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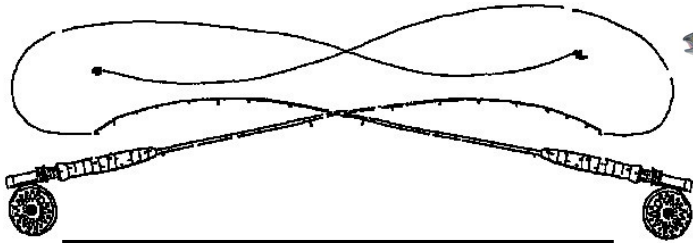
The October 24 Fly Tying meeting will be held Thursday from 5:30 PM to 9PM at the Library Center Community Room B. The Chili Feed at the Pavilion at Lake Taneycomo is scheduled for noon on Saturday October 19.

At the October 3rd meeting, members can tie flies beginning at 5:30PM and start the regular meeting at 7:00PM. There will be a raffle at the meeting, so bring your cash, we will begin the auction of the DVD Library and other prizes.

Rod Pennington sponsored a fishing outing to Stockton Lake, on Tuesday, 10/1/2024. Four members went to the Hwy 245 Bridge for an afternoon fish. Good fun was had by all!

Happy fishing!

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Chapter News:



Taneycomo Chili Feed is scheduled for 10/19/2024.

The club’s DVD library will be auctioned off beginning with the October 2024 meeting.

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

The club has the following events in 2024:

White River Fly Fishers Expo—October 11 & 12 at the Lions Club Community Room in Branson, Missouri

Lake Taneycomo Chili Feed on October 19 at the pavilion.

Fishing reports:

Sept 25 2024—from Kim Schultz

Rod and I looked at little Sac River and fished 245 on Stockton Lake.

Partly cloudy temp 78, water temp 74

WNW winds 8-10MPH

862.4ft 1.76ft 42cfs (Elev. = 862.2 (ft MSL) as of: 11/OCT/2023)

Kim sent some really good pictures of this event; however, the Publisher software would only identify these images as “files” not “pictures”. If I can figure out how to insert these, I will put them in a future newsletter.

Sorry Kim.

Tuesday 10/1/2024

Oct 1 2024—provided by Kim Schultz

Stockton Lake 862.05ft (v:0.35ft) air temp:70F wind: N 8-10 water temp:70F
Several of us from the club went to Stockton lake for a monthly fishing trip organized by Rod. We met at Rod's office at 1PM. Five of us (Pat, Andy, John, Rod and I) commuted in two vehicles to Hwy 245 access on Stockton Lake. We fished several points catching seven species of fish (seventeen fish caught). There was a good chop on the surface and an ideal wind at 245. The water is still



warm (70F) with the migration of bait fish not found near the shore. We fished nearly four hours hiking out at sunset. We all had a good time fishing local waters.



Fishing a point at 245 bridge.



View from the parking lot and walking to Stockton Lake.

Christian tying on a fly.



Kim holding a shad to illustrate what a shad imitation should look like.





My first white bass! Caught it on my grandson's charmed Zebco rod and reel, using a 1/8 oz. Black Marabou jig.



Several drum.



Christian Andrews provided the below information regarding members who would like to donate flies or tie these at the monthly fly tying sessions

Additionally, we will be doing open fly tying from 5:30 to 7 pm before the first Thursday meetings. Christian Andrews has challenged the members to tie flies for <https://www.tieathon.org/> . He will award one of his handcrafted bobbins to the member who contributes the most 100 fly batches by March 31, 2025.

The options are:

Adams sizes #14-18

Beetles sizes #14-18

Blue Winged Olives sizes #18-22

Clouser Minnows sizes #4-8

Copper Johns sizes #12-18

Chironomids sizes #14-20

Elk Hair Caddises sizes #14-18

Foam Spiders sizes #12-18

Griffith Gnats sizes #20-22

Hare's Ear Nymphs sizes #12-16

Hoppers / Chubby Chernobyls sizes #10-14

Beadhead Eggs (trout) sizes #12-14

Pat's Rubber Legs sizes #6-12

Pheasant Tails sizes #14-18

Poppers sizes #6-14

Soft hackles sizes #14-16

Sow bugs sizes #14-18

Squishy worms / San Juan Worms sizes #10-14

Wooly Buggers sizes #8-12

Examples of these flies can be found on the Ti-A-Thon YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@tie-a-thon8292>

The club fly tying nights for the remainder of 2024 are October 24. No flytying on November 28—Thanksgiving

The annual Christmas Party, in lieu of a meeting, will again be held at the Golden Corral at 2020 East Primrose Street, Springfield, Mo. 5:30PM til 9PM.

