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We will meet at the Nature Center on July 2nd. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Hello everyone,

I wanted to let you know the speaker for the July meeting is Jim Rogers from Bennett Spring State Park.

Jim owns and directs Jim Rogers' School of Fly Fishing. He has been fly fishing for over 50 years and has been teaching since 1975. He holds a Masters Certification in fly fishing instruction from the Federation of Fly Fishers. He has won contests in both distance and accuracy. I met Jim at the recent Trout Fest at Bennett Spring and listened to his presentation on the secrets of trout fishing at Bennett Spring. He will include that information along with tips and strategies for fishing in the other state parks in Missouri. I'm sure he'll have lots of excellent information to share with all of us.

Have a good weekend!

Erica Weingarten

**Jim Rogers' School
of
Fly Fishing**

**Bennett Spring State Park
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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar for July 2015

July 2

Monthly meeting 6-9 PM

Carry Over News From June

MTFA Derby

The annual MTFA derby went well with forty members from all three chapters attending the annual meeting, participating in the fishing derby and winning raffles prizes. There was an Ascend Kayak was this years the top prize and it was won by a St. Louis chapter member. Lezley Chastain purchased prizes and planning for this year's event. She provided a feast of green beans, grilled corn on the cob, baked beans, coleslaw, and cheese/garlic biscuits for all attending the MTFA events. Our guest speaker was Regina Knauer and she spoke of the programs offered by the MDC for the people of Missouri. The host club will be the Kansas City chapter next year.

Remembering Chris Bridwell

Chris Bridwell, a long time member of the MTFA Springfield Chapter passed away May 3, 2015. Chris was 95 y/o and an active member of the MTFA. A lifelong resident of Springfield, Chris was born to C.C. and Flo Savannah Bridwell, the eldest of four children. Chris was an avid fly fisherman and an expert marksman. He graduated from Willard High School and became a machinist apprentice before joining the Army during World War II. While stationed in Puerto Rico as a Master Sergeant, he met his wife of 71 years, Maria. After serving four years in the service, Chris and Maria returned to Springfield to raise a family. In 1957 he joined O'Reilly Automotive as one of the founding partners. He was most proud of his contribution to the success of the company where he spent the rest of his career until retiring in 1985. After his retirement, Chris was active in the MTFA Springfield Chapter where he volunteered many hours teaching the next generation the sport about which he was so passionate. He also enjoyed many fishing and hunting trips with his brother Paul and friend Jerry Mackey. Chris and Maria enjoyed traveling and spending many holidays with their children and grandchildren around the country. Chris will always be remembered for his integrity, kindness, and love of the outdoors.

Discover Nature Women

Warren Wilkerson, Joe Davis and Kim Schultz helped with Discover Nature Women at Windermere Resort on the Lake of the Ozarks on May 29 – 31, 2015. We provided instruction for the construction of a wooly bugger, a DVD presentation (Bugs of the Underwater) and hours of hands on fly tying. There were four classes lasting four hours each with 12-14 participates in each class. In the evening we walk to the marina and wade/walk the lake's edge to fly fish until dark. Our club has been involved with this event for past eight years. They keep asking us back and we enjoy teaching and helping with the Discover Nature Women program.

We had a very good turnout for our summer fish fry. There were a lot of members and guests there and at least one new member (who by the way jumped in and started helping the cooks). There was also plenty of good food to complement the fish, potatoes and onions. Dennis Stead brought a large supply of library books for sale and it looked like he was pretty busy collecting money. That is a big chore but hopefully we will find good homes for the library books.

The biggest surprise for me was the weather. It was hot (91 degrees) but we had a wonderful wind and the shade really made things pretty comfortable. Lezley and the cooks (too many to name) are to be congratulated for a job well done.

Regards,
Bill Huyett



2015 International Federation of Fly Fishers Fair Information

Dear IFFF Member,

We are sending you this email for your information and just in case your latest edition of the Flyfisher magazine containing the Fair Registration Guide has not reached you yet. **Fair registration will open June 8th at 9 am MST.**

Before you register for the Fair you will need your membership number, or you can join when you register. If you cannot find your membership number, **please call our office prior to June 8th.** If you are not a member you can still register, however only members get discounted pricing on workshops.

We are open 8 am to 5 pm MDT. We will be inundated with phone calls the morning of June 8th and some workshops fill up quickly, so we strongly encourage you to call us prior to registration opening.

In order to give you a few extra days to peruse the available workshops, here is the [Fair Registration Guide](#). To see new workshops, please go to the [registration page](#), listed under Fly Fishing Fair on our web-page. Even if you are not taking workshops you must still register for the Fair to get name badge (for entrance to the Fair), a registration packet, and to purchase meal tickets. Meal tickets are limited for each meal, if you do not purchase your ticket early, you may miss out!

To register go to the [Fair main page on our website](#) and there will be a "Register Now" button for you to click to get started. Have your member number ready and we advise that it may help for you to fill it out the registration pages and have them beside you when you start. Don't forget to have your credit card too.

Don't forget a fishing license! If you're planning to take on-the-water workshops or just do some recreational fishing while in Bend, you will need an Oregon fishing license; which you can buy online and print before you even leave your house! The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website is where you can purchase licenses. This link ([click here](#)) will take you to an information page and the "Buy Now" button on the right is where you go to purchase.

Our host hotel this year is the [Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center](#). Rooms are filling up fast, make your reservations now!

We hope this information has been helpful to you and we hope to see you in Bend this August. Feel free to call our office if you have any questions.

Thanks,
IFFF Staff

Thanks in advance for your help in getting the word out!

Sincerely,
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From: Jackie Scott <jackielorscott@gmail.com>

Subject: High School Fishing

Date: June 4, 2015 at 15:27:15 CDT

To: mtfa_springfield@yahoo.com

Charles Jackson gave me your email address. We are having fundraiser for High School Fishing, Saturday Aug. 15th at OOVVDA Winery just outside Springfield. They are trying to get fishing in as a curriculum sport in all the high schools in Missouri. While, I realize this is not trout fishing....if we get the kids fishing many will probably pick up trout fishing. Positive things have been happening in the schools that have fishing teams. Team member's grades are going up, behavior problems have disappeared and self esteem is on the rise. All proceeds from the event will be used to promote high school fishing as a sport and to help defray expenses of the tournaments.

I would greatly appreciate you getting the word out to all your members. We are also looking for five member teams to enter our fishing fry cook off. Each team will prepare whatever type of fish they choose (not propane will need to be used....limited to electric.) Each team will need to prepare enough fish for sampling.....(one bite size) for the people's choice award. Winning team will receive the trophy and bragging right for 2015.

Sincerely,

Jackie Scott, Acts Media Group "The Voice of the Non-profits"

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PS: Charles introduced us to Russell Doughty who is part of Healing Waters and is member of your organization as well.



Fishing the Connection Sport
A Benefit For High School Fishing

Featuring the Great American Fish Fry Competition



Saturday Aug. 15th 6 pm-11pm
OOVVDA Winery, 5448 N. Berry Lane, Spfld. MO

Advanced Tickets \$10 & \$20
Fish Fry Competition Teams \$30 (includes 5 tickets)
816-457-0955

Featuring Live Entertainment:
Former Middle Weigh Boxing Champion
Johnny Pinney &
Edward & Karen Underwood



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By
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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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Editor's Notes: Check out the MDC website to learn about how to/or how not to interact with bears. No room for the article in this months edition.

Also check out the MTFA Library book sale. Now is the time to stock up on all that learning that's available. Check with Dennis or Harry for details.

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer.

As ever, Eve

