



Kansas City Chapter



February 2022

Club Meeting Date:
February 22, 2022
Location: DAV Building
6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting
February 1, 2022
DAV Building
7:00 pm.

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

Next Club Meeting Date
March 22, 2022
Location TBD

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For More Information

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

MTFA Annual Lunker Dinner - DAV Building

Tuesday February 22, 2022 (6:30 pm - 9:00pm)

Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend our dinner which will be catered at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) building located at 14605 E 40 Hwy., Kansas City, MO. The cost to members and their guests will be \$5.00 per person.



Please let David Cook (phone 816-519-2531 or Email: cookd@umsystem.edu) know you are attending by February 15th and your choice of entrée either baked chicken or ham. Bring a guest and join in on the fun!

The club will hold a raffle and raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you have any fishing/tying equipment you would like to donate please contact David Cook, our raffle coordinator.

The elected club officers for 2022 will be installed at the Lunker Dinner. Refer to the list of 2022 officers and members at large on page 2.

Bennett Springs - Saturday, February 5th - MTFA Winter Club Outing (Cancelled)

Due to the weather forecast we have decided to cancel the club trip to Bennett Springs. *Gary*

2022 Membership Dues were Due by January 31st.



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. A MTFA-KC Chapter application will be in the January, and February Troutline. You can

also download the application off our web site.

Thank You.

Upcoming Events

Jan 31,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #2
DAV Building
7:00pm

Feb 1,
E-Board Meeting
7:00 pm
DAV Building

Feb 7,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #3
DAV Building
7:00pm

Feb 14,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #4
DAV Building
7:00pm

Feb 21,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #5
DAV Building
7:00pm

Feb 22,
Lunker Dinner (Refer to
page 1 for information)

Feb 28,
MTFA Fly Tying Class #6
DAV Building
7:00pm



MTFA Officers

President: David Cook
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V President: Gary Davisson
(816) 896-5221

Secretary: Jessica Niccoli

Treasurer: Darrell Durst

Troutline Editor: Gary Davisson
medman3@att.net

Members at Large:

Merril Miller	Bob Barnett
Roger Theroux	Linda Chase
Marvin Allison	Mike Davis
Ken Hicks	
Greg Davison	

Special Dates in February

February 14th - Last day for Catch and Release at Missouri State Parks
February 28th - Missouri Trout Permits Expire
March 1st - Opening Day Missouri Trout Season

You can purchase your fishing, hunting, etc. license's on line through the Missouri Department of Conservation web site or even from your smartphone using the Mo. Hunting app. Your valid permit will appear on the app. immediately after your purchase. You can carry your license with you wherever you go. Check out: <https://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/permits>



MTFA Officers for 2022

The installation of officers will be held in February at the Lunker dinner. The MTFA office holders will be:

President: David Cook,
Vice-President: Gary Davisson,
Secretary: Jessica Niccoli,
Treasurer: Darrell Durst

Members at Large: Merril Miller, Roger Theroux, Marvin Allison, Ken Hicks, Mike Davis, Greg Davison, Bob Barnett, Linda Chase

Calendar of Events

Feb 8 - 7:00pm Fly Tying with Merril Miller at the DAV

Feb 15 - 5:30pm at the Rainbow Fly Shop

(Note: Due to the close proximity at Rainbow Fly Shop, masks will be required if your are tying flies.)



President's Message:

Some of the best urban winter trout fishing in the Kansas City area will occur during the next couple of months. It's a great way to shed some of that "cabin fever" that has been building up over the winter. Flies you use at the Trout Parks work just fine in these trout stocked lakes. I'm partial to some of the old standard trout jigs like black/yellow marabou and john deere. Wooly buggers fished deep or crackle-backs on top can catch fish. Midge patterns (like Primrose and Pearl) also produce in these lakes. A new favorite for some folks is the mop fly or mega-worm. Some of my favorite spots are Coot Lake at James A. Reed Wildlife Area (Lee's Summit) and Capitol Federal Sports Complex in Liberty Mo. When these Kansas City lakes are frozen, you can find open water to fish in Sedalia, Mo at Liberty Park. This lake has two water fountains that keeps a large part of the lake from freezing over. It is catch and release regulated trout pond until Feb 1st.

Fly Fishing Gear List - The Needs and The Wants

As a newbie wanting to get into fly fishing it can be a daunting experience. Equipment choices: Rods, Reels, Clothing, Fly Line, Fly boxes, Leaders and Tippet. I have a friend that is a walking Orvis bill board, got the Orvis hat, shirt, vest, waders and boots, fly boxes, rod and reel. The start up cost to get into fly fishing is totally different than heading over to Bass Pro and picking up a spinning rod and reel already loaded with mono, some hooks and a carton of worms or minnows on your way to the pond or lake.

