



Kansas City Chapter



July 2023

Club Meeting Date:
No July Meeting

Executive Board Meeting
No July Meeting

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

Next Club Meeting Date
August Meeting
Aug 22, 2023
Fleming Hall - 7:00 pm.

Branson 2023 Fly Fishing Expo - July 27-29, 2023



The 2023 Branson Fly Fishing Expo will be held at the Lions Club in Hollister, MO. Opens July 27th at 8:00am and ends on July 29th at 5:00pm. They are holding a fly-tying contest as part of the EXPO festivities. This competition is open to one and all. I am hoping that some members of our club have entered the contest. There will be fly tyers from all over the country, demonstrations, and vendors.

Gary

MTFA KC - New Hats:

Are you in need of a new MTFA KC hat? It's time to replace that old worn hat with the sweat stain, worn frayed brim or some torn spots. Well, your in luck, we are ordering hats. We will have 4 colors to choose from; Navy/Copper, Bluefin/White, Kha-ki/Dr Spruce and White/Gold. They will look similar to the one pictured except with the MTFA Patch. If you are interested in acquiring a new hat. Please contact David Cook our hattery leader with your choice of color and number of hats you want. Cost will be around \$15.00/hat.



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For More Information

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

Call for Submissions!

Have you recently returned from a fishing trip? Have you learned some new techniques or found an awesome fly pattern that you would like to share? Perhaps a new gear review or a destination. Is there a subject you would like for me to cover in the Troutline. I am looking for articles and information for future issues of the newsletter. I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Gary (Troutline Editor)

Upcoming Events

No Club Meetings in July

July 4th
Time to Celebrate

July 10,
No E-Board Meeting

July 27 - 29
Branson MO Fly Fishing
Expo (Refer to Page 1)

Sept 15 - 17
KC Club Derby at Roaring
River State Park. Get your
reservations in ASAP)

Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Sept 15-17



Be sure and save the date for the Kansas City Chapter Derby. This is an informal derby for members of the club. The winner will be decided by who catches the longest trout, so measure and take pictures. Please join us for the festivities and frivolity. Reservations can be made for camping or motel at the state park, and lodg-

ing is available outside the park at several campgrounds and motels.

[Roaring River State Park](#) offers lodging accommodations for everyone's taste from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms and camping.

[Roaring River Resort & Campground](#) (417) 847-3235 is a private resort near the state park on Hy-Way 112.

More information coming in the next Troutline.

Gary



Snakeheads In Missouri:

Northern Snakehead
(invasive species)



- Native to China
- Can grow about 33 inches long and are generally tan with dark brown mottling
- Jaws contain many small teeth similar to pike and pickerel
- Capable of breathing air, can go dormant in the mud during drought and can move short distances on land using their pectoral fins
- Can live out of water for up to three days in moist environment

Bowfin
(native species)



- Typically found in swamps and backwater of sluggish rivers
- Can grow to about 32 inches long and are tan-olive with dark olive patterning
- Jaws contain peg-like teeth
- Black spot at the base of the tail
- Can also breathe air and withstand droughts by going dormant in the mud

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Snakehead Cont'd

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Fisheries management biologists with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) confirm a second northern snakehead has been recorded in the state. The fish was captured by an angler May 19 while seining for bait at Duck Creek Conservation Area in Wayne County. The first northern snakehead recorded in Missouri was caught in a borrow ditch within the St. Francis River levees in Dunklin County in 2019.

MDC staff spent two days looking for additional specimens on Duck Creek Conservation Area and Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. This effort found no additional fish, likely indicating they're in the area, but at low numbers.

The northern snakehead was discovered in eastern Arkansas waterways in 2008. Since then, its distribution has been expanding, spreading north through the waters of the St. Francis River watershed.

“Unfortunately, it was only a matter of time before we saw this species continue to spread in Missouri,” said MDC Fisheries Management Biologist Dave Knuth.

Snakeheads are an invasive species native to Asia. They're aggressive predators, preying on native species and competing for resources.

“This fish has a wide temperature tolerance, can spawn multiple times in one year, and can survive in low-oxygenated waters by breathing air,” said Knuth. “The impacts of this species on native fish populations are still to be determined and it's something we will have to follow over time.”

If you find a northern snakehead, MDC recommends the following:

- Make sure it's a snakehead. Northern snakeheads can be confused with the native bowfin. Snakeheads have a snake-like appearance with a much longer anal fin than the bowfin.
- Do not release the fish or throw it on the bank, as it could migrate back to the water or to a new waterbody. Remember this fish is an airbreather and can live a considerable amount of time out of the water.
- Kill the fish by severing the head or gutting it.
- Photograph the fish so the species can be positively identified.
- Report any sightings of the fish to MDC's Southeast Regional Office at 573-290-5858.

MDC reminds the public it is illegal to import, export, sell, purchase, or possess a live northern snakehead in Missouri. MDC will continue to monitor its spread in the state.

I was so surprised to read this I had to share. *(Reprinted from the MDC web site.)*

Gary

Fall Fly Tying Classes

I know is only the first part of July but we need to start planning for the fall fly tying classes that will start up in September. We will have three tables set up for tying; one for **Beginners**, one for **Intermediate** and one called the **Challenge Table**. We would appreciate if you would call or send us a note that you will be attending and which table. Helps us determine the amount of materials needed, and number of instructors.

Thank You,

Merril



Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Fly Tying Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

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day at 5pm cst*

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*** Fly Tying**

Hosted Trips:

Belize - Tarpon Caye Lodge

6 Days Guided - 7 nights (Oct 23-30)
\$4200

Missouri River - Wolf Creek

5 Days - 6 nights (July 9-15)
\$3750.00

Montana - Missoula

5 Days - 6 nights (June 25-July 1) (Sept
24-30) \$3400.00 (Fishing the Clark
Fork, Bitterroot, Blackfoot Rivers)
Venue - Double Tree Edgewater

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

One Fly Tournament Results:



We had a good turnout for our Summer One-Fly Tournament at James A. Reed Wildlife Area on June 3rd. As the name implies, you get to fish with only one fly. If you lose your fly, you can start over with another fly but you will get no credit for all the fish you previously caught and have to pay a fee for your new fly. We had 20+ registered fisherman. When we broke for breakfast (biscuits and gravy) which was prepared by Bruce Storts and his shue chef Linda Chase, we already had several good reports of fish caught. The first place winner was Merrill Miller with 28, 2nd place winner was Will Jolly with 26 and John Piepmeier with a 9" crappie the largest fish caught.

Ken

Bennett Springs State Park to get major infrastructure upgrades:

The MDC is currently working with HDR Engineering Inc. to put a project into place to repair and replace portions of the hatchery's aging infrastructure. The project is planned to last for two years and will cost approximately \$20 million. New technologies will also be added to the infrastructure to improve fish reproduction.

Phase one is already underway at BS and includes field investigations for surveying, flow monitoring, locating utilities and the development of a ground water test well on the northern end of the hatchery. Once the field investigations have been completed, phase two of the improvements will start, but impact on visitor activities at Bennett Springs will be minimal.

The construction phase will begin in early 2023, as the park looks to capitalize on improvements to their hatchery facility with a new intake structure, reconstruction of raceways, pipe improvements and several upgrades to protect the hatchery from flooding and improve fish reproduction. There are also plans to update the MDC hatchery office, shop and storage facilities.

Exciting times are head at Bennett Springs

Frontline Calendar of Activities



July 11 - 7:00pm at the DAV

July 20 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)