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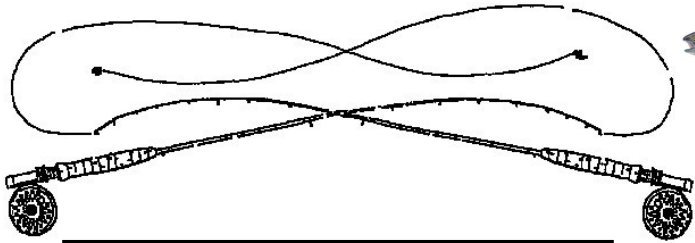
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The October Get-Together will help you improve your casting. The meeting will be at the Living Memorial Park at 4323 Nature Center Way in Springfield. (you pass it every time you go to the Nature Center) on October 6 at 6pm. Kim Schultz will be the instructor. Bring your fly rod and something to raffle. Kim will be there by 5pm so be early.





We have several small plastic cases that were given to us by the Branson MTFA chapter. I would like to distribute one to everyone that is willing to tie their favorite flies and fill the boxes for our monthly raffle.

On another note, if you're interested in serving as an officer or a chair person next year, please let one of the executive committee members know of your interest. *Bruce Hinkston, President*

Bennett Spring State Park will hold the Annual Holland Trout Derby, for the cancer society. Special tagged trout stocked for prizes. All donations go the cancer society. Saturday, October 8, 2022 Time:

7:30 AM to 6:30 PM

The last day for Catch and Keep Trout Season at the state trout parks will be October 31. Catch and Release season will begin November 11.

Rod Pennington's mother, Mary Helen Pennington, passed away last week. Her husband, the late Don Pennington, was one of the founding members of the Springfield chapter.

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Chapter News:

Hooray! The Annual Chili Feed is back this year. It is sponsored by the Branson Chapter and they have invited us to participate. It will be Saturday, October 15 at noon in the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery Pavilion.

Fishing Reports:

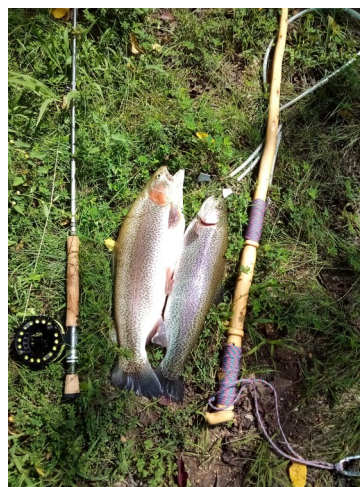


Bob Randall, BSSP, 9/7,8,9, I went camping at Bennett Spring State Park. It was as much a camping trip as a fishing trip. I didn't fish in any more than two hours at a time. Kim Schultz was there all day on Wednesday, the 7th, and I met him late in the day. I caught 3 or 4 trout. Kim will report his own catch. The next morning, I had a spot in mind above the Holland Dam but was not the first person there. Still, I did as well as he did, catching a few. Kim showed up again and we fished together several times throughout the day, mostly below the stone bridge near the bend in the spring creek. Again, I caught a few. I should have written this report soon after my return. If I had, I might have remembered the numbers and flies. I do recall Friday morning as I caught 7 trout in the one hour of fishing I got in before breaking camp. This was at the very top of the outflow stream. I couldn't even get them to look at a scud, sowbug, midge, or other tasty morsel until I tied on a San Juan worm. That and a chamois worm caught their eye.

Harry Morgan, Rockbridge Trout Park, 9/7/2022



Caught five early morning
Caught 2 more before noon.



Dick Solomon, 9/22/2022, "Keith Coffee and I fished Bennett today when we left for the spring the weather was great, when arrived it was raining pretty good but we bought our tags and headed to the Gut Hole, it rained off



and off most of the day but we caught over 40 fish nothing big but it was fun, we used soft hackle's and size 18 dry fly's over all it was a good time."



Notice the sprinkle rings on the water.

Fishing Reports continued

Les Wilson, "Peggy and I fished Ackerman on Norfolk Tailwater 9/14/22, for me started slow, picked up a few drifting a scud w/o indicator, guy down stream was hammering them on something. Peggy was up stream, doing well, we had a double going and she yelled bring the net.....apparently "its in the truck" was not the answer she was looking for.... Great day, as most of you know I am not a clicker or picture guy but did get a couple. She was drifting a olive wooly bugger that I later smartened up and switched to, sure she had more than you could count on fingers and toes."



David Ransin, 9/25/2022, Crystal River, Marble, CO, two brookies 8" late yesterday on copper johns. Getting ready to head out again.



