



Kansas City
Chapter



March 2011

Next Club Meeting
March 22, 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
March 8 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
April 26, 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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“Rock snot” creeping up on Missouri’s southern border

From the Missouri Conservationist

The latest alien invader to threaten Missouri has a name nearly as unpleasant as its potential effects.

Rock snot (*Didymosphenia geminata*) gets its common name from its yellow/brown, slimy appearance. Didymo, as it also is known, is a diatom that thrives in cold water. Collections of millions of the microscopic, single-celled plants form impenetrable mats that can cover miles of stream bottom, choking out native plants and animals. They threaten the natural balance that makes spring-fed streams and tail waters below dams beautiful, diverse and productive.

The organism has become invasive even in its original home, northern Europe. One Didymo cell is enough to start a new colony. This has enabled it to spread to Spain, Turkey, Russia, China, Pakistan, New Zealand, the West Coast of the United States and South Dakota. It recently turned up in the White River below Bull Shoals Dam in Arkansas.

Like the zebra mussel, rock snot can overwhelm native species and interrupt the food chain that supports bass, trout, salamanders, frogs, birds and mammals. It can clog water intakes on marine motors, municipal water plants and electric power plants. Swimmers report eye inflammation after swimming in infested waters.

What can you do to avoid transferring rock snot and any other unsavory plants and animals from one body of water to another? The easiest preventative is to let items that have been exposed to water, such as boats, motors, paddles, waders, bait buckets, life vests and even pets, dry completely and then keep them out of water for at least 48 hours. It also helps to manually remove mud, vegetation and other potential contaminants.

More effective preventative measures include spray-washing with hot water or scrubbing with a solution made with 1 cup of chlorine bleach and a gallon of warm water. For more information about aquatic invasive species, visit Protect Your Waters online.

Upcoming Events

Sow Bug Convention
March 17-20, 2011
Mountain Home, AR

Club Meeting
March 22, 2011
Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo

College Course
First night
March 23, 2011
Blue River Community
College (college registration
required)

Kids Fishing Day
May 5, 2011
Lake Jacomo and Bennett
Spring

MTFA Derby
May 14 - 15, 2011
Bennett Sprint State Park

MTFA Lunker Dinner

Members and officers gathered at the Lake Jacomo Fleming hall for the annual Lunker Dinner on February 22, 2011. The meal was catered by Hy-Vee, and they did a very good job of feeding everyone well. The menu included roast beef, Mediterranean chicken, twice baked potatoes and all the green beans and salad that

could be eaten. Members pitched in to provide a buffet of home made deserts. Following the dinner, the 2011 officers were sworn in. Thanks go to our officers for the many hours of hard work they do to keep our club organized and fun!



After a brief business meeting, a raffle was held for great fly fishing prizes. Congratulations to those that won. Also awarded as part of a special raffle was an ORVIS rod and reel. This was a fund raiser for the club. There was lots of time to share fish tales and plan for upcoming fishing trips. If you didn't make it this year, we will see you at next year's dinner.



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Community College Fly Fishing Course

The much anticipated fly fishing course at the Metropolitan Community Colleges will begin Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the Blue River Community College campus in Independence, MO. Members of the MTFA have worked diligently to develop a curriculum designed to teach fly fishing and fly tying to beginning fly fishermen. Some of the course topics are stream entomology, equipment, casting, and introductory fly tying. The course final is a field trip to Bennett Spring state park where students can demonstrate and practice their new skills.

Lilley's Landing 2011 Tournament

Kent and I decided to participate in Lilley's tournament again, only this time we had Marvin Allison, Bill Beckman and Barry Wilkinson along for moral support. Well, the truth is they just wanted to go fishing and didn't need much of an excuse. Kent and I left early on Friday morning the day before the tournament. Our thought was to fish the day before the tournament to get a feel for the water and just maybe find the secret fly. Marvin, Bill and Barry came down later Friday afternoon and were settled into their room when we returned off the water. Barry offered to fix our Friday night dinner. The meal was awesome: Crappie from Canada, Marvin's French fries, Cole slaw, potato salad and baked beans. It was a feast to behold. Now, I could tell you details about setting off the smoke detectors, a small fire on the stove and the jokes that were told but, what happens in Branson, stay's in Branson.



