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We will meet at the Nature Center on May 5th. There will be fly tying at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

On the membership application, there are a few questions with one of them asking what is your interest and what do you want from the club. Twenty-two members responded and here are some of their suggested topics for programs; 30% responded asked for more fly tying, 20% wanted to know more about fishing destinations, 15% wanted to know more about trout, white bass and other species, with the rest were looking for fishing techniques, library, education and conservation.

I discussed this with our president. Bob and I thought it would be interesting to have a panel of three fly tying experts sit in front of the members and willing to answer questions about tying flies and how to tie them. Questions about dubbing techniques, natural or synthetic materials, to use glue on a fly are just some example questions you may have. Are you looking for a new vise? Here is an opportunity to get some input on different vises. What tools or equipment is essential for tying flies? This will not be a fly tying demonstration with a specific fly in mind but an open forum for members to get ideas, information and answers to specific questions.

Bob has asked and Larry Wegmann, John Dozier and Patti Hayes to be the fly tying experts for this panel and we want to thank them in advance for their willingness to share their expertise. This will be a fun forum and hopefully you will come looking for good information for better fly tying.

Kim Schultz

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

May 5	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
May TBA	MTFA Annual Summer Event at Bennett Spring State Park For Planning your calendar
June 2	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
June 11	Annual Fish Fry

Club Notes from Bob Randall:

The MTFA State Council (all three chapters, SL, KC, Spgfld) will have its annual summer event at Bennett Spring State Park on May 14 and 15. In the past we have referred to it as "the Derby". Let's stop thinking about it as such and instead think of it as a fun weekend during which we fish, have some good food, win some prizes, and meet new friends from the other chapters. Yes, you can even enter a derby but it is not required. Some of us will stay the entire weekend by camping or lodging. Others will make the drive both ways during the day. If you only want to come up to fish and picnic, that's OK. You can pre-register for the derby at our May meeting by bringing a \$5 check. Schedule for the event as follows:

Friday, May 13, 2016 - Registration will be at the park store from 7:15 PM (Friday) May 13, 2016 until the store closes.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Registration will continue Saturday morning May 14, 2016 when the store opens at 5:30am until 7:00am. Trout Derby Starts at Siren.

Memorial Service: 11:00 AM at the Memorial Stone.

Dinner is Saturday at 6 pm at the Whistle Bridge Shelter House. We will have a brief meeting following dinner to formally elect and install the new MTFA State officers and a program from a representative from the Bennett Springs Hatchery.

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Tagged trout prizes will be awarded starting at 12:15 PM at Whistle Bridge Shelter House. The MTFA Raffle of all remaining Derby prizes will follow the awarding of the Tagged Trout Prizes. Only MTFA members may participate in the raffle.

**Editor's Note:
See Derby Rules on page.**

Legislative Update:

SJR19: Constitutional amendment modifies composition of MDC Commission from 4 to 6. Changes service. Here are the most important of the legislative items.

-CFM is against it.

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- This is unnecessary legislation.
- May be designed to undermine the mindset of MDC being a constitutional constant.
- Has passed the Senate and is in House. Needs governor's signature if passes, then public vote.
- Latest Action: 2/8/16 House read second time.
- Stuck in House.

None of the conservation related bills will pass. Legislative session concludes at the end of the first week in May. Hooray!!!

A Thought:

"All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish."
~Harold F. Blaisdell, *The Philosophical Fisherman*, 1969

From Kim Schultz:

Memorial service:

The MTFA annual derby will be May 14-15, 2016. In addition to the derby and annual meeting, we will remember members who have passed away. Mike Rissell will provide the service Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 11 AM in front of the MTFA Memorial Stone to honor members passing away in 2015. These are the names of members whose name will be place on a plaque secured to the stone; Springfield Chapter, Chris Bridwell, Robbie Oneal, Harry Ragsdale, and Joe Simecek; From the St. Louis Chapter Tom Green and Hugh Rose. The stone is near the new hatchery building and has been there since the 1940's.

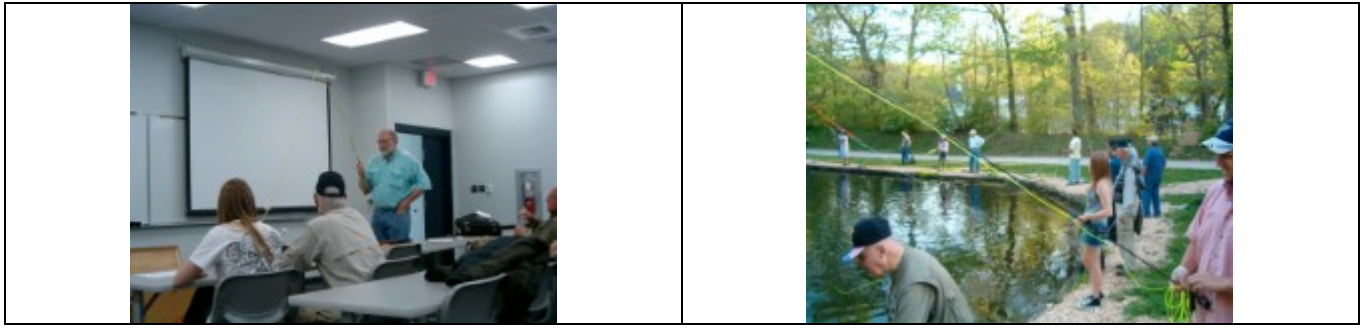
Spring MSU Classes

With only the trip to Roaring River State Park left, I can report that we had another successful class. There are 14 students taking the class and a couple of our members were also in the class to learn or improve their skills.

