



**Kansas City
Chapter**



June 2010

Next Club Meeting
June 22, 2010
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
July 13, 2010
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
August 24, 2010
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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Family Fun Day at Fleming Hall - July 17, 2010 10:00am - 4:00pm

The annual family fun day will be here before you know it. Club members are to bring a side dish. The club will provide the main course, pulled pork and smoked brisket and drinks. We will plan to eat between noon and 1:00PM.

This is a great social event to bring a guest to. There will be some fun events set up to help you with your casting skills. So be sure and bring your rod and reel.

We will also have a few challenges set up for the kids to try their casting skills.

A special raffle will be held after our program. Be sure and put this date on your calendar.

Spring Derby at Bennett Springs:

This year the MTFA Spring Derby was hosted by the Kansas City Chapter. Our Club President (Kent Inman) really did a fantastic job and made the derby a huge success. Bennett Spring always tries to assert that it is the boss of us all by having higher than usual flows during the derby. This year was no exception, but the rains held off just enough for us to have a chance to fish all of our regular holes.

Derby registration Friday night was quite vigorous. All in all there were 111 registered for the derby. Considering the chance of flooding, I think the numbers were remarkable.

Saturday night was the club meeting and dinner. We had a wonderful BBQ dinner catered by the Park restaurant. Kent Inman gave the club report for MTFA-Kansas City. It has been a year full of activity and changes for the better, such as the upgrade of our display for the KC Sport Show, and the remodeling of our club storage room at Fleming Hall. Sandy and Roger sold MTFA cookbooks at all the MTFA meetings that weekend. We all appreciate their devotion to MTFA.



From Weavers Fishing Report

Upcoming Events

July 17, 2010

Family Fun Day
Fleming Hall
10:00 am

September 13, 2010

Fly Tying Classes Begin
First Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

September 20, 2010

Fly Tying Class
Second Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

September 25, 2010

Fall Club Derby
Roaring River

September 27, 2010

Fly Tying Class
Third Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 2, 2010

FFF Southern Council
Conclave
Mountain Home Arkansas

October 4, 2010

Fly Tying Class
Fourth Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 11, 2010

Fly Tying Class
Fifth Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

October 18, 2010

Fly Tying Class
Final Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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Bill Otis

Past President: David Cook

Fly Tying Classes to begin in September

It won't be long before our fly tying classes will begin. They will be starting in September. (See our Upcoming Events Calendar on this page).

Daniel will be our lead instructor for this series of classes. If you are interested in learning to tie trout flies, the different tools that are used and how to use them, then put September 13th on your calendar for some fun and fellowship.

The Demise of Felt Soles

By Wayne Dalzell – Taken from the Osprey Flyfishers of BC Newsletter

Slippery stream bottoms have always been a fisher's worst nightmare. Those really prolific rivers like the Thompson and this year the Chilliwack, with bountiful bottom life, have dumped many fishers onto their butts or worse. A quick rush of water down your backside really cools down your privates and makes warm socks squishy and cold. Just another day you say, well read on!

Stream cleats have been available for many years but are cumbersome to wear on dry land. On the Thompson River I remove mine as I walk back to my boat unless rain starts. Wet Thompson River rocks are the same above or below water line. Stream cleats are also hell on the bottom of your boat to say nothing of the damage to your fly line if you step on it. What's your alternative then?

Felt soled waders have been in use for eons of time but it has taken until recently to see their pitfalls. Canadian, American and researchers/scientists in many other areas of the world have confirmed the tiny areas between the felt fibers are a perfect holding space for waterborne didymo (rock snot) and whirling disease. Snips and snails and puppy dog tails too! Might be nothing, you say, but consider damage is "afoot" to pristine trout waters worldwide.