In comparison hunting can get very expensive in a hurry. A new rifle will cost \$500+, a scope about \$500+, add in clothing, license and tags and travel expenses, it can really add up.

I am not familiar with skiing equipment, but I am sure it's not cheap when you think about skis, boots, poles, clothes, and lift tickets

Then there is golf. I have had a little experience with this sport. You can pick up a good starter set or a nice used set for \$250 - \$350. Don't forget you need golf balls, tees, shoes, green fees and clothes. You have to look good.

So, what do you really need to get into fly fishing. What are the essentials? You need a fly rod, reel with backing, fly line, tapered leaders, some tippet, flies, a fly box, nippers (finger nail clippers), indicators, splitshot, fly floatant, forceps and a dip net.

The Fly Rod - You first need to decide what species you will be fishing for. Rods range from a 1 weight to 14 weight. A One weight rod being the weakest and 14 weight rod being the strongest. They also vary in length from 6 to 10 feet, except for spey fly rods that are up to 14 feet long. A 9 foot 5 or 6 weight rod is a great choice for our area, and if you are fishing the White river in Arkansas, Taneycomo, state parks or local farm ponds. As for cost, I would suggest starting out with a rod, reel, fly line combo to get you started. If you are going to Alaska or doing some salt water fishing you need an 8 weight as a minimum.

The Fly Reel - The reel's main purpose is to hold your fly line. Drag systems are a must when fighting large fish. A good drag system is able to handle the load of a fish running out multiple feet of line in just seconds. In my opinion the bigger the fish you are catching the higher quality of reel you will need.

The Backing - Fly line backing is a term used that refers to a thin but very strong section of line that is secured directly to the arbor of a fly reel and to the back end of the fly line. It's your insurance policy. Backing is Dacron and comes in different strengths. Most trout fishing requires about 50 yards of 20# backing while saltwater anglers prefer 200 to 250 yards of 30# backing. Fly line is approximately 80-100 feet long, What happens when you hook up with a really large fish that can rip off 90 foot of line in seconds and if no backing, your in trouble. I have had Bonefish take over a 100 yards of backing in seconds, once they are hooked.

The Fly Line - Most fly line is nylon or Dacron coated in plastic polymer. There are numerous numbers of different fly lines to choose from. Floating, Sinking, Streamer, Bass, Pike/Muskie, Trout, and then Saltwater lines. Most anglers will be able to do just about everything the want by using a standard weight forward (WF) floating line.

The Leader - Leaders are clear, tapered, Monofilament or Fluorocarbon. The anatomy of a leader is: 40% butt section, 20% Tapered Section, 40% Tippet Section. Leaders vary in length from 6 to 15 feet. Depending on the type of water you are fishing, dictates the length of leader.

The Tippet - It's the thinnest section of a leader (Monofilament or Fluorocarbon) and comes on small spools and is used to lengthen leaders or to build other rigs, such as two fly rigs. There are pro's and con's to both



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Fly Fishing Gear List - The Needs and The Wants Continued:

materials. Tippet comes in 0X (Thickest/Strongest) to 8X (Thinnest/Weakest).

The Fly Box - Basically used to store and protect your flies. They come in so many different sizes, shapes and colors. After a few trips fishing you will figure out what works best for you.

The Nippers - When I first started fly fishing my nippers were a pair of small finger nail clippers and they worked great. Nippers are basically used to cut line, leaders and tippet. Some brands have knot tying devices and eyelet cleaning tools incorporated in their design. The more expensive nippers have replaceable blades.

The Forceps - These are used to easily and safely remove flies from the fish, pinching down bars and attaching split shot.

The Strike Indicator - One of the most challenging part of fly fishing, especially nymphing is knowing when you get a strike. Trout takes can be very subtle. Sometimes your indicator will just pause for a second and that was a strike. There are lots of different types of indicators on the market, wool, air-filled plastic, and foam.

Splitshot - Splitshot comes in different sizes and if you are nymph fishing, it is necessary. You have to get the nymphs down on the bottom.

The Floatant - When presenting a dry fly on the surface you need to add floatant to the fly. This will keep your fly atop the water for several cast before you need to dry it off.

Enjoy, Gary

President's Message Cont'd:

A pair of rainbows that Darrell Durst and I caught at Cap Fed Sports Complex (Liberty, Mo.) during the January thaw using jigs under an indicator. Best fishing is usually along the banks where the wind blows into your face. For more pictures of winter fishing, refer back to your January Troutline.

— David



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: _____