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The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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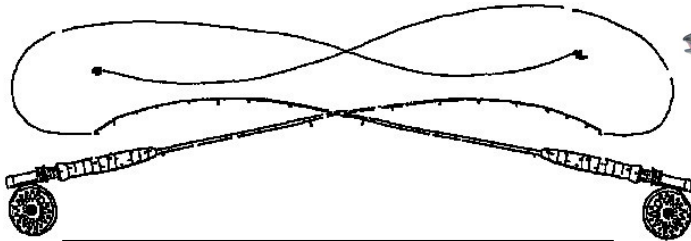
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**The August 2023 Meeting is on August 3
at 6 pm**

At the Library Center in Community Room B

"Fly Fishing All Species" This Month's Program is by Mike Kromrey with the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks.

The Ozarks holds an exceptional diversity of fish species, dramatically changing seasons, and a whole bunch of water. Each year contains a series of natural events including movements and migrations of fishes which can generate anticipation and excitement, especially for those magic moments where it all comes together like a wild topwater or dry fly bite, an "every cast" white bass outing, or day when the muskies unanimously decide to be aggressive. Over the years, I've blended these beloved aspects of the Ozarks into how I approach fly fishing. A culmination of this approach occurs each year at the "All Species Odyssey" hosted by Dally's Fly Shop in Cotter, Arkansas. In the presentation, I'll share some tips and tactics for a variety of fish species, regale you with a few fish tails from the Odyssey, and engage you in an interactive activity.



Mike Kromrey will present our program this month.

Mike grew up in Ozarks and for most of his life has spent as much time on the water as possible—especially Ozark streams. His lifelong passion for nature developed into a vocation at the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks (WCO), which at its core, involves teaching people of all ages about nature and fostering stewardship of the earth and ultimately each other.

Mike joined the WCO as a staff member in May 2006 and has served as the Executive Director since 2012. He previously worked with the James River Basin Partnership, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Missouri State University (MSU) while earning his degree. At MSU, Mike earned a comprehensive biology degree with an emphasis in ecology, evolution, and systematics, and a Master of Science in biology, focusing on aquatic ecosystems. Mike currently serves on a variety of local and state committees related to water and sustainability. He is passionate about the mission of the WCO and leaving a positive mark on our community.

Mike and his family live in the Rountree neighborhood and are proud Springfield residents. They enjoy time on the water, traveling, and working to make the community better.

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Chapter News:

We will tie the Renegade dry fly during the social hour. Bring your vice and tools.

Insectorama Springfield Nature Center 6:30-9:30 pm, August 11.

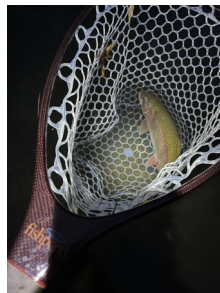
Thursday, August 24, Fly tying presented by Cecil Woodman at the Springfield Library Center, Community Room B

Fishing Reports:

Pat Taggart, BSSP, Friday, 7/7/2023, at Bennett Springs. Caught the 14" Rainbow, in the net, on a #16 Renegade dry fly. Fished just below the spring in shallow water. Landed 6 fish and missed a dozen more. My older brother Mike had the same results. Good day on the water!



These pics of Mike Kidd were from last month when he fished in Alaska.



Mike has fished successfully this month but the Fishing Mafia that he hangs with have prevented him from revealing the location under threat of alienation or something like that.

Richard Solomon: Mike Kidd and I were fishing Tanney Monday morning 7/3 about 05:30 around the Root Ball. We caught several in the 20 range. Some were probably 3-5 lbs.



Russ Doughty: Been catching a lot of big fish on Taneycomo sculpins.

And beyond that, most of our fishing in July has been wishful thinking. I guess we're a bunch of warm weather wimps. Me included.

Bob Randall

August 3: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B Presentation: Bull Shoals?

August 11: Insectorama at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center 6:30-9:30pm

August 19: Kids fish free at Roaring River SP

August 24: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B, presented by Cecil Woodman

September 7: Mt Spring Highlandville Fishing Event and Picnic

September 17: Veterans fish free at Roaring River SP

September 28: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

September 30: Women's Free fishing Day at Bennett Spring SP

October 5: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B, Presentation: Tyler? James River?

October 21: Chili Feed, Shepherd of the Hills Pavilion w/ Branson

October 26: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

November 2: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B, TBA

November 16: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

December 7: Christmas Party & Installation of 2024 officers

December 28: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

This may not be about fishing, but I think you can draw some parallels. Take a kid fishing.



