



Kansas City Chapter



October 2019

Club Meeting Date:
October 22, 2019
Annual Chili Dinner and Raffle

Executive Board Meeting
October 1, 2019
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
November 26, 2019

Annual Chili Supper and Raffle - October 22

Fall is in the air and the annual club Chili Supper and raffle is this month. Club members and their guests are invited to attend the dinner which will be served between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Some of our best cooks have volunteered to bring pots of chili, there will be something to please everyone's pallet. If you would like to bring a pot of chili or a favorite Fall soup, please contact our president, David Cook at (816) 272-5194.



Club members are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert.

(Last names A-Q side dish to share), (Last names R-Z dessert to share).

A raffle will be held, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. If you have any fishing or fly tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

Come hungry as we look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

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Taneycomo - MTFA Fall Club Outing - October 19-20



The club has decided to make the Taneycomo River in Branson the place to go in October. Be sure and mark your calendar for October 19-20. There are many places to stay and things to do, in and around Branson. The MTFA Springfield Chapter has invited us to their Chili Feed for lunch on Saturday. The location is the shelter house by the Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery at Taneycomo below the dam. The Springfield club supplies the uten-

sils, plates, bowls and napkins so there is no need to bring your own. If you decide to stop by for some chili please introduce yourself.

Gary

For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates
www.mtfa-kansascity.org

Upcoming Events

Oct 1, 2019
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall 7:00pm

Oct 7, 2019
4th Fly Tying Class
Fleming Hall 7:00pm

Oct 14, 2019
5th Fly Tying Class
Fleming Hall 7:00pm

Oct 19-20, 2019
Taneycomo Fishing Trip

Oct 21, 2019
6th Fly Tying Class
Fleming Hall 7:00pm

Oct 22, 2019
Annual Chili Dinner
Fleming Hall 6:30pm



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Fly Fishing Clubs - Why you should Join and Participate

First, A History Lesson

The oldest Club in America the ‘Schuylkill Fishing Company’, also known as the state in Schuylkill, was the first angling club in the American Colonies. It was founded in 1732 and remains the oldest continuously active club in the English-speaking world. I understand that people in London contest this fact.

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club is one of the oldest and most successful sport fishing clubs anywhere. Founded in 1934 and has a current membership of nearly 1400. Its membership is diverse and includes fishing families, kids and women, from all walks of life with varied levels of angling experience from novice anglers to seasoned tournament pros and guides.

From their web site, in 1956 Boston red Sox legend, Ted Williams challenged one of the best golfers to ever play the game, Sam Snead in a “test of form and skill” in a fish-off. Williams challenged Snead during the West Palm Beach Fishing Club’s Silver Sailfish Derby. He offered to post a gross of golf balls against a gross of fishing plugs that he catches more sailfish than Snead. Tournament organizers were able to capitalize on this and named it the “1956 Sailfish Grudge Match”. Sam Snead ended up winning the tournament and Williams had to fork over a gross of golf balls.



Sam Snead

Ted Williams

Our club the Missouri Trout Fishermen’s Association was formed in 1946 by two groups of individuals from Kansas City and St. Louis, who jointly wanted to promote interest in and improve trout fishing in the state managed waters and other streams of Missouri. At the time of inception, the Kansas City group was technically a part of the St. Louis organization as the system of chapters under a State Council had not been devised. A joint Convention was held in April 1947 and officers were elected for a State Council. It was during this Convention that the Kansas City and St. Louis groups were set up as Chapters. Since that original Convention a third Chapter was added at Springfield and in 2018 a fourth chapter was established in Branson, Missouri.

Fly Fishing Clubs

A fly fishing club is a gathering of men, women and kids, young and old, of every size, shape, age, color, political, cultural, and societal learnings to talk about, and share the experience of what many of us consider one of the greatest outdoor activity’s – recreational fishing. It’s a way to meet like minded people wanting to learn and to share their experiences and knowledge with others. The diversity of a club membership allows members to crawl, walk and climb with other members who have similar aspirations. Most clubs have a range of social events from dinners, trips and classes.

Fly Fishing Clubs - Why you should Join and Participate Cont'd

When should you Join a Fly-Fishing Club?

If you currently do not belong to a club at this time, then you should join one as soon as possible. If you enjoy fishing and you want to get better at fishing techniques, casting, tying flies or building a rod, maybe finding a fishing buddy, then you should join a club. We need to pass on the sport of fishing to the younger generations. There is a big push to stop people from fishing, teaching our children and grandchildren that it's not good for them and certainly not good for the fish. Helping our clubs grow will help us to protect our community and develop good conservationist.

Why should you join a Fly-Fishing Club?

The real question you should ask yourself. Why should I go join a fishing club where people that know each other are probably not going to talk with me. There are clubs like that out there but that does not exist in the chapters of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association family.

- Many clubs have a history and by joining you become a part of that history.
- Clubs are a gathering place for people that have the same passion and love for our sport.
- Clubs have speakers, classes, trips, club derby's and of course socials.
- You will make new friends by joining a club. Something common among all anglers is that they are always looking for someone to fish with.
- Fishing clubs need your help. Get off the **bench** and join the team by doing something good for our community and conservation. Everyone has a talent that they can share to benefit the club and other members.

Here are some links to the Web sites of Missouri's trout fishing organizations

[Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Kansas City Chapter](#)

[Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, St Louis Chapter](#)

[Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Springfield Chapter](#)

[Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association, Branson Chapter](#)

[Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers](#)

[K.C. Northland Fly Fishers](#)

[Arkansas Fly Fishers](#)

[Heart of America Flyfishers](#)

[North Arkansas Fly Fishers](#)

There are more web sites of clubs in the area, you just have to look for them...

