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

Phil Lilley will be our June guest speaker. Phil has been with us before with a program back in February 2013 about Taneycomo. He will return this month and this will be a benefit to new members. He will discuss the changes to the lake from December 2015 flood and high water. Phil was born in Kansas; in 1983 he bought a resort on Lake Taneycomo. Phil is married to Marsha and they have four children with grandchildren. Phil loves to fish and enjoys teaching people the secrets and joy of fishing. Phil began a blog of fishing reports and continues to oversee the fishing Blog:

OzarkAnglers.com.

If you have questions about Taneycomo, and fishing in the area, Phil will be here to answer and discuss fishing in the Ozarks.

Kim Schultz



Phil Lilley

**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar for June 2016**

June 2	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
June 4	James River float and small mouth bass fishing
June 11	Annual Fish Fry, 6 PM
June 11	CFM Trout Fest at Bennett Spring
June 11	Missouri Free Fishing Day
June 12	Missouri Free Fishing Day
July 7	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM

Club Notes from Bob Randall:

On May 14 and 15 the MTFA held its statewide derby at Bennett Spring State Park. The Springfield club was represented by at least 21 or so members. I think it was a good time. Some of us camped out in the campground. It was fun but the second night was just down right cold. I know one family in our group stayed in one of the park cabins and some of us commuted from home. At least they must have been warm. For some of us, the weekend is a chance to fish, stay in the park, relax, meet other club members from SL and KC, fish, and maybe participate in the derby. It's probably a little different for everybody. I don't even think of it as "the derby". I think of it as a club social event. To me the derby is simply a fund raising event held that weekend.

On Saturday night some of us sat around the campfire and listened to two experts talk about casting with a fly rod. One commented about how a lot of fly fishers use a flip of the rod to get the fly out there instead of a proper roll cast. Those flips expose the fly line to wind interference, inaccuracy, and hard splashes into the water.

Me and the derby: The horn hadn't sounded yet as I drove to the Bennett Spring stream for fishing in the derby. I know that the MDC fisheries personnel stock the stream ONLY in places where they can back their fish stocking truck down to the water. By the way, that's where the tagged fish will be for the derby. But I was drawn to the water where you have a steep, rocky trail down to the stream. I find that spot to be more serene and less crowded. I made it to the water's edge and waited for the horn. I had everything all rigged up. I looked downstream, then upstream. There was a mist on the water, everything was calm, no one else was in sight. Right then, I knew I wasn't likely to catch a tagged fish for the derby. It didn't matter. I had mist, rising trout, and the whole section of stream to myself.

The June fishing excursion will be a James River float trip by canoe or kayak from the H.L. Kerr access to the Ralph Cox Memorial Access on Saturday, June 4. It's just shy of 5 miles. I have two canoes and a fishing kayak. Although, we can fish from the canoes, it's a lot better to pull ashore, wade out, and fish from that position. I don't think we'll need waders as it's the James River in June, not a trout stream in January. If you want to attend, please contact me so that I can coordinate canoes, PFD's, etc. If you want to bring your own canoe or kayak, great. Bring fishing gear, munchies/lunch, sun screen, water, etc. Call for directions. Bob Randall 417-224-1104

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MTFA-Branson? Howard Hawkins is generating interest in the creation of a new trout-fishing club in Branson. The hope is that it can someday be MTFA-Branson. However, it isn't an easy task as the by-laws were written to require any new club to exist for one year before petitioning for Provisional MTFA Chapter status. The "Springfield Trout Club" did just that as an unaffiliated club back in the 1970's. The purpose of the one-year requirement was to provide some assurance to the MTFA-State Council that the new chapter would be successful and to eliminate any financial loss that could result from a failed chapter. The by-laws don't provide for any assistance to the new club from the MTFA during that first year. It may be time for some creative changes. I will keep you updated.

Legislative update: Good news! The 2016 legislative session is over.

Bills that would challenge Conservation Authority, Agricultural Deer Regulatory Authority, Land Access, Wildlife Issues, and Permit Sales all failed.

Fortunately: SJR 19 stalled in the House of Representatives. That bill was originally designed as a constitutional amendment to change the composition of the MDC Commission and would probably have imposed some politics back into the MDC. It was diluted by amendments but still didn't pass. Good. Nothing broken, no fix required.

