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Our monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center, Thursday January 3rd. It will begin at 6:00 PM with fly tying. Our program will begin at 7:00 PM

Alex Swartz will bring do our program for January. He will be talking about local and out of state guided fishing trips and about the Plateau Fly Shop.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for January 2019

January 3, 2019 Springfield Chapter Monthly Meeting @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

January 26, 2019 Fly Tying Springfield Nature Center @ 1:00pm – 4:00pm

The events page on the MTFA is still being worked on. We will try and have planned events here next month.

From the MTFA President – Dennis Stead

I look forward to 2019 as president of the MTFA Springfield club. I know that we will have an exciting year ahead of us and with everyone’s support – it will be a great one. We ended the year 2018 with a great Christmas party and raised over \$700 for Pipkin Middle School.

The picture below was submitted to me by; **Larry Wegmann** – he reports:

The two ladies in the middle are Keele Dudley on the left, school nurse and the Principal Becky Ash at Pipkin Middle School. They were both in happy tears when they received \$704 from MFTA-Springfield and \$1000 from Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers. They are going to keep us informed on how the money is used. The nurse does follow ups to insure the school’s efforts to remediate a problem are carried out.

Our daughter was Vice Principal at Pipkin when the Christmas Project began a decade ago. Be assured your donation will be helpful and much appreciated.

The guy on the right, David Dennison, is our daughter’s boyfriend. He came along to see what our schools are like here in Springfield. He is visiting from Belfast. Under the category of “it’s a small world”, David’s friend is the founder of the Killy Leagh Irish Fly Fishing Festival. The featured tier at Killy Leagh festival in 2014 was Lawrence Finley. Lawrence was dear friend of both clubs who passed away from cancer three weeks before he was to be the featured tier at the SOC Fly Festival in 2014. Lawrence shared with both clubs fly tying materials he developed in 2014. Check Lawrence’s YouTube channel for great instructional videos.

	<p>We did it again. Auction. \$140 Raffle. 265 Rod Raffle. 186 Hat. 113 Total. 704 Tell everyone thanks. Larry</p>
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A Fly in my email came from Todd Fecho. He tied this winter midge pattern called the Bastard Midge. Keep tying Todd.



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Talked with Rudy at the Nature Center and they are looking forward to our Fly tying Demonstration on the Saturday the 26th of January , 1:00p to 4:00 pm. I will have a signup sheet for tiers at our Thursday meeting. See you all Thursday night.

Talked with Matt Wier, Missouri Smallmouth Alliance and said that we would like to support their effort of “Want to Help Our Smallmouth Grow? Let Them Go! He will add our logo to their State-wide flier along with the others already listed.

**Want to Help Our Smallmouth Grow?
LET THEM GO!**

Know Before You Go: Learn & Follow the Regulations. Consult the *Wildlife Code of Missouri* for all Fishing Regulations. Special Regs Will Apply in Some Areas.

Bend Down the Barbs on Your Hooks.

Play Each Fish Quickly.

Wet Your Hands Before Landing Each Fish & Remove Your Hooks Carefully.

FREE THE FIGHTER!

Thank you, The Missouri Smallmouth Alliance & Our Conservation Partners:



"It Takes a LONG Time to Grow A Big Smallie"



See you all on Thursday night. Dennis



Messages from Bob Randall:

So far, we have 57 memberships for 2019. We had 105 memberships in 2018. If you joined the club in the second half of 2018, your membership is not due to expire until the end of 2019. If you are unsure of your membership status, you can contact me at 417-224-1104 or by email at bobbyleensandy@gmail.com.

Please, bring your membership renewals to the next meeting on January 3. I will not make change, so if you pay with a \$20 bill it will be accounted for as a \$15 dues payment and a \$5 donation (thank you very much). Make out checks to **MTFA**-Springfield. Please print out the form that I sent you since that will save me a lot of effort trying to verify your information. Please check the questions about your membership in Fly Fishers International or the Conservation Federation of MO as that can save the club money on our dues to those organizations. If you don't remember to bring your form, I will have blank forms for you to complete. I will also have your 2019 membership cards available at the meeting. Please pick them up personally so we don't have to mail them.

[Winter Bug Guide](#): links are underlined. To see the linked article, you need to hold the Control button while you click on the link. Permission to post this guide given by Allen Gardner, The Catch and the Hatch

[The Last Generation of Trout Anglers](#) by Chris Hunt - Hatch Magazine, Friday, Dec 7th, 2018
Links are underlined. To see the linked article, you need to hold the Control button while you click on the link. Notice that Hunt documents his article with scientific research partly funded by Trout Unlimited. [here](#) and [here](#)

Christmas party pictures are on our website

<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/photos/event-pictures/2018-events/2018-christmas-party/>



2018 Christmas Party - Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association - Springfield Chapter

We held our annual Christmas party on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at the Golden Corral in Springfield. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

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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 – 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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