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The Newsletter of the Springfield Chapter of the
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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December 2024

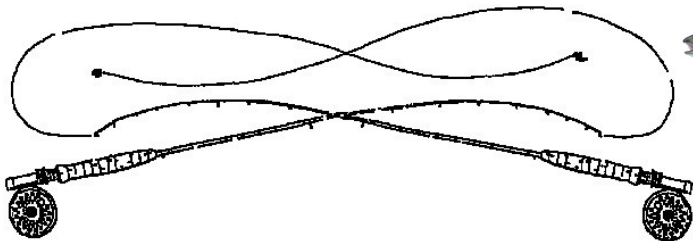
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In Lieu of a December meeting, the membership will meet for a Christmas dinner at the Golden Corral located at 2020 E. Primrose Street, Springfield, Mo, starting at 5:30PM. Please note the address

Tis the holiday season! Members have done some fishing, see fishing reports on what others have been up to. We continue to clean out the storage unit, currently it is almost completely vacant. Congrats to all who helped clean the unit out, especially Christian Andrews and Kim Schultz! Kim Schultz will be collecting keys and notifying the storage facility regarding the club not renewing the storage lease. Additionally, we have received a \$100 donation from the Missouri Department of Conservation Springfield Nature Center. Many thanks our club members who volunteer their time to tie flies at the Nature Center's various outreach events!

Happy fishing!

Pat Taggart



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Chapter News:



The club’s DVD library is being auctioned off. Consequently, there will be auctions during the 2025 monthly meetings to see if we can get all the DVDs sold.

Proposed 2025 club officers and Executive Committee members:

President: Pat Taggart

Vice President: Christian Andrews

Treasurer: Kim Schultz

Secretary: Linda Chase

Executive Committee:

3-year Term: Bob Randall and Dennis Stead

2-year Term: John Owensby and Dick Owensby

1-year Term: Bill Huyett

Upcoming events:

December 5, 2024—Christmas party at the Golden Corral on 2020 E. Primrose Springfield, Missouri, 5:30 PM til 9:00PM. Attendees are asked to bring an item for the raffles (\$10-\$25 limit) with proceeds going to Pipkin Elementary School.

From Rod Pennington:

January will be at C&R visit of Bennett Springs. Date to be determined.

From the Treasurer—Kim Schultz

MTFA Springfield Treasurer Report

Dated 12/05/2024

	Account balance as of 11/04/2024	\$5120.14
Receipts:		
11/07/24	Donation: DVD sales	\$34.00
	Membership	\$40.00
	Donation fish fry	\$5.00
Total Receipts:		\$79.00
Expenses:		
11/6/2024	Reimburse: Pat (Chili Feed)	\$37.00
Total Expenses		\$37.00
	Account balance as of 12/04/2024	\$5162.14

MTFA Member,

Thank you for your support to the club. We had a very active year with instruction fly tying classes, MDC outings and looking forward to another active year. We will meet December 5, 2024, at Golden Corral for the club's annual meeting. I will accept payment for membership at the meeting. Currently family and individual dues are twenty dollars.

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, I will send out a notice later in the month to you as a reminder.

Programs are important for us to get new ideas, timely updated information from the Missouri Department of Conservation and fishing opportunities in Missouri. If you have an idea for a program please indicate on application form or contact Kim Schultz

Thank you, looking forward to seeing you this Thursday.

Kim Schultz

MTFA State Secretary, MTFA Springfield Treasurer, Membership
December 5, 2024

Here is Rudy Martinez's letter with attached check. Rudy is the Nature Center Manager. Again, a big shout out for all our members who volunteer at the Nature Center events!



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November 19, 2024

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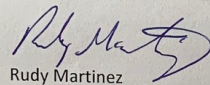
SUBJECT: DONATION

Please find the enclosed money order for \$100.00 donated to Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. This money is from the spring pool exhibit at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center.

In an effort to keep visitors from throwing coins into the water (which damages exhibits and makes the coins nearly unusable), we have an enlarged pickerel frog that accepts coins in its mouth along with a message that reads, "Pickerel frogs call for clean water." When coins are dropped into the frog, the visitor is rewarded with the call of the pickerel frog. The money goes into a locked container and is donated annually to a list of seven organizations committed to protecting water quality.

