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Our monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center, Thursday June 7th. It will begin at 6:00 PM for Fly tying and 7:00 PM for program and business meeting.

This month Ryan Walker will come and do a program about small-mouth bass fishing. He will also tie a bass fly for the group. Ryan is the president of the Ozarks Smallmouth Alliance. He has guided groups in Alaska.

They are on Facebook. Be sure to visit and support the page.



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for June 2018

June 6, 2018 Branson Chapter Monthly Meeting, fish Taneycomo, then meeting at ShepHills Pavilion @ 6:00 pm

June 7, 2018 Springfield Chapter Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

June 16, 2018 James River Float/fish trip, meeting time, launch/take out locations TBA

June 20, 2018 Branson Expo planning meeting, Springfield Library Center,

Harrison Room @6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

From John Dozier, President MTFA, Springfield, MO

Hello everyone,

Another Derby has come and gone with all 4 chapters being represented. Glad to hear that many enjoyed themselves even though the weather did not cooperate.

I personally would like to thank the following volunteers for their time, eagerness and hard work, Kim Schultz, Larry Wegmann, John Bush, Warren Wilkerson, Mike Kidd, Bob Randall, Harry Morgan, Howard Hawkins, Charlie and Connie Erickson,

(I'm hoping I did not forget anyone, if so, please forgive me)
Please check out our website for more details of the Derby.
Hope to see you at the next meeting June 7th.

See you on the water!

John W Dozier

Branson and Springfield M.T.F.A. Expo. is coming up on the 27th and 28th of July at the Lions club. This year is proving to be bigger and more fun. We will be taking donations and items for raffle at our next Regular meeting June 7th and again at our fish fry July the 14th. Items don't have to be fishing related. Let your friends know about it and you can share this flyer and press release with anyone. If you want to send this information to your community calendar feel free to do that too.

Thanks Harry Morgan

Expenditures for MTFA Trout Derby

	Purchase Total	Discount/Savings	Taxes
Bass Pro	\$981.35	\$195.82	\$87.86
Cabelas	\$264.42	\$126.30	\$10.72
Wapsi	\$232.95	\$93.18	Wholesale
BP Gift Card	\$20.00		
Total	\$1498.72	\$415.30	\$93.58

MTFA is a 501c7 Nonprofit. If we had a 501c3 status as a club with an educational mission, our taxes could have been used for purchases.

Larry Wegmann, May 17, 2018

MTFA State Council Derby by Bob Randall

The MTFA State Council Derby went off pretty well. This was the 72nd annual Derby. We had a little rain, but I didn't see anybody melt. Fortunately, the rain held off while we were cooking fish in hot oil. We were able to serve up the food for Saturday night's picnic without getting wet. I have no idea how many people were there. I never heard a head count being made. I would say at least 50 or more from the different clubs. The food was great. I heard someone say that the fish fry had the best bass he had ever tasted.

Fishing was variable. Many people caught a lot of fish, but fewer tagged fish were turned in. That could be due to the fact that a different kind of tag was used. In the past, the tags were flashy metal pieces attached to the gill cover. The tags were easier to see in the water and anglers "in-the-know" could target them. This year the tags were a light green plastic tag hooked to the fin. There were 123 people who obtained tags (I almost said "bought" tags but since we can't sell anything at the state park, we request a "donation" instead) for \$5 each. Only 8 tagged fish were turned in. Those 8 people made their choices of the prizes available. After that, we sold raffle tickets to the club members present and raffled off the rest. There were some pretty good prizes available. Thanks to Larry Wegmann, John Bush, and others for getting those items.

While working at the "sign-up" table on Friday evening, I was surprised to find that so many people who are not members of MTFA look forward to the Derby each year. Several people spoke of their entries in years past. I heard one father talk about how this was his kids' first year in the Derby and how it would be a family tradition in the future. His kids had tagged fish, by the way. I have said in the

past, that the Derby was a fundraiser, but I now believe it to be more of a “community event” which is anticipated by anglers from all over the state.

