



Kansas City Chapter



April 2019

Club Meeting Date:
April 23, 2019
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
April 9, 2019
7:30 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
May 28, 2019

President's Message

It's Spring and there is much to do both indoors and outdoors. Many of you just missed the fly fishing expo in Mt. Home Ar called the "Sowbug". But there is another expo this weekend (April 13th) at Brighton Mo put on by the Tri-lakes Fly Fishing club. Brighton is on hi-way 13 south between Bolivar and Springfield, Mo.

Bill Beckman watching Diana James and Natalie Hudspeth-Storey tying at the Tri-Lakes Expo.



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For outdoor activity, I'm addicted to fly fishing for crappie this month. Those same jigs I use for trout are excellent flies for crappie. Jackson County Parks and Rec lakes, including *Lake Jacomo* are excellent in April and early May. Conservation areas like *James A. Reed* or *Poosey* can hold some great secret spots. Fish the rip-rap along the dams. Especially where you find logs or brush. And I haven't forgotten fishing for trout. The fish really turn on to the caddis and Mayfly patterns in April. A crackleback or pale evening dun below the dam at Bennett Spring can surprise you with some hungry fish. So grab a fishing buddy and get out of the house. You don't want to miss all the opportunities of Spring.

David

2019 Membership Dues are Now Past Due



This is the last month the Application for Membership will be in our newsletter. 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 an 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 to download 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

Upcoming Events

April 9, 2019
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:30 pm

April 11, 2019
Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo
Brighton Hwy Assembly of
God Church
Brighton, Missouri

April 23, 2019
Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

May 4, 2019
Kids Fishing Day
Lake Jacomo

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March Club Meeting Review



for a website. It was a great evening. *Gary*

We were excited to have Brent Frazee join us at our March club meeting. He shared a photography power point presentation and history on some of his favorite places he has been to in the state of Missouri. There was some great day or weekend trips to state parks in Missouri that I had never seen.

Brent continues to write, both freelancing for magazines, newspapers and as the writer

38th Annual Kids Fishing Day - Saturday May 4, 2019

Kids ages 2 to 15 get to show off their angling skills at this fun-filled family event that includes casting clinics, fishing contest and prizes!

The derby is held at the old Lake Jacomo beach adjacent to the marina. Derby starts at 9:00am and concludes at 11:00am. Last year there were approximately 100 plus kids that signed up for the derby. We will need

volunteers for the registration table, weigh in station, set up poles as needed, and to help with fishing instruction and the awards ceremony. Put this date on your calendar to help promote MTFA and kids fishing day. Volunteers need to be there between 7:00-8:30am to get things organized. Note: Registration begins officially at 8:30am but on some years when we have a large crowd, it has started earlier.

Gary



Fly of The Month - Carp Carrot



From Free State Flyfishers Fly Pattern List

Hook: Tiemco 3769 sizes 8-10
Tiemco 5262 sizes 6 - 8

Body: Orange Yarn wrapped tightly

Hackle: Yellow Pheasant Rump

Eyes: Bead and or Dumbell

The person that submitted this said that he ties this fly in varying sizes and on a couple of different hooks. He stated that he weighted the fly with Bead, Dumbbells and lead wire. The lead wire was his least favorite.

Fall Fly Tying Classes

I know it's still cold outside and we cannot seem to get rid of Old man winter. But since we just finished our winter fly tying, I was thinking about what would encourage more people to get involved in fly tying. I was talking to David and Merrill about doing some special and challenging things for the six fall classes.

- 1.) First night tying Poppers for Bass, Panfish or even Barracuda
- 2.) Second class - Hoppers for Bass and Trout
- 3.) Third class – Carp Flies
- 4.) Fourth class – Deer Hair Bass Bugs
- 5.) Fifth class – Articulated Streamers and Tube Flies
- 6.) Sixth class – Spinning Deer Hair, the Mouse.

My thought would be to pass out the recipe for the two or three flies ahead of time. If the club does not have the materials on hand, you would then have the time to get any materials that you might not have for one or more of the patterns. If there is a special fly, you would like for us to consider adding to the list please send me a pattern. These are not easy patterns and some are time consuming, but fun.

I would like your thoughts on this idea. **Gary**



Some possible types (From top to bottom) Bait Fish, Tube Fly, Foam Hopper, Articulated Streamer, Deer Hair Mouse and another bait fish pattern.

How to Best Hold a Fish and get a Great Photo.



There's been numerous debates about photographing fish. Like most topics that get blown out of proportion on the internet, this debate is riddled with sensationalized accusations and disinformation.

