



Kansas City Chapter



March 2023

Club Meeting Date:
March 28, 2023
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm
Special Speaker from MDC Fisheries

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

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

Next Club Meeting Date
April 25, 2023
Fleming Hall

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President's Message:

Just arrived home from the dinner and Gary is already calling wanting the March Trout-line Presidents Message!! What a GREAT EVENING!!! Dinner and a raffle. Better than "A Night at The Opera" with the Marx Brothers!

So much and so many friends to thank. Thank you all, the attendees, the raffle prize donors (especially Charlie Jaques, a long time MTFA member), the DAV, Porkeys BBQ, everyone that contributed to the organizing and setting up for the dinner. Linda Chase ordered seating and food for +/- seventy members. The unofficial dinner attendance is sixty-eight!

Fishermen – OOPS!! Fisher-people are of a different sort, you see them once and you have a friend forever, and all the things that you have in common from the outset. You've been friends forever it seems. Last year we attended the Tri-Lakes Fly Tying Expo in Clinton, MO and those new made friends joined us at our Annual Lunker Dinner. So nice to visit with our Tri-Lakes/ Clinton friends. Additionally, we had new members attend their first event and even new members were added to the club. And a thank you to Matt Sutton Rainbow Fly Shop for sending fly tyers who became members that are already looking forward to next year's fly rod building program.

Looking ahead to the future you should put your water shoes on and start running – so many things to do and see. March 4 Fishing at Lake Quivira so get those new fly rods completed, (see Bruce Storts), March 11 - Tri-Lakes Fly Tying Expo in Clinton, MO, and time to plan on attending the March 29 MO-KAN Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) at 95th and Mission Rd. Tickets are available at K&K Fly Shop, On line or at the theater.

Ken Hicks

2023 Membership Dues are Now Past Due .



If you forgot or haven't paid your Dues for 2023 please get it sent in. You may also mail your dues and form to MTFA, PO Box 3202, Harry S. Truman Station, Independence, Missouri 64055. The MTFA-KC Chapter application is on page 5 and you can also download the application off our web site, print it out and mail it.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

**March 1,
Opening Day Trout Season**

**March 4,
Fishing at Lake Quivira**

**March 7,
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall 7:00pm**

**March 11,
Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing
Expo
Benson Center
Clinton, Mo**

**March 14,
Rod Building if needed
Fleming Hall 7:00pm**

**March 18,
Pre Derby Meeting
Bennett Springs State Park
12:00 at the Lodge**

**March 25,
Sow - Bug Roundup
Mountain Home, Ark.**

**March 28,
Club Meeting
Fleming Hall 7:00pm**



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Tri-Lakes Fly Fishing Expo:

A fly fishing and fly tying show is returning to the Ozarks in March. The annual Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers club-sponsored event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 11 at the Benson Center in Clinton. Admission, parking and workshops are free for folks in attendance.

The club's show has been attracting fly fishing enthusiasts since 1997, according to a news release from the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers.

Nationally recognized fly tier and river guide Brian Wise will host workshops throughout the day. Some 40 other fly tiers from across the country will also be exhibiting their flies and teaching techniques.

Vendors will display fly fishing and outdoor gear while raffles, silent auctions and drawings commence. There will be a live auction consisting of rods, reels, guided trips and more.

Previously: Fly fishing may have a reputation for being difficult, but it's simpler than any other kind of fishing.

Today is an opportunity to acquire some quality equipment or the fishing trip of a lifetime at bargain prices, the news release stated.

The Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers group is based in Bolivar and meets on the first Monday of each month at the El Rodeo Restaurant in Bolivar. Dinner is usually at 6 p.m. with a short business meeting at 7 p.m., followed by a program about fly fishing or fly tying. The club leases a pond for its members to fish and hosts regular fishing outings at various locations for the membership. All those interested in fly fishing and tying are invited to join the club. For information, contact Nick and Sandy Halteman at 417-646-5568.



26th Annual International Sowbug Roundup (March 23-25)

Travel plus Fly Fishing is and Adventure. Make your next adventure at the Sow-Bug Roundup. More than 150 fly tyers, a vast variety of Vendors, Auctions and Raffles, Free fly fishing seminars and free fly tying classes.

Presented by the North Arkansas Fly Fishers and sponsored by the Mountain Home A&P Comm. In Mountain Home Arkansas.