Branson Fly Fishing Expo

Was held on July 27 through the 29th. Expo Director Ron Leggins said that it was well attended. Not photographed but participated from our chapter: Richard and John Owensby
Thanks to all who participated or attended.



Bennett Spring Hatchery Manager, Ben Havens and son Eli





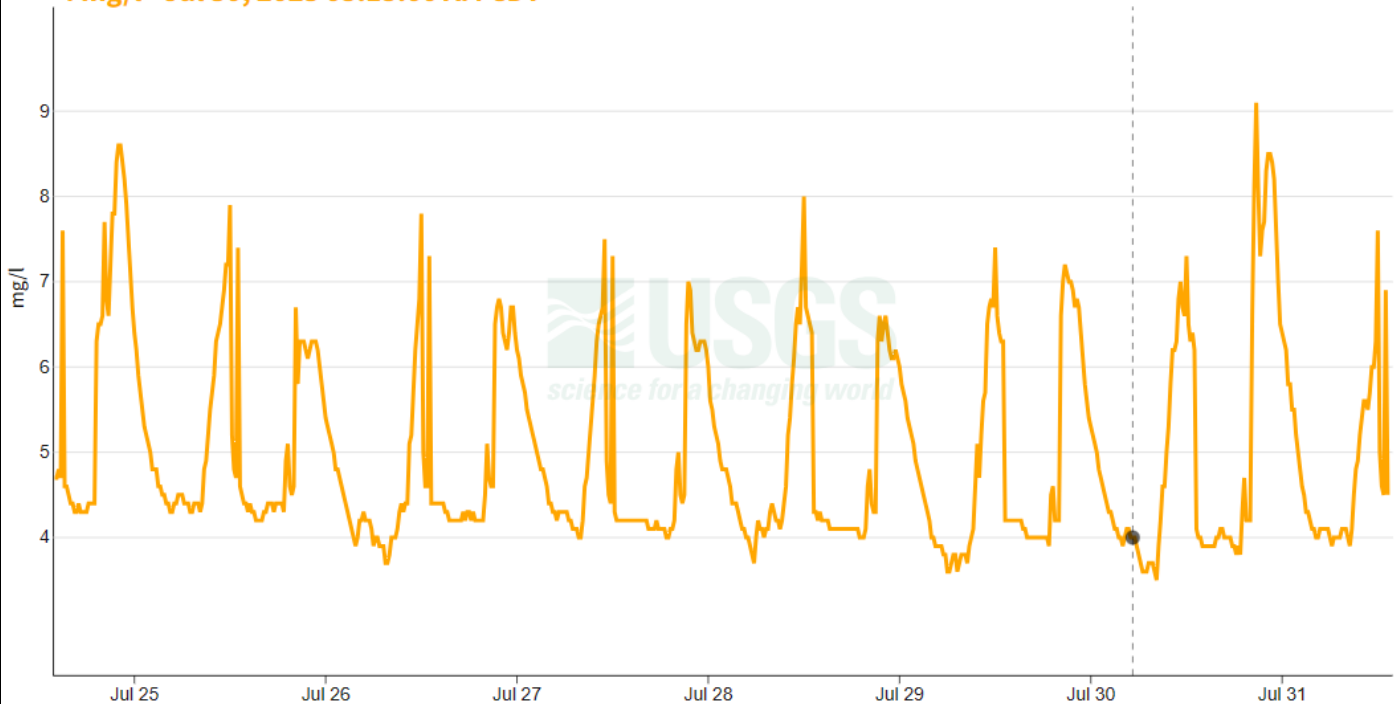
Shane Bush, Fisheries Biologist with the MDC, presented a great program about the Taneycomo fishery in July.

White River bl Table Rock Dam Near Branson, MO - 07053450

July 24, 2023 - July 31, 2023

Dissolved oxygen, water, unfiltered, mg/L ⓘ

4 mg/l - Jul 30, 2023 05:15:00 AM CDT



Note: 4 milligrams / liter is minimum target level.

August 11, Insect-O-Rama Springfield Conservation Nature Center 6:30-9PM

We tie flies on safety pins for kids to collect and wear.

MDC says: "Our annual celebration of insects and the important role they play in nature returns! Insects—they fascinate us, they bug us, they surround us, and they bite us, but what would a summer evening be like without them? Join insect specialists, biologists, artists, and enthusiasts for an evening devoted to discovering insects. Grab your entire family and participate in some creepy-crawly fun for all ages. No registration required. "

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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