



Kansas City
Chapter



January 2021

Club Meeting Date:
January 26, 2021 (Cancelled)
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
January 5, 2021 7:00 pm.
(Zoom Meeting)

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

Next Club Meeting Date
February 23, 2021
(To Be Determined)

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For More Information

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News and updates
www.mtfa-kansascity.org

Happy New Year

We would like to wish all a very “fishy”, safe and healthy New Year. Our club like most clubs has had a very difficult 2020 with the Covid-19 epidemic disrupting our lives. We are not sure when we will be able to get back to having club meetings and outings. We have our calendar and events planned for 2021, now we just need the Covid-19 to go away. We will be starting up our Fly of the Week series in January. Mike Davis is working on doing video's using Facebook, similar to what K&K has been doing. If there is a special fly you would like covered in the Fly of the Week, please let us know. Your ideas are important to us.

A number of club members have been going to Bennett Springs for Catch & Release fishing. There is usually very few people fishing during this time and it's a great opportunity to take a new person fly fishing and introduce them to the sport.

Thank you for your continued support, *The E-Board*

President's Message 2021 — David Cook

I've done some fishing this winter at Bennett Springs and at some of the winter trout lakes in the Kansas City area. These trips can easily happen and still follow COVID-19 guidelines. As in every winter, it's the weather that limits the number of opportunities that we get. I've used the Weather Channel long range forecasts to give myself a chance to plan my trips in advance. Let's hope we get that opportunity this Feb. 6th. See Page 3 for trip details.

2021 Membership Dues are Due by January 31st.



If you were a member of MTFA-KC in good standing in 2020 the E-Board has voted to carry over your membership through 2021. Please fill out the application with any changes you may have incurred this past year, *phone number, home address, or e-mail address*. If your information is current, please fill in your name and write across the application “NO CHANGE”. If you are a new member please print and fill out the application on page 6

and mail in with a check payable to Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association-KC. If you are interested in serving on a committee or help in anyway, please contact David Cook or Gary Davisson.

Upcoming Events

January 1, 2021
Happy New Fishing Year

January 5
E-Board Meeting
(Zoom Meeting)
7:00 pm

KC Sports Show
(Cancelled)

Fly Tying Class will be on-
line (watch for a e-mail)

January 26
Club Meeting (Cancelled)
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

February 2 7:00 pm
E-Board Meeting
(Zoom Meeting)

February 6 - 8am—4pm
Bennett Spring Winter
Catch and Release



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2021 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*

I will *learn to double haul to be able to cast a little further,*

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

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

I will *take fly casting lessons. Check out K&K Flyfisher's*

I will *take a kid or a friend fly fishing. Introduce someone new to the sport.*

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

I will *go to a new destination to fish, this is always fun.*

I will *learn to fish streamers,*

I will *take a fly fishing class.*

Practice Makes Perfect

1. **Step outside your comfort zone:** I have noticed over the years that fishermen have a bad habit of fishing the same way, same places, standing in the same spot that has been the most successful for them. Consider fishing new water, with different flies and technique than you are used to doing. You can go to Bennett and catch 35-50 trout in a day using one or two of your favorite flies but can you use 20-25 different flies/streamers and do the same thing fishing different locations on the stream.
2. **Competition is not a bad thing:** Competitive fly fishermen are typically good fishers because they have to direct all of their focus on catching fish, usually in highly pressured public water and under time constraints. I don't think you need to enter a tournament but consider setting a goal to catch a certain number of fish in a given time period. It will cause you to do things like evaluate the water you are fishing or change your setup more purposefully than if you are just out for fun.
3. **Do what you should when you should:** I have observed fisher people get out of their vehicle, get their waders/vest on, get rigged up and head straight to their favorite spot in the stream. Before you enter the stream and make that first cast, I suggest you stand on the bank or just at waters edge and observe the fish activity and read the water. Where are the fish feeding? On the bottom, just below the surface? By taking a few minutes, you can adjust your setup. Indicator depth, amount of weight, change your tippet, or change you fly. Do not forget to check your knots.....

