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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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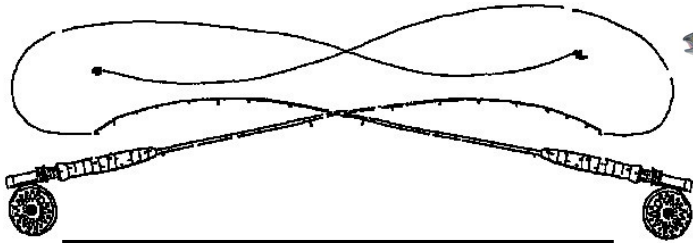
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The February club meeting will be held at the Library Center Community Room B. The meeting date is February 6, 2025.

Hope all is going well for the membership. We have had some really cold weather recently; consequently, there is not much to report regarding recent member's fishing endeavors. We have a speaker scheduled to speak at the February meeting regarding the White and Norfolk Rivers. This should be interesting!

Happy fishing!

Pat Taggart



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Chapter News:



At the February meeting local guide Rudy Chelednik will be speaking to the membership on fishing the White and Norfolk rivers. Rudy is originally from Pennsylvania and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; Rudy spent twelve years in the US Army. This should be an entertaining and informative event!

See below for more upcoming events.

I have contacted the Springfield Nature Center about the club possibly teaching a fly fishing class there. The membership's input is needed regarding whether we should commit to this.

Upcoming events and happenings:

The Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Annual meeting is approaching, here is the text of the email for the event:

"Hi all,

If I remember correctly the second Saturday in March was approved as the annual meeting day for the Pre-Derby meeting at Bennett. That looks to be March 8th at 1:00 PM sharp. We hope to have the usual meeting room and will notify if that changes.

Hope everyone is keeping warm and safe.

Please forward this to any chapter members interested in attending.

Greg Darlington"

If you would like to be a delegate, please let me know. Club Secretary Linda Chase has volunteered to be one of the 3 delegates.

I talked with Rudy Martinez at the Springfield Nature Center and he is asking for fly tiers for the following dates:

March 18 from 1:00PM til 4:00PM

August 8 from 6:30PM til 9:00PM— Insect-O-Rama

December 30 from 1:00PM til 4:00PM

The March 18 event proceeds the 2025 International Sowbug Roundup see details below, and possibly the MoNASP State archery Tournament at the Branson Expo Center (3/19 thru 3/22).

Here is a thank you card we received from Nurse Kitie and Mr. Cox from Pipkin middle School. In regards to the club's \$500 donation to Pipkin Elementary School.

Friends,
Thank you for your Continued
support of our Pipkin students
this year with your financial gift!
Many students have been helped
with your gifts this year -- you
have provided needed shoes, clothing
and hygiene items.
We simply could not do what we do
without the help of partners like you!
Mr. Cox Nurse
 Kitie

I talked with my older brother regarding the road opening at Bennet Springs Park. He called the park and the road opening target date is February 15, 2025.

Fishing Reports:

No fishing reports this month.

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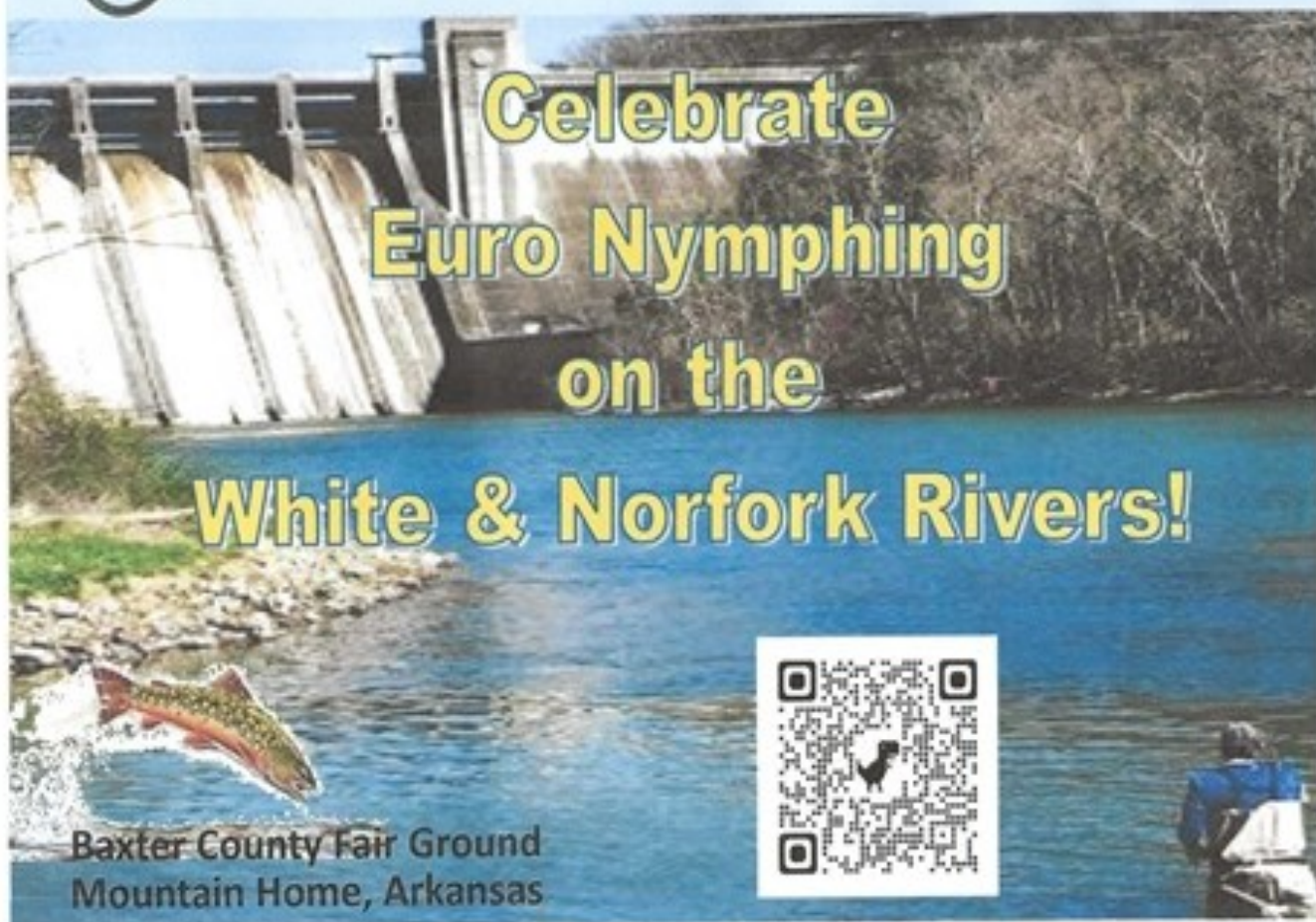
2025
INTERNATIONAL
SOWBUG ROUNDUP

March 27th—29th, 2025



Celebrate
Euro Nymphing
on the

White & Norfork Rivers!



Baxter County Fair Ground
Mountain Home, Arkansas



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

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>

Schedule of Events:

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

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

March 18, 2025: Springfield Nature Center—fly tying 1:00PM til 4:00PM

March 19 thru March 22: 2025 International Sowbug Roundup Mountain Home, Arkansas

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

August 8, 2025: Insect-O-Rama Springfield Nature Center 6:30PM til 9:00PM



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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