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Our July 5th meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

Jay Barber will be our guest speaker for July; he is an education consultant with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Jay will provide us with some of the programs the MDC has for the family, youth and how they find ways to engage and get everyone to enjoy the outdoors. The Missouri Department of Conservation is progressive and consistently designing Outdoors programs to involve the citizens of Missouri. Our club has been involved with a few of these programs over the years. Some of the programs include: Great Outdoors Day, Insect-O-Rama, and Discover Nature to name a few.



Jay Barber

Education Consultant with the Missouri Department of Conservation

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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Activities for July 2012

July 5

Monthly meeting 6-9 PM

Club News...

Greetings from Ralph: let me start by giving a thank you to Kerry. He suggested that when I go to the Pagosa Springs, Colorado area that I fish Hatcher Lake. I did and it was fun fishing. I also was able to do a float, actually more of a drag, on the upper James River before my trip west. It too proved to be good fishing. Because I was revisiting the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest I missed our fish fry; hope everyone had a good time.

I'll see you at the meeting to catch up on how everything went.

The only event we have planned for July is our monthly meeting, than things pick up in August with the Insect-o-rama and MSU classes beginning. Do you best to stay cool, one way might be to wade a trout stream, and we'll see each other July 5th at the Nature Center.

Ralph

Thanks goes to Joe and Lois Simecek for doing a great job organizing and taking on the fish fry last month for the club. It is a hard job to do especially when you're not sure how many members may show up. Most of the fish came from Warren Wilkerson and Joe Davis. There was a good work crew; Charlie Erickson, Warren Wilkerson, Joe Simecek and Kim Schultz. We had great food, fellowship and a bucket raffle with reels, extra spools, and a couple of rods. The proceeds (\$120.00) went to the treasury, earmarked for education. It was a good time for all who attended.

Kim Schultz

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MDC Discover Nature Women

The Discover Nature programs have been one of many outreach opportunities the Missouri Department of Conservation has provide to Missouri residents. The MTFA Springfield Chapter has been involved with the Discover Nature Women for the past six years. Last month, Rod Pennington, Warren Wilkerson and Kim Schultz instructed four (four hour) fly tying classes at Windermere Resort on Lake of the Ozarks. The entire weekend program offers ten different activities; shot gun, archery, fishing, compass and map, to name a few. We provided a brief introduction to aquatic insects, so the students would understand the connection of the insects in the streams and how they correlate to the flies we tie. We had a great weekend and many of the students expressed delight with our classes.

Kim Schultz

Post Spawn White Bass

Rod and I have been fishing the Pot Hole, the tail-waters of Bull Shoals below Power Site dam for the past two weeks. The white bass have returned, or maybe never left, but to say the least the catching has been top notch. The recent heat wave has increased the demand for power and the dams have been generating on a regular schedule, pushing water through Beaver, Table-Rock and Bull Shoals dams. The waters in the Pot Hole have been ideal (water temperature and flow) for white bass, small-mouth and large blue-gills. The shad are in large numbers allowing for a feeding frenzy from the larger fish. There will be a magic hour when all the elements come together for a terrific time to catch many white bass, these are quality fish measuring 14-18 inches in length. Needless to say it has been outstanding fishing, Rod and I fished it a half dozen times in the month of June. There have been only a few fishermen along the shore, my guess... most fishermen considering the white bass fishing finished until next April. I must say the white bass fishing for this month of June is some of the best fishing one can find it Ozarks.

From the Editor:

This photo is from Kim's blog. Just look at those fish. Below is another article I filched from Kim's blog. It is also about the pothole.



“These four White Bass measured 17 and 18 inches in length”

June 21 Kim (W25 BG1): Rod called me in morning and gave me a tip; they are catching walleye below the dam. I had considered floating and fishing the James River near Hooten Town but decided to check out the Pot Hole. I packed the truck, gathered a box of newly tied Clouser Minnows and left Springfield at 5 PM. At 6 PM; I parked the truck on the east side of the Pot Hole and surveyed the water. There was a light breeze from the south, with some generation passing through the power house. The lake level was 653.5 ft with a few clouds over head. It did not take long to figure out... a shad kill was on. There were fishing jumping and swirling water from shore to shore. I was able to find a few white bass before 7:30 PM, but after that it was catching one large white bass back to back to back... several of these fish were 18 inches in length. This continued until 9 PM and then it stopped. I released all the fish this night and plan to return to keep a limit. This was some of the best white bass catching for the year, definitely something I would not expect for late June with day temperatures in the 90's.

Kim Schultz

Editor again: I want to thank Kim for sharing this with us. As Kim said to me the other evening, when he called to discuss the Newsletter; 'Standing waste deep in cool water is a pretty good way to beat the heat.' Why not give it a try? I bet that's what you are all doing, maybe even while I type this. Have fun whatever you do, but be careful and drink plenty of water. This heat is deadly.

Since we are low on content this month, I am fishing blogs and the Internet for content.

What I have found follows.

Here is another photo from Kim's blog. You can link to his blog through the MTFA Newsletter.

Now doesn't that look like the perfect place to be on a hot day?



Dr. Bill Taylor hooking up with a 17.5" white bass

Thank you Kim and good, cool fishing to all.

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.

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