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# MO Fishing

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

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## The 2023 Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

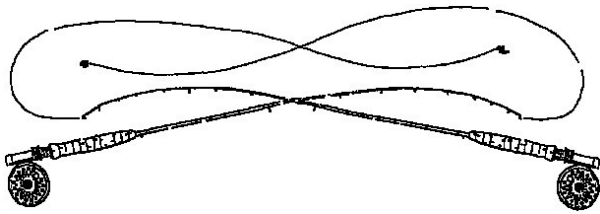
is on **December 14** at 6 pm

At the Golden Corral on Glenstone

*It is amazing how fast another year has passed. I want to thank the active members who supported several events through the year, with the Springfield chapter hosting the 2023 MTFA Derby, the MDC insect-o-rama and several other MDC events. May the support continue for Pat, who will lead you next year. The programs with the MDC were outstanding as we discover the fishing opportunities and outdoor activities available to sportsman in the southwest Missouri.*

*Our last meeting of the year will be the annual Christmas party at Golden Corral. I hope you will bring an item that will placed in a bucket raffle with proceeds going to a charitable cause. Again, thank you the year with the Springfield MTFA.*

*Kim Schultz*



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***December meeting & Christmas Party will be held one week later than usual . It will be December 14, the second Thursday in De-***

***cember, at the Golden Corral on Glenstone. As you go in, notify cashier that you are part of our party and continue back to group dining/meeting room***

***Christmas Dinner, \$10 per person, chapter will pay for the rest as well as tip.***

***Bring a \$10-\$15 gift for bucket raffle. Raffle tickets will \$1 each, 6 for \$5, 25 for \$20. Proceeds will be donated to Pipkin Middle School charity.***

***Officer Nominees for 2024:***

***President: Pat Taggart***

***Vice-President (President Elect): Cecil Woodman***

***Secretary: Jean Smith***

***Treasurer: Dennis Stead***

***3 Year Executive Committee Members:***

***John Owensby and Dick Owensby***

### **Chapter News:**



**Tuesday, December 26, 2023, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our fly-tying abilities to the public at the Conservation Nature Center. Tuesday, December 26th from 1-4pm . Sign up at the next meeting or contact me at bobbyleen-sandy@gmail.com or Kim Schultz at [kim\\_schultz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kim_schultz@sbcglobal.net).**

### **Newsflash:**

***We're not in the business of advertising a commercial venture but, I just spoke to one of the guys at the Plateau Fly Shop and he said they are planning to restock their inventory within a couple of weeks. Good news. We need a local fly shop in Springfield.***

## ***Schedule of upcoming events:***

- December 14: Christmas Party & Installation of 2024 officers, 6pm—9 pm, Golden Corral on Glenstone**
- December 26: Fly tying demonstration at MDC Nature Center, 1—4pm**
- December 28: No Chapter Fly Tying**
- January 4, 2024: monthly meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- January 25, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- February 1, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- February 12, 2024: Last day of Catch and Release season in trout parks**
- February 22, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- March 1, 2024: Catch and Keep season begins in trout parks**
- Mar 7, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- March ? : MTFA State Council Meeting, Bennett Spring State Park**
- March 28,2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- April 04, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- April 25, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- May 2, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- May 17-19, 2024: the MTFA Derby, Bennett Spring State Park**
- May 23, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- June 06, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- June 27, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- July 4: NO MONTHLY MEETING**
- July 25, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- August 01, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- August 22, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- Sept 05, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- September 26, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- October 3, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- October 24, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- October 31, 2024: Last day of Catch and Keep Trout season in trout parks**
- November 7, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B**
- November 28, 2024: NO FLY TYING**
- December 5, 2024: Annual meeting and Christmas Party TBD**

***On Saturday, November 18th, several MTFA-Springfield members assisted the Missouri Department of Conservation in teaching teenagers about fishing at Bennett Spring State Park. Attending were: Kim Schultz, Pat Taggart, Rod Pennington, Harry Morgan, Christian Andrews, and myself, Bob Randall. There were 10 teens eager to learn. The kid I was with had a long wait for that moment of success. She had had several strikes, misses, refusals, and finally, within the last 30 minutes of the day, she landed one. She was one happy, excited kid. That's the way it should be.***

***Bob Randall***



***Email from Morgan Wyatt:***

***Hello Kim and Bob,***

***It was such a pleasure to work with you guys on Saturday at Bennett Spring. Thank you for giving your time to the teens. I think they all learned so much and really enjoyed the day. You may have made fly-fishermen out of several of them. Thanks again!***