Tournament Day. At 8:00 AM, 38 two man teams assembled down at the dock for instructions and to go over the rules. Each team had to declare where they were going to fish. Above Fall Creek or Below Fall Creek. If you fished above Fall Creek there is a slot limit. You can't keep anything between 12 - 20 inches. But, if you catch that one big one you have probably won the tournament. We choose to go above Fall Creek and take our chances. The weather forecast was the upper 50's and partially sunny. Ha! It was cold, they were not running any water, the water temperature was 39 degrees and the wind blew the boat upstream. We fished hard all day and were able to catch a lot of fish but they were mostly in the 13 - 16 inch range. We put 5

fish in the live well but decided to release them and call it a day. It was a great experience anyway. The water was so low you could have almost walked from Fall Creek all the way up to the dam.

Saturday evening we met Barry, Marvin and Bill for dinner. After much discussion we headed out for BBQ. Another great dinner, with lots of laughs, and stories of past fishing trips. We were almost the last one's out of the restaurant. I know Kent and I are already looking forward to next year. I think Marvin, Bill and Barry are ready also. See you at Taneycome in 2012.



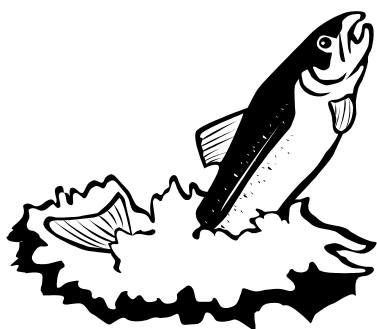
Gary

Derby—May 14-15 Bennett Spring State Park

It is time for the annual MTFA fishing derby at Bennett. The Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association St. Louis Chapter will host this year's host derby at Bennett Spring State Park May 14-15, 2011. You don't need to be a member of MTFA to enter the derby, and the entry fee is only five dollars.

Catch a tagged fish during the derby, and you can win a great prize. This is a great opportunity for a family outing.

More details will be available in next month's newsletter.



Fishing Quote Corner

There is no use in your walking five miles to fish
When you can depend on being just as unsuccessful near home.

Mark Twain

Sowbug Roundup - A Celebration of Fly Fishing March 17,18 &19, 2011:

The Sowbug Roundup is a fly tying show. It is the foremost gathering of fly tiers in the USA. Every year more than 100 fly tiers from all over North America and Europe meet and tie at the Sowbug Roundup.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Family Life Center
307 W. North St. Mtn. Home, Arkansas

Hours 9 to 4 pm: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday

Demonstrations by 100+ Expert Tiers
Seminars, Tying, and Casting Instruction
Drawings and Auctions

Admission: Adults \$5.00 for All 3 Days
Under 12: Free with Parent

Note: The first \$3000 of revenue from the Sowbug Roundup is used to fund the [NAFF Scholarships](#).
For more information contact: sowbug@northarkansasflyfisher.org

Fly of the Month - Primrose and Pearl Bead-head Midge

Primrose and Pearl Bead-head Midge has been the hot fly at Taneycomo this winter.

Hook: TMC 2487/2488 scud hook, size 16-22.

Thread: Primrose, red or yellow 8/0

Body: Pearl Flashabou (2 strands twisted) or Pearl Tinsel, Small Copper wire

Head: 2 or 2.5mm (5/64 – 3/32) bead – copper or gold.

Place bead on hook – this would be a good time to smash down the barb.

Place hook in vice.

Start thread and wind back to the bend. Tie in copper wire.

