

Chapter

#### March 2018

## President's Message

March Fishing

Spring is just around the corner and the fishing is starting to pick up. On sunny days the shallows of ponds are filling up with sunfish and bass aren't far behind. At the winter trout ponds, the trout are still near shore and mixed in with crappie and bluegill.

Bennett Spring Outing—March 17th. This is a club outing for March. I'll be staying at the Bennett Spring Inn. The is a MTFA state meeting and board members will be attending at 1 pm at the dining lodge in the park. The stream should be in good condition after the February flooding. Contact me if you want more information on fishing at Bennett Spring State Park.

### David

Last Cast—Donald Ford Butler Jr. 1951—2018



We've lost a very close friend and supporter, Don Butler. Please keep his wife, Susan, and Don's family in your thoughts and prayers. In lieu of flowers, Don asked that memorial contributions be made to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.

## 2018 Membership Dues are Due



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. *Jhank You*.

Club Meeting Date: March 27, 2018 7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting March 13, 2018 7:00 pm

#### Location

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

#### Next Club Meeting Date

April 24, 2018 Fish Fry

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#### **Upcoming Events**

March 1, 2018 Opening Day Trout Season

March 5, 2018 Last Fly Tying Class Fleming Hall 7:00pm

March 13, 2018 E-Board Meeting Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

March 27, 2018 Club Meeting Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

## Lunker Dinner In Review:

Members and guests gathered at Fleming hall for the annual Lunker Dinner on February 27. This year the club sponsored the dinner and it was great. It was exciting as there were over 40+ people in attendance. David Cook, our current club president, conducted the raffle. The 2018 club officers were sworn in: David Cook -President; Gary Davisson - Vice President; Absent - Gone Fishing Lauretta Kellogg - Secretary; Darrell Durst - Treasurer. Members at Large: Marvin Allison, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux.

Thank you Sharon Beckman for coordinating and making our Lunker Dinner a success.



### Ladies Mark Your Calendars - RiverRun Outfitters Event



The River Runner Women's Fly Fishing Club will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary on April 21, 2018 here at the fly shop. We started with 12 ladies, we are now well over 100 members. "Fishing is our Mission" and we have certainly accomplished that over the past ten years. It has been a great group to fish with, learn new things, fish new places and just support each other while enjoying our love for fly fish-

ing. We are hoping for an exciting cele-

bration with lots of activities and definitely lots of fishing. We would welcome any of you ladies who are not certain fly fishing is for you, or those of you just getting started and/or have been doing it forever to join us with this celebration. Come help us with our "Mission".

Our Agenda is a work in progress, but we will gather at the fly shop Friday evening for a "Meet and Great" gathering. Saturday will be filled with activities and lots of fishing. Mark your calendars. We will keep you updated.

Carolyn Parker Owner



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## March - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

March 3 - Basic Fly Casting

March 10 - Warm Water Flies w/ Brad

March 17 - Sage, Rio, Redington Hands On - Demo Day

March 24 - Chili Patagonia w/ Joan

March 31 - Learn to Double Haul

8643 Grant St, Overland Park, Ks. All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call 913-341-8118 if you plan to attend) 913-341-8118.

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

May 13-19, 2018 - Bahamas Bonefish / Permit Trip Swain's Cay, Andros Island www.swainscaylodge.com 5 fish days/6 nights - 3 spots available \$3650 + vat Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

Awesome specials— Simms Coldweather Shirts Sale \$69 Simms Fall Run Jackets Sale \$119 Simms Freestone 2017 boots, Vibram or Felt Sale \$99 St. Croix Imperial 2017 Fly Rods Sale \$180 Simms G3 2017 Waders Sale \$375 Patagonia Gunnison Gorge Wading Pants Sale \$225

Spring Is Here - Time to Go Fishing

## Unsticking Rod Ferrules - The Ice Method



Photo by Kyle Shea - Head guide at Alaska West

A couple of years ago I was fishing in Michigan for steelhead in the spring. My buddy Barry and I were getting our gear packed and put away and when it was time to break down my rod I could not get one section apart. I finally did by using an old method. Since that time I have discovered some new methods.

So, when rod sections are seemingly impossibly stuck, try **cooling down the male side of the ferrule** with a hand full of ice for 3-5 minutes. That should cause the male side to contract slightly, breaking the vacuum within the hollow rod blank, allowing you to easily separate the two sections.

Another method takes two people. It's the cross hand method and it works really well. Look it up on YouTube.

Learn a couple of ways as you do not want to break a rod by putting too much stress on the ferrules.

Gary

# Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane **Rod Building Participants Featured on Project Healing Waters National Website**



We are nearing the end of rod building competition, with our final Monday session on March 5. We will schedule additional sessions if participants need time to complete their projects. Finished rods are due

at Hook & Hackle no later than April 20, with winners announced in May.

Three Greater Kansas City Program participants are featured in articles posted on the national PHWFF

website. The articles, featuring Dan Durgan, Steve Licata and Dan Kellogg, serve two purposes. First, they put names and faces to some of the 900 Veterans across the country who participate in the rod building competition, and second, they express the gratitude of those participants to the Hook & Hackle Company, the Bob Woodruff Foundation and the Disabled Veterans National Foundation for their support and sponsorship of the contest.

You can read the features at http:// www.projecthealingwaters.org/ news-media/

## **Calendar: Celebrate Opening Day, Then Begin Practice for PHWFF Casting Contest**

You've already got March 1 circled sion, to be led by MTFA's Gary on your calendar, right? That's Opening Day at the Missouri Trout Parks, of course, and regardless of the prophesy of a pampered Pennsylvania rodent, it celebrates the approach of Spring, if not its arrival.

The March calendar also includes the first of three training sessions for the first national Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Casting Competition. We're still working out the details, but we're targeting either March 24 or 25 for the casting ses-

Davison. There will be another session in April, and in May we will travel to Bennett Spring State Park for Jim Rogers' School of Fly Fishing. Watch your inbox for details.

Program casting competition will be conducted in May, followed by regional competition in June. Regional winners will advance to the national finals at the Fly Fishers International Fly Fishing Fair in Boise, ID, Aug. 8-11.

Also this month:

March 5: National Fly Rod Building Program, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo. MO, 7pm

March 13: General Meeting, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo, MO, 7pm.

March 20: General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5 pm. Food, fun and fly tying with Matt.

March 21: Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm

Missouri X 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 th	e MTFA?	Yes No		
Year joinedMost Recent Y	ear Paid D	ues:		
Individual Dues: — Family Membership: — MTFA Legacy Member: (25 + years)	\$15.00 \$30.00 \$10.00			
If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 y cards and individual email newsletters. <u>Name</u> <u>Birth Month</u> <u>E</u>	-	and under), list those who should rece	vive membership	
		mail Missouri Trout Fi PO Box 3202 Har		

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: