



MO Fishing

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Our June 7th 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 June will be Nick Girondo. He is an MDC biologist from the Rolla Region, and is responsible for three of these Blue water streams; Little Piney Creek, Mill Creek and Spring Creek, which are all in Phelps County.



Nick Girondo

Nick will meet with us to discuss these blue ribbon gems and provide us with useful information to these streams.



Mill Creek – Feb 2012

We all know wild trout live in the most scenic areas of world and here is opportunity to know more about trout fishing in Missouri. Want to know more about trout fishing in Missouri and find trout in secluded, remote areas with outstanding natural beauty, make it point to meet with us Thursday night for Nick's presentation.

There are about 120 miles of Ozark streams that can support trout in Missouri. The trout management plan designate three types of management areas. The name of these streams is Blue Ribbon stream, Red Ribbon stream and White Ribbon stream.

You can read more from the MDC web site. The Blue ribbon stream is the best water for trout. These areas include parts of large, cold rivers with excellent trout habitat and smaller streams that support naturally reproducing rainbows trout. These areas on the Current and North Fork of the White Rivers are stocked with brown trout, and the Eleven Point River is stocked with rainbow trout. The list of Blue Ribbon streams includes Barren Fork Creek, Blue Springs Creek, Crane Creek, Little Piney Creek, Mill Creek and Spring Creek... Kim Schultz

Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter

Activities for June 2012

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| June 1-3 | Discover Nature Women's Event at Windermere |
| June 7 | Monthly meeting 6-9 PM |
| June 16 | Annual Fish Fry |

Club News...

Greetings from Ralph: As I'm writing this May is just about complete. The MSU classes are in the book. Most of the students were very happy with what MTFAs did during the class and appreciated the effort we put into the class. I had no complaints as I talked to the students when I checked them in on May 5. My guess is we will have a few more fly fishers after their experience. MSU has already sent us our payment for the class so now it's just getting ready for the fall class that begins August 23rd.

The MTFAs Derby was a success. We had several members present and gained a few new members. Kim has finished his term as state president, but will now serve as secretary, and Warren has rotated from secretary to 2nd vice president. For those who don't remember, ask Warren what can happen when you miss a chapter meeting. Many thanks to all the chapter members who helped make this a successful derby.

Some of our members will be helping out again this year at the Discover Nature Woman's Event at Windermere on June 1st-3rd. Our monthly meeting is June 7th and our fish fry is June 16th. So we will have a few events in June. The Insect-o-rama will be on August 17th and they are probably going to go until 9:30 instead of 9 this year.

I was lucky enough to catch trout at Bennett Spring, Roaring River, Taneycomo, and two locations on the White River (thanks to Russ for asking me along). I've been fishing a g-bug under a soft hackle. I also caught some blue gill and bass near Buffalo and Chamois, so I had a good month on the water. Now I'm getting ready to head west and I hope to fish at least one day in Colorado.

Hope everyone was able to get on the water and will continue to do so. See you at the Nature Center for our meeting on June 7th.

Ralph

Thanks to everyone who made our MSU class a big success. If you were present for one class or all of them, your help was appreciated. Most of the students had very positive feelings about the class and I believe we will have a few more fly fishers on the streams in the near future.

Russ lost a tippet holder with two spools of fluorocarbon tippet. If you found this please notify Russ or Ralph.

Thanks again,

Ralph

66th Annual Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association Derby

The Springfield Chapter hosted the 66th Annual Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association Derby and meeting this past weekend, May 19-20, 2012. It was a huge success with seventeen Springfield members present for the weekend activities. We paused to remember Dr. James Scheve, a past president of the Springfield Chapter and past President of the State Council at the memorial Stone. A new member to the club EJ Mattson caught three tagged fish, which is a record for our chapter. He was eager to join our group and he is looking forward to our meetings. He wanted to know more about fishing in Missouri.

Thanks goes to John and Dorothy Prugger, Charlie and Connie Erickson, Joe and Lois Simecek, Norm Collison, Warren Wilkerson, Rod Pennington, Joe Davis, Ralph Eichholz, Lezlie and Rick Chastain, Ann Schultz and David Cook. All contributed to the dinner and Derby, with many compliments to our club for an outstanding Derby. We fed seventy MTFA members Saturday evening, with all the fish fried and most of the food eaten. The desserts left over were taken the next day to the conclusion of the Derby and finished off. Lezlie gave the MTFA her Alpaca hair products for fly tying and we are hoping for a program in November, with Lezlie telling us how to get started in a fly tying business. Ann Schultz made all of the baskets, which offered the women prizes for the derby.

Mike Mitchell was our guest speaker discussing the hatchery and providing information to a problem they are having with nitrogen in the spring water. Mike followed up on a proposal to have a trophy area at the Bennett Spring State Park. Mike explained why it would be difficult to enforce a catch and release area. In addition, releasing all trout would restrict some anglers who enjoy fishing this area. Mike did an excellent job and is an asset to the MDC and to trout fishing in Missouri... Thanks Mike for a job well done.