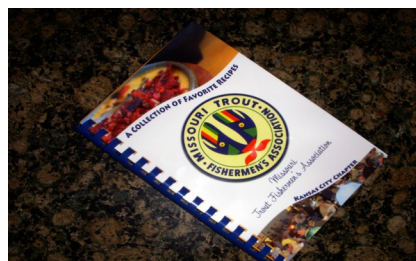
The introduction (by fishers felt soled boots?) of single celled algae called didymo to New Zealand in the early 2000's quickly caused a significant ecological and economic problem." Didymo forms large mats on the bottom of lakes, rivers and streams. It is not considered a significant human health risk, but it affects stream habitats and reduces sources of food for fish.

"Native to the boreal forests, didymo was not historically a significant problem. However, the pattern of didymo spread among rivers on Vancouver Island correlates with the activity of fishermen and the commercial introduction and widespread use of felt-soled waders. "Didymo has spread to the Thompson, Columbia,

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MTFA Cookbooks

We still have cook books left. If you know of a business that would allow us to put some into their store or if you know of an activity where we could sell them please contact Kent.



The Demise of Felt Soles Cont'd:

Kettle and Kootenay rivers, other Canadian and many American rivers

In 2008 Simms introduced Vibram boots and in 2010 said they would no longer sell new felt soled boots. New Zealand has already banned felts as will parts of Alaska in 2011 with other areas to follow. Most wading boot companies have followed the industry leader. The move to eliminate felt will grow quickly al-though sales of felt replacements may grow temporarily. Keep in mind that other parts of wading boots might actually be of more concern than felt soles.

All science aside, it appears that personal intervention in pre-venting the spread of water borne diseases is your responsibility. Wash and dry your boots inside and out with soap and water after use, especially before heading to a different river or lake. Buy more than one pair, rotate your fishing boots, buy a new pair every two years or? Easy to say if you have an unlimited budget! I use a different pair of boots lake fishing and river fishing. My lake boots are too old for good river use so fit my budget well. Is this good enough?

New Simms boots (with Vibram soles) are now a wide fit, and difficult to wear without special fitting if you have narrow feet. Vibram soles are slippery on slimy rocks and logs, not suited to our fishing environment and what we walk on.

The latest advice from fly shops is “buy screw in cleats” but cleats sound like tap dancing shoes, don’t last forever and cost \$10 per boot. Cleats also mark or mar boat bottoms, easily puncture inflatable tubes, cut your fly lines and are difficult to slip into fins when float tubing. The cheapest route may be to remove the cleats when you don’t need them but, what a hassle!

You could resole your felt boots but don’t plan on fishing in Alas-ka, many U.S. states, or New Zealand. Maybe cleats and Vibram will be okay. There aren’t many solutions but your actions could help reduce the ecological impact of waterborne diseases!

A summary of an article by Bob Wiltshire, The Science of Felt - 2009, with special touches from my own experiences.



MTFA Ladies Only Fly Casting/Fishing Class - To be Re-scheduled



The ladies fly fishing/casting class was canceled. The class will be re-scheduled for a later date. Learn about the different fly fishing accessories available to make your fishing experience more enjoyable. Learn the basic set up of a fly rod, the knots you need to know, basic casting, mending, stream technology and fly patterns to use on Missouri streams. If you are interested in attending the class please contact Gary (816) 896-5221 or e-mail at: medman3@att.net to put your name on the contact list.

The Grandkid

By Peggy Alexander – Taken from the Arkansas Fly Fishers Newsletter

Kids are definitely more perceptive than we think. We took our grandson, Austin, to Big Ridge last Saturday for the “One Fly Tournament”. A month shy of being six, we suspected his attention span would be short lived but what great exposure to the sport of fly fishing and a great adventure on a beautiful spring day. Upon Paw-paw’s first demo of fly casting, Austin quickly pointed to Danette’s Zebco, and said “I know how to use that kind”!

