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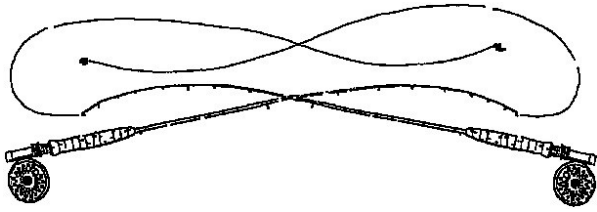
The October Meeting is Cancelled

Catch and Release Season Multiple Guess Test

Which of the following is/are true of the Catch and Release Season in the MO Trout Parks:

- A) It runs from the third Friday in October to the second Monday in February
- B) It runs from the second Friday in November to the second Monday in February
- C) It runs from the second Friday in November to the first Monday in February
- D) It runs from the second Saturday in November to the second Sunday in February
- E) You may fish Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only
- F) You do not need a Missouri Trout Permit while fishing
- G) All of the above
- H) None of the above
- I) B., E., and F are all correct

Answers on next page.



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Chapter News:

MSU has informed us that the Beginning Fly Fishing Class will not be offered in the 2021 Spring Semester.

Just found out:

As of this writing, Dennis Stead is in the hospital with two blocked coronary arteries. Awaiting possible triple bypass.

Also, Russ Doughty is in the hospital after heart arrhythmias. Expecting a defibrillator implant.

Answer from multiple choice test:

(B) is correct.

It runs from the second Friday in November to the second Monday in February .

(E) and (F) are both incorrect. You can't fish on Thursday, it's Friday through Monday only. During the Catch and Release season you will need a trout permit in the trout parks. You won't need the daily tag.

More information and tips:

Furthermore, you don't need to check in at the store at all. Just go stand in the water until the whistle sounds at 8 am. Don't let your fly touch the water before the whistle.

Don't forget to pinch the barbs or use barbless hooks.

Fishing Reports:

9/14 - Bennett Spring State Park (BSSP), Keith Coffey and Dick Solomon. Slow day. Didn't get there until almost 11am. Keith only caught 3 on black wooly bugger with a soft hackle dropper. Gut Hole first then upstream at a handicap peninsula.

9/12-Lake Taneycomo, Russ Doughty, no success, most of his fishing was in the channel above the parking lot outflow, then he moved down to just below the rebar hole. He had one strike on an olive wooly bugger. NOTE: there had been very little electrical generation for several days. The dissolved oxygen level was very low.

9/16 –BSSP, Larry Olson and Bob Randall. “We didn't drive the length before buying our tags as we usually do. We bought the tags first and then seeing all of the cars and people, we wondered if we would have just turned around and gone home if we didn't already have the tags. We eventually found spots to fish.” Larry caught 15 or so using a tiger tail with some success, no success with a crackleback; Bob caught 8 or 10 below the dam. Caught 4 with dry flies, 6 with grey scud all below the stone bridge and in the outflow stream.

9/17 - BSSP, Dick Solomon, Fished Bennet today and slammed them. Very little pressure on the stream and I took advantage, I used hares scuds, top secret's, root beer and shammy worms .

9/17- Roaring River State Park (RRSP), Dennis Stead, was not particularly crowded, not many people landing fish, more fish seemed to be caught by spin cast anglers. The fish would investigate and chase flies but refuse them.

Mike Kidd reports good fishing at night using a bunny leech at Lake Taneycomo.

Caution when ordering fly tying feathers from the Feather Emporium

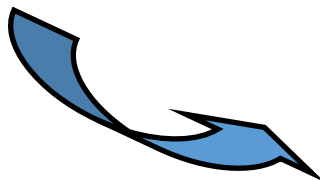
(not the same as the Feather Craft). There are many reviews in several sites which document poor service ranging from not answering phone calls to simply never shipping the ordered merchandise. Other complaints include raising shipping charges after the order, accepting a return but neither refunding the payment nor exchanging merchandise, not returning calls or emails, and more.

The following link will take you to the Better Business Bureau site for information.

<https://www.bbb.org/us/wi/madison/profile/feather-products/the-feather-emporium-0694-1000007516/complaints>

Fishing Pics

***Dick Solomon
Lake Taneycomo
Brown trout taken
on a gold crackleback***



Nice fish.



Fly of the Month:

Recipe:

Something to do with deer hair and plastic eyes.



The Mop Fly / Mega Worm

Have you ever heard disparaging comments about mop flies? Maybe even a comment about how stupid trout must be to take them. The “off-white” mop fly may actually represents a common aquatic insect, the larvae of the crane fly. It is also possible that trout that have become accustomed to picking through the entrails of other cleaned fish may eagerly chase the white versions of this fly as a gut imitation. Whatever the trout thinks it imitates may be overshadowed by what the tier thinks it represents as it is being tied. It works.



This following variation works well at Bennett Spring where fish cleaning is allowed in the stream. Substitute other colors if desired.

[From MTFA-Springfield Fly Tying Recipes:](#)

Materials

Hook: Jig Head 1/64, 1/80, 1/100, 1/128

Hook Sizes: 10, 12, 14

Thread: UTC 70 or UNI-Thread 8/0 white

Body: Baby Blanket Yarn

Tail: Baby Blanket Yarn

Thorax: UTC140 Flame Fire Orange (Optional)



You can tie crane fly larvae flies in different ways besides the mop fly as shown in [this video by titelinevideo](#) but it's so easy to use a little length of mop cord or yarn.

Cream colored abdomen with a dark thorax behind a bead head imitation.



Back in the 70's, a little girl wrote a letter to the President of the United States urging him to preserve wildlife.

She said something like this:

"I may never get to see a grizzly bear or an eagle, but I'd kind of like to know that they're there."

You may never get to go fishing in the Bristol Bay area of Alaska and I may never get to go again, but we all should be interested in preserving that fishery.

We have discussed this threatened habitat before using Trout Unlimited's perspective that the decisions on whether to allow the Pebble Mine to proceed have been weighted by lies and politics. *Recent video tapes show that when the CEO of the Pebble Mine project thought he was talking to potential foreign investors, he discussed plans that are being withheld from the public and government regulators. That is "bait and switch" fraud.* He also brags about how they have quietly helped politicians who would support their plans. He has since resigned but the plans haven't changed.

You can read the Trout Unlimited discussion and see/hear the tapes [here](#). Or if that doesn't work, go [here](#).

It is true that politics are involved in the Pebble Mine controversy' however, this article is not motivated by politics. MTFA has taken no stand concerning this issue. Bob Randall

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