



Kansas City Chapter



March 2021

Club Meeting Date:  
March 23 (Canceled)

Executive Board Meeting  
March 2  
7:00 pm.  
(Zoom Meeting)

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
April 27  
(To Be Determined)

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### For More Information

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

## Presidents Message

Got Trout on the brain? You're not alone.



Kansas City area trout lakes were stocked the last week of February. The MDC Kansas City area trout stocking hotline (816-525-0300 ext.2) will give the latest information. Turn the calendar page to March 1st and the trout parks will be calling your name. I'll be heading to Roaring River to welcome the new season.

From there I'll have my sights on Taneycomo and if there is a break in the Table Rock generation schedule, I'll be headed for the tailwaters below the Table Rock Dam.

If you want to relive the excitement you had as a kid on Christmas morning, then as an adult, an Opening Day at one of Missouri's trout parks is just the tonic you need.

I was fortunate enough as a teenager to make a couple of opening day trips with my Dad to Montauk State Park. For one of them, we drove over half the night in a snowstorm that dumped over six inches of snow. Driving into the park down the long curving hill, it made it seem as if we were on a controlled downhill slide that night and hoping we could make it to the bottom pointed in the right direction. There was no getting back up that hill until later the next day when it was plowed.

Hours before daylight you would see fishermen along the banks huddle around warming fires. Our starting spot was always upstream at the Jetty Hole. Finally the moment everyone was waiting for arrived. People had waded into the stream and finally the whistle blew. For all those fishermen that wanted their line in the water first, they usually got to meet their neighbor and they began untangling their lines. While this is happening, patience creates an opportunity for others to reach the water. I get my wooly and spinner into the stream and another season has started. The rest is just memories or fantasies, by now it doesn't matter which is which.

For the record, I did not play hooky that day. All my teachers knew where I was.  
— David

## Upcoming Events

March 1,  
Opening Day Missouri Trout  
Season - Go Fishing

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

March 23,  
Club Meeting  
(Cancelled)

## 2021 Membership Dues



If you have not done so please submit your application ASAP. We need to get our address book up to date. 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. Our hope is to be able to get back to having meetings, speakers, club dinners, and outings in 2021. **(NOTE: This will be the last month the application will be in the newsletter. The E-Board**

## How to Clean and Care for a Fly Line

Fly fishing line is expensive. The fact that you have decided to protect your investment and take care of your fly line is a great first step. This will ensure that you do not have to replace your fly line over and over racking up the cost. **Now, here are the basic steps to cleaning a fly line:**

1. Get together some liquid hand soap, two buckets of warm water, and two soft cloths.
2. Add a few pumps of the liquid hand soap to one of the buckets and agitate it to create bubbles.
3. Pull your fly line off of your reel and place it in the bucket with the soapy water.
4. Run one of the cloths along the line from one end to the other. (Do not use a sponge)
5. Transfer the line to the bucket of warm water without soap to rinse.
6. Use the second cloth to dry off the line as you remove it from the water.
7. Respool the line back onto the reel.

In addition to cleaning your fly line, there are maintenance and care steps that you can take to ensure that the line will last as long as possible. This will keep your cost down and keep you fishing for years. You just need to get a little knowledge as to the steps to take and products to use.

There are several reasons why you want to take the time to clean your fly line. The line will last longer, it will have more buoyancy, and it will cast further when clean. When you use your fly rig on a regular basis, the line will gather dirt and algae that will weigh down your line. This makes it difficult to get a good presentation on a fly designed to float on the surface.

The fact of the matter is that materials used for fly line are porous. Over time they will collect debris from their environment, which make the line denser and heavier. Some of this debris can also wear on the surface of the line over time. With just a few simple steps, you can remove all of this debris to keep your line working properly.



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## Knowing Your Knot's

In fly fishing especially, it pays to know your knots. Knots are quite often overlooked in the grand scheme of things. All the attention is paid to the perfect flies, the sleek fly rod, the fancy reel, and the smooth fly line, and the leader... What about the knot? It's the only thing keeping all that cool stuff connected as one so that you can catch whatever you are after, and in the end that's the whole point right?

When it comes to knots, you don't need to know them all, just make sure the ones you know, you know well! In most fly fishing situations just being proficient with four to six good knots will probably suffice. The list below is a great starting point for the most common knots you should aspire to learn.

- 100% Arbor Knot
- Clinch/Improved Clinch Knot
- Blood Knot
- (Nailless) Nail Knot
- Loop to Loop Knot
- Albright Knot
- Uni Knot
- Double Uni Knot
- Riffle Hitch
- Kreh Loop Knot
- Surgeon's Knot
- Surgeon's Loop
- Perfection Loop
- Duncan's Loop

Practice, practice, practice makes perfect. Knots need to be tied correctly or they will fail either immediately or at a much lower breaking strength than you were expecting. To tie them correctly all the time the best thing you can do is practice, but instead of sitting on your nice sofa go outside into the elements while you are practicing. It also pays to read up on the specific knots to learn things like why and when to use them or what materials and sizes work best for each knot. A plethora of information and tying instructions on individual knots is available on the web.

Having a few essential tools will make your knot tying easier and more consistent. Make sure you have a really good headlamp and extra batteries for those low light situations. Another piece of gear to have is a magnifying glass that attaches to the bill of your ball cap (especially for those using very small dry flies and/or small tippets). Make sure to have a good set of nippers to make close cuts on knots and a small set of pliers to hold small hooks while cinching your knots. Carry a lighter, small shrink tubing and some type of super glue for doing more in depth work on things like loop to loop connections and sink tip building. Also, some sort of handwarmer can make tying knots in cold wintery conditions a bit more tolerable.

Hopefully this motivates some of you to get out and work on those knot tying skills now so the next time you are on the water you can spend more time "fishing" and "catching" than "tying" and "crying"!

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

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**

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**MTFA - Individual Garage Sale**



I have been asked by some club members if I could advertise fly fishing items for sale in our newsletter. We have done this in the past from Kayak's, Rods, Reels to Fly Boxes. If you have any item you would like to sell, send me a picture a description and cost, I will then post in the Troutline. The item will only be posted for one month and you will need to re-send it to me for the next Troutline. I need to have your item by no later than the 20th of each month.

Let me know your thought's, Gary

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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>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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: \_\_\_\_\_