



MO Fishing

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There will be no regular April meeting. The MSU Class begins at 6 PM if you are helping.

Have a great month full of fascinating ripples and splashes and, hopefully, wonderful spring weather.

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter Activities for April

April 2	MSU Class 6 PM - No Regular Meeting
April 16	MSU Class 6 PM
April 26	MSU Class Bennett Springs
April 30	MSU Class 6 PM

From Rod Pennington:

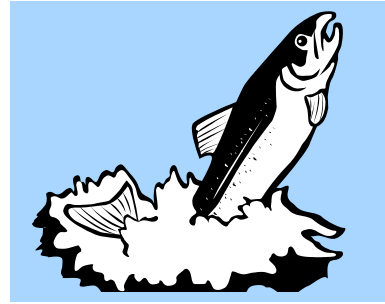
The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers of Bolivar, Missouri, will host their 10th annual Expo, which has evolved into the state's largest fly fishing show. The event will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 9 am to 5 pm at the Assembly of God Church activity building located 14 miles north of Springfield on the northbound lane of Highway 13. Breakfast and lunch will be available and there will be informative seminars and programs throughout the day, including "White Bass Fly Fishing" by Michael Kyle, the line class world record holder, "Smallmouth's" by Oklahoma guide Larry Clark, "Belize on a Budget" by Don Greife and Lou Runnals, and "Trout Tactics" by Arkansas guide Ken Richards. In addition, there will be an outdoor casting pool featuring demonstrations and instruction from Misako Ishimura, Captain of the Japanese National Fly Fishing Team, Gene Holland, FFF Certified Casting Instructor, and spey casting by Marc Pinsel of Louisiana's Red Stick Fly Fishers. Thirty-five of the world's best fly tiers demonstrating their skills and techniques will be featured all day. Vendors with fly fishing equipment and art, guides, and outfitters, door prizes, raffles, silent auctions, and a live auction will round out the event. This is the club's only fund raiser for their education and community projects that include fly fishing and fly tying for Bolivar High School's Outdoor Education class, community outdoor education classes, and Project Healing Waters for wounded and disabled veterans from Fort Leonard Wood.

Come join the fun!

April 18th - Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo.

TROUT

I do my best
to keep pointlessness
at bay. But here,
wet above my
knees, I let fly.
Here, hot and cold,
fingers thick with
thinking, I try to
tie the fly and look
for the net, loosening
the philosophical
knot of why I came
here today, not yet
knowing whether
I'll free or fry
the rainbows
and browns once
they're mine.



By Kathryn Starbuck

Editor's note:*

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Some more information on the Tri Lakes Fly Fisher's Expo

Tri Lakes Fly Fishers Host Missouri's Largest Fly-fishing Show

The Tri Lakes Fly Fishers will again host the largest show held in Missouri on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The event will be held from 9am until 5pm at the activities building of the Highway Assembly of God Church in Brighton, Missouri, 14 miles north of Springfield on northbound highway 13. The event is open to the public, there is no admission charge, and all seminars and shows are free as well. The show will feature 40 of the world's best fly tiers, seminars and programs on Belize, white bass, spey casting, and much more throughout the day. There will be an outdoor casting pond with demonstrations by a certified casting instructor and free casting lessons. Food will be served throughout the day. Vendors will offer a wide variety of products for fly-fishing, and the club will give away fly-fishing door prizes and present silent and live auction items on which to bid.

This is the 10th annual Fly Fishing Expo sponsored by Bolivar's Tri Lakes Fly Fishers. Each has been larger than all previous shows, and this event promises to be the largest and best yet. The Tri Lakes Fly Fishers Expo has traditionally been held in February but this year the club decided to move the event to mid-April in the hope of avoiding the snow and icy roads that have plagued their expos in the past.

The Expo's auctions are the club's only fund raiser and are important to maintain the club's active programs, such as the outing they hosted in October 20087 for "Project Healing Waters". The program is designed to provide soldiers from foreign wars with the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing. The club also provided Bolivar High School's Outdoor Education class with fly tying equipment and has committed to continue their support by donating materials and assistance.

