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NO MEETING IN MAY DUE TO MSU FLY FISHING CLASS

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Calendar of Events for May 2019

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| May 2 | MSU Class – Mountain Spring Trout Farm @ 6:00 pm - 9:50 pm |
| May 4 | MSU Class – Roaring River @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| May 18 & 19 | MTFA Annual Derby @ Bennett Springs @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Picnic at noon on Saturday the 18 th at the pavilion across the Whistle Bridge | |
| May 22 | Expo Planning Meeting in Springfield at Library Center @ 6 pm |

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It is that time of the month that I am to write something for the newsletter. A lot has been happening and do hope your our members are taking advantage of everything. Last Thursday, we had the 4th MSU class on campus and next Thursday we will be taking the student to Mountain Springs Trout Farm, and then on Saturday – to Roaring River. I just to thank Larry Wegmann for being the instructor for our MSU Basic Fly Fishing Class and all the other MTFA Members that were there to support Larry – a BIG THANK YOU ALL. Dennis

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Reports: Russ Doughty, Roaring River, success using size 22 harvester midge until heavy rain when fish moved to near bottom of stream. In between heavy periods, fish moved back up in water column. Interesting behavior.

Mike Kidd, Montauk, success using wispy on sinking line. Fish deep.

Dick Solomon, Bennet Spring, success using hare's mask nymph,

Also, success with chammy worm, harvester midge, top secret midge.

Taneycomo: high water. Fish in outflows or deep next to outflows. Fish from boat from 65 bridge to Landing.

4-13-2019 Club fishing outing to Montauk State Park. Attending Mike Kidd, John Bush, Bob Randall. The Fly of the day was a green wispy fished on a sinking line/leader. The



water was high and fast. The fish seemed to be holding in the lower section of pools. Cast quartering downstream into the pool, then strip it back. It was important to get the fly down low in the water column. Mike was using a full sinking line with good success. When Bob switched to a sinking leader, he chose the fast rate sinker. Before that, he had nothing, but after making the switch he had some success. When John

caught up, he heard the conversation about a sinking leader but chose a slow sink rate. Later, he switched to a faster sink rate.

Caution: MDC has created some deep pools above the dam for about 100 yards.

..... **Legislative Alert from Conservation Federation of Missouri**

HJR 18 could jeopardize the MDC budget. Places Conservation Sales Tax on the ballot as constitutional amendment to be renewed every six years. Tax is currently permanent. CFM opposes this.

HCB 1 & HB 1237 Would stop creation of Eleven Point River State Park. CFM opposes this.

HB 260 would increase penalties for poaching, etc. CFM supports this.

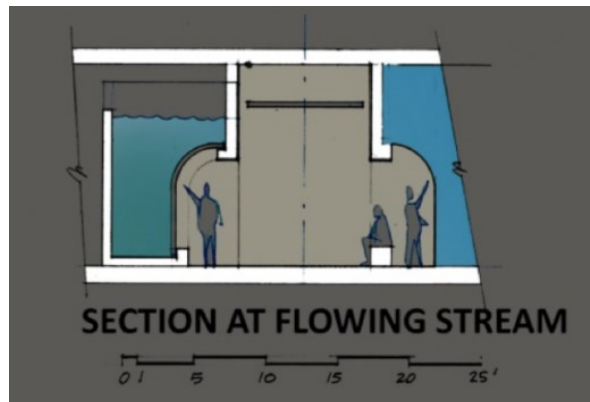
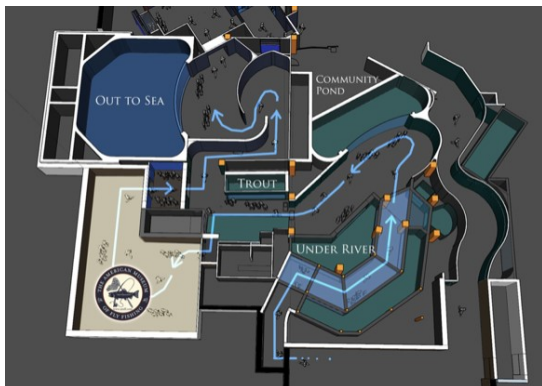
It's Derby Time 2019

