



Kansas City  
Chapter



April 2011

**Executive Board Meeting**

**April 12, 2011**  
**Fleming Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

**Club Meeting Date**

**April 26, 2011**  
**Rainbow Fly Shop**  
**6:30pm**

**Location**

**Fleming Hall**  
**21906 SW Woods Chapel Road**  
**Lee's Summit, Missouri**

**Next Club Meeting Date**

**May 24, 2011**  
**Fleming Hall**  
**7:00 pm**

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## MTFA Derby at Bennett Spring State Park

Save these dates on your calendar; May 14-15, 2011 for the 2011 MTFA fishing derby. This year's derby will be hosted by the St. Louis chapter of the club. Derby rules will be handed out the day of the derby at Bennett Spring State Park. The derby can be a great family outing as there is no age limit on who can enter. There will be an entry fee for all contestants.



The derby can be a great chance to meet other anglers that share your passion for trout fishing. The fishing itself can be fun, too. Last year's derby attracted over one hundred angler's from surrounding areas, and those that caught a tagged fish were able to choose a prize. Membership in the club is not a requirement to enter the derby

## April Club Meeting at Rainbow Fly Shop

The April 2011 club meeting will be held April 26 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start out with a pot luck dinner. Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Mike Mitchell**, hatchery director at Bennett Spring hatchery. Mike will be talking to the group about improvement progress made in the last year at the hatchery. Mike spoke to us after the dinner at last year's derby, explaining upcoming changes. It will be interesting to see all the progress that has been made in just under a year.



The presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting and then by a raffle.

**For More Information**

Visit the website for the latest News and updates  
[www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org)

## Upcoming Events

**Club Meeting**  
April 26, 2011—6:30 pm  
Rainbow Fly Shop

**Kids Fishing Day**  
May 7, 2011  
Lake Jacomo and Bennett  
Spring

**MTFA Derby**  
May 14 - 15, 2011  
Bennett Spring State Park

**Reading's Fly Fishing  
Expo**  
May 28, 2011  
Bennett Springs

**Free Fishing Weekend  
(Missouri)**  
June 4, 2011

**Family Fun Day**  
July 16, 2011  
Fleming Hall



***Invasive alga smothers  
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ports fish such as trout.***

MISSOURI CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT  
PHOTO

JEFFERSON CITY Mo – The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) will hold public open-house forums in March and April to help educate anglers and boaters about the dangers of “didymo” or “rock snot.”

This invasive alga forms large, thick mats on the bottom of lakes and streams, smothering aquatic life vital to the food chain that supports many fish species, including trout. Didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*) has been found just south of the Missouri-Arkansas border in the White River.

According to MDC Fisheries Biologist **Mark VanPatten**, preventing the spread of this invasive species is critical to the health of Missouri’s lakes and streams. He added that recreational equipment such as boats, lifejackets, and fishing gear - particularly waders - are the most likely ways for Didymo to spread into Missouri.

To help reduce the spread of Didymo, remember, “Check. Clean. Dry.”

- Check all gear and equipment and remove any visible algae. Do not dispose of algae by putting it down a drain or into bodies of water.
- Clean all gear and equipment with a solution of 2-percent bleach, 5-percent saltwater, or dishwashing detergent. Allow all equipment to stay in contact with the solution for at least one minute. Soak all soft items, such as felt-soled waders and life jackets, in the solution for at least 20 minutes.
- Dry all gear and equipment for at least 48 hours by exposing it to sunlight.

VanPatten added that replacing felt-soled waders with waders that have rubber or synthetic soles can also minimize the risk of spreading rock snot and other invasive species.



## Call for Submissions!

Have you recently returned from a fishing trip? Have you learned some new techniques or found an awesome fly pattern that you would like to share? The Troutline is looking for articles and information for future issues of the newsletter. You can submit information to Diana James at [djames163@yahoo.com](mailto:djames163@yahoo.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

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## MTFA Officers

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## Kids' Fishing Day

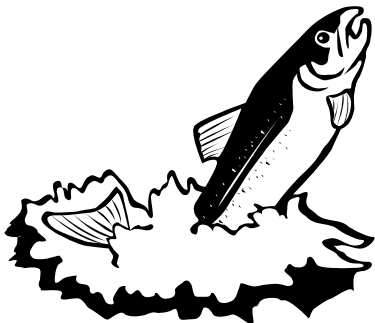
The Missouri Department of Conservation is hosting annual Kids' Fishing Day on May 7 at both Lake Jacomo in the Kansas City area and at Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, MO. Kids under the age of 16 will be able to register for a free daily trout tag at Bennett, and at both Bennett and Lake Jacomo, kids will receive specialized instruction on how to fish, fish cleaning, and conservation. Volunteers will be on hand from the MTFA at Lake Jacomo to assist the kids. Photos below are from the 2010 kids fishing day at Jacomo. Hopefully, the weather will be more cooperative this year.



