



Kansas City Chapter



January 2018

Club Meeting Date:  
January 23, 2018  
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting  
January 9, 2018  
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
February 27, 2018  
Lunker Dinner

## Happy New Year

We would like to wish all a very “fishy”, safe and healthy New Year. Our club had a very busy 2017 and we are looking forward to the events we have planned for 2018. If you have an idea or request for a club program or outing please let us know. Your ideas are important to us.

The main events that are in the clubs immediate future are the Sport Show, Fishing Trip to Taneycomo, Fly Tying Classes and the Lunker Dinner. It’s important as a club member to be involved. Mark your calendars and join in on the fun and bring a friend.

Thank You for your support, *The E-Board*

## KC Sports Show - January 18 - 21, 2018

The Kansas City Boat and Sports Show at H. Roe Bartle Hall starts January 18th through the 21nd, 2018. We need members to represent MTFA at our booth. This is a great opportunity to showcase our club to people of the area that have not heard of the Missouri Trout Fishermen’s Association or the Project Healing Waters Chapter. Some members demonstrate fly tying while other members just hang out, answer questions and hand out flyers. Signing up gives you free admission to the Sports Show. There will be plenty of time for you to wander around for yourself and view all the exhibits. Do not forget to sign up. Contact Club President David Cook at 816-519-2531.



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## Do Not Forget: 2018 Membership Dues are Due in January



Dues for the upcoming year are, Individual (\$15), Family (\$30), Legacy (\$10). (Family membership includes all family members up to 18 years of age). At age 18 your child must register as a adult. You may mail your dues and form to MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S. Truman Station, Independence, Missouri 64055 or you can bring it to the next club meeting. Go to

[www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org) to down load the MTFA membership application or print page 6 of this Troutline.

*Thank You.*

### For More Information

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

## Upcoming Events

January 1, 2018  
Happy New Fishing Year

January 9, 2018  
E-Board Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

January 18-21, 2018  
KC Sports Show

January 22, 2018  
Intro to Fly Tying  
Fleming Hall  
7:00-9:00

January 23, 2018  
Club Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

January 29, 2018  
1st Fly Tying Class  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

February 5, 2018  
2nd Fly Tying Class  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm



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Merril Miller  
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## Taneycomo - MTFA Winter Club Outing – Updated Dates

It's winter time, could be a little cold but lets go fishing. I have a friend that has a saying "If it's 40 or below, Stan don't go". As I get older the really cold weather doesn't appeal to me that much either, but I have been fishing when it was 12 degrees above zero for steelhead. Our club has always tried to make a trip to Branson in January to fish Taneycomo. Weather permitting, **January 13th** and **14th** are the dates. Plan on meeting at the shelter house below the dam behind the Hatchery close to outlet #2 around 10:00 AM. Get your cold weather gear out and come join us. If you are new to fly fishing and need some help we will be there to help you. It's a great fishery, lot's of things to do, places to eat and many places to stay, so come join us. For more information contact any MTFA Board Member.

## Fly Tying Classes Starting



Intro to Fly Tying will be on January 22. Fly tying classes will then start on January 29 from 7:00-9:00PM at Fleming Hall, 21906 Woods Chapel Road, Lees Summit, Mo. Classes are conducted each Monday evening for 6 weeks. Enjoy the fun with other club members and non club members tying flies. If you are a beginner wanting to learn how to tie your own flies or a more advanced fly

tier and need help to tie a certain fly, come and join us. MTFA will help you learn how to use all the different tools of fly tying. For more information contact Merrill Miller at: [merrilgofish@aol.com](mailto:merrilgofish@aol.com) or call (816-673-9863)

## 2018 New Years Resolutions

It's time again to sit down and think about those New Years Resolutions. I am not talking about losing weight, exercising more or cutting out sweets etc., I am thinking about things that will make you a better fisherperson. Here is a quick list of items to give you some ideas. *Enjoy, Gary*

I will *learn to cast a little further,*

I will *learn how to mend without moving my indicator,*

I will *learn to spin or stack deer hair,*

I will *take fly casting lessons,*

I will *take a kid or a friend fly fishing,*

I will *learn to cast with my opposite hand,*

I will *go to a new destination to fish,*

I will *learn to fish streamers,*

I will *take a fly fishing class.*

## The Bucket List:



Several years ago, there was a movie made called the “Bucket List”. It was about two old guys played by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman that were suffering from cancer, given a year to live and setting off on adventures to fulfill their bucket list. The movie made a lot of people think about the things they would like to see and do while they were still healthy.