Tie in two pieces of pearl flashabou (or tinsel). Wrap thread to bead.

Twist the two strands of flashabou and wrap to bead and tie off.

Wrap copper wire in even spaced wraps to bead. There should be about 5 – 7 wraps depending on hook size. Tie off and whip finish.

You may want to cement the whole body of the midge to make it more durable.



MTFA and Metropolitan Junior College “Blue River Campus”



We are excited to have the opportunity to teach a Fly Fishing Class at the college this coming spring. This allows the club to promote fly fishing, the MTFAs and earn income for our club. The course will be taught two times a year. We need help teaching fishing knots, casting, fly tying, equipment types and uses, etc. If you would like to contribute your talents in any way, please contact Kent Inman. 816-682-4924, kdinman@yahoo.com

President's Message:

Since the trout fishing season opened at all of the state parks at the first of March, there has been a lot of good fishing reports of nice size fish being caught. Which is great for all of us with cabin fever. There is still some fish being caught from some of the stocked area lakes, which is probably going to be short lived do to the warming weather.

The state pre-derby meeting will be held on March 26, 2011, at 11:00am at the Dining Lodge's meeting room. For those of you that can attend please do so our chapter needs the support.

Also our Fly Fishing College Class is still on the calendar for March 23, 2011, at the Blue River Campus of the MCCKC. Anyone that might know of someone interested in taking the course, please have them call the college at 816-604-6518.

Hope to see you on the stream. *Kent*

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.



Next Club Meeting—March 22, 2011

The next MTFA club meeting will be March 22, 2011 at the Fleming Hall at Lake Jacomo. The College Class Syllabus will be presented to the members, along with a business meeting, and social time.

The ladies that would like to bring a desert, please feel free to do so. Guys, if you would like to bring a desert as well, that would be good, too. The club will furnish the drinks.

Hope to see you there.

April Club Meeting April 26, 2011

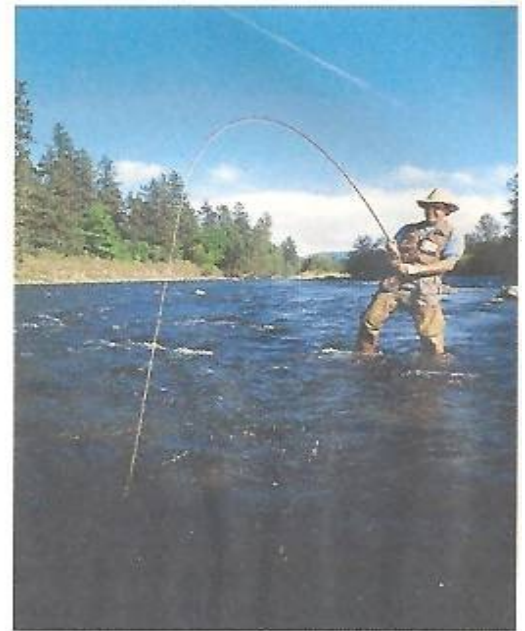
The club will host **Michael Mitchell** the **Hatchery Director** at **Bennett Springs**. Mike will be presenting information on the progress of projects at the park that were started last year.

A flyer will be distributed later on providing more information about the upcoming event.

October Club Fishing Trip October 15, 2011 North Fork & White River

A flyer will be sent out with all of the details at a later date.

This fun class is for ages 13 and up!



Basic Fly Tying and Fishing

Taught by the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association

Learn about Fly Fishing from tying flies, casting, stream entomology, knots, and the equipment used. This extensive course will show you how to use a fly rod proficiently, be able to tie a variety of fishable flies, be able to tie knots used for line connections, understand the insect life of a stream, the proper equipment needed and how to rig the equipment to catch fish. You will also be able to put to use your new skills by participating in a field trip to one of the state's trout parks. Class taught by the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. \$25 material fee to be paid to the instructor includes textbook.



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6 Wednesdays, March 23—April 27

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