This year the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association Derby will be at Bennett Spring State Park on May 18 and 19. Some of us will arrive on Friday, the 17th. The Kansas City Chapter is taking their turn to be in charge. They'll set up the tournament rules, obtain Derby and raffle prizes, accept the tournament donations, organize the picnic, distribute the prizes, and be responsible for making sure that the sun shines and it doesn't get too hot. If you want to participate in the tournament portion of the Derby, you must sign in with your donation on Friday evening or Saturday morning in front of the park store. Or you can contact Dennis Stead or Bob Randall to pre-register (\$5 donation in advance, please). The times and rules are yet to come. Good news: the picnic will be at noon on Saturday at the pavilion across and downstream from the Whistle Bridge. Prizes will be awarded at that same location on Sunday at noon.

In the past, I have noticed that the Springfield Chapter has not attended the Derby well. I have been a little disappointed to find that KC and SL members show a good level of participation when few of us bother to drive an hour for the event. I have often thought that it was because we were "day fishers" rather than "over-nighters". The good news this year is that the picnic will be at noon on Saturday instead of an evening meal. In other words, we can drive from Springfield, have some fun, eat at the picnic, and drive home on the same day. You no longer have an excuse for not attending.

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The American Museum of Fly Fishing and Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife aquarium and museum in Springfield, Mo., will give curious anglers the chance to walk under a carefully crafted trout stream and see how trout move about the water column thanks to a new partnership between two entities.



Fly of the Month Millennium Double Millennium

From a Recipe approximately 1800 years old, loosely taken from Claudius Aelianus .



Recipe:

Hook: Bone, stone, wood, etc., straight shank, sizes 12 –

Thread: Horse hair, whatever color you can get, heavy.

Body: red (crimson red) wool, can be from sheep, goat, antelope, etc

Wings: two feathers which grow under a cock's wattles, which in color are like wax.

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Directions:

Make the hook.

Secure the horse hair to the hook shank near the hook bend.

Tie the wool to the thread.

Twist the wool into a “noodle”.

Wrap both the horse hair and wool forward to the end behind the hook eye, or knob which holds the line to the hook.

Wrap the horse hair around the forward end of the wool “noodle”.

If your name is Larry Wegmann, tie a half hitch. If that's not your name, do it anyway.

Tie in two feathers with thread so that they angle backward.

Tie off horse hair thread and cut tag end.

To fish this fly:

“throw the snare, and the fish, attracted and maddened by the colour, comes straight at it, thinking from the pretty sight to gain a dainty mouthful; when, however, it opens its jaws, it is caught by the hook, and enjoys a bitter repast, a captive.” Learn more by clicking [here](#). Disclaimer: The original author made no such attempt to create a recipe. He simply described it. Although, the account here is essentially accurate, the recipe above is a humorous way to put it into the format that modern fly tyers use.

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Stocker Behavior

From studies in Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Britain, British, and Columbia. Notes were collated by Steve Moore, the now retired head fisheries biologist at Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

•Stocked trout will only remain where stocked for a small number of days and then they move. According to the PA Fish and Boat Commission, brown trout move in 7 days, rainbows in 3 and brookies in 10.