Visit these web sites: www.northarkansasflyfishers.org & www.sowbugroundup.org
(Check out Facebook)

Admission \$10.00 for all three days. Adults with kids 12 and under admitted free

Calendar of Events

March 14 - 7:00pm at the DAV

March 21 - 5:30pm (Fly Tying at the Rainbow Fly Shop)



8 Tips for Nymphing Without an Indicator:

- 1.) **Lead Your Fly Line.** After you have made your cast and mend to provide a drag free drift, position your rod so the rod tip slightly leads the fly line throughout the drift. Doing so results in minimal slack in the fly line and allows for the take to be quickly detected by the rod tip.
 - 2.) **Stay Connected.** Similar to leading the fly line, proper line management is important when nymphing without an indicator to ensure as little slack as possible. The more slack in the fly line, the more delayed (if at all) the strike will be felt, and the longer it will take to set the hook. Concentrating on staying 'connected' to your fly is the key to nymphing without an indicator.
 - 3.) **Fish as Short a Line as Possible.** Staying connected to your fly is a lot easier said than done. However, as a general rule, fishing as short a line as possible without affecting the drift of your fly will allow you to stay in touch with your fly at all times.
 - 4.) **Keep as Much Fly Line off the Surface As Possible.** When fishing in close, 'high sticking' your fly line off of the surface of the water can be an extremely effective technique. Doing so lifts excess fly line off the water that could otherwise hinder a drag-free drift. However, not all fish are caught within 'high sticking' range. Nonetheless, keeping your rod tip elevated throughout the drift can still help to remove slack, provide less line on the water to adversely affect the drift of the fly, and help detect strikes quicker.
 - 5.) **Watch For Ques.** If there was ever a disadvantage to using an indicator, it would be that the angler often experiences tunnel vision, focusing only on the movement of the indicator. There are many other ques that can indicate a fish has taken the fly. A slight curl of the fly line, a flash in the water, or even a visual take of the fish eating the fly are all ques that can indicate an eat. Concentrate on watching your fly as long as possible before looking for other ques. After all, what's a better strike indicator than the fly itself!?
 - 6.) **Use a Highly Visible Fly Line.** Using a highly visible fly line can be a great advantage, particularly in changing light conditions. The tip of the fly line can act similar to a conventional strike indicator, but only if you can see it. Some fly line companies have created specific 'nymphing' fly lines with a fluorescent colored tip for exactly this purpose. Some anglers even color the tip of the fly line and/or butt section of the leader with a bright paint or marker to aid in strike detection as well.
 - 7.) **Set on Anything.** As always when nymphing, setting the hook on anything suspicious will inevitably lead to more fish. This is even more true when fishing without an indicator as there are more ques to look for to indicate a strike. Set the hook on any flash, subtle movement on the fly line, twitch of the rod tip, or any other sixth sense that just felt fishy. After all, [hook sets are free](#), right!?
 - 8.) **Keep Your Fly in the Water.** Although removing slack for better strike detection is extremely important, don't be afraid to feed slack out in order to continue a drag free drift, particularly when fishing from a boat. Although you may be 'out of touch' from your fly for a brief period, you are far more likely to catch fish by keeping your fly in the water than re-casting. From experience [more fish are caught in the water than the air](#).
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K&K FlyFishers

**Free Fly Fishing Lessons/Classes**

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Fly Tying Classes

1 Hour Mini Clinics -

Call For Appointment 913-341-8118

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 - Missoula5 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

40th Annual Kids Fishing Day - Saturday May 6, 2023

Registration Ta-

Kids ages 2 to 15 get to show off their angling skills at this fun-filled family event. Activities include casting clinics, fishing demonstrations, and prizes donated by Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund.

The first 250 to register for the Kids Fishing Derby will receive a free fishing rod and reel combo courtesy of Pure Fishing. Please bring your own fishing rod and reel, **bait** and a bucket to transport your fish for weighing. The derby is held at the old Lake Jacomo beach adjacent to the marina.

We (MTFA) will need volunteers for the registration table, weigh in station, set up poles as needed, and to help with fishing instruction and the awards ceremony. Volunteers need to be there between 7:00-

8:30am to get things organized. *Please put this date on your calendar.*

Note: Pre-registration is not required.

Register on-Site starting at 8:30 am

Derby Contest: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Awards immediately following weigh-in

Gary

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: _____