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MO Fishing

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The monthly meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center as usual. Fly tying will be at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting in June features a program by Terry and Roxanne Wilson. They are nationally recognized for their smallmouth bass expertise. Last month Larry Wegmann introduced the added value raffle. This month there will be a chance at several top grade hackle choices.

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

June 4	Regular Meeting @ 6 PM Springfield Nature Center
June 6, 7	Free Fishing Weekend
June 20	Fish Fry outing at Memorial Park @ (4PM - 8PM)

From MTFA President Larry Wegmann:

The MTFA derby was well received by the other chapters. Approximately 20 trout out of the 100 stocked were recovered for prizes. The fishing conditions were less than ideal. The water level was about 15 inches high with a forceful flow. John Dozier and I tried our luck below the hatchery bridge. I set up a brace of three colors of San Juan worms, red, salmon and pink with extra weight and two Pulsa floats to keep the entire set floating just off the bottom. After a couple of casts, the salmon picked up a strike. But after a fight in the current, my San Juan chenille was a ragged thread. After wasting the rest of my salmon worms, I switched to Alaska flesh flies that Mike Kyle has preferred. They were hitting and then stopped after three catches. I had more success with tungsten cone-headed rabbit strips in yellow, white and black dropped 12 inches below my tungsten double beaded San Juan worm. These required three Pulsa floats. All were tied on size 8 streamer hooks. I had what looked like a 3 lb trout on for 5 seconds until it turned its side against the current and then suddenly rushed directly toward me. This big fly heavily weighted system may be a temporary solution to high water fishing. When the water is high and murky, large flies close to the bottom have good chance of being seen.

63rd Annual Derby from Rod Pennington

The MTFA tagged trout derby was once again a tremendous success. Many "Thanks", to all who helped and participated. I watched Norm, Joe, and Gerald catch fish after fish and this was just one of the success stories.

Nineteen tagged trout were reported overall with seven of these trout reported by MTFA members. Fifty Four enjoyed the fish fry Saturday evening. Craig Fuller, the fisheries biologist, covering Laclede County, joined us and discussed the white ribbon designation on the Niangua River.

Obtaining a master general liability insurance policy was discussed and new officers were elected.

The new officers are:

President: Deborah Jacques

1st VP: Jason Grammon

2nd VP: Kevin Smith

Secretary: David Cook

Treasurer: Chris Gannon

Past President: Rod Pennington

The 64th Annual Derby will be this same weekend next year. More fun on the way... Rod

2009 MTFA Spring Derby - Bennett Springs, MO

From Trout line-Kansas City Chapter Newsletter

140 fishermen registered for the derby. That is higher than I remember for the last couple of years. We did get rain and thunderstorms on Friday night but it did not accumulate enough to change the fishing conditions. 19 tagged fish were turned in. Prizes were awarded from high to low tag number. The first pick went to Lisa Burns (#078) of Lexington, MO, who also joined our chapter along with her husband Mike. She picked a leather travel bag for rods and reels. The second pick went to Brian Willman (#068) of Gainesville, GA and he also joined our chapter. His selection was a Redington travel rod & reel. Dave Cook had the third pick (#067) of the derby and selected a TFO travel rod. Marvin had #028 and I did not see his pick and Don Kearns (#041) picked a new fly reel.

Fishing was tough. The water was dingy and a little high (8 inches). I caught my tag in the last hour of the derby on a jig and cork under the stone bridge. Marvin caught his on Saturday and it was the only fish he caught that day (It only takes one). Saturday morning, many (about 20) of the Kansas City Chapter members & guests met at the Circle J Café for breakfast. It was a great time with lots of stories.

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The State meeting and dinner on Saturday night was well attended by all chapters. Debbie Jacques is now the State president and David Cook is the State secretary. Each chapter's share of the derby proceeds was \$282 for a net profit of \$32. The State spent more on Saturday night's dinner than their share of the proceeds and money taken in donations to cover the cost of the dinner. We might want to review how we put on the dinner for the club meeting.

Hope you will plan to put the Derby on your calendar to attend next year.