I have mentioned my uncle Mac when giving presentations to the club. He was a hunter and fisherman that I traveled with on many trips. Mac developed Parkinson’s and it wasn’t long that he could not go any more.

Whenever I would return from a fishing or hunting trip he would call and want to know all the details and see pictures of the trip. He would remind me after each trip to keep going to the places that you dream about because there will be a day when you will no longer be able to make the journey and he would also remind me saying “you cannot take your money with you”.

So I ask you, what is on your bucket list? Have you made one?

- A family trip like a cruise to the Caribbean, Mexico or Alaska.
- A fishing trip to Montana, Michigan, Arkansas or even Taneycomo
- A week at a resort in Minnesota or Canada
- A father/son fishing trip
- A special trip with your grandson or grand daughter.

You can do it. Most destination places that I am familiar with like Alaska, Bahamas and Michigan are already full for the 2018 season and are taking reservations for the 2019 season and people that go to these lodges are given first priority on dates. They usually require a 25-50% deposit and you have a year plus to pay for it. There are a variety of lodges and camps to go to and the prices varies. Choose one that fits your budget. Check out K&K FlyFisher’s upcoming trips, K&K has some great opportunities.

I hope this makes you think about some things and places you would like visit or do. Make your list and put a plan into place to make some of your dreams come true. **Gary**

## November - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic’s

- January 6 - Get Started - Basic Casting
- January 13 - Jeff Meyers - Man Camp Flies
- January 20 - Doug Oatman - Dressing Wet Flies
- January 27 - Andros Island Mega Bonefish
- All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call 913-341-8118 if you plan to attend)



8643 Grant St, Overland Park, Ks.  
913-341-8118.

## **Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing Trips -**

- Jan 13-20, 2018 - Patagonia Trout Trip to Estancia Tecka, Argentina - Three spots available.
- Feb 18-25, 2018 - Patagonia Trout Trip to Brent Taylor’s Patagonia Adventure, Chile - Three spots available
- May 13-19, 2018 - Bahamas Bonefish / Permit Trip Swain’s Cay, Andros Island

[www.swainscaylodge.com](http://www.swainscaylodge.com)

July 1-7, 2018 - Great Waters Inn, Melrose Montana. Big Hole, Beaverhead Rivers - Open Enrollment

**Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118**

## Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

### PHWFF Adds National Fly Casting Competition to 2018 Activities List

Time to polish up your casting stroke! Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing has announced a new event for 2018, a National Fly Casting Competition, with finalists from every region competing at the Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair Aug. 8-11 at Boise, ID.

The competition is open to all active Project Healing Waters participants. Casters will be scored on distance and accuracy, including casting around obstructions.

Contestants must use a 5-weight fly rod with a maximum length of 9 feet, and a 5-weight fly line and 9-foot leader. No markings other than manufacturer's markings may appear on the line. Casters will use a #10 Elk Hair Caddis with the bend of the hook removed; a piece of yard no longer than one inch may be used instead of the fly. Bright colors are recommended to contrast with the casting surface.



Competition begins at the program level, with program winners determined by May 31. Regional competition will take place in June, with each regional champion receiving an invitation to the PHWFF Casting Competition Finals during the International Fly Fishing Fair. Travel expenses will be paid by Project Healing Waters.

First, Second and Third Place winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony. Prizes will be announced at a later date.

For complete rules of the competition, please contact Bob Barnett or Jim Kissane. A video tutorial is also available to demonstrate the rules and scoring.

### Calendar: Winter Schedule Heats Up With Rod Building Sessions, KC Sports Show

Rod Building sessions will begin Monday, Jan. 22, and continue for the next six consecutive Mondays. Also, watch your inbox for news about winter fishing outings.

**Jan. 9:** General meeting, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo, MO @ 7:00 pm

**Jan. 16:** General meeting, 5 pm at Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 S Shrank Dr. Independence, MO. Food, fun, and fly tying with Matt.

**Jan. 17:** Fly Tying 101 at KCVAMC, 1 pm

**Jan. 18-21:** KC Boat and Sports Show at Bartle Hall

**Jan. 22:** Rod Building session, 7-9pm at Fleming Hall

**Jan. 29:** Rod Building session, 7-9pm at Fleming Hall

**Feb. 5:** Rod Building session, 7-9pm at Fleming Hall

**Feb. 7:** Fly Tying 101 at KCVAMC, 1 pm

**Feb. 12:** Rod Building session, 7-9pm at Fleming Hall

**Feb. 13:** General meeting, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo, MO @ 7:00 pm

**Feb. 19:** Rod Building session, 7-9pm at Fleming Hall

**Feb. 20:** General meeting, 5 pm at Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 S Shrank Dr. Independence, MO. Food, fun, and fly tying with Matt.

