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

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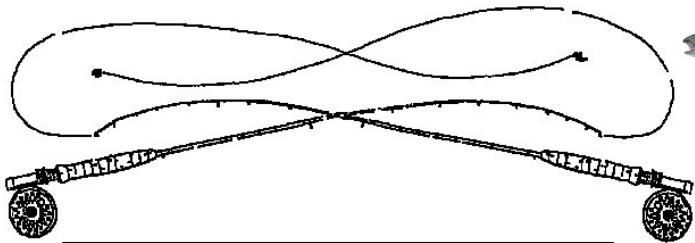
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No April Meeting on April 4
Fish Fry/Swap Meet from 5PM til 8PM
Living Memorial Park Springfield, Mo

Its been a busy March 22024! Opening Day trout fishing at the Missouri State trout parks and fishing at Taney Taneycomo. I am guessing that many member of the club have utilized the strategies used by Captain Darren Sandler to catch more Lake Taneycomo trout. On March 14, 2024, this chapter met with members from the Southwest Fly Fishers for a white bass fishing presentation. Bill Butts was the primary speaker. Bill's presentation was very informative; there were members tying their favorite white bass patterns and there was a station with exhibits on how to rig your fly rod for white bass fishing. A big thank you to SWFF for inviting our members to this informative event! April 13 is Tri-Lakes fishing expo in Clinton, Mo.

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On April 4, the club will meet at Living Memorial Park, near the nature center. If members would like to donate items for a raffle, please bring those. Members attending please bring a covered dish or dessert. Kim Schultz/Rod Pennington are providing the fish and potatoes and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Chapter News:

Currently, there are only three members of the Executive Committee—John Owensby, Dick Owensby, and Bill Huyett. There is one opening for the 2-year term, and two openings for the 1-year term. If any of the membership is interested, please contact one of the above committee members, myself, or Kim Schultz.

Now that I have entered my golden years, turned 70 last October, I have noticed that I am not as spry as I once was. I have noticed my balance is not what it used to be and getting in and out of the streams has become more difficult. Wading out in the streams is a little more challenging, as I have slipped and slid on slick rocks and muddy stream banks. My fix has become metal studs attached to my wading shoes/boots and a wading staff. My Reddington wading boots, top picture, were pre-drilled for tungsten studs. I used a 1/4" nut driver to screw the studs into the soles, usually ten studs per shoe/boot. You can use different designs to get a good grip. I suggest using a drill bit and drill to drill starter holes; otherwise, you better wear gloves to screw the studs in. I bought an adjustable wading staff, so you can customize the length for your liking. The staff helps me steady myself in the stream and getting up/down the stream bank. You can anchor the staff and lean into it as you fish.



Recent Events:

Sowbug Roundup: March 23, 2024 through March 25, 2024, hosted by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers at the Baxter County Fairgrounds, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Several of the club's fly tyers showed their skills at this three-day event! Club fly tyers included: Deb McFarland, Lou Runnals, Phil Boren, Matthew Peet, and John Bush.



Above is Deb McFarland and Lou Runnals

Missouri National Archery in the Schools Program State tournament at the Branson Convention Center, Branson, Missouri, March 27, 2024, through March 30, 2024, hosted by the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation. This archery tournament hosts hundreds of school age children at this annual tournament. MTFA had a booth on the main floor. MTFA was represented by members tying flies and helping with the event. Member David Reynolds and his wife hosted the hospitality suite for vendors and volunteers at the event. It was nice to meet David and get to know him better, he is quite the camper! Members who tied at this event were Kim Schultz, Dennis Stead, Christian Andrews, Mike Kidd, and Pat Taggart. We gave away many a fly and met some very friendly people. I think we all enjoyed interacting with the students and their families.



Above is Dennis Stead, Mike Kidd, and Christian Andrews

Fishing Reports:

Michael Kidd posted the following:



I caught a 85 pound spoonbill in Tablerock lake March 15. Several trout in Taneycomo recently.



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From bennettsprings@aol.com

The fishing at Bennett Spring has never been better. The hatchery is under repair and they are trucking the fish from the hatchery at Taneycomo. They vary in size and the fishermen are very happy. MDC is doing a great job.

From Rod Pennington:

Prederby fished with Mike Suttmoeller and his son Mason below the dam. Fishing was rough. Saw less than a handful landed in the three hours we fished there. These were attracted by a rebel minnow crankbait and a mepps spinner. Mason landed his first ever brown trout. Beautiful 12 inch fish. He did manage five other rainbows keeping four all over 12 and one 14 inch fish. He rocked the park. All on his fly rod and small jigs or cracklebacks.

In Kim's absence, i scouted Stockton at the 245 bridge. Water is up a foot since new years. Landed some spotted and line bass. Also one walleye. Lil Cas and Sac were very low. Did hear a few fairy tales about whites but no corroboration. Powersite area should be busitng with Walleye soon. Best I have seen the water below the Dam for fly fishing in several years. Currently accessible to wade. Caught one nice redhorse sucker. Beautiful fish.

THE TRI-LAKES FLY FISHING EXPO
SATURDAY, APRIL 13
BENSON CENTER, CLINTON MO

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Schedule of Events:

April 04, 2024: Fish Fry/swap meet—Living Memorial Park Springfield, Mo 5PM-8PM

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: Fly Tying 6PM—9PM, 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

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

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

February 27, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

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

March 27, 2024: 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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