In Closing

The quality of your trout fishing will get better if you join an organization. The quality of trout fishing often involves the revision of state regulations and the expenditure of state funds. Being a member of a club is the best way to let your voice be heard by state government officials who have the decision-making authority to improve Missouri trout fishing. Missouri trout fishing groups have a proven track record of accomplishment working in cooperation with state and federal agencies.

You can make a difference by joining and being an active member in a club. Stop sitting on the sideline and get active in a club.

Gary



October - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

- Oct 05 - Intruder Flies - Paul Brown
- Oct 12 - Basic Fly Casting - Get Started Fly Fishing
- Oct 19 - New Bass Patterns - Luke Langton
- Oct 26 - 2020 Gear (FishPond, Korkers, Galvan & More)

All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call 913-341-8118 if you plan to attend)

8643 Grant St, Overland Park, Ks.

K&K Specials

Sale - Scott Meridian Rods (\$200 off)

Sale - Lamson Reels (25% off)

Sale - G Loomis NRX Rods (25% off)

Simms Riprap Shoes - Close out - ***In Stock - *In Store**

2020 Fishing Trips:

March 29 - April 4 *Andros Island - Bahamas* - \$3650 + vat,

Call for Trip Details (913) 341-8118

Streamer Fishing Tips

Here are some specific tips to help you get the most out of your time fishing streamers this fall.

- Keep your rod tip low when retrieving. This will help keep your fly deep. No fish wants to see its prey swimming up towards the surface. When baitfish are fleeing, they stay deep. I will often keep my rod tip in the water as I strip the fly back.
- Put a split shot in front of your fly. Following up with the previous point, to maximize your success when streamer fishing, you need to keep your flies deep. Many of my best streamer eats come in fast water right after the flies land. Here a sink tip won't do you any good as you need to get your flies down quick. To achieve this, I will put a large 3/0 split shot directly ahead of my streamer. This will get your fly in the zone quickly after it lands.

- Know when to fish a sink tip vs heavy fly. They both have a time and a place..

When banging the banks from the boat, [pick your spots in advanced](#). You want to land your flies just before the likely holding water so that you don't spook the fish and that your flies have time to sink.

Rope up! If a fish is going to eat a streamer, he is going to eat it. No point in using light line. Depending on the river I am fishing, I don't go smaller than 10lbs and will often use 15 or even 20 lbs! Depending on region I am fishing.

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President's Message *by David Cook*

Another Roaring River Fall Derby is history.



Here are the derby winners. Their winning fish were all Rainbows.

In the center is Jerry Gaines, who came in 1st place at 15.5". On the left is Diana James in 2nd place at 14.5" and 3rd place is Roger Theroux on the right with 14.25"

I'd like to thank all the members who participated this year's Derby. We were once again blessed with great weather and fellowship.

This year there was an extra challenge to the fishing. The renovations to the hatchery were still going on and the construction work had caused the stream visibility to be a little off. Also, all the trout that get stocked were shipped in from other hatcheries, mainly the Montauk hatchery. However, there still seemed to be good number of fish to be caught.

The social events were held at the Roaring River Resort shelter-house. We had excellent attendance at Friday night's gathering. We kept a charcoal grill going most the evening so that those that just arrived from their road trip could have something hot off the grill.

Instead of going to town for dinner Saturday, we again meet at the shelter-house for dinner with BBQ and some country-style cooking that Carol Cook prepared at the resort.

Dessert included a fresh blackberry cobbler cooked by Marvin and Chery Allison.



In other news,

Don't forget October is **Chili Dinner** month and a good time to renew your dues. The 4th Tuesday seems early this month. Our meeting is Oct. 22.

If you have a dish to bring or a pot of soup or chili, please email David Cook at cookd@umsystem.edu to let me know what you are bringing.

Thanks — *David*

Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane Greater Kansas City Program Prepares for Annual Healing Saturday Event Nov. 2

Fly fishers in the Kansas City Area will celebrate Healing Saturday, an all-day fly fishing festival to benefit the Greater Kansas City Program of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, on Saturday, Nov. 2. The event will be hosted by K&K Fly Fishers of Overland Park, KS, at their store at 8643 Grant St.



Healing Saturday at K&K is worth the wait. Owners Kevin and Kathy Kurtz and their staff will be on hand to conduct casting clinics; vendors and factory reps will be there to discuss and demonstrate their latest products; there will be raffles and a silent auction. Donated items include items hand-crafted by our Veteran participants, including paintings and woodworking pieces.

Over the past several years, Healing Saturday has grown into a national event, with participation at fly shops, retail stores and community centers throughout the country. The event helps raise funds and awareness for local Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Programs.

Most of those programs will observe Healing Saturday on Sept. 28. Programs in St. Louis and Greater Kansas City have traditionally observed Healing Saturday on the first weekend in November, following the close of the fishing season at Missouri's Trout Parks.

A favorite highlight each year is the newest deer-hair creation of world-renowned fly tier Mike George. Mike, himself an Air Force Veteran, dedicates a new pattern to the Healing Saturday event and donates it for auction.

Proceeds from the day's activities will be donated to our Greater Kansas City Program. It is our largest fund-raising effort of the year, helping us finance activities such as an overnight trip to Rockbridge Trout Resort, other outings, and the growth of our program.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, and will continue through the afternoon. Lunch will be available. For more information, contact K&K Fly Fishers at 913-341-8118 or visit kkflyfisher.com.

Calendar:

Oct. 8 – General Meeting, DAV Hall, 14605 East 40 Highway, Independence, MO, 6pm.

Oct. 9 – Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

Oct. 15 – General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm. .

Oct. 30 – Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.



Our team of Bruce Storts, left, and Dan Kellogg placed second in the Midwest Bonefish Invitational in Nebraska, hosted by the Omaha Program. Dan also took second place in individual honors. Congratulations!