Jim Rogers was more than generous by giving the MTFA Derby two fly rods. A 5 wt 9' Flight Sage rod which was auctioned and an 8wt 9' Reddington fly rod and reel was held back for the last ticket drawn at the raffle on Sunday. Jim has been a great supporter of the MTFA for many years and we appreciate his expertise and knowledge of fly-fishing... Thanks Jim.

Lastly, we must thank the Fly shops for their contribution for our derbies; Readings Fly Shop, Fowkes Backcountry Outfitters, Larry's Sporting goods and Weaver's campground. We had almost \$2000 in prizes, rods, reels and other stuff to give away, Sorry if you missed out... maybe next year.

Finally, the state council has restructured and hopefully will run smother in the years to follow. Kent Inman from the Kansas City Chapter is the State Council President, Warren Wilkerson the 2nd Vice President, and Kim Schultz will perform Secretary Duties with Rod Pennington continuing as CFM Director for the MTFA.

It was an outstanding derby, due in part to all above who contributed, helped with the many tasks or by attending to show support for the MTFA... Thanks...Tight lines

Kim Schultz - Past President of the MTFA State Council

Misadventures on the James River by Kim Schultz

May 10, 2012: I received a tip of garpike in the James River below Lake Springfield. My wife dropped me off below the dam; it is called the Tail waters Access on City Utility property. The first warning of the day to come was a brown recluse escaping from my wading boots as I laced them up. It was in the truck; next to my wife in the driver's seat as I was getting into my boots, no harm but I did dispatch the spider. I carried the kayak to the water's edge, returned to the truck to carry the rest of the gear down to the water. My wife waved good-bye and took off; she was to pick me up at the Campbell Bridge in four hours. So, she was going to shop until time to pick me up.

Within 5 minutes, I realized two boxes of flies were left on the rear bumper of the truck. I immediately called Ann; she called me back thirty minutes later. One of the boxes was found in Kohl's parking lot a few feet from where Ann parked. The other box was lost, approximately 50-70 streamers; including Clouser minnows, buck-tail streamers, etc. Ouch that hurts; time for me to get back to work trying flies. Ann returned in short time and gave me the box she found; it contained several large streamers with a few small gray Clouser minnows. It was almost 3 PM; I finally shoved off. It was been years since I fished this portion of the river; it had changed significantly with the area around the cave completely different with the main stream taking a different path. I went a little farther downstream and finally had some water to float. The water was low with many of the shoals difficult to pass. I was making a run and the current pushed the kayak into an uprooted tree. I saw it and thought I could paddle through it; instead I crashed into it. Damn, there goes the rod!!! The fly rod was caught in the mess of roots and broke, rendering the rod almost worthless.

I floated downstream and parked on a gravel bar. My two-piece fly rod is now a four-piece fly rod. Sometimes things just happen, and for me it was modifying my 9 ft 8 wt Loomis rod, to a 4'10" fly rod. I took a knife and modified it by inserting the tip section into the butt section and placing a tender twig between the sections to secure it. It actually threw a nice roll cast and finally started to see head to tail movement of gar. The rod worked in a pinch and took a few pumpkinseeds, an eighteen-inch channel catfish and two small-mouth bass downstream.

The honeysuckle was in full bloom and the perfume was overpowering in some areas. Nearby the scent of fresh cut hay mixed with the honeysuckle. There were several sightings of white tail deer along the water's edge. It was almost 6 PM and I was making my final push to Campbell Street and saw two eagles fly across and downstream. Rod told me later that pair has been nesting there for five years or more. Ann was waiting for me at the bridge and I took out at 6:30 PM, right on time.

It was a memorable trip with a box of flies lost to the road, a broken fly rod. So, back to the tying bench and considering a new rod; one that is six foot with the stiffness to roll cast a sink tip line... more to think about.

Tight Lines

Kim Schultz

MTFA Calendar of Events 2012

January 5.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
January 14	Natured Center Fly Tying 1-4 PM
February 2.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
February 10	Sweethearts Banquet at Heritage Cafeteria 6-8 PM
February 24-26	CFM Annual Convention at Lodge of the Four Seasons
February 25	fly tying at Bass Pro 10 AM – 2 PM
March 1.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
March 10	Pre-Derby meeting at Bennett Spring State Park, noon
March 22-24	Sow bug Roundup 9 AM-4 PM
March 29	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
April 5.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
April 12	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
April 14	Tri-Lakes Expo 9 AM – 4 PM
April 19	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
April 26	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
May 3.....	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM No monthly meeting
May 4-5	11 th Annual Smallmouth Rendezvous, Tahlequah, OK
May 5	MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM – 4 PM
May 19-20	MTFA Derby at Bennett Spring
June 1-3.....	Discover Nature Women's Event at Windermere
June 7	monthly meeting 6-9 PM
June 16	annual Fish Fry
July 5.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
August 2.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
August 17	Insect-o-rama 6:30-9 PM
August 23	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
August 30	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 6.....	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM No monthly meeting
September 13	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 20	MSU Fly Fishing Class 6-9:50 PM
September 22	MSU Fishing Trip to Roaring River State Park 9 AM-4 PM
October 4.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
October 4-6	Southern Council Conclave
October 27	Chile Feed
November 1.....	Monthly meeting 6-9 PM
December 6.....	Christmas Party 5:30-8 PM

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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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