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- When trout move, they move downstream with few exceptions. How far they move depends on the nature of the stream or river. A study done in South Dakota pegged the movement at 224 yards while a British study discovered trout moved 656 yards. The PA study discovered one wandering, radio tagged trout 123 miles from the stock point.
- Unless the stocker is plopped into a raging torrent, trout do not “wash” downstream. They move with a purpose. The PA study demonstrated that radio tagged trout held their position through 2 major floods in 2005. So, fish move when they want to move.
- It takes a stocker a long time to completely adapt to eating in the wild. Several of the studies demonstrated that stockers were not fully adapted to wild forage even after several months had elapsed. They did this by examining and measuring the amount of “non-prey” items found in the stomachs of the fish. The good news is that a rainbow will start to adapt to the wild after a week. It can take a brown trout up to 50 days to make the change.
- The final bit of trivia is that the British study found that only 40% of the fish stocked are caught. Good news! “ For more information click [here](#).

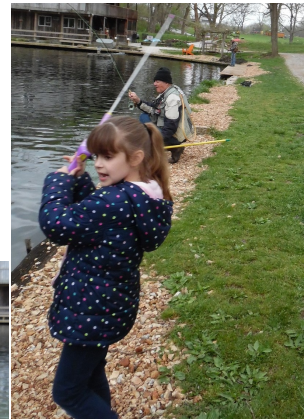
Talk about fishing pressure! Ben Havens, Hatchery Manager at Bennett Spring State Park says 85% of park stockers are caught out within a week, and the stockers in the Niangua River make it about 14 days before they are caught out almost entirely. Maybe Missouri trout fishers are better.

Photos for the Club Picnic at Mountain Springs Trout Park 4/18/2019

Approximately, 25 people attended.

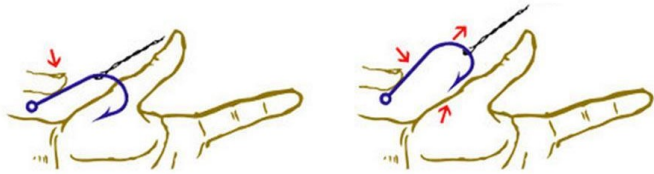


For more photos go to our website at:
<http://www.mtfa-springfield.org/media/event-pictures/2019-events-2/4-18-2019-picnic-at-mountain-springs-trout-park/>



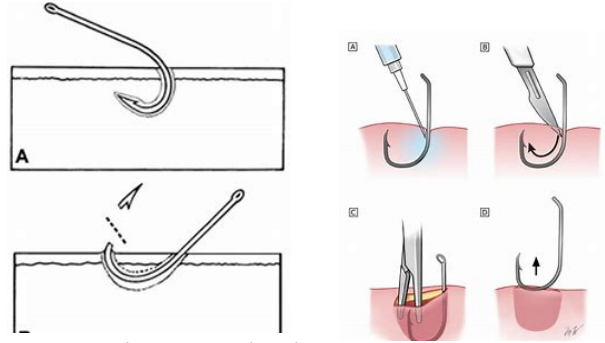
Hook Removal

An emergency room physician here in the Ozarks says he averages 2 to 3 hook removal procedures a month. He's not the only ER doc in this 24/7 medical facility, so let's guess a dozen or so hooks are removed each month. In the ER, hooks are generally removed in one of three ways: the string-loop-tug, the poke-through-barb-removal, and surgically with a scalpel.



Recently, I had the opportunity to practice the string-loop-tug method. I had been eager to try this procedure on someone other than me. Due to my own carelessness, the hook was in my finger. The procedure worked.

Although, not totally painless, the pain of embarrassment was worse than the physical pain. Yes, I had to get a tetanus shot.



Not all hook removal procedures are completed in the emergency room. The incident that resulted in the following x-ray required removal by a specialist in the operating room:



Multiple choice test

- a) Always announce your presence before walking behind a fisherman.
- b) Get a tetanus shot once every five years.
- c) Always wear sunglasses when fishing.
- d) When Larry Wegmann tells you to smash your barbs, do it.
- e) All of the above.

BTW, the ER doc reports that many of his hook removals are from the lips and cheek because anglers attempt to tighten their knots by holding the tag end with their teeth while pulling the line. Bob Randall

If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put **MTFA NL** in the email subject line and send to **Bob Randall: bobbyleensandy@gmail.com**

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