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Mike Mitchell – Bennett Spring Hatchery Supervisor

November Guest Speaker

Mike Mitchell will be our November guest speaker. Mike is the Bennett Springfield Hatchery supervisor. Mike has been with the MDC for a number of years. He worked at the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery in Branson for several years; eleven years ago became the manager of the Bennett Spring Hatchery facility. Mike will discuss the hatchery operation and update us on the progress of the trout. He will provide us with timely information to the upcoming winter catch and release season. It is my opinion that the fishing will be outstanding this winter, with the operation of the new hatchery in full throttle. The number of trout and size should be outstanding. See you Thursday evening.... Kim

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Club Business

Calendar for 2014

November 6	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM Speaker: Mike Mitchell
December 4	Christmas Party and election of 2015 officers

The annual Christmas party and meeting will be at the Heritage cafeteria December 4, 2014. The officers for 2015 will be nominated at the November meeting and the election will take place during the December meeting. After the November meeting and with the nomination committee selection, it will be published in the December newsletter prior to the vote. The members present at the December meeting will vote for 2015 Officers.

Who caught the big trout this year? Have you caught in a big trout this year? Did you give the length or weight of that trout to Lezley? There are two trophies that go the largest trout. One trophy goes to a caught in a state park and the other trophy goes to the largest trout caught in public waters caught out side of the parks (Blue/Red/White ribbon streams, Taneycomo and Bull Shoals Lake). If you have seen the trophies, you will see some impressive trout caught over the years. All trout for consideration for 2014 must be submitted by the November meeting.

October 31, 2014 will be the end of the regular trout season at Missouri State Parks. In addition to the regular season, there is a winter catch-and-release season beginning November 14, 2014 and ending on February 9, 2015. During the winter season Bennett Spring, Montauk, and Roaring River are open for trout fishing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays only. Maramec Spring Park is open seven days a week during the winter season. Remember, these trout need to be released immediately and a barbless hook enables you to get the hook out quickly without tearing the mouth.

The best part of winter fishing is the number of people in the water. On cold days with snow blowing and a north wind, you may find the entire stretch of water open without anyone else in view. The hatches of Pale Morning duns, Blue-wing Olives and caddis can be prolific through December. The hatchery trout recognize these insects as food and willing to take a dry fly. I find winter to be the best season to fish Missouri State Parks. I usually fish a state park spring creek once a week through the winter season with Fridays the best day to catch fish. If you have any questions or would like to share a ride to a state park this winter, give me a call or shoot an email. Kim Schultz email: kim_schultz@sbcglobal.net

Kim,

It was great talking with you. What do you think of maybe doing a fun Springfield/KC tournament? Maybe a one-fly tournament or something during the catch and release season. Talk with your club and see if they have any ideas or if they would be at all interested.

Gary Davisson MTFA KC Chapter

News about the Chili Feed From Dennis Stead:

We had a good turnout at the chili feed, and believe we ate everything. A number of people were fly-fishing but the only report I have is the ones Harry Morgan and I caught – 5 trout. Harry had a nice one 20" or more – picture attached.

That is all I have

Dennis Stead





FLY TYING VIDEO GUIDE

Issue: 10/17/2014 Total video guide references: 1255

Provided by Dennis Stead

Have you ever searched YouTube for a fly tying video? If the answer is yes, then you know that YouTube has more fly tying videos on just about every pattern you have heard of. Some of the video is excellent, in the detail and the description from the tiers. Others are OK and then some are just terrible.

After a detail search for your fly pattern, you may have watched a number of videos on the same fly. Your web search is over and you know that YouTube has your pattern when you are ready to tie. Now comes the time to tie that fly, and you go to YouTube but have to start the search all over taking valuable time from tying. You might not even find the fly tier's video you like from your last search. If only you had written down the YouTube web address. You might have written the web address down, but cannot find where you left your notes.

That has happen to me over and over again. So I decided to create a database with key information on YouTube fly tying videos. When I want to tie a certain pattern, I could review my database, find the pattern, click on the web address and then start watching the video. As you will see in the following pages, the information I started to collect would grow and grow and grow. At first I only want one of the best video of each pattern. I soon realized that there are many great tiers with the same or different approach on that fly tying pattern. Then there were patterns with only one video and maybe not the quality I wanted but just needed to know that there was a video pattern available for review.

My database got started by collecting: Fly Video Name, Video Producer, Main Fly Type, Sub Fly Type, and Web Address. After over 1,000 fly video names were in my database, I ran a report and just felt like something was missing. I started to use my information to tie flies and soon realized that I did not have a picture of the fly to be tied and the web address. These were the missing pieces to my database. So, you guessed it, I had to go back to the beginning; look up the video, pause it when I get a good image of the fly, Do screen captures. Clean up the screen captures using another software program and then find some way to get that picture of the fly into my database. Hundred and hundred hours later the following is the finished data base report. Just a note, some fly tying videos might have been removed when you try the web address, and if I that, I will have noted it in the database. If I want a fly tying pattern that I cannot find on YouTube, I find it on the web and you will see the file marked PDF.

Finished, Oh no, this is just the beginning. For who knows how many fly tying videos are on YouTube? In addition to those already posted, more and more are being added each day. Wish me luck but enjoy what is already finished. This YouTube Fly Tying Video Guide is as of 10/17/2014 with 1,255 videos references. When I add new videos and generate a new YouTube Fly Tying Video Guide, you can check this date against the last guide you received to see if you have the latest. If you like the Guide, tie and give me few flies. Thanks.

PS – When you find the fly you want to tie, move your cursor (arrow) over the web address and the arrow will change to a hand. With the hand on the web address, click your mouse and you are off to the Internet and can watch how to tie that fly.

Gear Review: The “Ketchum Release” Tool



The “Ketchum Release” tool is designed to allow an angler to release a fish without touching it. The working end of the tool is a slotted tube.

The angler catches his leader in the slotted tube and slides the tool down the leader and tippet to the fly. The fly is popped out the fish’s mouth with a flick of the wrist (the “flick” takes a little practice).

There are two positive benefits of using this tool. There is no handling of the fish; the fish does not even leave the water, damage to the fly is greatly reduced and there is no grabbing and mangling of the fly by forceps.

The “Ketchum Release” tool works best when wading in water that is at least knee deep. It is a long way to bend over to release a fish when the water is only ankle deep.

The “Ketchum Release” is made of some sort of high tech plastic. It is rust proof and pretty much unbreakable. But it does not float. It is best secured to the angler’s person with a zinger or a lanyard. The tool comes in several sizes. The smallest is all you need for the waters here in Missouri and Northern Arkansas. It is available at local fly shops or on line. It costs approximately \$20.00.

Check it out. Gary Davisson MTFA Kansas City Chapter

Missouri Catch and Release season information

Here is a video link to the winter catch-and-release fishing season at Missouri's four trout parks is a good time to learn how to catch trout on a fly.

<http://mdc.mo.gov/media/video/winter-catch-and-release-trout-season>

Winter Catch-and-Release Season

Winter Catch & Release Trout Fishing Hours

8:00 AM. 4:00 P.M. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, & Monday Only

The winter catch and release season is from the second Friday in November until the second Monday in February, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday Only.

- Winter catch-and-release season is from the second Friday in November to the second Monday in February, on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday only.
- All anglers must possess a valid Missouri Fishing Permit and Trout Permit during the winter catch and release season.
- Only Flies are permitted during the winter catch and release season.
- A fly is defined as an artificial lure constructed on a single point hook, using any material except soft plastic bait and natural and scented bait, which is tied, glued or otherwise permanently attached.
- No fish may be possessed in the winter catch and release area.

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