By David Cook

KC MTFA Troutline

Bennett Spring May 16th, 2009 from Kevin Smith's Blog

Saturday morning and I got up just early enough to be Bennett Spring by nine-thirty. Close to ten I meet up with Rod Pennington (current MTFA State President) at the whistle bridge to get a few details on the days events. Joe and Norm were fishing with power bait on the down stream side of the bridge. They were having a lot of fun and catching a few fish to boot. A couple of times they were giggling like school girls. Their fun was highly contagious and had already infected several fishers in the immediate surroundings. Glad to see it. The water was high, fast flowing and dark green. About two feet was as far as you could see down into the water. Skies were overcast and on occasion threatened rain but none fell. Temperatures were in the upper sixties, seventy at best. I wore a jacket all day and a couple of times I was glad to have it.

I started below the old highway bridge just around the bend on the downstream side. Not many fishers on the water. The heavy rains probably drove most away. I was fishing that little 250th oz orange jig I had used at the Little Red River the week before. I have since named it the "Jeeze Jig". Had three before I got down to the outlet and by this time it was getting close to time to go check tags at Shelter A so I packed up and headed up stream. On the way I stopped and fished below the spring for about fifteen minutes and caught one more. That was all my fishing for the day.

I'm getting better at fishing high water. The secret seems to be that when your selecting weights go about twice what you think you'll need to get to the bottom. I was six foot below the indicator with BB size split shot and that was in the calmer water. Even then I would get a full six count before the weight would drag bottom. I would cast up stream far enough to allow enough time for the fly to be down before it reached the spot I wanted to fish.

As I walked out of the water a guy asked what I caught that last fish on. Jeeze... Orange Jeeze was all I said. By the look on his face I knew he thought exactly what I hoped he would. That there's some funny stuff, Good times! Good Times!

Later that evening we had the cook out in the Valley below Sand Springs Resort and everyone enjoyed the fish, burgers and hot dogs, (Thank to Kim for all the fish!) while recalling the days events. With each telling the fish grew a little larger and a few more were add to the stringer for effect or maybe that was just in my recollections. Fishing lies aside a good time seemed to be had by all.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

Kevin Smith



MTFA members Fishing the first hole at Roaring River State Park with students from solutions 5/09

Solutions Update

Last week, members of the club spent time with students from Solutions. On Wednesday, we drove to the Pepperdine Center in Springfield and went into the classroom to teach fly tying and casting. Charlie introduced the club and explained the club's intent. It was our intent to provide them with enough instruction to tie their own fly and catch a trout with it using a fly rod. There were nine students with enough help from the club for one-on-one instruction.

On Thursday, we met the students at the first hole on the waters of Roaring River State Park. Larry Wegmann reserved the first hole for students' day of fishing, which was restricted to "youth only" until noon. All of the students caught fish with a few catching more. There was more than enough help from the membership for one-on-one assistance with the students. Connie Erickson and Dorothy Prugger grilled hotdogs and hamburgers for the group with all the fixings and dessert.

Connie and Charlie Erickson initiated this project several years ago coordinating club members with Jim Kilpatrick and the staff at Solutions; they continue to oversee the project and this is the reason for its success. Charlie has voiced how important this project is to the individual student and to members of the club serving the community. We send a big thank-you to Jerry Dean and the MDR Hatchery staff at Roaring River State Park for assisting and allowing the students to fish the first hole.

Sometimes if we take time to reflect, we can see how we have made a difference in our community. If you missed out on this opportunity, you would not have seen the smiles on the students face with a bent fly rod, the commotion of club members scurrying to net the trout and the smiles in front of a camera with a trout in hand. That is how we made a difference. Here is a list of club members who helped with this project: Charlie Erickson, Connie Erickson, John Prugger, Dorothy Prugger, Larry Wegmann, Ralph Eichholz, Mike Kyle, Bill Blondeau, Ditzler, Joe Simecek, Norm Collison Anne Tunnell, Howard Hawkins and to all of you a big thank you.

Tight lines... Kim

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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center.

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

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