Bennett Springs - Saturday, February 6th - MTFA Winter Club Outing

It's winter time, could be a little cold but lets go fishing. I have adopted a friend's saying "If it's 45 or below, Gary don't go". As I get older that number may be moved to 50 degrees. Really cold weather doesn't appeal to me that much anymore, but I have been Steelhead fishing when it was 12 degrees above zero. Our club has decided to make a trip to Bennett Springs on February 6th, **Weather permitting**. We will be watching the weather forecast and will send out a flyer to announce the plan of action when we get closer to the date. Plan to meet in the parking lot that is between the store parking lot and the new hatchery building, around 10:00 AM. Get your cold weather gear out and ready, check your fly box. This is catch and release season at Bennett and is a great time to learn and practice new techniques. If you are new to fly fishing and need some help we will be there to help you. For more information contact any MTFA Board Member. **Gary**

Presidents Message Cont'd

You can start a list now of the stuff you will need for winter fishing. You will need to dress in layers. Fleece covers (or other hi-tech synthetics) for your head, neck, etc. all the way down to your feet. If you are old school and have silk and wool, great you have done this before and know the drill. Also think about worst case and pack some dry backup clothing. Don't put on too many layers of socks. If they make your boots tight, it will reduce the blood flow to your feet and you can bet your feet will get colder, faster.

Food. Pack your own cold weather snacks and drinks. It doesn't have to be hot food and drink, just a good mix of fat, carbs and sugar to keep you fueled throughout the day and well hydrated. Dehydration during the winter is common and it can sneak up on you, so take beverage breaks. Caffeine works towards dehydration, so watch your intake.

And then there is your fishing tackle. These fish have been educated all winter by catch and release fishermen, so don't think they are dumb. You may have to vary your fly selection but they will still hit what you fished with during the summer. Just experiment. I've fished wooly buggers, jigs, cracklebacks, renegades, nymphs and midges. Smaller sizes (wet or dry flies) have worked better for me. Let's go fishing! — **David**

Practice Makes Perfect Cont'd

4. **Fish with someone better:** This is a true statement. I have personally learned more from fishing with guides on the water than with books or videos. I remember playing competitive tennis and when you are playing against the same opponent all the time your game stays the same. Even if you lose playing against a stronger more experienced player you learn from the experience. You need to be open to suggestions, technique's and instruction. I've observed guides trying to help a fisherperson with casting, mending, landing fish, etc. and the person actually gets offended when trying to be helped. So sit back and observe, listen, ask questions of the guide or person that is a better fisherperson than you.
5. **Practice your worst first:** We all have things that we don't do well. If you struggle with casting in the wind, get out there in the back yard and practice on windy days. Practice makes perfect or close too.

We all want to get better at fishing and catching fish. Put some time in to improve your game. What can be accomplished in a month? In a year? The answers vary. But there's one factor you can count on to measure your progress: **total lifetime hours spent practicing**.

(A good portion of this article was taken from the newsletter Fly Rod Chronicles by Curtis Fleming. I added my take on his five points) Gary



Fly Tying Clinics
Every Saturday
Learn to Tie Fish
Catching Flies

Fly Tying Class - Free 1 Hour

2 Students 1 Instructor - Call for your Appointment



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Learn How to Tie - Dries, Nymphs or Streamers
Basic to Advanced You Choose

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8643 Grant St - Overland Park - KS

Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing 2021 Trips -

Jan 10-16 - Swain's Cay - Andros Bahamas (5 fish days - 6 nights) \$3650.00 + VAT
 Jan 31 - Feb 7 - Patagonia 'The Beauty of the Andes' (6 fish days - 7 nights) \$4800
 Feb 21-28 - Black Fly Lodge - Abaco, Bahamas (6 fish days - 7 nights) \$8125
 April 11-17 - Swain's Cay - Andros Bahamas (5 fish days - 6 nights) \$3650.00 + VAT

Note: These are all Guided Trips and prices do not include tips and transportation.

Call for Trip Details and Questions: 1-800-795-8118

Bennett Springs - Catch & Release Season



Catch and Release season started on Saturday, November 13, 2020 and runs through February 8, 2021 (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM) Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday only. Catch & release season is a great time to take a beginner, a son or daughter, and a great time to work on your fishing skills.

(PS: Please use barbless hooks)

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5pm cst

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- * **Fly Tying**
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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: _____