***Morgan Wyatt***

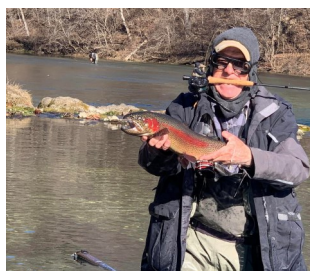
***Naturalist***

## **Fishing Reports:**

**Harry Morgan: Stockton Reservoir, fishing is good from the bank. Also out of boat for everything.**



**Dick Solomon, 11/27/23: Mike Kidd and I fished Bennet yesterday and we had a great time and pretty good fishing, by the time we left our fish count was near or over 100. We netted one Lunker each. John Deere, Red San Juan, and Whispy flies were successful.**



**Bob Randall and Larry Olson, Bennett Spring, 11/13/2023, fished the pool above the Holland Dam, I caught 11 and Larry caught 10.**

**Larry Olson, 11/27/2023: Dakota (Larry's grandson) and I went to Bennett. Dak had 3 hits. He got broke off on one when he set the hook. I caught 3. One 2 1/2 pounder. Got there at 10:30 and left at 2:00.**

**Bob Randall, 11/27/2023, Roaring River: Got there late. Few anglers there. I decided to fish in some pools below the old Lodge where I had never fished before. Only caught two. Other anglers not catching much either. After lunch, I went to the end of zone 1 and caught three more. Successful flies were a chartreuse megaworm fly, a Griffith's gnat, and Cecil's black gnat in size 18. The black gnat was so successful that it even caught the tree behind me.**

**Larry Olson, 12/4/2023, Bennett Spring, Larry and granddaughter, Keera, fished the Holland Dam Pool. Using John Deere jigs, both of them caught 10. Larry doesn't think he'll have any trouble convinc-**



## **Fishing Reports:**

**Chris and Emily Diggons:** *Emily and I spent Black Friday at Bennett Springs. We arrived in time for the horn and fished until early afternoon. It started off very cold and no crowd. The day warmed up a bit and more fishers arrived. We stayed at the Springs, and it appeared that everyone there was pulling in fish. A Bald Eagle landed in a tree along the creek and consumed a fish. It was like a celebrity showed up and the paparazzi came flocking in for a picture. Egg and worm patterns worked well. The Wispy worked out well for one of the fishers present there. I was able to a YouTube on it and it now resides in our fly box.*

**Kim Schultz:** *Rod and I had a good month fishing at Stockton Lake. We each made seven trips and caught many white bass. It seemed the harsher the day, winds over 15 MPR out of the northwest, rain and cloudy skies made for better fishing. Stockton Lake continues to drop from Elevation = 862.2 (ft MSL) 11/OCT/2023 to Elevation = 861.7 (ft MSL) 29/NOV/2023*

**10/30/23:** *Rod and I fished Stockton Lake at Hwy 245. A good Northwest wind blowing 10-15 MPR with white caps on the water. As we walked in, we met a fellow leaving with a bucket full of white bass. Rod found the spot and he caught 71 white bass in 3.5 hours of fishing. We totaled 117 white bass for the day with many of the fish measuring 15-17 inches.*

**11/3/2023:** *There was a southwest wind blowing less than 10 MPR. We fished south beach at Twin Bridges. Fishing was fine but the catching was more challenging with Rod and I catching 17 white bass, a bluegill, and a small-mouth bass. On the drive home saw many deer on or near the road with the rut season hitting a peak.*

**11/9/23:** *There was a southwest wind blowing less than 10 MPR. We fished south beach at Twin Bridges. We managed 25 white bass with deer still moving about at sunset.*

**11/17/23:** *There was a SWS wind blowing 10-15 MPR. We fished south beach at Twin Bridges. Rod and I each had an encounter with three river otters as they swam and fished their way along the shoreline. I did get some get some great video. Rod and I caught 4 white bass, a walleye, a crappie, a carp, and bluegill. Maybe with the otters about, scattering the fish. Was not a great wind blowing on the shore.*

**11/21/23:** *Finally got a strong NW wind 10-15 MPR, fished Hwy 245. Rod was not able to fish this day. It was overcast, raining when I started to fish, and the skies cleared towards evening providing great sunset. A few deer moving on the drive home. I caught 31 white bass. Again, there are 15–17-inch white bass.*