If you have ever lost a big fish, Ernest Hemingway's book *Big Two-Hearted River*, has a good description of the fight and the post test emotions:

"Nick leaned back against the current and took a hopper from the bottle. He threaded the hopper on the hook and spat on him for good luck. Then he pulled several yards of line from the reel and tossed the hopper out ahead onto the fast, dark water. It floated down towards the logs, then the weight of the line pulled the bait under the surface. Nick held the rod in his right hand, letting the line run out through his fingers.

There was a long tug. Nick struck and the rod came alive and dangerous, bent double, the line tightening, coming out of the water, tightening, all in a heavy, dangerous, steady pull. Nick felt the moment when the leader would break if the strain increased and let the line go.

The reel ratched into a mechanical shriek as the line went out in a rush. Too Fast. Nick could not check it, the line rushing out, the reel note rising as the line ran out.

With the core of the reel showing, his heart feeling stopped with the excitement, leaning back against the current that mounted icily his thighs, Nick thumbed the reel hard with his left hand. It was awkward getting his thumb inside the fly reel frame.

As he put on pressure the line tightened into sudden hardness and beyond the logs a huge trout went high out of the water. As he jumped, Nick lowered the tip of the rod. But he felt, as he dropped the tip to ease the strain, the moment when the strain was too great, the hardness too tight. Of course, the leader had broken. There was no mistaking the feeling when all spring left the line and it became dry and hard. Then it went slack.

His mouth was dry, his heart broken. Nick reeled in. He had never seen so big a trout. There was a heaviness, a power not to be held, and then the bulk of him, as he jumped. He looked as broad as a salmon.

Nick's hand was shaky. He reeled in slowly. The thrill had been too much. He felt, vaguely, a little sick, as though it would be better to sit down.

The leader had broken where the hook was tied to it. Nick took it in his hand. He thought of the trout somewhere on the bottom, holding himself steady over the gravel, far down below the light, under logs, with the hook in his jaw."

Dennis Stead provided the below information regarding the upcoming White River Fly Fishers Expo—October 11 & October 12.

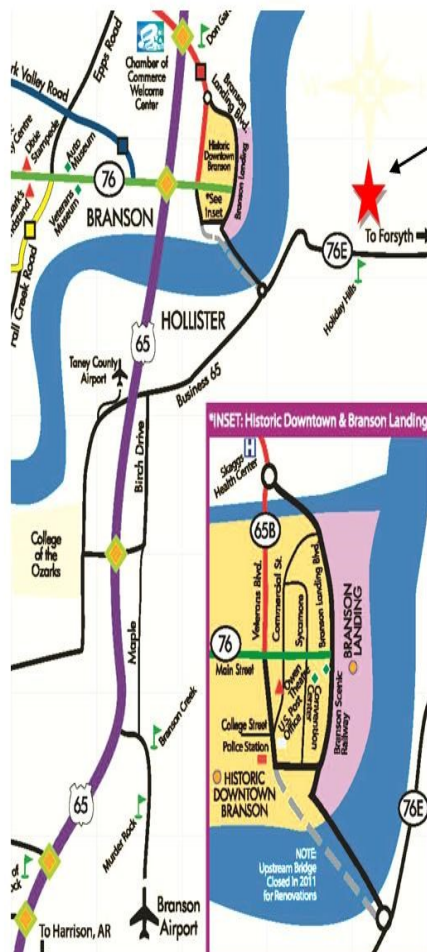


Howard and I just want to let all of you know, that the White River Fly Fishers of Branson Missouri will have their annual fly fishing expo in Branson, Missouri. The dates are October 11th and 12th.

The Lions Club has WIFI. They added Security cameras and the old lighting has been replaced with bright LED lighting. Parking will not be an issue because they purchased 8 acres for additional parking and vendors booths.

We are inviting you to join us and demonstrate your fly tying skills. Howard and I will be managing the fly tiers this year. Below is a sign-up sheet for those of you who want to join us and tie. Please fill out the form completely. Though we might have your information in our data base, it is always good to verify and update it if there are changes. Make your reservations early at your hotel or motel.

You can print, fill out and mail it to the address below, or print, fill out, scan then E-Mail it to either Howard or me. Don't forget to check off the time slot that you would like to tie.



From the Branson Landing – Take State Highway 76 East, cross over Lake Taney-como, through the roundabout heading east on Hwy 76. Around the bend heading up the hill, on you left you will see the BIG YELLOW Lions Club Community Center sign. You have arrived at the WRFF Fly Fishing Expo. Join us for a great time.

Schedule of Events:

October 3, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

October 19, 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 - Golden Corral 5:30PM til 9PM

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, Auditorium

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

March 6, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Library Center, Auditorium

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

April 3, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Auditorium

April 24, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM Community Room B

May 1, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM Community Room A

May 17 & 18 2025: Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Derby at Bennett Springs

May 22, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM Community Room B

June 5, 2025: Monthly meeting 5:30PM—9:00PM Community Room B

June 26, 2025: Fly Tying Community Room A



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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