Unfortunately: A good bill failed. HB 1971 would have imposed civil penalties for poaching certain animals. It would have created a \$750 fine for a wild turkey, \$1,500 fine for a whitetail deer and \$3,500 for each elk or black bear poached. This would have been a good bill and was supported by the Conservation Federation of Missouri.

SCR 62 failed. It would have urged the federal government to return certain lands to western states where such lands are located. The CFM Legislative Action Center comments that, "Supporters of this movement to transfer federal lands to states, like the radicals who occupied the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, claim to believe states would do a better job of managing these lands than the federal government. The truth is these supporters know the states cannot afford to take on the responsibility and financial burden of managing these lands, so the states would have to sell them. Special interest groups and the ultra-rich would gain, while you, I and every other American who relies on access to public land for outdoor recreation would lose."

From Kim Schultz:

FISH FRY

When: Saturday June 11, 2016 **Where:** Living Memorial Park **Time:** 6 pm

The club will furnish the fish and potatoes and tableware. If you are coming, please bring one of the following: salad, vegetable dish, fruit dish or dessert. This is a time to socialize, eat good food and just relax and get to know others in the club. Bring a lawn chair and plan to spend the evening. There will be a few items from the storage shed on hand to raffle with money collect going back to the educational fund.

MTFA 2016 Derby by Dave Cook

There were 179 people registered for the derby. The raffle brought in \$737.

We had prizes donated by Larry's Sporting goods, Fort Bennett, Weaver's and Jim Rogers. We had discounts (donation) for the merchandise we bought at Readings Fly Shop.

We had 17 tags turned in for 16 people. Vic Smedley caught 2 fish with tags and Diana James caught a tagged fish. I don't know the count of tags from the other chapters.

The Saturday night dinner and meeting had about 45 members in attendance and about the same number for the raffle on Sunday. Ben Havens was our guest speaker.

At the state meeting Saturday night, Springfield chapter proposed a by-laws revision to the new chapter rules. They are encouraging a new chapter that wants to form in Branson. No motions were made, just discussion. The new state president, Chris Gann said that he would schedule a state meeting at the first weekend in December at Montauk at the St. Louis Chapter annual meeting there. If a meeting were needed before that in order to facilitate the forming of a new chapter at Branson, he would call a sooner meeting.

Kansas City Chapter did an outstanding job with the derby and looking forward to next year.

MSU Class Survey

From Ralph Eicholz

At the end of each class, I ask the students to complete a short, informal survey. It's sometimes hard to read their writing and many just answer with a yes or no. Here are a few of the comments.

Did you enjoy the class? Nobody said no.

"Yes. I enjoyed it very much"

"I enjoyed the class very much. The skills I learned will help me in the future"

"Yes I did. I thought the instructors were very helpful and generally excited to see us succeeded" (I believe this person meant successful)

"Yes!!! Everyone was so helpful and I loved having a personal helper."

What was the best thing about the class?

A couple said tying flies, a few said fishing, another said fishing and tying knots.

"Being able to learn something from people who love what they do, and catching my first fish ever!!"

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Is there something we could have done better? What or How?

A couple said no, and a couple said make the class shorter (Not three hours long).

“Maybe have more field trips to Mountain Springs for more practice.”

“I would have liked to have learned more about what flies to use during what times of the year, and the best color combinations”

“Maybe teach a little more about when & how to fish w/each fly. A handout would be awesome!”

Do you expect to use what you learned in the class in the future?

Fishing? Tying?

All said fishing, most also said tying.

Any additional comments are appreciated. Hopefully, we’ll see you on a stream somewhere. Tight lines.

“Nope, ya’ll Great”

“Loved the class!”

“I feel very grateful and pleasant to have this class, meeting these great teachers who are very patient to us. It is a very useful class that teaches me a lot. It makes me unforgettable, especially having the first fish catching up.”

“You guys are absolutely amazing people and you do a fantastic job teaching and keeping interest in it. Never lose your passion!!”

One student who did not fill in the form told me after the trip to Roaring River State Park that he would have liked to be given a recipe card with a picture of the fly on it.

I think we should feel good about the comments we received. Dennis had given the class cards like the last comment described. This is a good idea and perhaps we could do this. Maybe a couple of us could do a couple of patterns each and then the person who demos the fly will also have a recipe to follow and we can better organize our materials. Something for us to think about. Also, perhaps we could add comments about color choices and when and how to fish a fly when we do a demo of it.

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