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Our February 2nd meeting will be at the Springfield Nature Center beginning at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

Our guest speaker for the February meeting will be Ken Richards. Ken is the owner and head guide with Just Fishin' Guides. Ken and Kevin Calhoun are out of Northwest Arkansas and have been guiding the waters of Arkansas for trout and smallmouth since 1996. They have the knowledge to guide your next fishing excursion; whether it's wading or in a Hyde Drift boat, fly or spinning rods. Ken will provide information to familiar waters and not so familiar waters.

For more information about Just Fishin' Guides, check out the website at: www.justfishingguides.com

If you have been looking for other waters to fish in the Ozarks, than this program by Ken should be of interest for you.



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Activities for February 2012

February 2	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
February 10	Sweethearts Banquet at Heritage Cafeteria 6-8 PM (tentative)
February 24-26	2012 CFM Annual Convention Lodge of the Four Seasons
February 25	Fly tying at Bass Pro 10 AM - 2 PM

March 1 Opening day for Trout Season at MO State Parks

Club News

Greetings from Ralph: it's the middle of January and I've been running around outside in jeans and a tee-shirt; except for the wind it's been fantastic. I'm writing this early because I'm getting ready to leave on my first adventure into South America...the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador and then Machu Picchu in the mountains of Peru. Hopefully, I'll get a few pictures to share when I return.

A great big thank you to all of you who tied at the Nature Center in January, especially to Summer Trowbridge and Grant Strothkamp. It was good to show that we have younger members in MTFA and welcome members of all ages. The attendance was nothing like at Insect-o-rama, but we had an audience until about 3:30. A few spent at least an hour with us, asking questions and hopefully learning. I expect we probably will gain at least one or two members from this session.

Mark your calendar for our February 2nd meeting. Other events will be our annual Sweetheart Banquet at Heritage Cafeteria on February 10th at 6 PM (feel free to come a little earlier), the Conservation Federation of Missouri Convention from February 24-26, and fly tying at Bass Pro on February 25th from 10 AM– 2 PM.

Bill will be there for our February meeting and I hope to see you at the Sweetheart Banquet. Take care, enjoy the wonderful weather as long as it lasts and try to get in a little fishing.

Ralph

A Letter To The Club From SCNC

Hello, Ralph,

I heard that you had a good turnout of interested folks for the fly tying demonstration your group did last Saturday at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. It's such an interesting activity to watch and the timing is perfect. Many people are looking forward to the trout opener in March and are happy to find something to do indoors on a winter day. Had the weather been cooler, you would have been even busier, I'm sure.

Please share my sincere thanks with Summer, Leo, John, Lezley, Herb, Rod, and Grant. We really appreciate your group's willingness to share your talents and time with the nature center visitors. We really appreciate the great relationship we've had with the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association all these years. You all are the best.

I hope you'll be interested in demonstrating again in the future. Please let me know if you have any suggestions on the timing of your visit, set up, or anything else.

Thank you,

Linda

Linda F. Chalice

Nature Center Manager

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

The Truth about Felt Sole Waders from Rod Pennington

Ban Goes Into Effect March 1, 2012

3 CSR 10-12.150 Fishing, Trout Parks: PURPOSE: This amendment prohibits the use of porous soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a porous sole of felted, matted or woven fibrous material when fishing in the trout parks.

(1) On Maramec Spring Park, Bennett Spring State Park, Montauk State Park, and Roaring River State Park—
(F) The use of shoes, boots or waders with porous soles

incorporating or having felt, matted or woven fibrous materials is prohibited.

AND

3 CSR 10-6.415 Restricted Zones. section (6)

(6) The use of shoes, boots or waders with porous soles incorporating or having felt, matted or woven fibrous materials is prohibited on the following trout waters:

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- Barren Fork Creek in Shannon County
- Blue Springs Creek in Crawford County
- Capps Creek in Barry and Newton counties
- Crane Creek in Stone and Lawrence counties
- Current River in Dent, Texas, and Shannon counties
- Dry Fork Creek in Crawford and Phelps counties
- Eleven Point River in Oregon County
- Hickory Creek in Newton County
- Lake Taneycomo in Taney County
- Little Piney Creek in Phelps County
- Meramec River in Crawford and Phelps counties
- Mill Creek in Phelps County
- North Fork of White River in Ozark County
- Niangua River in Dallas and Laclede counties
- Roaring River in Barry County
- Roubidoux Creek in Pulaski County
- Spring Creek in Phelps County
- Stone Mill Spring Branch in Pulaski County.

Just a reminder of why we wash and disinfect “everything”.

Didymosphenia geminata, commonly known as didymo or rock snot, is a species of [diatom](#) that grows in warm and shallow [water](#). If it overgrows, it can form large mats on the bottom of [lakes](#), rivers and streams. It is not considered a significant human health risk, but it can affect stream habitats and sources of food for fish and make recreational activities unpleasant. It is considered a nuisance organism or [invasive species](#). The microscopic [alga](#) can be spread in a single drop of water.



**So be sure and protect the waters you love.
And the habitats that allow you to spend time with fish,
In the great outdoors.**

Some Information about Just Fishin' Guides

Editor's note: I copied this from the the *Just Fishin'* website. It is a really good one, so be sure and take a look at it.

With over 40 years of fly fishing experience and over 13 years guiding, Ken Richards, owner of Just Fishin' Guides, has the knowledge to guide your fishing excursion – whether it's wading or in a Hyde drift boat, fly or spinning rods. His love for the outdoors and passion for fly fishing are contagious. You and your party will enjoy some of the greatest waters in the four state area.

Experienced and novice fly fishers alike will enjoy their Just Fishin' Guides excursion. We tailor each trip to your experience and desires. If you are just starting your fly fishing experiences, Ken can teach you some of the basic elements of fly fishing. We even have equipment, so you don't have to invest in rods and reels to try your hand at fly fishing. Consider yourself an experienced fly fisher? You'll appreciate Ken's knowledge of area streams and rivers. And he's always willing to trade fishing secrets with you.

Like to fish, but without a fly rod? We're experienced with spin fishing and will do everything possible to make your fishing trip enjoyable. Regardless of your skill level, you'll have an experienced guide with your safety and success as his only concerns for your trip. We work hard so you can enjoy your day with us.

Just Fishin' Guides came about after a lifelong love of the outdoors. I happened to be lucky enough to be raised in a family that did all the outdoor stuff and instilled a respect for nature. I went to college to study fish and game management at Arkansas Tech. After a trip to Wyoming in 1995 with my son, it really hit me that I needed to be in the outdoors again. I then began building my guide business.

With my background in nature and photography, I hope I can give you more than just a fishing trip.

Member: Sage Fly Rods, Simms, Ross Reels, Airflow & Rio Fly Lines, Costa Del Mar Pro Guide, Hyde Drift Boats Pro Staff, Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Guide, Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited



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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

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