If done properly, I do not see any harm in photographing a fish. Fish are injured by poor handling, not cameras. I have two serious problems with the 'no photo' argument. First, it simply doesn't address the problem. If anglers are mishandling fish, they are doing so while landing them and unhooking them with or without a photo. Demonizing the camera does nothing to stop this and doesn't save fish. What we should be doing is educating anglers on ethical fish handling. Secondly, the photograph is the

bargain that makes catch-and-release fishing work. Whether you like it or not there are simply a lot of anglers who require proof of their catch. It's much better to give them a photo than a corpse. Like any right minded over reaction the 'no photo' movement will generate (and is generating) push back.

Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

Record Number of Participants Prepare to Submit Entries in Rod Building Competition

The deadline for the National Rod Building Competition for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing has been extended because of rod kit distribution issues. The new deadline is May 1, but participants who have completed their rods may turn them in at our regular April 9 meeting.

This year marks the 11th year of the Rod Building Competition and will be the largest yet. More than 1,100 rod kits were distributed to participating programs.



Steve Licata displays his entry in this year's rod building competition. It includes an inset on the handle commemorating his Vietnam service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Winners will attend the International Custom Rod Builders Exposition in Winston-Salem, NC in February of 2020. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners of each category will also participate in a two-day fishing outing in the Great Smoky Mountains, immediately following the conclusion of the Exposition.

National Fly Casting and Fly Tying Competitions Move to Center Stage

Don't forget that in addition to the PHWFF Rod Building Competition, the national casting and fly tying competitions are also underway.

The casting competition is in its second year and will culminate with the national finals at the Fly Fishers International Fair July 24-27 at Bozeman, MT. In a new wrinkle this year, regional runners-up will also compete at the FFI Fair.

Program competitions must be com-

pleted by May 30, with local winners advancing to the regional Cast-Offs by June 30. Once again our Greater Kansas City program will host the Heartland Regional Cast-Off June 14 at Lake Quivira Country Club.

Regional champions will compete in the Cup Bracket at the National Finals; Regional runners-up will compete in the Plate Bracket.

In the national fly tying competi-

tion, participants must submit four identical flies of virtually any type – streamers, nymphs, dry flies, warm water or saltwater. Flies will be judged on color harmony, scale and proportion, material use, technique, proper thread use and overall style.

There are three divisions: Beginner, for tyers will less than one year of experience; Intermediate, for those with 2-3 years experience; and Advanced, for entrants with 4+ years of experience.

Entries must be completed by Sept. 1 and received for judging by Sept. 6. Semifinalists will be invited to the International Fly Tying Symposium, and winners will receive a trip to a Freedom Ranch for Heroes Destination Outing in 2020.

Veterans Free Fishing Day Highlights April Calendar

April 3 - Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

April 9 - General Meeting, Fleming Hall, Lake Jacomo, MO, 5:30pm.

April 16 - General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm.

April 24 - Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

April 27 - Veterans Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring State Park.

K&K February - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

April 6 - Fly Casting Basics - Get Started
 April 13 - Quick Start Casting - Spey Intro
 April 20 - Catching Wipers - Luke Langton
 April 27 - Dry Fly Tactics - Head Hunting
 All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call if you plan to attend)



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

Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing 2019 Trips -

- May 5-11 -** Bahamas Bonefish / Permit Trip Swain's Cay, Andros Island (\$3650)
June 30-July 6 - Great Waters Inn - Montana fishing the Big Hole, Beaverhead Rivers (5 days guided fishing, 6 nights lodging) \$2850.00
Sept 7-14 - Katmai Trophy Lodge Alaska - Naknek River, King Salmon Alaska (6 days guided fishing, 7 nights lodging). \$3995.00
Sept 30-Oct 5 - Missoula Montana - Clark Fork, Bitterroot, Black Foot Rivers (5 days guided fishing, 6 nights lodging) \$2450.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118



How to Best Hold a Fish and get a Great Photo Cont'd.

We are much better off teaching anglers to pinch barb's, wet hands, revive fish and limit their exposure to air than we are demonizing photography.

In my experience the greatest danger in fish handling is panic. The average angler just needs to learn to calm down. When faced with a stubborn hook or an unruly fish, most anglers try to subdue the fish with force. This is the exact wrong reaction. It only panics the fish, making them struggle more. If you relax and keep the fish in the water, the fish will relax.

Lastly, all fish are not created equal. Some are more delicate than others and some species are more at risk. While I think it's OK to lift a trout from the water briefly, the same thing doesn't go for steelhead. The stakes are simply too high. What works for a trout in 50 degree water doesn't work when the water temp is 70. A tarpon might seem tough but they are actually very fragile while a redfish or permit are surprisingly strong. Take time to know the fish you're after and always err on the side of caution.

This is a partial re-print of an article from *Gink + Gasoline Blog*. There is a very nice video produced by G+G on YouTube that I hope you will take the time to go and view it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=8&v=f82Cg9XCATM

Enjoy,
 Gary



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>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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: _____