Special thanks must be given to Kim Schultz who stepped up to the plate to organize the event. He made it all happen.



Use this link to see all the great pictures,

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/photos/event-pictures/2018-events/2018-mtfa-derby-bennett-spring-state-park-may-19-20/>

Beginning Fly Fishing at MSU

This year's class was unusual in that we had several students with at least a little fly-fishing and tying experience. Most of the students were very enthusiastic; over all they were an enjoyable group.

For the past several years, I've been the coordinator of our Beginning Fly Fishing class at Missouri State. Now is time to let someone else take over. I'll be 75 when the fall session begins and I feel that I need a bit of a break from the responsibilities involved. I am very thankful for all of the members who have helped by demonstrating flies, tying knots and leaders, coaching casting and helping with the tiers. You may not realize how much someone making sure the rods are brought to each class helps. I really hesitate to name people, but special thanks to John Prugger for taking care of the reels every year and doing the knots and leaders, to Kim Schultz for giving the initial instruction on casting and bringing the materials for the flies that we tie, how many years could we count on Herb Knight to tie the Elk Hair Caddis for us, Russ Doughty always making sure the young ladies had a good helper, Dave Tucker taking an extra day to fish with a student or two that had conflicts with the Saturday trip to Roaring River, and of course, Larry Wegmann for always being ready to talk about any fly fishing/tying topic. Thanks to these and all of the others who helped in any way. I really appreciate your help.

Ralph Eicholz



Branson Fly Fishing Expo 2018

The Springfield and Branson Chapters of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association will hold their second annual Fly Fishing Exposition this year on July 27th and 28th. It will be a celebration of everything fly fishing and it will be held in one of the premier trout fishing areas of the Ozarks, Branson, Missouri. We have a fine venue at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club Community Center at 1015 E. State Highway 76 approximately one mile east after you cross the bridge over Lake Taneycomo from the Landing Boulevard.

We expect to have approximately 60 fly tiers demonstrating their skills, talking about flies, and sharing tying tips. We will have nearly 25 vendors and factory reps on hand to show you their products and make you a deal. We will raffle and auction off some fine tackle, nets, boots and waders, tackle bags, fly tying stations, artwork, signature flies, and more. One of our members, Larry Wegmann, will give a program about aquatic midges, of prime importance to our local tail water fishery. In addition to that, a very famous guide on the White River in Arkansas, Davy Wotton, will be on hand to present his program on fishing the White River! Also, another world famous fly tier, who specializes in "sculpting" deer hair, Mike George will be there to demonstrate his amazing deer hair flies. Adults can learn from fly casting experts demonstrating their skills on our casting pool. We're looking forward to a great Branson Fly Fishing Expo, and we hope we'll see you there!

On Saturday, July 28, we will hold a Kid's Fishing Event for children 15 and under at the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery below the Table Rock Dam from 9 AM to 11 AM.

"Barney Fife" will be there to help the kids and entertain them. Terry Sanders, five-time comedian of the year, will play the Barney character. Terry plays numerous comedic characters at both Silver Dollar City and the CJ Newsome Classic Country and Comedy show. A limited number of rods will be available, but feel free to bring your own. Mentors will be on hand to assist the kids. Note: If you plan to attend this great event, please make hotel reservations early. Follow us on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=branson%20fly%20fishing%20expo>) and our website (<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/news-events/branson-fly-fishing-expo-july-27-28-2018/>).



Davy Wotton



Terry Sanders "Barney Fife"



Mike George, Deer Hair Flies

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<p>Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM for Fly tying and 7:00 PM for programs and business meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee Chairs</p> <p>Program Chair – Harry Morgan Education Chair – Ralph Eichholz Social Chair – Lezlie Chastain and John Bush Newsletter Editor – Eve Krit-Anderson Librarian – Dennis Stead Equipment & Supplies – Wayne Frizzell Web Page – Brent Simmons Membership Chair – Bob Randall Liaison to National and State Affiliate fly fishing Association – Public Relations –</p>		

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