**Feb. 26:** Rod Building session, 7-9pm at Fleming Hall

Back in July last year, our chapter secretary, Ardith Haynes, was asked to follow-up on an email received by Bill Beckman from Mr. Carl Pfaff of Woodstock, GA. This is Ardith's story.

Carl had inherited several rods from his father, and among them one built by Bill Sillin, one of our MTFA members. He had learned of our club from Joe Roope, whom his father had worked for. He wished to know more about Bill Sillin, master bamboo fly rod builder.

That was how I received the honor of interviewing Betty Sillin about her deceased husband. When Carl read over this interview, he was moved to offer the rod back to Betty. Bill had offered to build her one, but that hadn't happened.

In October, UPS delivered the tube to my doorstep. A few days later, we placed the rod into Betty's hands. Tears were in her eyes as she ran a finger along the grain of the wood and talked about Bill's passion for perfection. She immediately wanted to thank Mr. Pfaff and dictated a letter to him.



(Betty Sillin and David Haynes)

The letter was mailed with the above picture.

*"Dear Mr. Carl:*

*Thank you so much for your consideration in sending me the rod that my husband Bill made. It is such a pleasure to hold it in my hand and look at the fine workmanship done on it.*

*One day next spring I hope to go to Bennett Springs MO and use it myself. Before Bill died we had reservations to go down there and fish one last time, but that didn't happen. But in the meantime, my friend Dave is going to use it in our honor at Bennett Springs.*

*Thank you for sending it to me.*

*Betty Jo Sillin"*

Ardith then sent this letter to Mr. Pfaff

*"It is an honor for me to be the medium between you and Betty Sillin. She is a precious lady and you are a very generous man. The fly rod arrived by UPS on 10/3/17. I called Betty to set up a time to present the rod to her. That presentation was on 10/7/17.*

*I wish you could have seen her when she took it in her hands with tears in her eyes. She ran a finger along the grain of the wood and talked about how Bill always wanted the finished product to be precision perfect. She could hardly wait to show it to her sons. I am sure they will plan to take her fishing with it.*

*You have made Betty a very happy woman. I typed up her letter to you the way she dictated it to me, and I want to add my personal thanks also.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ardith Haynes"*



In November, Bill Sillin's rod completed its trip home to Missouri's trout as requested by Betty. On a winter trout fishing outing by Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, David Haynes lands this and many other trout at Roaring River State Park.



*Missouri*  
*Trout Fishermen's Association*  
**KANSAS CITY CHAPTER**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to become a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Kansas City Chapter and join in their endeavor to improve the sport of Trout Fishing in Missouri. **I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association.** These can be found on the chapter website **MTFA-KANSASCITY.ORG**.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER ( ) RENEWAL ( )

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(Hm)/(Wk) Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Send Newsletter via email: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

BIRTH MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our club? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of any chapter of the MTFA? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Year joined \_\_\_\_\_ Most Recent Year Paid Dues: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_ **Individual Dues:** **\$15.00**
- \_\_\_ **Family Membership:** **\$30.00**
- \_\_\_ **MTFA Legacy Member: (25 + years)** **\$10.00**

If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 years of age and under), list those who should receive membership cards and individual email newsletters.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth Month</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
_____	_____	_____
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When this form is completed,  
**mail to:**  
Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc.  
PO Box 3202 Harry S Truman Station  
Independence, MO 64055

**CODE OF ETHICS**

To practice the principles of good sportsmanship and conservation of wildlife, and to encourage others to do the same.  
To cooperate with the constructive efforts of the Missouri Conservation Commission and comply with the "Objectives and Purposes" of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association to the extent of using single point hook lures when fishing in Missouri trout water.  
To assist in the expansion and development of trout fishing in the State of Missouri, including the wise utilization of available waters and their protection from agricultural and commercial encroachment.  
To help conserve wildlife and its natural habitat, cooperating with Federal, State and private agencies directly concerned with the conservation of wildlife, forests, soil and water.  
To lend assistance to the Missouri Conservation Commission and its representatives in the enforcement of the laws and regulations for the taking of fish and game in the State of Missouri.

The above has been read and agreed to by: \_\_\_\_\_