A quick intro of the “Grandkid” to Bob Cheatham, our fly fishing hero, seemed to peak Austin’s curiosity and excitement of the event. The “Maestro” was making great strides to maintain the tournament trophy while busily reeling in the bream. As Austin and I explored the shoreline in search of a nest of golden goose eggs, he shrugs replying sincerely, “I like him.” I said, “Who?” He replied, “Bob, I like him.” I said, “Oh yeah, Bob, would you like for Bob to teach you how to fly fish?” - emphasizing a bit that he was a really great fisherman always catching lots of fish. Austin replied “Yes, I would like for Bob to teach me.”

Anticipating the weigh-in, lunching with fish tales, Boundary Waters dreaming and impromptu casting lessons, Bob really didn’t have any spare time to share with the “Grandkid”. Like Huck Finn on the Mississippi, Austin was completely happy just being on the lake donning his yellow rubber boots, skipping rocks, muddin’ with a monster truck, exploring and catching tadpoles. I’m not sure which he was more fascinated with the mother goose and her nest of eggs or Danette’s chocolate brownies!

That evening when Austin’s mom came to retrieve Austin, he immediately took her to our back yard to admire a flower that was about to bloom. I felt a small tug of contentment for an effort of trying to establish an appreciation for Mother Nature within a grandchild. When they returned from the backyard his mom took me aside and whispered that she asked Austin if he had a good time and he said. “Yes, that Bob is the best fisherman.” As I helped Austin in the car seat for the ride home, his mom asked if he caught a fish and Austin replied, “Yes, I caught a fish, didn’t I?” - looking at me and questioning himself. “Ugh no, Austin you didn’t catch a fish,” I replied. He shrugged so innocently with eyes wide and replied, “Umm, I thought I did!” I couldn’t help but exclaim, “Maybe we do have a future fisherman on our hands!”

My daughter-in-law phoned later that evening, still amused. As Austin overheard her conversation relaying to his dad that Bob was a good fisherman, Austin shouts from the background, “No, I said Bob’s the best fisherman.”

The day ended with tremendous pleasure realizing our grandson’s capacity for such keen insight was captured though the spirit of a devoted fisherman.

President’s Message:

With the busy month of May behind, and the ever warming days of summer heading our way it surely increases the need to be wading in clear cold waters pursuing our favorite nemesis the rainbow trout. Some of our fellow members have been fortunate to travel to these place for many hours of enjoyment, while other members have had the ventured to the western slopes to catch many trout, while the remainder of us worked, not much fun in this hot weather.

As a reminder for the following events to be observed will be July 4th, we will also be having a monthly meeting Tuesday June 22, 2010. The clubs Family Fun Day will be July the 17th, where there will be plenty of good eats, and other fly fishing events.

Fly of the Month from the desk of Joe Fusco Sr.

The Black and Peacock

Hook: Mustad 3906B Size 8-14

Thread: Black 6/0

Body: Peacock Herl

Rib: Optional

Hackle: Black soft hen



Note: A simple, soft hackle wet fly that goes back in tying history, and is also one of the many peacock herl body flies in the books. Some believe it represents an aquatic snail, others say the trout take this fly because it looks edible and can represent a number of small creatures.

Spring Derby Cont'd:

Sunday noon was the moment of truth for all those that had entered the derby. There were 19 tagged fish turned in. Only one of those was from a KC Chapter member, Mike of Lexington, Mo.

There were many positive comments about the quality of prizes available. Following the awarding of derby prizes, raffle tickets were sold for the remaining prizes. The income from the raffle all comes from MTFA members and it was enough this year to assure us of another profitable derby.

Debbie Jacques, MTFA State President, presided over all the meetings and at the close of the Derby, she turned the gavel over to the new State President from St. Louis.

As a footnote, I would like to add, that while fishing at Bennett Spring the following week, both Kent Inman and David Cook caught a tagged fish.

By David Cook.

President's Message Cont'd:

Our next major club event will be **Fly Tying on July 10th.** at the **Lebanon Community Building**, where a contingent of several members will be demonstrating how the ALPAC Fur can be used as source of fly tying material. If you are interested in helping out please sign up at the June 22 club meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Fun Day, and have a great Fourth of July.

Kent Inman,

President, MTFA KCMO
