



Kansas City Chapter



March 2020

Club Meeting Date:
March 24, 2020
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
March 3, 2020
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
April 28, 2020

Presidents Message

Carol and I made a March 7th trip to Roaring River State Park for our kick-off of the 2020 trout-park season. A frosty morning made way for a day near 70. The park had three different floods this past winter but they had the campground next to the fly zone put back together and the erosion along the river repaired.



Left, Carol Cook lands a nice trout on a Near Deere. The fishing in the fly zone was less crowded than zone 1. The road along the stream there gives you a good vantage point to spot the trout in each hole. Water conditions were clear and slightly above normal,
David Cook

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Report for Bennett Spring Opening Day 2020

By Gary Davisson

I understand it was great weather for Opening Day for the Missouri trout season. Ben Havens reported that there were a total of 2,376 tags sold. I read on the Friends of Bennett Springs Facebook page that people were impressed with the quality of fish that were caught. If you are not aware there are changes in the fishing regulations this year. Please go to the MDC web site and review the regulations. Enjoy our state parks and if you see litter please pick it up and help keep our parks clean.

2020 Membership Dues are Due



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 or you can bring it to the next club meeting.

Go to www.mtfa-kansascity.org to down load the MTFa membership application or print page 6 of this Troutline.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

March 1, 2020
Opening Day Missouri
Trout Season

March 14, 2020
MTFA State Meeting
Bennett Springs State Park
Bennett Springs Lodge
Restaurant
1:00 pm

March 3, 2020
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:30 pm

March 26, 2020
Club Meeting
(Guest Speaker)
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Lunker Dinner In Review:



Members and guests gathered at the new DAV restaurant for the annual Lunker Dinner on February 26. This year the club sponsored the dinner and it was great. There were 74 people in attendance. David Cook, our current club president, conducted the raffle. The 2020 club officers were sworn in:

David Cook -President;
Gary Davisson - Vice President;
Ardith Haynes - Secretary; Darrell Durst - Treasurer.
Members at Large: Marvin Allison, Merrill Miller, Roger Theroux and Ken Hicks.

Right or Left Hand? *Reprinted from Global Fly Fisher Blog*

There has always been a debate on whether to use the right hand or the left hand fly reel retrieve. We were discussing this over cocktails while I was in the Bahamas. I found this article published in Global Fly Fisher and thought I would share it with you. Hope you enjoy it and I would enjoy your feed back.

[Martin Joergensen](#)

Let's start by establishing a fact: there is no "right" hand as in the correct hand - for casting, for holding the rod, for stripping, for winding line on the reel or for any other operation involved in fly-fishing.

People do what they are comfortable with or what they have learned, but to judge someone to be doing it wrong is like judging someone for being wrong in eating, writing or scratching an itch with one hand rather than the other. There is on the other hand (excuse the pun!) issues to consider when choosing what to do with what hand.

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Right/wrong, left/right, primary/secondary

Most people have their right hand as the dominant or primary and the one that they use for most purposes that require control and coordination like eating or writing.

You can have several varieties of hand dominance.

Right and left handedness is simply being better at almost all things with one or the other hand.

Ambidexterity is being equally good with both hands.

Mixed-handedness is being good at some (often most) things with one hand, but being able to do other things equally good or even better with the other. Like writing with the left hand but preferring to eat with the right.

Some mixed-handedness is forced upon people who are left-handed because most of the world is set up for right-handed people. That could be tying as a right-hander in spite of being left handed because that's how you learned it, or using certain tools in the right hand because they are shaped to be used in the right hand.



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Right or Left Cont'd :

Casting

Most of us cast with the good hand, which is the right (as opposed to the left) hand in a majority of cases. Under most circumstances it doesn't make a big difference, but in some instances it influences the fishing. Fishing in wind is harder when you have the wind onto your casting side. You want the wind to blow the line away from your casting hand. In a boat you will also usually want to keep the line away from the boat and yourself and not least fellow anglers or guides on board.

If you are fishing in a current, some situations are also facilitated by using a certain hand. Using the water surface in an underhand or roll cast is a lot easier with the current coming onto your casting hand, because it transports the line and leader "away from itself" in front of you where you mostly want to perform the cast, rather than away from your casting hand, forcing you to cast off your casting side or with the danger of the line touching or crossing and tangling if you insist on performing the cast in front of you.

You can't always choose the direction of the current (as in never actually), but you can sometimes move to the opposite bank or turn. But if that's not the case, switching hands can solve the problem, and bring the rod and line from the off-current side to the on-current side, making roll and underhand casting easier. When overhand casting the choice of hand has fewer implications on the cast, since the line is often lifted off the water immediately when a drift is over.

