake Hatchery in Mt Vernon.

Chesapeake is one of five warm water hatcheries in Missouri. The others hatcheries are Blind Pony Hatchery near Sweet Springs, Hunnewell Hatchery, Indian Trail Hatchery near Salem and Lost Valley Hatchery near Warsaw.

Chesapeake Fish Hatchery

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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for July 2012

August 2	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
August 17	Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center 6:30-9PM
August 23	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
August 30	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM

Club News...

Greetings from Ralph: Been down here a little more than 11 years and I finally fished the pothole. Tom and I went down there on a Tuesday evening and enjoyed the variety of fish caught. A fly fisherman just above us caught trout, white bass and a walleye. Tom caught a real nice bass and said he lost one even bigger. I got a nice bluegill and a small bass. I hooked a real nice bass, but when he hit the water after doing a triple black flip that I gave a 9.8 to, I lost him. Truth be told, I think it was only a double, but I did get to play him for a while and he was definitely fun. After the sun went down it cooled off and the breeze coming off the lake felt good. I will be returning to that area for more fun.

August is going to be a busy month, our meeting is August 2 and hopefully we will be looking at some vises to consider for the MSU classes. We should have parking permits to hand out for those helping with the classes. Please consider helping when you can this year. I know that one member who always helps will be in Alaska for at least one, maybe two of the sessions and I'll be calling to ask for volunteers to demo some flies. We'll get together at the storage facility to go through the tying kits in early August.

The Insect-o-rama is August 17 beginning at 6:30 PM; we normally try to arrive at 6 to set up. This year I believe we may tie until 9:30 instead of 9. Of course, if you can only tie for an hour or two you are still welcome.

The MSU classes begin August 23 and will last for 5 weeks. We will fish at Roaring River on September 22. Because of the classes there will not be a club meeting in September.

It's time to start thinking about club officers for 2013. There will be a nominating committee appointed before or at the meeting. Please let us know if you would like to serve the club as an officer.

We had several members attend the memorial service for Crete Deerfield. She was a member of the club for several years and will be missed.

Try to stay cool...wading in the water with a fly rod in hand seems to help. See you at the meeting.

Ralph



Tom and Fish @ The Pot Hole

Members Update

Bill Blondeau came by my house the other day. He is doing well and making plans to fish Roaring River. He has been cleared by his doctor to return to normal activities.

Norm Collison is at Christian Health Care at 3535 E Cherokee behind Sam's on east Sunshine. He is doing well and in good spirits. He does physical therapy every day to get strength back in his legs so he will be able to maneuver the steps to his home. There is not a date for him to go home when I visited with him this week.

New Members to the club

It should be noted there are five new members to the club since June; E J Mattson, Lewis Parnell, Mary McCarthy, Melizma Phillips and Nick Phillips. Mary and Melizma join the club after attending the Discover Nature Women event at Windermere. Mary has expressed enthusiasm for the Fall MSU class and looking forward joining the class. We have 121 paid members for 2012... Thank you for the support.

Kim Schultz

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From Kim Schultz's Blog

For me, trips back to the Eleven Point River is like falling back to sleep after a pleasant dream and replaying the dream over and over in my mind. The Eleven Point River is a scenic, serene stream with a touch of mystery; every evening a fog rolling in at sunset and that lifts the next morning. This wilderness with all of the sounds of nature; the screech of a bald eagle overhead, an orchestra of frogs in still pools, kingfishers constantly chasing and calling others from their favorite fish spot. And there are sounds I cannot explain; the movement of unknown creatures on gravel after dark, the call of a raccoon breaking the sound of insects in the air and trees pulsating to nature's rhythm. It is difficult to sleep soundly at night, in a sleeping bag over gravel and stones. Many of these trips end the day with a threat of a thunderstorm with lightning flashes off in the distance without thunder. It is the movement of water over rocks and cobblestones creating the white water and a backdrop of constant sound, which is necessary for trout to survive; that brings me back. This is my dream and my reality when I return to the Eleven Point.