A couple of small changes were made in the flies we tied. We replaced the renegade and popper with a Griffith's gnat and soft hackle. We had many more of our members demonstrating the ties this term. And Bob did the knot tying that John usually did. Due to very windy conditions we postponed our casting contest until Mountain Spring, which I believe worked very well. Might consider doing that in the future.

The trip to Mountain Spring was really enjoyed by the students. We finally told them they had to come get a hot dog and quit fishing. A couple went and fished more after they ate until we drug them off the water. Lots of fish were caught, a couple of which were probably 5 pounds or more.
Ralph Eicholz

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Derby Rules May 14th and 15th, 2016 Bennett Spring State Park

Official Derby Rules

- 1) The Derby is open to all legal fishermen. All state and Bennett Spring Park rules must be followed. Derby begins on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 6:30am and ends Sunday May 15, 2016 at noon.
- 2) Registration will be at the park store from 7:15pm, Friday, May 13, 2016 until store closes. Registration will continue Saturday morning May 14, 2016 when store opens at 5:30 am until 7:00 am.
- 3) Tagged trout will be stocked Friday and Saturday evenings during the regular stream stocking in zones 1,2 and 3.
- 4) 4) MTFA is asking for a \$5.00 minimum donation to participate in the derby. You must have a valid daily tag to be stamped at the registration table and present it when registering tagged fish.
- 5) Tagged fish should be registered at these places and times.

Saturday May 14, 2016 from 12 noon to 1 pm., 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at **Shelter House B**, across the Whistle Bridge, and Sunday May 15, 2016 from 10:30 am to 12 noon at **Shelter House B**, across the Whistle Bridge.

- a) Tag must be attached to trout.
- b) Trout must be registered by the person who caught it.

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6) **Derby ends promptly at 12:00 Noon.** Prizes will be awarded Sunday, May 15 as soon as possible after 12:00pm. **Prizes will be awarded at Shelter House B, across the Whistle Bridge.**

- a) Prizes order. (All tag numbers will be placed in a bucket and first number/name drawn will be first to choose their prize and etc.
- b) Tag winners must be present when the number is called.
A designated person may choose prize if entrant cannot be present.
If winner or designated person is not present when tag number is called, the prize will be forfeited.
- c) **ONLY ONE PRIZE PER PERSON** will be awarded for one or more tagged trout registered by the same fisherman. You can check in more than one tagged trout to better your chances, but only one tagged trout prize per fisherman.
- d) All prizes not awarded for tagged trout will be awarded during the raffle. **RAFFLE IS FOR CLUB MEMBERS ONLY.** Multiple prizes per person can be awarded during the raffle.

7) In case of dispute, the decision of the Derby Chairman will be final.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

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The Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers invite you to the Annual Banquet and Auction and a Celebration of the Life of Harvey Ragsdale



WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 2016
5:30 p.m.—Cash Bar
6:30 p.m.—Dinner

WHERE: Highland Springs Country Club
5400 S. Highland Springs Blvd.
Springfield, Missouri

COST: \$30 per person

The Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers are pleased to invite you to the Annual Banquet and Auction to be held at Highland Springs Country Club on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Dinner will be followed by raffles, silent auctions, and live auctions.

In special memory of Harvey Ragsdale, proceeds from the auctions and raffles will be used to fund the construction of a lifetime bench in Harvey's name at Roaring River State Park.

Please register by May 6, 2016. Seating is limited and will be made on a first-come first-served basis!

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REGISTRATION/DONATION FORM

Please detach and return with payment to: Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 14523, Springfield, MO 65814. (Please print neatly.)

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
Email (To confirm your reservation): _____
Telephone: _____

Meals @ \$50.00 = \$: _____ I have a special dietary need _____

Enclosed is payment by: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card
Credit Card information: ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA
Name on the card: _____
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If you are unable to attend and/or wish to make an additional donation toward the Harvey Ragsdale Memorial Bench, please indicate here. Optional donation \$: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED/CHARGED TO CREDIT CARD: \$: _____

Upcoming Events

2016 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

President	Bob Randall	224-1104 bobbyleensandy@hotmail.com
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3 Year Executive Committee Member	Russ Doughty and Jerry Jester	
2 Year Executive Committee Member	Bill Burke and Dick Deerfield	
1 Year Executive Committee Member	Connie Erickson, Lezley Chastain	
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.		
Committee Chairs		
Program Chair – Kim Schultz		
Education Chair – Ralph Eichholz		
Social Chair - Leslie Chastain and John Bush		
Newsletter Editor – Eve Krit-Anderson,		
Librarian - Dennis Stead / Harry Morgan		
Equipment/Supplies - John Prugger/Kim Schultz		
Web Page - Brent Simmons		
Membership Chair – Kim Schultz		
Liaison to Natl./State org – Bob Randall		
Public Relations – Bob Randall		

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Happy Mother's Day

