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We will meet at the Nature Center on June 4th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Our speaker for the June meeting will be Mike Mitchell, Hatchery Manager from the Bennett Springs Hatchery. He has agreed to come and speak about the current events happening at the hatchery. He spoke to us last year so it's time for an update on this popular location.



Bennett Spring State Park

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar for February 2015

June 4	Monthly Meeting 6-9 PM
June 20	Annual Fish Fry
July 2	Monthly Meeting 6-9 PM

Conservation Legislative Update

By Bob Randall, MTFA-Springfield Chapter 5/24/2015

The good news is that the state legislature has adjourned for the year without passing into law any of the anti-conservation bills we have been discussing. We can breathe easy until they reconvene next January. My understanding is that the bills can be reintroduced if the offending legislators desire and some of these people seem adamant to change the way conservation is handled in Missouri. I contacted my state representative (since my senator won't communicate with me) again and he told me that Senator Munzlinger and Representative Houghton are uncle and nephew so that provides the link between some of the matching bills in the Senate and House. Munzlinger is the North Missouri politician who is angry with the MDC because they won't introduce pheasants to his area. He also seems to be upset about the MDC's plans to control chronic wasting disease in deer herds both wild populations and in North Missouri deer farms. He thinks it's an overstep and his deer farm constituents don't like the proposed regulations. Some legislators have accused the department of being "arrogant and ... not transparent".

I spoke with a representative of the MDC at the MTFA derby held at Bennett Spring SP. She told me that the MDC can't say much publicly against these disagreeable legislators but that the Conservation Federation of Missouri has stepped up to carry much of that water for them. Munzlinger recently met with the CFM and apparently it was a good meeting. We'll see if it softens his attitude any. You can contact the Conservation Federation of Missouri and sign up for their legislative updates at

<https://account.votility.com/enterprise/CFM/index.php>

Here's a very good article that was in the Columbia Missourian newspaper. It gives some good in-site into what has gotten the bee in a lot of legislators' back sides. http://www.columbiamissourian.com/news/state_news/how-the-conservation-department-found-its-way/article_2eae8222-fd95-11e4-8607-fbe1ef6fadc4.html

We will need to stay on top of this. YOU will need to send emails or make phone calls to your legislators to see how they stand on these issues when the bills are resubmitted. While the CMF will have "canned" emails that you can forward, the legislators will simply count the negative emails and compare that against positive emails. That's OK, but I think it's better to be specific about particular bills. I asked my representative how he felt about a HB955 after it was amended. He answered that question and told me how he voted in the committee. I was impressed. You can believe he will understand that I am not only watching news clips, but reading the bills and their amendments, and I am watching him. He knows I'm not one of those voters who will forget the controversy at the next election. Although, my first email to him was a little gruff and unpleasant, talking as though he was the enemy, I have softened my stance to be more congenial. I even made a suggestion of a bill for him to introduce and promised to appear at a public meeting to support it. He politely declined my offer but I believe my outreach has more weight than just a number. You can bet that I'll resort to phone calls to my Senator next year to find out why he doesn't acknowledge my emails.

John Dozier's Fishing Report

Keith Coffey and I took our kayaks to Little Sac River on Tuesday 5/12 and got into some white bass. We a great time and it was a lot of fun. Keith had caught and landed 30 plus and I hook 12 and landed 9. All in all was a great day on the river.

The Springfield Newsleader has an interesting article on water gauge maps produced statewide. Below find a few quotes and links to get the information that will help keep you safe and fishing. You will find the entire article @ <http://sgfnw.co/1Hnfxwt>

"With significant chances of rain in the forecast this Memorial Day weekend, will your river be too high to float?

Thanks to a statewide [network of river gauges](#), there's a good way to know whether your favorite creek or river is a wimpy waterway or raging torrent.