Had 3 lunkers get away...



Time for horseshoes and cocktails

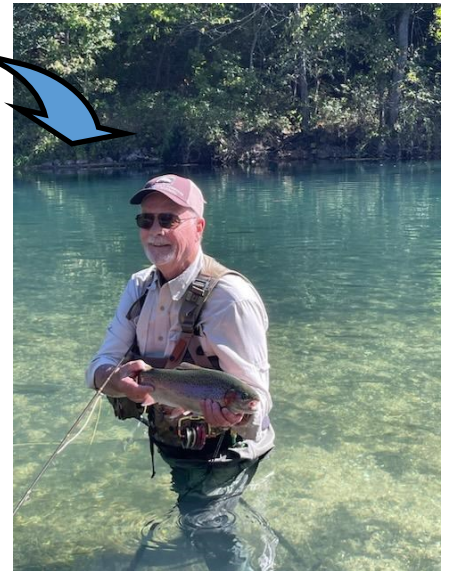


Fishing Reports continued

John Bush: I fished the James River at the Joe Crighton access on September 10th. I'd hoped to find some smallmouth, but started throwing a large popper and kept having green sunfish come up and hit it, but did not get it in their mouth. Since topwater fishing is always fun, I decided I'd take advantage and removed the large popper and put one on that was much smaller and had a blast catching small green sunfish on the top.

I fished Taneycomo today (9/25/2020) after church, and the fishing was a little slow but I did manage to hook several. I kept having issues with my line breaking at my tippet ring, so I think I may have gotten a bad batch. Those issues cost me one of the nicest browns I've hooked in quite a while. If I hadn't been doing this for a while, I probably would have blamed it on my knots, but I've never had that issue in the past. Still, I wasn't skunked so it was an enjoyable afternoon.

Larry Olson, 9/26/2022, BSSP, on a Renegade dry fly.



Russ Doughty: I went smallmouth fly fishing with Ryan Walker and Cindy, and caught the most and biggest bass ever. I highly recommend him as a great smallmouth guide. Flies were white streamers.

David Reynolds, Spent a week RV at bull shoals / white river camp ground. Fished from shore & caught large trout. Hired a guide & 2 of us caught over 60 trout in 4 hours. Beautiful river & lots of fish.



Fishing Reports continued

Kim Schultz, September Fishing

Sept 6, 2022: Bennett Spring SP, hand released 26 trout on dry flies. It was full sun on the water, fished the water covered in shade. I fished with John Mihavevich and with Bob Randall later in the day.



Fishing Bennett Spring SP with Bob Randall with success using dry flies 9/8/2022



Sept 7, 2022: Bennett Spring SP 18 trout on dry flies, kept a few trout for a meal. I met Bob Randall early in the morning above Holland dam and moved to the shaded areas below the stone bridge.



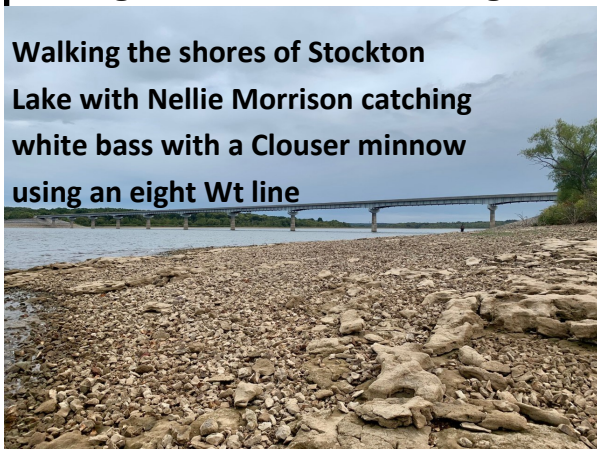
Kayaking Fellows Lake fishing for sunfish against the shore line with a blue heron

Sept 12, 2022: Fellows Lake, fished from kayaks with my daughter (Jenn) using poppers along the water's edge. Found a few green sunfish, bluegills, and line bass near any cover. The water level has dropped significantly with the dry summer.



Wading the little Sac river above Taylor Bridge fishing for sunfish with a popper

Sept 19, 2022: Little Sac River, we walked the stream above Taylor Bridge. I fished with my daughter (Jenn). We used poppers to catch green sunfish, bluegills, and small line bass. We caught 30+ fish for three hours of fishing. It was cool wet wading with the air temperature in the mid-nineties. I was im-



Walking the shores of Stockton Lake with Nellie Morrison catching white bass with a Clouser minnow using an eight Wt line

pressed with the numbers of small fish in the stream from the spring spawn, a marvelous fish nursery.

