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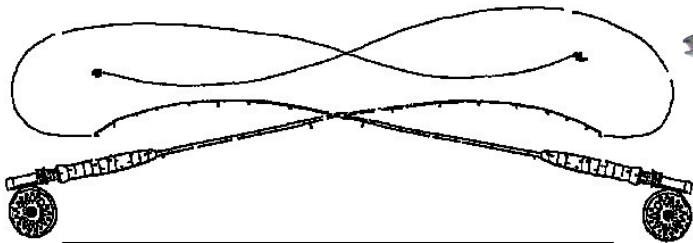
The November meeting will be Thursday,  
November 7, 2024, at the Library Center  
Community Room B

*There have been several events since the last newsletter— the expo in Branson and members have done a lot of fishing (see fishing reports)! We are continuing to auction/raffle off the club's DVD library, please come to the monthly meetings to see if there are any DVDs you would like.*

*The Annual meeting/Christmas Party is rapidly approaching, the date is Thursday December 5, 2024, see elsewhere in this newsletter regarding the specifics. Additionally, at this event we will be electing officers for the coming year. Thursday 11/31/2024 is the last day of catch and keep at the state parks.*

*Happy fishing!*

*Pat Taggart*



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### ***Chapter News:***



***The club’s DVD library auctioned off, bring your money to the November meeting and see if there are any DVDs you would like to have!***

### ***Proposed 2025 club officers and Executive Committee members:***

***President: Pat Taggart***

***Vice President: Christian Andrews***

***Treasurer: Kim Schultz***

***Secretary: VACANT***

### ***Executive Committee:***

***3-year Term: Bob Randall and Dennis Stead***

***2-year Term: John Owensby and Dick Owensby***

***1-year Term: Bill Huyett and Pat Taggart***

## Upcoming events:

From Rod Pennington:

Tuesday November 12th fishing at Stockton Lake.. Location to be determined by wind and weather. Leave my office at 1:00PM. Fish until sundown.

Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Fishing at Stockton lake. Location to be determined by wind and weather. Leave my office at 1:00. Fish until sundown.

December 6, 7, 8<sup>th</sup>. Montauk State Park. Fishing for C&R Trout Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tremendous place to spend the evenings. St Louis chapter will Host their Christmas party that weekend so you may wish to get a cabin or hotel reservation in the park soon. Up and back at your option. If anyone would like to stay and the St. Louis Chapter's dinner, Saturday evening, please contact Kim Schultz.

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

December 5, 2024—Christmas party at the Golden Corral on S. Glenstone, Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, 5:30 PM til 9:00PM

From Kim Schultz:

He and Rod Pennington will be presenting a talk at the November chapter meeting. The topic is Kim and Rod's Alaska fishing experiences.

Here is an update on the storage unit.

The sewer pipa and the bottom barrels of the two “guys” have a new home at Habitat for Humanity.



As you can see, there are storage cabinets and other miscellaneous items still in the unit.

Here are several pictures from some of Kim and Rod's trips to Alaska.



I've never seen a fish "skirt" before!



Fishing reports:

From David Reynolds:

Evan Kilmer's catch on the White River, using a black scorpion.

He caught his first trout at Roaring River State Park at age 5. He is a family member,



## Fishing Reports: Continued

From Kim Schultz:

Oct 1 2024

Stockton Lake 862.05ft (v:0.35ft) air temp:70F wind: N 8-10 water temp:70F

Several of us from the club went to Stockton lake for a monthly fishing trip organized by Rod. We met at Rod's office at 1PM. Five of us (Pat, Andy, John, Rod and I) commuted in two vehicles to Hwy 245 access on Stockton Lake. We fished several points catching seven species of fish (fifteen fish caught). There was a good chop on the surface and ideal wind at the 245 points. The water is still warm (70F) with the migration of bait fish not found near the shore. We fish nearly four hours hiking out at sunset. We all good time fishing local waters.

Oct 10 2024

Lake 860.8ft (v 1.2ft) temp 61F (v 9F)

Sunny E to SSE wind 4-6MPR

Slight chop on surface

Rod and I fished the twin bridges on Stockton Lake. There was a light wind from the east blowing on the first point to the left. I hit the water after walking the path from the truck and fished right. The sun was in my face with a blue-gill and later a smallmouth caught and released. The wind left the area with the lake surface going flat and glassy. I did see a pair of osprey fishing the other bridge.

Rod fished the point to the left and heading to the other bridge. I walked through the woods and met Rod on the other side. The point offered a little more wave action. Rod was catching bluegill and hooked an 18" walleye, a catfish (20"), later a drum. I picked up a few bluegill, the largest was 10". As the shadows began to creep onto the lake started to pickup a few white bass. The wind switched to the SSE with little impact on the catching. As the sun tracked to the western horizon, we saw an eagle pass over the lake and we walked back to the truck. The catching was better than we anticipated due to the light winds, but did find the lake temp to be 61F with a foot drop in the lake levels.

## Fishing Reports: Continued from Kim Schultz

Oct 14 2024

Lake 860.4ft (v 0.4ft) temp 64F Sunny N 4-6 good chop

Stockton Lake continues to drop (note a 5" decrease) from last week with diminishing winds later in day. We fished 245 and started at the point to the right. There were a number of birds on and over the water. A pair of osprey fishing and diving mid-lake. Several groups of geese flying overhead. I caught a small wall-eye, a couple smallmouth and five white bass in the 12-14" range. We moved a few hours before sunset. Rod caught fish off the jetty point, picking up half-dozen white bass, a couple largemouth bass and bluegills. We fished to sunset. I looked but did not spot a comet to the west after sunset, that was apparently visible thirty minutes after sunset.

Oct 18 2024

Lake 680.3ft (v0.1ft) water temp 63F

Weather: sunny SSE 10-15mpr

Rod and I fished the south shore near the twin bridges. Rod caught two white bass in short order and fished the point to the left. I covered water going right (west). I managed to catch one smallmouth. I moved to the cove near the bridge and started to catch white bass, another small mouth and bluegill. This happened near and after sunset. Rod found a few more fish before we called it.

OCT 25 2024

860.23ft (V 0.07ft) Temp 59F

Weather: wind switch from the south to the north 10-15MPR sunny air temp 64F  
Fished twin bridges north beach., good chop on the point. I managed to pickup a bluegill and line bass fishing to the point. The rocks in this area can be hard to navigate with careful steps necessary to avoid falling. I found a few white bass off the point with fish in the 12-15" range. Rod also picked up a few white bass. As the wind settled down, the catching quit. We walked under the bridge and finished on the south beach fishing areas we caught fish on previous trips. Rod found walleye, drum, catfish and smallmouth. I followed with a large bluegill and line bass.



Here are some pictures from the 2024 Chili Feed at Lake Taneycomo. There were approximately fourteen attendees.

From left to right: Bob Randall, Christian Andrews, Rod Pennington, and Kim



Schultz.  
John Owensby and Beth Marsh. Not seen is John's sheet cake!!

Local guide Darren Sadler.



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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