## **Fishing Reports and Pics**

**Kim Schultz report continued: 11/22/23: Had a sunny day with a favorable WNW wind blowing 8-12 MPR. Dr John Mihavevich and I fished Hwy245. John used a spinning rod using rooster-tails and I used #6 white jigs. The conditions good with waves lapping on the rocky points. We totaled 45 white bass for the hours of fishing leaving at 2 PM, we both had commitments later that day. We met Rod as we left, and he texted me later with a report he had a good day of catching.**

**I left the following weekend to attend a funeral in Indiana. Then drove on to Michigan, to spend some time with my parents. I woke to 4-5 inches of snow and now waiting for a break in the weather to fish for steelhead trout. Hopefully I will be able to provide some photos of the Pere Marquette River and the fish that swim that river.**

**Mike Kidd, November 15: "Little Piney today wispy fly."**

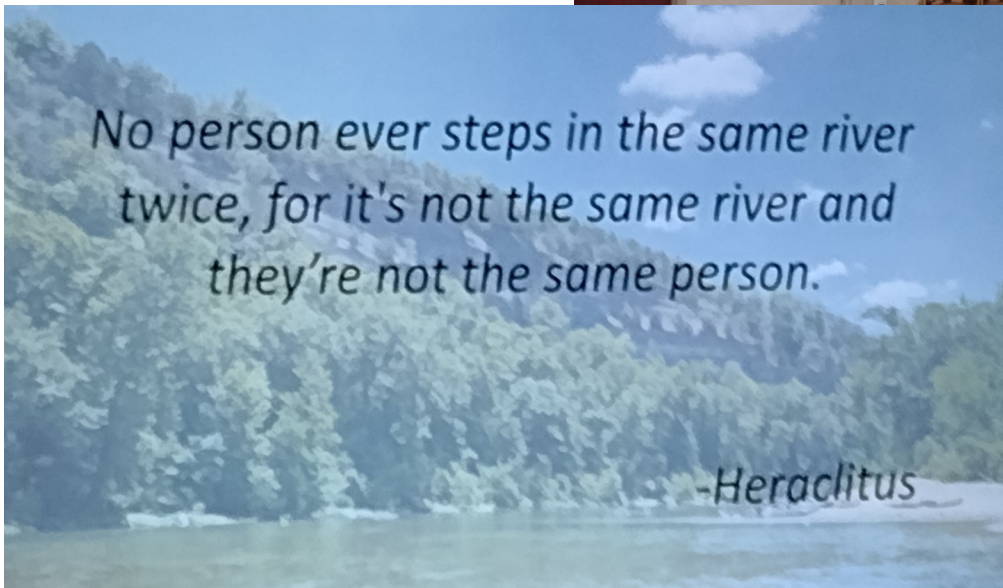
**Kyle Garber, November 13: "Ian and I made it out to Bennett Saturday for catch and release. It's always fun to fish zone 3 during the winter season. We both caught 41 including some very nice fish. "**



**Bob Randall, November 10, BSSP: Caught 22, some very good fish. One was probably largest I've ever caught at BSSP, Most were caught at the pool above the Holland Dam, many on Dennis' bedspread fly.**

**Bob Randall and Larry Olson, November 13, BSSP: I caught 11, Larry caught 10 fishing again at the Holland Dam pool. Larry caught one very nice fish that approached 20 inches.**

***The November meeting: James River, History and Fishing by Tyler Ham, fisheries biologist with the Missouri Department of Conservation at the Southwest Regional Office.***



[The White River 1940, Jim Owen Float Trip - YouTube](#)

**A FLOAT TRIP**  
on the  
**PICTURESQUE**  
**White River**  
Home of the  
**"BLACK BASS"**

Conducted by  
**THE OWEN BOAT LINE**  
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the Ozarks.