Sept 22, 2022: Stockton Lake near twin bridges, Nellie Morrison gave me a call and we met at the intersection of Hwy 215 and Hwy 245 (Bona). Nellie found white bass within minutes with three fish to shore before I was able to wet a fly. The wind was out of the north with a touch of eastern influences. I caught many white bass, kept fish in the 14–16-

inch range with a walleye, drum and smallmouth released back to the water. Nellie by far caught more fish, releasing 30+ white bass in all sizes.

Fishing Reports continued

Kim Schultz, September Fishing continued. Sept 26, 2022: Jenn and I kayaked and fished James River below Ralph Cox Memorial access I Galena. The water flow was 250 cfs with



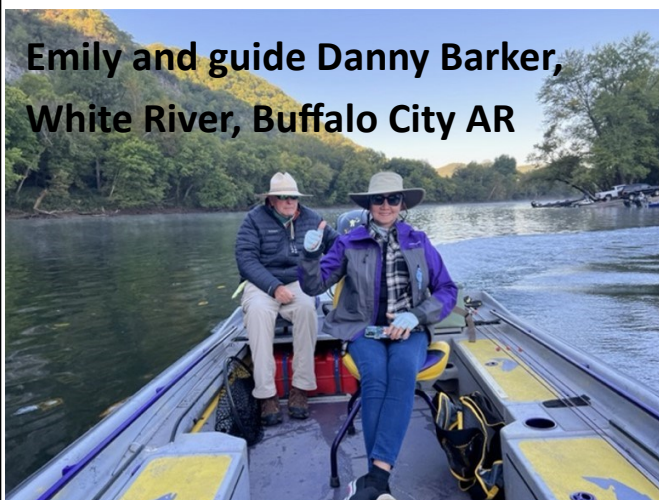
some shoals very shallow. I dropped Jenn off and drove to the next access below Galena (Blunk Road) and walked and paddled my way to Taylor Shoal where Jenn and I meet up to fish the rocky banks covered by shade. We were fishing for sun fish

using poppers. We had about three hours to fish. Again, the fish were everywhere, another fantastic fish nursery. We caught and released many fish (60+), none of any size.



Mike Kidd, I fished Montauk last Wednesday (9/28) and caught 10 trout on wispy's and Fox squirrel nymphs I fished the Little Piney the week before and caught 10 wild.

Chris Diggins, Emily and I fished the area from where the Buffalo River joins the White River to some point northwest of there. We entered the river at the Buffalo City public access near the White Buffalo Lodge. We were on a one-day guided float trip with guide Danny Barker. The weather was perfect with light jackets in the morning and then shedding them around lunch time. The water was a bit lower than normal. Most of the fish we caught was in the morning. According to the guide, we hooked fifty-seven trout, all rain-



Emily and guide Danny Barker, White River, Buffalo City AR

bows. I don't keep count myself because I'm more into fishing than accounting. Besides, who believes in numbers when it comes to fishing!!! LOL. We used orange egg attractor and a beaded orange nymph. Emily caught most of them. The guide provided a box lunch with drinks. Overall, it was a "dam" near perfect day ;-).

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Think that steady short stripping is fishing? Here's a guy who says it isn't:

<https://youtu.be/zDdh4iVnx5s?t=299>

Fly Fishing Etiquette:

<https://youtu.be/BEooE0fVSbk>

New Video Page in the MTFA website:

[Videos - Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association - Springfield Chapter \(mtfa-springfield.org\)](https://mtfa-springfield.org/videos)

Orvis One Minute Fly Tying Tips:

[One Minute Fly Tying Tips \(orvis.com\)](https://orvis.com/one-minute-fly-tying-tips)

A video explaining thread sizes, pros/cons, brand differences:

<https://youtu.be/WvLgE20W-Rc>

This next one isn't a video, it's an article about thread sizes, you will have to read it.

[Deciphering Thread Size | Fly Tyer](#)

The Quick and Dirty explanation of thread sizes. If it is described as aught or /0, the bigger the number, the finer the thread (like electrical wire gauges). Common threads are 8/0 and 6/0 for the aughts. Aught uses thickness (varies with manufacturer). If it is described as denier, the bigger the number, the bigger the thread. The denier system uses weight (compared to 9,000 meters of a single strand of silk thread). Common threads are 140 denier and 70 denier for the deniers. Roughly, 6/0 = 140 denier, while 8/0 = 70 denier.

Go figure!

Water levels:

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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