



Kansas City Chapter



June 2023

Club Meeting Date:  
June 27, 2023  
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm.

Executive Board Meeting  
June 5, 2023  
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm.

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
No July Meeting  
Aug 22, 2023  
Fleming Hall - 7:00 pm.

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### One Fly Tournament - June 3 - James A. Reed



Ready for some fun! Our annual one fly tournament and breakfast is fast approaching. Yes, I said **BREAK-FAST!!!** We will be setting up at the shelter house adjacent to the original headquarters building at James A Reed Wildlife Area. You will need to register in at the shelter house.

#### The rules:

- 1.) You and your fly of choice must be registered in.
- 2.) You may fish anywhere inside James A. Reed where allowed.
- 3.) You can only use one fly, the one you registered in with & the \$5.00 entry fee. If you lose your fly you may purchase (for \$5.00) the opportunity to use a second fly **BUT** you will start your fish entry over.
- 4.) Derby Time span: 6:30 am to 11:00 am
- 5.) Breakfast served at 9:00 - 9:30 am at the Shelter House where you registered at.
- 6.) This tournament is a **fun tournament** and we are all on the **honor system**.

There will be **two winners**: Biggest Fish and the Most Fish. The total of the entry fees will be divided by **3**. The biggest fish winner (must be legal), most fish winner and the MTFa Club. Master chef Bruce Shorts and his Su-chef Linda Chase will be needing a head count for those attending the tournament and breakfast. Please contact **Linda Chase** at: [lschase52@att.net](mailto:lschase52@att.net) This is a fun tournament, so bring a friend.

Hope to see you there!  
**Ken H.**

For More Information

Visit the website for the latest News and updates  
[www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org)

## Upcoming Events

June 3,  
One Fly Tournament  
James A Reed Wildlife  
Area  
6:30 - 11:00am

June 5,  
E-Board Meeting  
Fleming Hall 7:00pm

June 27,  
Club Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

*No Meetings in July*

July 4th  
Time to Celebrate



## Branson 2023 Fly Fishing Expo & Fly Tying Contest - July 27-29, 2023

The 2023 Branson Fly Fishing Expo is in the planning stages, and yes, once again they will be holding a fly-tying contest as part of our EXPO festivities. This competition is open to one and all, except for the expo committee and selected judges. To all interested tiers, remember you cannot win unless you enter! There are many incredibly talented tiers out there who often go unnoticed, do not let that be you. Winners from each category will receive a trophy to commemorate the event and have winning fly featured on the "fly plate" to be auctioned on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at the Branson Fly Fishing Expo.!

### Fly Tying Contest Rules:

Rules have been kept to a minimum. The entrant must tie the fly that is submitted for judging. Each entry must include the name, address, phone number and email address; along with two flies for each category entered (they must be the same size, color, etc.). You need to include the recipe for the fly including tying instructions, along with fishing instructions and the category that you wish to have it judged in. There will be nine categories: nymph, dry fly, wet fly, traditional streamer (single hook), articulated streamer, bass bug, salmon/steelhead, salt water and best in show. You may submit as many patterns as you wish. You can win a maximum of three categories. All flies submitted will become the property of the Branson Fly Fishing Expo committee and will not be returned. Any fly that contains real insect parts will be eliminated from the competition. The decision of the judges is final. Committee members and judges are not eligible to participate in the contest.

To enter all you must do is send your flies, recipes and fishing instructions to Matthew Peet, P. O. Box 26, Kisse Mills, MO 65680 All entries must be received by June 1, 2023. Winners will be announced July 1, 2023 MTFASpringfield.org and [www.facebook.com/groups/MTFA.Springfield/events/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MTFA.Springfield/events/).

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### MTFA State Derby 2023:

The 2023 Annual State Derby is history and in the book. On the weekend of May 20-21 there were 160 entries for the derby, approximately 1/4 were MTFA members and the rest were non-club members participating in the Derby.

Hatchery Manager Ben Havens attended the annual meeting and lunch presenting a discussion and update on the hatchery renovation. The updated hatchery will be huge improvement. The Springfield chapter did something a little different this year. They held a members' raffle on Saturday in addition to the final raffle after the derby prize distribution. The numbers



## Fly of The Month - The Mink Master

This was from one of our long time member's (Joe Fusco Sr). Joe sent me this pattern before he passed away, it was one of his favorite's.

I designed this fly to be versatile. Mink is naturally buoyant and it can be fished as a nymph, an emerger or floated as a dry. At the end of a drift, if it sinks, it can be stripped back and fished like a small streamer or leech. **Doesn't that make it a Mink Master?**

### Materials:

**Hook:** Mustad #9672 (2X) Dry Fly Size 14

**Thread:** Danville 6/0, Black.

**Tail:** Mink guard hairs about as long as the body.

**Abdomen:** Dubbed mink underfur.

**Wing:** Mink guard hairs trimmed to form a wing bud.

**Thorax:** Mink underfur dubbed and tied to "bulk up" the forward third of the fly.

**Head:** Tying thread, whip finished and coated with head cement.

The Mink Master is tied entirely of mink. The guard hairs are used for the tail and wing, and the underfur for the body. Tie the tail in first; then run the thread forward to tie in the wing. Run the thread back and dub the body...throwing a substantial wrap of dubbing in front of the wing as a thorax on your way to whip finishing. Trim the wing short to just above the barb. Make sure to get **all** the underfur out of the hair before you do your wing and tail. Use the underfur for the body and form a **buggy** taper with a substantial thorax. **NEVER** use floatant on this fly. It'll ruin its ability to be fished in all the varieties of ways it can be. Dead drifted like a dry, pulled underneath and sunk with split shot to be fished as a nymph, or waterlogged and fished in the surface film as an emerger. **VERY** versatile, can be tied in a variety of shades, and makes a great "One Fly" tournament fly.

*Enjoy, Gary*



## State Derby Cont'd:



were as follows: 22 tagged fish brought in with Duane Crawford having two. Several families are recurring participants: Vandoren family, Haynes family and Crawford family. The 2024 Derby will be May 18 & 19, at Bennett Spring State Park and the KC MTFA Chapter will be the host chapter.. Hope to see you there.







**Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes**

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

**Fly Tying Classes**

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

**FACEBOOK**  
*Join us every Tuesday at 5pm cst*  
**Facebook.com kkflyfisher Facebook Live Streaming**  
**\* 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 (June 11-17) (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

**Kids Day Fishing Review:**

Sarah Gauld with the Jackson County Parks and Rec reported that we had 212 kids register for the event. What a success! Sarah stated that she thought having the separate tent by Pure Fishing was very helpful. She wanted to thank everyone for their time and effort to make Kids Day a success.



Linda & Carol



Marvin at the Weigh In Station



Kids Fishing



Quality Time

Hope you will plan to be there next year to help kids and families experience a fun time together.

**Ken**

**Frontline Calendar of Activities**



**June 3 - One Fly Tournament - James Reed Conservation Area**

**June 13 - 7:00pm at the DAV**

**June 15/16 - Jim Rogers School of Fly Fishing (Contact Bob Barnett @ (816-309-7071 to sign up)**

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