Retrieving

For most people the natural way of retrieving is with the opposite hand of the casting hand. Since the non-casting hand is on the line while casting, it's natural to keep it so and retrieve line with that hand. So a right hand caster will mostly retrieve line with the left hand.

Following the same logic, you grab the reel handle with your free hand and wind.

But it's surprisingly common to switch hands once the cast is finished or a fish is hooked or you need to retrieve or spool in line. In other words using the same hand to cast and to retrieve. You will often see reels used by right hand casters with the spooling handle on the right hand side, pointing away from the angler's body and free hand.

Stronger, better coordinated

Being quite ordinarily right-handed I'm a right hand caster myself and I retrieve line and spool with the left hand. I have never felt the urge to change that, and actually wonder why people do.

I have tried to find out why, and the most common answer is that it's how people learned it and the way they have always done things.

When asked, some argue that it makes sense to use the better hand to do the critical operations - both casting, retrieving and spooling. The argument is that there's more strength and better coordination in the good hand, which is a fine argument, but honestly seems like an afterthought more than a motivation as such.

Personally I think tradition and teaching converts more people to switch than an actual need to get things transferred to the good hand. Whichever way you have the handles on your reels, just keep it like that if you are used to it and comfortable with it.

Learn both, If you want adaptability and flexibility in your fishing, it's a very good idea to learn to cast with both hands.

Project Healing Waters Report by Jim Kissane

Project Healing Waters Participants Teach Fly Tying at Lake Quivira



Participants in our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program conducted a fly tying class at Lake Quivira Country Club recently. We were the guests of the Lake Quivira Fishing Club, hosted by Jim Wise and Chris Rone.

A dozen fly tyers received instruction on tying woolly buggers and jigs, as well as learning about our program. Participants were invited on a Lake Quivira fishing outing in March to see how well their creations work.

Rod Building Competition Wraps Up Soon

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing began its annual rod building competition in February, and our participants are well underway in the creation of their projects. Kits were distributed by PacBay in the competition, sponsored by a grant from the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

Our participants meet Monday evenings at Fleming Hall. As always, experienced rod builders serve as mentors for first-time competitors. Categories of competition include beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Rods are due for completion by April 30, with contest results to be announced by May 22. Winners in each category will receive an invitation to a fly fishing outing at Freedom Ranch for Heroes in Montana.

Good luck to all participants!



Our thanks go out to the members of VFW Post 4043 of Liberty, who made a \$500 donation to our program. PHWFF participant Jim Weber, left, made the presentation to Program Lead Bob Barnett.

Trout Season Signals Approach of Spring

March 1: Trout season opens at Missouri's four Trout Parks.

March 2, 9,16: Rod Building, Fleming Hall, 7pm.

March 4: Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.

March 10: General Meeting, DAV Hall, 14605 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO, 6pm.

March 17: General Meeting, Rainbow Fly Shop, 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO, 5pm.

March 25: Fly Tying 101, KCVAMC, 1pm.



K&K March - Fly Fishing Saturday Clinic's

March 7 - Fly Casting Basics - The Essential Skills
 March 14 - New Euro Nymphing - Greg McDonald
 March 21 - Fly Fishing Entomology - Dave Pitt
 March 28 - Cast Farther - Learn to Double Haul
 All classes start at 9:00 AM. (Call if you plan to attend)



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 913-341-8118.

New Stuff in the Shop:



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2020 Orvis Recon Fly Rods



SA Scientific Anglers - Absolute Leaders & Tippets (40% Higher Wet Knot Strength)



2020 Orvis Hydro's Fly Reels

Sale Stuff:



Orvis Encounter Waders Men's and Women's \$98



Simms Waypoint Jackets and Pants (\$72 - \$60) 40% Off

Fisherman Wanted - K&K Hosted Fly Fishing 2020 Trips -

March 29 - April 4 - Swain's Cay, Andros Bahamas (5 days - 6 nights) \$3650.00 + VAT
 June 14 - 20 - Missoula, Montana (5 days - 6 nights) \$2550.00
 June 28 - July 3 - Hidden Canyon Lodge Montana - Dry Fly Fishing the Mo River (5 days-6nights) \$3200
 Sept 5 - 12 - Katmai Trophy Lodge Alaska - Naknek River (6 days - 7 nights) \$3995.00
 Sept 27 - Oct 3 - Missoula, Montana (5 days - 6 nights) \$2550.00

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

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

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: _____