If you are interested in the 2009 Expo and would like information about accommodations and local fishing, please contact Terry Wilson at (417) 777-2447 or terrywilson@windsteam.net.

Editor's note:

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Conservation Quote “Most anglers spend their lives in making rules for trout, and trout spend theirs in breaking them.”— George Aston

2008 rains affect 2009 trout stocking (w/pic) *Stocking will be down 10 percent in most waters.*

JEFFERSON CITY—The effects of last year’s record rainfall continue to be felt a year later, with an announcement that the Missouri Department of Conservation will reduce trout stocking.

2008 was the wettest year in Missouri history, with nearly 6 feet of precipitation falling during the year in some areas and more than 12 inches of rain falling in less than 24 hours in others. Conservation Department Hatchery Systems Manager James Civiello said these torrential rains affected trout hatchery operations in several ways.

The most significant impact came from the forced release of massive amounts of water from Table Rock Dam in Taney County. Prior to 2008, the most rapid release ever witnessed there was 31,000 cubic feet per second. Last year, the dam let as much as 47,500 cfs pass through turbines and flood gates.

“Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery sits right below Table Rock Dam,” said Civiello. “The enormous volume of water pouring into Table Rock Lake forced the Corps of Engineers into record releases in June, and that created less-than-ideal water conditions for trout in our facility.”

Civiello said the temperature of water flowing from Table Rock Lake through the hatchery reached 65 degrees at times. This is too warm to spawn trout eggs and keep hatched fish healthy. Water quality became an issue, too. As a result, the hatchery lost more than 30,000 pounds of fish to disease and parasites, compared to the normal annual loss of approximately 7,000 pounds. Most of these were 3- to 6-inch fish that otherwise would have gone to other hatcheries.

In most years, Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery produces approximately 1.3 million trout for stocking and smaller fish for transfer to other hatcheries, where they are reared to stocking size. Last year the number fell to 1.1 million.

Meanwhile, other hatcheries were experiencing rain-related problems, too. Bennett Spring Hatchery near Lebanon and Maramec Spring Hatchery near St. James both lost fish to floods that compromised water quality and washed fish out of rearing areas.

To compensate for losses, hatchery managers “pushed” small fish, feeding them more to hurry their growth to the average stocking size of 12 inches. While this helped keep last year’s stocking near target levels, it amounted to borrowing fish from 2009. The hatchery system no longer has enough fish in the pipeline to keep up with this year’s stocking goals.

Consequently, the Conservation Department plans to reduce stocking at Missouri’s four trout parks and most other waters by 10 percent. This includes trout management areas and Lake Taneycomo. Statewide, the cutbacks will result in stocking 180,000 fewer trout this year than expected.

“We stuck with the traditional stocking level for opening day at the trout parks,” said Civiello. “Since then, however, we have been stocking about two fish per anticipated angler instead of the usual 2.25 per angler. We should be able to sustain that level of stocking 12-inch fish for the rest of the year.”

One exception to the reduction is the trout stocking program at Fort Leonard Wood. Another is the winter trout fishing program at urban lakes, for which the Conservation Department buys fish from other hatcheries.

Civiello said he hopes to return to normal stocking levels in 2010. He said the agency will continue to monitor hatchery inventories, trout tag sales and other factors and make adjustments to minimize the effect on stocking.

-Jim Low-

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MTFA Derby

Registration for the Derby will begin at 7:00 P: M May 15th. The Derby will officially end noon Sunday, with the awards ceremony and drawings to be held immediately after at Shelter House B.

The Memorial Service honoring our deceased members is 11:00 Saturday with the annual meeting, dinner and program at 5:00. Craig Fuller from MDC will be our featured speaker offering insight as to the Niangua rivers white designation.

I know you don't want to miss this event. Rooms around the area are quickly being reserved so call as soon as possible should you need a reservation. Fish early – Fish often.

Rod Pennington

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The first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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