

Chapter

March 2024

Annual Lunker Dinner Review

Members and guests gathered at the DAV restaurant for the annual Lunker Dinner on February 27. There were approximately 54 people in attendance enjoying some great BBQ and conversation. Ken Hicks, our current club president officiated the event. The 2024 club officers were sworn in and Jessica conducted the raffle. Hope you will plan to be with us next year.





Great BBQ and Conversation







Jessica conducting the Raffle

2024 Membership Dues were Due in January

This is the last month the application will be in the Troutline. 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. A MTFA-KC Chapter application will be in the January & February Troutline. You can also download the application off our web site.

Thank You.

Club Meeting Date: March 26, 2024 7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting March 5, 2024 Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date April 23, 2024 Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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For More Information

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

March 1, Opening Day Missouri Trout Season

March 4. Fly Tying/Rod Building Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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

March16, Pre-derby Meeting Bennett Springs, MO 12:00 (Noon)

March 21 - 23 Sow Bug Roundup Mountain Home, AR (See page 3)

March 26, Club Meeting Fleming Hall 7:00pm



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THE TRI-LAKES FLY FISHING EXPO **SATURDAY, APRIL 13 BENSON CENTER, CLINTON MO**

9 AM - 4 PM ADMISSION IS FREE **FEATURING GUIDE & INDUSTRY EXPERT** TARGETING SMALLMOUTH JEFF TRIGG BASS ON THE FLY LEARN FROM MORE THAN 50 EXCEPTIONAL **FLY TYERS** PLUS SEMINARS SILENT AUCTIONS RAFFLES LIVE AUCTION **KID'S TYING TABLE 30+ VENDORS** DELICIOUS HOME-

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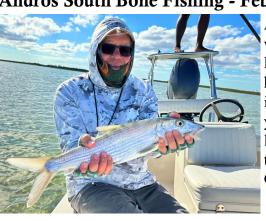
The annual Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers club-sponsored event will be at the Benson Center in Clinton, MO. Admission, parking and workshops are free for folks in attendance. The club's show has been attracting fly fishing enthusiasts since 1997, according to a news release from the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers.

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.

MTFA-KC will have members tying and Frontline will have a display. Hope to see you there, and bring a

friend. trilakesflyfishers.com Andros South Bone Fishing - February 2025

MKI



Are you interested in trying some salt water fishing and going on trip of a lifetime to fish for bone fish in the Bahama's? I go every year to a great all inclusive bone fish lodge. If you think you might be interested and would like to talk about it, give me a call or talk to me at one of our club meetings. Gary

Frontline Fly Fishing



Calendar of Events: March 12 - 7:00pm Meeting at the DAV

March 19 - 5:00pm at Rainbow Fly Shop (Bring your fly tying equipment. There will be some kits available)

The 2024 Sowbug Celebrating The Elegant Wet Fly

A celebration of fly fishing will be held March 21 - 23, at the Baxter County Fair Grounds, 1507 Fairgrounds Drive, Mountain Home Arkansas 72653. The hours are 9am to 4pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

There will be demonstrations by 120+ Expert tyers from around the USA and sometimes foreign countries, Vendors and Exhibitors, Seminars, Tying and Casting Instruction. There will also be drawings and auctions. The admission: Adults \$10.00 for all 3 days. (Under 12 free with parent). Free fly tying classes for kids.

There is fishing in nearby North Fork and White Rivers. There are many of our MTFA members that attend each year.

Guest of Honor Davy Wotton

Davy is one of the world's foremost experts on the arts and science of fly fishing the traditional wet fly. Which makes him a perfect choice for the Guest of Honor at a the next Sowbug Roundup, which will have a focus on the "Elegant Wet Fly".

Davy caught his first fish in the early 1950's and that started him on a life-long pursuit of fly-fishing perfection. This included everything from recreational fishing, professional fishing, fly tying materials manufacturer, industry consultant, conservation leader, fly tying expert, TV personality, guide, speaker, author, and teacher. Davy has been inducted into the Fly-Fishing Museum of the Southern Appalachians Hall of Fame – a welldeserved honor. Above all, Davy cherishes the friendships he has developed through decades of fly fishing and fly tying.

Davy will be in the featured tyer area, he will do a couple of presentations on the art and science of wet fly fishing, and "compete" in a wet-fly tie off "against" Tim Flagler. The best part - Davy will be around the floor for some good conversation.

Special Guest Tim Flager the owner of Tightline Productions, L.L.C., a video production company located in Califon, NJ. Although he produces video programs over a wide range of topics, his specialty is fly fishing. Tim is a well-known fly tying instructor. His YouTube videos are some of the best in the business and his YouTube channel, practicalpatterns.com

Wadding 101

For anyone who spends any time wading in and across rivers and streams in search of fish, wading tips are never a bad idea. Tips always help, if for no other reason than a quick refresher. What we're all trying to avoid is taking that wet cold plunge or a ride down the river because of a stupid wading mistake. I've been lucky and to this day have not fallen (yet). I have had this happen to some fishing buddies. Nothing can ruin a fishing trip more than soaking yourself and getting cold to the bone.

Springtime is upon us and in many parts of the country this means that rivers and streams are running much higher than they normally would. And when the water is running higher and faster than normal, this is the time mistakes are made.

The first tip to remember is if the water looks too high and fast to cross, don't try it. Listen to your instincts. If Continued on Page 4

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Wadding 101 - Cont'd

you feel crossing the river will be a stretch, just sit it out. Better safe than sorry. I'm sure you've heard that piece of advice before. Another great tip in high and fast water (if you feel you must cross) is to use a wading staff. You can buy a wading staff and carry it with you while fishing. Having a wading staff to put weight on in high and fast water can literally save you from falling.

Another great wading tip is to always keep your feet in contact with the bottom. This may sound obvious, but it's none the less true. You always want to make a conscious effort to keep your feet in contact with the bottom, especially in high, fast water. The best way to accomplish this is to "slide" or "shuffle", rather than step. By sliding your feet, they are always in contact with the bottom. The big problems arise when flowing water gets under your feet. When this happens you lose your balance then you get swept off your feet, and when you get swept off your feet, that's when you get wet.

The final wading tip that I have for you is to keep your eyes on where you want to go, rather than the water. You should be taking enough time to be able to feel the bottom with your feet, rather than having to look. Keeping your eyes on the place you want to end up eliminates the distortion that a flowing river can cause to persons' eyes. These tips should help you avoid taking that wet and wild ride alluded to earlier. The most important tip it to trust your instincts when it comes to wading across high fast water. If it doesn't feel right, don't try it. And the last tip, wear a wading belt.

Happy and safe wading, Gary

Fly Pattern – Tiger Tail	
	Recipe:Hook: TMC 5263 sizes 8-12.Thread: UNI-8/0 RedWeight: Lead wireBody: Peacock HerlTail: Dry Fly Hackle, Olive or Chartreuse GrizzlyHackle: Olive or Chartreuse bugger hackle

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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.

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How did you hear about our club?			
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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:

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