## October Club Fishing Outing

October 15, 2011 North Fork & White River

Put this date on your calendar. We will publish more details as they become available.



### Fishing Quote Corner

The only thing bad about winning the pennant is that you have to manage the All-Star Game the next year. I'd rather go fishing for three years.

**Whitey Herzog**

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## Night Trout Fishing Tips

While nighttime might not seem like a great time to head out to your favorite trout stream to catch a fish, it can actually be an effective way to get bites, just as long as you prepare for your venture before nightfall and use the best types of **trout fishing bait** for the environment. Night trout fishing, in fact, is a great time for trophy trout fishing.

If you are going to attempt nighttime fishing, you need to spend some time during the day scouting out a suitable location. If you do not, you will likely get tangled up in brush or else end up in a spot that you think is good but actually is not. Find a spot that will allow for easy casting and without obstructions that will be hard for you to see at night. After you have selected an appropriate location, collect your **trout fishing tackle**. Big lures work well for nighttime fishing, especially lures that imitate leeches or nymphs. If you are going to use some good sized bait, attach a floater to your rig, especially if you will be in a shallow area. Live bait, like chubs and worms, are also great choices for fishing in the dark. Having a flashlight with you will be helpful; one that can hook on to your fishing best will allow it to be conveniently located without being in your way.

As mentioned before, nighttime is a great time for catching trophies. Brown trout fishing is particularly good at night, because this is the time in which they feed. You might be able to land a cutthroat or rainbow as well, but browns are the main nighttime feeders. No matter the type of fish, understand that they are less inhibited at night than during the day and they are less spooked by noises and movement. Do not worry too much about your leader or lure splashing in the water because it will not scare away a fish like it might during the day. Color also does not matter as much at night, so select colors that will help you see it on the water rather than base your decision on presentation for your targets. Lighter colored baits will be most visible to the human eye.

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### Fly of the Month—John Deere

The John Deere has been ranked as the top fish catcher in the mini-jig category at Bennett Spring as reported in the [Online Fishing Report from Weaver's](#). Many times it has been reported as the best overall fly. This is a 1/80 or 1/100 oz mini-jig tied on a #10 or #12 hook depending on which size you prefer. This pattern also works well in larger sizes such as a 1/32 oz jig fished on ultra-light spinning tackle. Paint the leadhead with green enamel paint. The Testor's model paint works well with lead. Give the paint a day to dry and then paint the eyes with yellow enamel paint. A toothpick can be used to dot the eyes

onto the leadhead. Again give the paint a day to dry. Actual drying time is a couple of hours but you will have better success if you just leave them alone until the next day. Tie in olive marabou at the bend of the hook. You can have fibers extend all the way to the leadhead and wrap them with thread up to the head and then back down to the bend. You want a short, stubby, fluffy tail at the end. You could even tie in the marabou in backwards if you prefer a fluffier tail. Tie in small (size 00 or 0) green or olive chenille at the bend, advance your thread and then wrap chenille to the head, tie off and whip finish.

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## College Fishing Class

Kudos to the members of the club that have put in countless hours to develop an introductory fly fishing and fly tying course to be taught at the community college level. The course had originally been scheduled to begin in March, but now has been rescheduled. See the attached flier for more information.

The club prides itself on this effort in that this course provides an excellent education in fly fishing for a very reasonable fee. Registration is required through the Metropolitan Community College.

The course will provide hands on teaching in casting, fly tying, stream entomology, etc. Several members of the club have volunteered to teach different modules in the course.



## President's Message:



I hope everyone is taking advantage of the weather cycles and getting some fishing in. Hopefully it will clear up before the State Derby. Speaking of the State Derby meeting it was very brief this year. St. Louis is going to be the host, and will be cooking the meal on location. There were no new announcements that came out of the meeting.

Our spring college class did not make, so the course has been modified to accommodate a eight hour course that will be presented on April 30,2011, from 8:00am to 5:00pm, at the Blue River Campus. We are looking forward to this class.

Our next outing will be Jacomo Kids Fishing Day, we currently have 12 members signed up. If anyone would still like to sign up, the sign up sheet will be at the next meeting.

## Special Note:

MTFA would like to acknowledge the following two business this month that have been great supporters of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. Their donations of items that we used for raffle's and prizes were greatly appreciated. We would like to encourage our members to patronize these businesses if you are fishing down at Bennett and you need supplies. Be sure to introduce yourself as being a member of MTFA and thank them for their continued support.

*Reading's Fly Shop*

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