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Our December 5th meeting will be our Christmas Party!

Meet at the Heritage Cafeteria at 1364 East Battlefield Road (Battlefield and Fremont)

We will gather at 5:30 pm and celebrate the season together.

There will be raffles and our election of officers, gossip, fish stories and great food.

It will be great to be together to begin the Christmas Holiday Season.

See you there!



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Calendar for December 2013

From The President

Greetings everyone,

December is approaching and I suspect it will be a busy month for most of us. Be sure and mark December 5th on your calendar. Our Christmas party and elections will be at the Heritage Cafeteria on the 5th starting at 5:30 pm. Connie and Lezley have some great plans for the event. Not only will we be electing new officers we will have 4 raffles. The money from the raffles helps us support people needing some help for the Holidays.

I want to commend our new library committee Dennis Stead and Harry Morgan. They have really been working restructuring the library process as well as contacting those that have things overdue. They have been getting good response from those that have checked out items so "good job guys".

We will have a fly tying event again at The Nature Center on January 25th frp, 1:00 to 4:00 pm. This event will have more adults attending than at the insect-o-rama so you don't need to tie flies on safety pin unless you want to.

This is my last newsletter as president and I want to say a big Thank You to all the people that served this year. All the elected officers, committee members and volunteers who have done so much. We have had a good year. I am looking forward to next year.

See you at the Heritage Cafeteria.

Bill Huyett

This is part of an email that Kim Schultz got from Bill Randall. He sent it on to me for the Newsletter. "Joel Stewart sent this link to me. Great story that all MTFA members should see. "

<http://www.news-leader.com/article/20131128/LIFE06/311280027/Oklahoma-angler-record-rainbow-Taneycomo>

If you didn't get this link via email, than you have to tap it in and read a great fish story. WOW.

Membership

Jerry Jester is a new member to the club joining at the November meeting; please make him feel welcome.

Some members have already paid 2014 membership, thank you very much. The renewal membership forms and membership cards will be sent out in December. A slight twist will be at the Christmas Party; Ann Schultz will be on hand to deliver the renewal membership applications with nametag and 2014-membership card. Please review the data printed on the form to verify it to be correct before paying and return the form to Ann. This will verify the club's directory to make it up to date with correct email addresses and home addresses.

The day after the meeting, the rest of the renewal membership applications will be mailed to members. You can return it by mail or bring the 2014 membership application to the January meeting.

Thank you for the support and being a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association.

Kim Schultz



Tup's Indispensable by Larry Wegmann

I am reluctant to bring this topic up after my previous article regarding the private lives of scuds. Be forewarned that you may find this bit of fly-fishing trivia a little overwhelming.

This past summer I had a total knee replacement of my left knee. I had previous experience as the care-taker for my wife's two knee replacements. But there is nothing like the personal experience. The obvious downside is the recovery process. The less apparent issue is the prisoner effect of being limited in your freedoms to move or sleep. In many ways, the isolation from normality is more tormenting than the pain of healing. My usual daily activities included spending my hours viewing David Attenborough documentaries on YouTube at 4AM. Reading was my daylight ritual. I purchased four books of fly fishing history. An autobiography by Halford (arrogant), a collection of magazine articles by Malcolm McDonald and two collections of G.E.M. Skues' writings (surprisingly contemporary despite being written two centuries ago). Halford was the inventor of dry fly exclusivism. Skues popularized nymph fishing, much to the distress of Halford. Such was the controversy in England in the late 1800's.

Skues was an innovator of tying and fishing nymphs when there was no dry fly action. His favorite dry fly was the orange quill. Something really irritating to Halford was a fly with no apparent imitation to a living emerger. Something even viler was the Tup's Indispensable.

Tup's Indispensable was developed by R.S. Austin of Devon, England around 1900. Austin's tobacco shop became a later day Bass Pro story. He tied the nymph with a secret dubbing that became the rage of nymph fishermen from Scotland to Devonshire. Skues was given several nymphs to try on the River Itchen where he had access to a beat owned by his very exclusive fishing club. Success would be a minimal description of the affect Tup's had on the Brown Trout of the Itchen. Skues wrote several articles about the Tup's and its popularity drove Austin into exclusive production resulting in utter disgust of his daily life.

