



Kansas City Chapter



January 2024

Club Meeting Date:
January 23, 2024
7:00pm

Executive Board Meeting
January 8, 2023
7:30 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
February 27
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

Happy New Year

The E-Board would like to wish all a very "fishy", safe and healthy New Year. Our club had a very busy 2023 and we are looking forward to the events we have planned for 2024. If you have an idea for a club program or outing please let us know. Your ideas are important to us.

The main events that are in the clubs immediate future are the Fly Tying, Rod Building Classes, Luncheon Dinner and Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo. It's important as a club member to be involved. Mark your calendars and join in on the fun and bring a friend.

Thank You for your support.

Fly Tying - January 8 - Flemming Hall

Merril is planning some really cool fly patterns for these fly tying sessions. Lets take your fly tying to the next level, so join us.

First Session: Monday January 8 (7:00 pm)
Second Session: January 15 - 7:00pm
Third Session: Final evening - 7:00 pm

Note: Bring your fly tying equipment and tools and fly tying thread. Fly tying materials will be provided. (No Cost)



Call Merrill Miller at (816) 673-9863 or E-mail: mmiller@kcirishmusic.com

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2024 Membership Dues are Due in January



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 December, January & February Troutline. You can also download the application off our web site.

Thank You.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

Jan 1, 2024
Happy New Fishy Year

January 8,
E-Board Meeting/Fly Tying
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 15
Fly tying
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 19
Fly tying
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 23,
Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 29,
First Rod Building Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

February 5,
First Rod Building Class
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm



MTFA Officers

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Merril Miller
Roger Theroux
Marvin Allison
Linda Chase
Greg Davison

Bob Barnett
David Cook

MTFA Nomination of Board Members 2024

At the November E-Board meeting Ken Hicks appointed the nominating committee for the upcoming election of the MTFA officers. If you are interested in serving, please let Ken know. Our election will be held in January and installation of officers will be held in February at the Luncheon dinner. The MTFA current office holders are:

President: Ken Hicks

Vice-President: Gary Davison,

Secretary: Jessica Niccoli,

Treasurer: Darrell Durst

Members at Large: Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux, Marvin Allison, Greg Davison, Linda Chase, Bob Barnett.

Rod Building Classes - Starting January 29, 2024

Have you ever wanted to build your own fishing rod but don't know where to start? This is the class for you. Our rod building classes are taught by really experienced rod builders within our club. They know the latest techniques and components for building a top-performing custom rod. Although there are a myriad of learning materials available to help you learn the craft, there is nothing quite like face-to-face hands-on instruction. If you are interested in taking part in this class you may want to start looking into the type of rod blank and components you may want for your custom rod. Call **David** (816) 519-2531 or send a email to: cookd@umsystem.edu and **Sign up ASAP.**

Check out: www.rdpflyrods.com or www.hookhack.com

Hope you will take advantage of this class. The club has rod winding equipment available for use and some great rod builders helping you, step by step.

David

Missouri Fishing Licenses Online:

You can purchase your fishing license and trout permit on line. Very easy to do before you get to your destination. Just go to:

[Online-Sales | Missouri Department of Conservation \(mdc-ccwp.s3licensing.com\)](https://www.mdc-ccwp.s3licensing.com)

Frontline Fly Fishing

Calendar of Events:

January 9 - 7:00pm Meeting at the DAV

January 16 - 5:00pm at Rainbow Fly Shop (Bring your fly tying equipment. There will be some kits available)



Presidents Message:

The sunset made another complete circuit and I was tying some Pheasant Tail Nymphs, after sitting in Merrill Miller's class last week, waiting for the rains to stop. I started reading FLY FISHING A-Z by Mark Van Patten, 3rd edition. The first fly tying book that I received upon joining MTFA.

Re-reading the book brought back memories of friends, past and present, fly tying classes, and fly rod building classes and the trips to test out the newly made flyrods. OOPS! Back to the book - there is so much information in the book that we know about and use everyday.

Who has tied a Perfection Loop or a Turle Knot or even remembers what they are used for? (makes a loop at the end of a leader or tippet that will lie perfectly in line with the standing end, and, a knot used to tie a hook or fly to a leader). And just how is your Entomology, the study of bugs. "Anglers need to understand the cuisine of their quarry!" Van Patten

Anyway, while we are prepping for a new year of fishing, it's good to review past info to keep refreshed and updated to keep those brain cells active and sharp, the same as your equipment to continue on another trip around the sun.

Ken Hicks President

Off Season Things to Do:

1. Organize your fly boxes. Check your flies for rust, sharpen and de-barb your hooks.
2. Clean, dress and inspect your fly lines.
3. Inspect and Tune up your fly reels and extra spools.
4. Re-treat your waterproof gear.
5. Organize: If you use a fly vest or a chest pack, this is a great time to clean out those pockets and get organized. Doing so before the season will allow you to inventory your gear to help decide what you might need to prepare for the upcoming season or trip.