The Eleven Point River below the Hwy 19 Bridge

From the Editor: I am leaving this article from last month because it is so important to protect this beautiful area. Please be aware of the land when you're on the water.

MDC issues immediate FIRE BAN on all conservation areas

[Statewide](#)

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Posted by [Joe Jerek](#)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Effective immediately, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has issued a FIRE BAN on all conservation areas. The fire ban includes prohibiting campfires and other open fires, including charcoal grills. The fire ban does permit the use of contained camp stoves and charcoal cooking fires in concrete or metal fire rings. The use of firewood in cooking fires is prohibited under the fire ban.

The use of fireworks is already prohibited on conservation areas under the Wildlife Code of Missouri.

“The fire ban is an effort to prevent wildfires under these extreme dry conditions,” said MDC Wildland Fire Supervisor Ben Webster. “The fire ban on all conservation areas will stay in effect until weather conditions change and we get significant rain.”

The U.S Forest Service and numerous counties and communities have also issued fire bans.

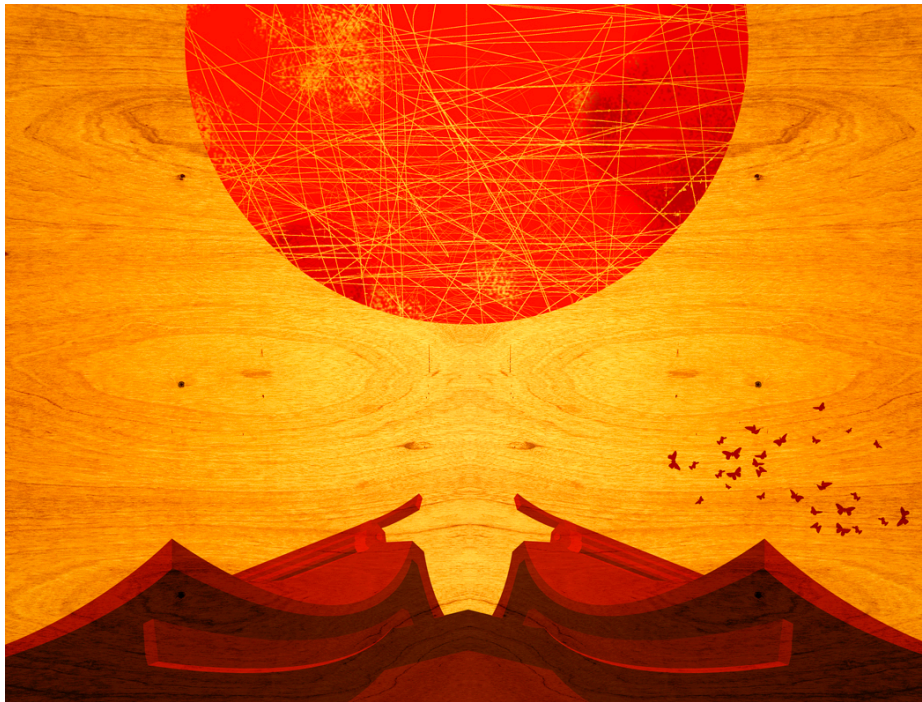
Webster also urges people to use caution when driving off road.

“Wildfires can start when fine, dry fuel, such as grass, comes in contact with catalytic converters on motor vehicles,” he explained. “Think twice before driving into and across a grassy field. Never park over tall, dry grass or piles of leaves that can touch the underside of a vehicle. When driving vehicles off road, regularly inspect the undercarriage to ensure that fuel and brake lines are intact and no oil leaks are apparent. Always carry an approved fire extinguisher on vehicles that are used off road. Check for the presence of spark arresters on ATV exhausts.”

He urges smokers to practice extra caution. “Extinguish cigarettes completely and safely,” he said. “And dispose of butts responsibly.”

Webster added that people should call 911 at the first sign of any fire getting out of control, and should call Operation Forest Arson at 800-392-1111 if they see or suspect possible arson. Callers will remain anonymous and rewards are possible.

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Stay Cool and drink plenty of water. This is getting serious.

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