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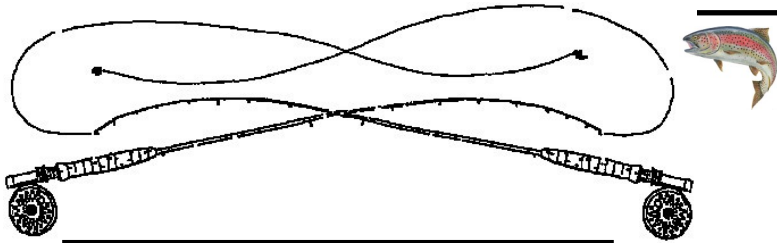
**The February Meeting is on February 1
at 6 pm**

At the Library Center in Community Room B

The months of January and early February have been months where there has been little fishing activity. However, there have been several hardy souls who have ventured out and wet a fly. The February club meeting showcased local guide Captain Darren Sadler. After news broke of the featured speaker, Captain Darren gave his talk to a packed house. There were thirty-four chapter members and four members from the Bennett Springs Fly Tying club at the meeting. The Bennett Springs members were selling cloth fly tying waste bags. Captain Darren's talk was very informative with attendees taking copious amounts of notes!

Thanks

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Chapter News:



Captain Darren emphasizing a point! He was very animated!

Our friends from the Bennett
Springs Fly Tying Club.



Fishing Reports:



January 22, 2024

Jim Rogers:

Howdy

We found 8 fishermen frozen from the waist up at Bennett.

Just kidding, not much to report here.

Rod Pennington:

Nothing. Went to stockton on Jan 2nd. Fish gone. Circumstances and weather prevented any additional trips

January 24th, 2024

The 2023-2024 Bennett Spring Winter Catch and Release portion so far has been fantastic! 40 to 50+ fish days are common and many 3-4 lb fish have been landed and there are still many large and full pools of fish in the park especially in Zone 2. Great success has also been found at the Barclay Conservation Area which has recently been home to some great quality Brown Trout (14-22 inches). These fish have been caught on a variety of different flies and lures however just a few stand out such as, KastMaster Trout Spoons, Mepps Agila Spinners, Rooster tail Spinners, Stonefly And Small Baitfish Fly limitations.

As For Bennett Springs The Usual Flies are recommended. 1/80 oz Mop Flies (Cream, White and Peach) #12-20 Crackle Backs (Dark Olive, Bennet Blue, White and Black), 1/80 oz Mega Worm (white), Glo Balls (Popsicle, White, Olive, Jimi Hendrix and clown) John Deere Fly (Olive, Bumble Bee and Pink) L Would Personally recommend Bottom Bouncing with Mop Flies. Bottom Bouncing is both an easy and deadly method of catching trout on both Fly and Conventional Gear Downsizing line and tippet to 2-4 lb sest (5ox, fox and 7x tippet) is suggested to ensure success in clear water.

Tanner Forester, For Larry's Fly Shop & Cedar Resort

February 8, 2024

Matthew Peet

I spoke with one of our more ardent anglers and he had been fishing yesterday between outlet 2 and three fishing # 20 midges and caught a number of rainbows. He said most of the fish were males with some discharging milt as he released them. Which means egg laden hen fish will be along soon! Our club is going to Bennett Springs on Saturday for the last week-end of C & R season.

Upcoming events:

February 22, 2024

Fly Tying at The Library Center, Springfield, Missouri. We will be focusing on the wet hackle and tying a Partridge and Quill. Ingredients are the quill from any pliable feather, Peacock herl, and a Partridge soft hackle. Please see the event on our Facebook page.

February 29, 2024

Missouri Department of Conservation 2023 Trout Permits expire

March 7, 2024

Fly Tying at The Library Center, Springfield, Missouri. Christian Andrews is still hoping to fill at least one 100 fly order for Tie-A-Thon (tiaathon.org). Bring your tying kits and stuff to tie chironomids in sizes 14 - 20 and/or soft hackles in sizes 14 - 16.

April 13, 2024

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Fly Tying Exposition. Location is Clinton, Missouri, see below brochure.

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Schedule of Events:

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

February 29, 2024: Expiration of the 2023 Missouri Conservation Trout Permit

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 9: MTFA State Council Pre-Derby Meeting, Bennett Spring State Park

March 28, 2024: Fly Tying 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

April 04, 2024: Fish Fry/swap meet—Veterans Park Springfield, Mo 6PM-9PM

April 13, 2024: Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers Expo in Clinton, Missouri

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: No Fly Tying

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

September 5, 2024: Fish Fry Mountain Springs Trout Park

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 12, 2024: Chili Feed -Lake Taneycomo Pavilion—starts at noon

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

January 2, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM, Library Center Community Room B

January 23, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM, Library Center, Community Room B



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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