Chalhuaquen Lodge Patagonia
(Jan 6-13, 2024) \$4900.00 + VAT

Estancia Tecka
(Jan 10-16, 2024) \$3650.00 + VAT

Bahamas / Andros Island - Swain's Cay
(Jan 10-16, 2024) \$3650.00 + VAT

FACEBOOK

Join us every Tuesday at 5pm cst
Facebook.com kkflyfisher Face-

Bahamas / Abaco Island - Black Fly Lodge
(Feb 21-28, 2024) \$7000.00

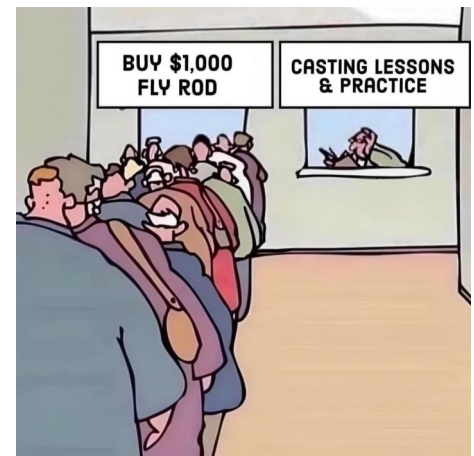
Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

Fly Casting Practice Tips

1. **Practice Casting from Your Knees.** The extent of most angler's casting practice occurs on flat ground; a park, a golf course, a beach, a dock, etc. There's nothing wrong with this, in fact its highly recommend practicing your cast without the distraction of a fish present. However, those who have spent a considerable amount of time practicing on the lawn often find they have difficulty casting while fishing on foot. Why? Because they don't consider the height lost while wading in the water! To remedy this, practicing your cast while kneeling on the ground it's a great drill for keeping your fly line up off the water, even while wading in relatively deep water. If you will be wading deep? Try casting while sitting flat on your butt.
2. **Practice with an Appropriate Fly.** While casting with a virtually weightless piece of yarn feels good, it's often not realistic. When practicing for an upcoming trip, it is highly recommended to practice with a fly that's roughly the same size and weight of what you'll be fishing with (the hook bend cut off, please). In fact, tie *high-vis* versions of your favorite flies (with the hook bend cut off) to use solely as practice flies. Not only does practicing with an appropriate fly beforehand help to get a feel for the energy needed to form efficient loops and make successful presentations, it also helps build awareness of where your fly is in relation to the end of your fly line for more accurate casts as well.
3. **Practice Casting Across Different Planes,** Guides often get asked whether they prefer to cast overhead or sidearm when casting for bonefish. The answer! Whatever is required to get the fly to the fish. Great casters don't limit themselves to one casting plane, but rather adjust accordingly to deliver the best presentation possible in the given conditions. There are advantages and disadvantages to casting overhead, sidearm and even off your opposite shoulder. The more ways you are comfortable with the more opportunities you'll have to catch the fish.
4. **Practice indoors with a Micro Practice Rod.** There are a number of companies that make these and they range in price from \$30 to \$80. This is a great tool for practicing indoors.



Dedicate time to practice casting you will be happy you did. Gary



New Years Fishy 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, Gary*

I will *take some fly casting lessons,*

I will *fish more often,*

I will *practice casting at least once a week,*

I will *learn how to double haul,*

I will *introduce someone new to the sport fly fishing,*

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

I will *go to a new destination to fish,*

I will *take more pictures of what you see on your adventure, not just hero shots,*

I will *take a fly fishing class.*

I will *budget for that new gear or and extra day of instruction with a guide/instructor.*

I will *take a fly tying class*

4. Learn to Tie Flies. Don't know how to tie, not sure you would like it, this is a great time of year to find out and pass the time during the off season, spending some time at the tying bench. Anyone can learn and our fly tying classes will be starting up after the 1st of the year.
5. Organizing and reviewing those pictures you took on the streams, rivers, ponds and lakes. Review the photos and critique them. Look at your light source, backgrounds, how was your buddy holding the fish. This will help you take those great hero shots.
6. Your bucket list. Want a great way to cure cabin fever? Try planning your trip of choice for the coming season! Thinking about the White River in Arkansas, Montana, Wyoming, Michigan or some really far away places like Alaska, British Columbia or the Bahamas. This is a great time of year to look into a destination. If you are wanting to take that trip of a life time, you should be making those reservations now, as some lodges or guide services may be already booked. I usually set up my Alaska trips a year in advance.
7. When it's cold, raining or snowing outside and you have a computer, go to You Tube. Watch videos of fly tying or casting. Whether it's stream, lake or pond fishing there is an abundance of video's on all different subjects that can be helpful to make one a better fisherperson. This holds true for photography also.
8. Casting, you can practice casting when it's cold outside.... Practice makes perfect, so get out there and do it. Neighbors may think your crazy but what the heck, who cares.

If you have something that you do that is not on this list, please let me know so that I can pass it along to our club members.

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: _____