## Finances as of 11//2023

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2023 Actual</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>
Beginning Check Book Balance	\$ 7,431.31	\$ -
1 MSU Class @\$798	\$ -	\$ -
16 student fees @\$25	\$ -	\$ -
Education Donation	\$ -	\$ -
Memberships (93)	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,520.00
Raffle (Christmas) Pipkin	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Memorial	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. (gifts)(others)	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Refund (Derby Prizes)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Refund (Derby Food)	\$ 364.56	\$ 500.00
Christmas Dinner	\$ -	\$ -
Expo**	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,955.87</b>	<b>\$ 6,610.00</b>

### **EXPENDITURES**

CFM dues	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Charity (Pipkin & Tables Bennett )	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Derby Prizes	\$ 1,519.16	\$ 1,500.00
Derby Food	\$ 126.27	\$ 500.00
Discretionary fund	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Equipment (Includes storage)	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
Expo	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Derby Lodging	\$ 131.53	\$ 328.02
MTFA State Membership Dues	\$ 206.00	\$ 212.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 302.00	\$ 295.00
Library	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Membership	\$ -	
Education Expenses	\$ -	
MSU Expenses	\$ -	
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Postage & supplies	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Programs	\$ 24.00	\$ 400.00
Rental Agreement Fish Fry	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Socials	\$ 304.08	\$ 1,000.00
Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,203.04</b>	<b>\$ 8,530.02</b>
Ending Check Book Balance	\$ 5,752.83	\$ (1,920.02)

<b>Current Check Book Balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,752.83</b>
<b>Current date</b>	<b>11/26/23</b>

***Dennis Stead,***  
***Treasurer***

Well I got a check for our portion of the Expo Funds. Check total \$2,250 (which include our original seed money \$1,500 plus \$750 profit). Report attached.

**Expo 2023**

Branson MTFA Seed Money	\$ 1,500.00
Springfield MTFA Seed Money	\$ 1,500.00
Income from Expo	\$ 3,324.00
Total Available	<u>\$ 6,324.00</u>

Expenses from Expo	\$ 1,524.00
Account Balance	<u>\$ 4,800.00</u>

**Distrubution**

Branson MTFA	\$ 2,250.00
Springfield MTFA	\$ 2,250.00

Balance needed to keep Expo Account open	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
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Each Club got Seed money Back plus \$750 each

**Expo Income from the following**

Guided Fishing Trip	\$ 180.00
Branson Shows	\$ 105.00
Orvis Rod	\$ 610.00
Fly Plate	\$ 165.00
2 Day Silent Auction	\$ 655.00
Walk Around sales	\$ 233.00
Bucket Raffles	\$ 285.00
Silent Auction	\$ 862.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 29.00
Vendors	\$ 200.00
Total Expo Income	<u>\$ 3,324.00</u>

**Expo Expenes from the following**

Fly Plate	\$ 200.00
Hall rental	\$ 350.00
Food, water and coffee	\$ 195.00
Prizes	\$ 779.00
Total Expo Expenses	<u>\$ 1,524.00</u>

Profit from the show	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>
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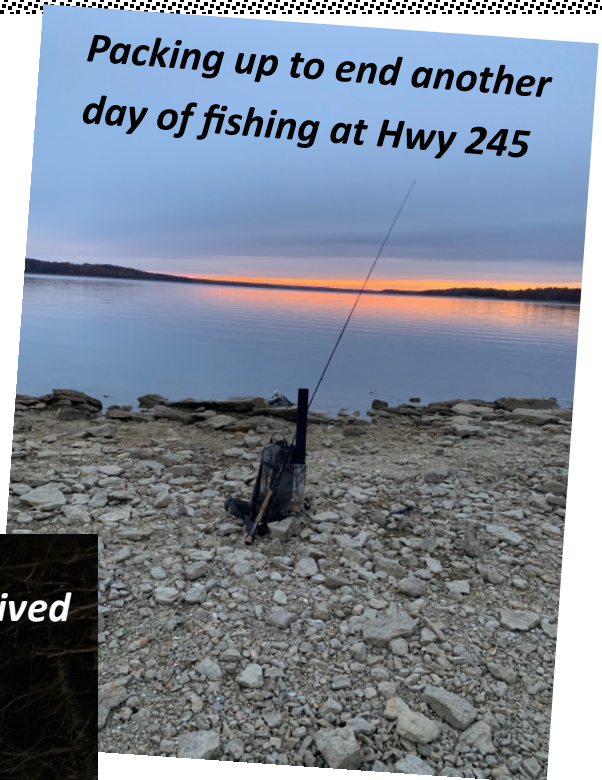
Balance need to keep Expo Bank Acct Open	\$ 300.00
Branson MTFA Show Profit	\$ 750.00
Springfield MTFA Show Profit	\$ 750.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>

***Dennis Stead,***  
***Treasurer***

**Kim Schultz fishes Michigan:**



**Sunset at Hwy 245**



**Packing up to end another day of fishing at Hwy 245**



**Greeted with snow when I arrived in Michigan**

**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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