We appreciate everything Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association does to protect water quality here in the Ozarks! And, of course, we appreciate you for your role with this great organization.

Sincerely,


Rudy Martinez
Nature Center Manager

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Fishing reports:

On November 25, 2024, Michael Kidd reported on his recent fishing adventure - Fishing has been good on Taneycomo and also Little Piney using wispy.



Fishing Reports: Continued

Woody Woodman has also been to the river! Woody, sorry I couldn't get the trout in the net onto this page!



Fishing Reports:

Rod Pennington provided the following:

31" in carp 6wt 8lb tippet. 16 1/2" white bass.— Stockton Lake



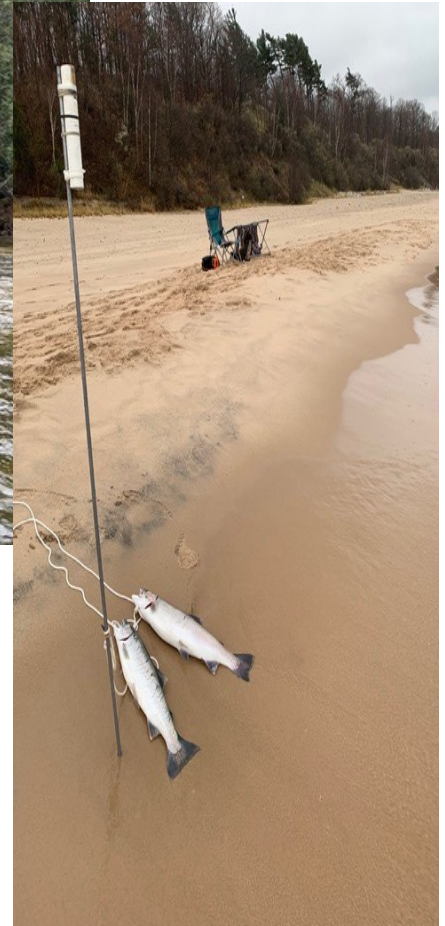
Super nice White Bass!

Successful MTFA outing last Tuesday. Christian and I each caught a white bass

Kim Schultz's fishing report: Kim's recent trip to Michigan



My brother (Kirk) and I had an opportunity to fish for steelhead trout. We fished the Pere Marquette River and



the surf near Ludington. The river was down a bit and clear. Kirk was able to find and hook several

steelhead going two for three on the first day. I found several rainbow trout under sixteen inches. The next day, we started at

Butterfield Park south on the Ludington piers. We fished five hours hooking up nine fish and landing four. The steelhead were under 7 lbs. The wind was forecasted to blow more than 15 MPR, which is too much wind and wave action to fish the surf. So, we stopped to get a bit to eat and returned to the Pere Marquette to fish. My brother again caught steelhead going four for six. I caught more short trout and finally hooked and landed a King Salmon. We fished until 5 PM. We considered staying another night, but the NE winds were forecasted to drop 4-inches of snow. It was a short trip, with success catching large fish.

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

By way of clarification:

The club fly tying nights for the remainder of 2024 are July 25, August 22, September 26, and October 24. Dennis Stead will be the lead on July 25. Cecil Woodman will be teaching the Mayfly Cripple on August 22. Who will volunteer to demonstrate for the September and October sessions?

Additionally, we will be doing open fly tying from 5:30 to 7 pm before the first Thursday meetings. 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:

November 7, 2024: Monthly Meeting 6PM - 9:00PM, Library Center, Community Room B

November 28, 2024: NO FLY TYING

December 5, 2024: Annual meeting and Christmas Party TBD

January 2, 2025: Monthly Meeting 6PM-9PM, Library Center Community Room B

January 23, 2025: Fly Tying 6PM-9PM, Library Center, Community Room B

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

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

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

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



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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If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put MTFA NL in the email subject line and send to Pat Taggart: cptaggart@sbcglobal.net

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