"We do have river gauges that look at what current conditions are compared to historical data," said Shane Barks, deputy director of the Missouri Water Science Center in Rolla. "And we produce a map of the state showing all our stream gauges that are color coded to show what a river is doing compared to its normal flow." Learn more using this link also.

The Missouri Water Science Center in Rolla offers a lot of information about river gauges and water flow conditions. Learn more at <http://mo.water.usgs.gov/>.

This information was taken from an email from Kim Schultz.

MTFA State 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 organized 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 next year will be the Kansas City chapter.

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 Savanah 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 12-15 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.

Russ Doughty's Harvester Midge



Materials:

Hook: Tiemco 2499spbl size 14

Thread: Rusty Brown

Body: Rusty Brown Thread

Bead: Black Tungsten or gunmetal 3/32 for overcast days, and Copper for sunny days.

Ribbing: x-small Black wire

The material list is from Russ. The hook is 2x short, which means it has the shank of an 18, and he ties it just a little shorter than the one above. This is the midge that Russ was using when he caught over 100 trout at Taneycomo. Notice, he uses the black bead for overcast days and the copper bead for sunny days.

This will be added to my Fly Tying Guide's next release when it will have 3,000 files. But thought you would like the recipe so you can start tying now. It would be nice to have club member's favorite recipes on our MTFA web site. This could be the first one.

From Dennis Stead – MTFA Librarian

MTFA Meeting Minutes for May 7th, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Dozier

Old Business: MSU college students did well and seemed to enjoy themselves. There were 20 students in the class.

Fishing Reports: Russ caught 70 trout at Harvester Ridge. He said that midges worked well.

New Member: Charles Jackson introduced himself as a new member. He moved here in 2001 from Shreveport, Louisiana.

Treasury Report: Treasurer was absent, details of the report will be given at the next meeting.

Beginning Balance: \$9,203.67 Ending Balance: \$74.50

Current MTFA Membership: 81 Total memberships. 46 Family memberships and 35 Individual memberships.

Larry Wegman has been a patient at Cox South Hospital. He is scheduled to be discharged on Friday, May 08, 2015.

Library News: Dennis Stead stated that the library has to be moved from Plateau due to store space constraints. The library includes VHS tapes, DVDs and approximately 300 books. Also at the library, a storage cabinet and a book rack. Russ said that he is able to store the DVDs but not the books or VHS tapes. A suggestion was made to sell the books and VHS tapes to the club members. Dennis said he will formulate a plan for the disposition of the aforementioned items and give a report at the next meeting.

Equipment and Supplies: Two boxes are out. A suggestion was made that left-handed equipment is needed for left-handed people. (I am uncertain who will follow through with that idea.)

Fishing Derby: To be held at Bennett Springs May 16th and 17th (See details in May Newsletter.)

Fish Fry: To be held June 20th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Living Memorial Park. Four cooks are needed to fry the fish. (See details in May Newsletter.)

Project Healing Waters: Russ said the project is going well. New member Charles Jackson said his company will give a matching donation of \$1,000 to the Healing Waters Project. Several ideas were given to raise funds for this project. These include raffles, a fishing derby, and silent auctions.

Guest Speaker: James Dillard from Searcy, Arkansas gave a presentation about fishing for brown trout and rainbow trout on the Little Red River in Arkansas. He is a professional fishing guide and the name of his business is Tailwater Fishing Guide Service. Phone number (501) 201-1770. Web address: www.tailwaterfishing.com

New Business: A reminder was given to read our monthly newsletter and become politically active and involved regarding the issues and bills that are being put forth by our politicians. Kim Schultz said he has information on how to contact our state representatives and senators.

A suggestion was given that we need more photos for our website and Facebook page as well as frequent updating to better promote MTFA to the public.

Jerry said there will be another fly-tying education course for youth. This will be an evening course to be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church VBS program the end of may and 1st week of June. Volunteers are needed. Contact Jerry for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Erica Weingarten
Program Chair

2015 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

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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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