Austin's secrecy of the dubbing used in Tup's was his demise. Shepherders with several rams in their flock were always concerned which ram sired a lamb. Their solution was igneous. The shepherd applied different colored dyes to the underside of their rams. They checked each morning whether the ewes were discolored on their backs and recorded which of the rams tupped the ewe. There is no recorded explanation of the discovery of the dubbing. Someone noticed the rams'scrotum was covered with yellow discolored wool that Austin utilized in his Indispensable nymph. Skues kept Austin's dubbing secret and only after his death was the truth realized. Skues mentions twenty-seven patterns in his fishing tales. Tup's was the most used and successful nymph pattern. Alterations of the pattern include dry fly and soft hackle versions.

Once I was able to climb stairs, I spent several afternoons tying Tup's in all applications. Skues preferred using Tup's in midsummer on the Itchen. A couple of my fishing buddies will be trying these out. Maybe a bust or a new "go to" nymph.

Here is the instructions to tie:

- * Hook: Size 12-16 dry fly hook.

- * Thread: Yellow.

- * Tail: Honey dun or light dun cock hackle fibers.

- * Body: Mix white fur from a ram's testicle with lemon-coloured fur from a spaniel and cream seal's fur with a small amount of yellow mohair. I used a Wapsi sparkle yellow dubbing. One version has a red dubbing ball next to the hackle wing.

- * Hackle: Light dun or badger cock hackle.

For the nymph, use a heavy gauge hook, lead wire and hen hackle.

<http://www.flyangleronline.com/features/oldflies/part244.php>

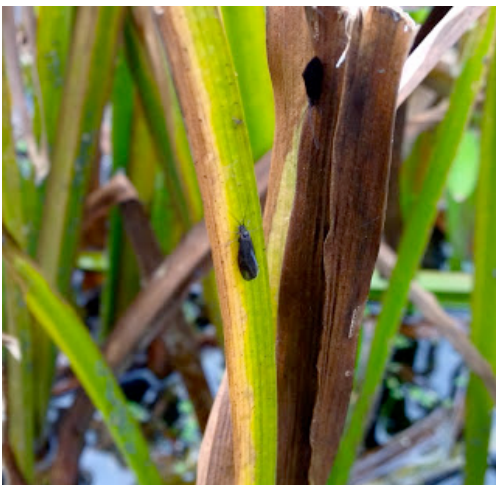
Larry Wegmann



November: Catch and release at State Parks



Nov 11 2013 (Monday): I took the opportunity to fish the first weekend of catch and release season at Bennett Springfield State Park. The day was overcast with a light breeze blowing down-stream. There were a number of fishermen with the area above the dam which was accessible. I had this area to myself most of the day, except for the two individuals that walked down stream and walked right into the water I was fishing. My fly was within two feet of them as they passed by. The BWO hatch was few and far with the trout responding slowly to most presentations. I did see a number of black caddis on the aquatic plants; which was early for these insects from my observations.





Nov 18 2013 (Monday): Jenn and I had an opportunity to fish together on this day. It was Ann's birthday and one would think I should stay home to be with Ann, but she was worn out from a weekend of surprises. So, it was not a problem to go fishing. The day was sunny with the air temperatures in the mid-fifties. The wind was blowing upstream with enough movement to keep the surface opaque, thus some cover for the trout. Again, the number of BWO mayflies was low throughout the afternoon. But, the trout were more willing to take a fry fly presentation this day. The aquatic plants along the slough with a large number of black caddis from last week must have been frozen out and no longer standing. There were a few open pockets in the slough, but I saw no activity from the trout. Jenn did catching trout with a dry fly with the both of us taking a total of thirty plus trout. Near the end of the day to fish (4 PM), the white midge swarms could be seen the trout going for the midge larvae. There were deer on the opposite bank with several more sightings on the way back to Springfield. Had a chance to see Mike Mitchell, he said things were going well and the eagles have been spending most of their time on the Niangua River. Overall, it was a good day to fish, mild temperature, very few fishermen, trout will to take a fly and fishing with my daughter.



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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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