



Kansas City Chapter



May 2022

**Club Meeting Date:**

May 24  
Fleming Hall  
6:30 pm

**Executive Board Meeting**

May 03  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

**Location**

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

**Next Club Meeting Date**

June 28  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

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**MTFA Annual State Derby - Bennett Spring State Park  
Friday May 13, Saturday May 14th & 15th.**



The 2022 MTFA State fishing derby will be hosted by the Branson chapter. You may or may not know the derby is where all the Missouri Trout Fisherman's Association Chapters come together, the Springfield, Branson, StLouis and Kansas City. It's a great time to meet other chapter members from around the state.

Derby rules will be distributed when you register at Bennett Spring State Park. This can be a great family

outing as there is no age limit on who can enter and you don't need to be a member of MTFA. We are encouraging a \$5.00 (donation) as an entry fee to the MTFA. This is a good opportunity to meet other anglers that share your passion for trout fishing. Last year's derby attracted over one hundred angler's from surrounding areas, and those that caught a tagged fish were able to choose a great prize. If you will be late arriving Friday night or want to sleep in on Saturday morning and a MTFA Club Member you may pre-register by contacting David Cook our club president. Just call (816-519-2531) or email: (cookd@umsystem.edu).

**Schedule:**

May 13 - 7:00 pm to Store Closing - Registration at the Bennett Springs Store.

May 14 - 5:30 am to 8:00am - Registration at the Bennett Springs Store

11:00am - Memorial Service at MTFA Memorial Stone

Kansas City Chapter members added to the Stone this year are Debbie Jacques, David Haynes, Tom Criswell, Cynthia Davis, Joe Fusco, and Lou Goodson

5:00pm - Dinner (Pavilion B) and Annual Meeting across the Whistle Bridge.

May 15 - 12:00pm Derby Ends

12:00pm - Awards ceremony and raffle.

(Check tagged fish Saturday between 1 pm and 5:00pm at Pavilion B and Sunday morning the 15th, 11:00pm to 12:00pm)

**For More Information**

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

## Upcoming Events

May 3,  
E-Board Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

May 13-15,  
MTFA State Derby  
Bennett Springs State Park  
Bennett Springs, Missouri

May 24,  
Club Meeting  
(Fish Fry) See Pg - 4  
Fleming Hall  
6:30 pm

June 18,  
One-Fly Tournament  
James A Reed Wildlife Area  
Coffee starts at 7:00 am

## 39th Annual Kids Fishing Day - Report

Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department Annual Kids Fishing Derby is in the books and it was a success. Approximately 185 kids signed up to participate. Pure Fishing was the sponsor for the derby and gave each kid a new rod and reel. Weather turned out great, no rain. We just needed the fish to cooperate. Not many fish were caught but there was a variety: Blue Gill, Bass, Red Ear, Catfish and Carp (22 lbs.). I want to thank all the MTFA volunteers that helped at the registration table, the weigh in area and helping kids and family with knots and tangles. *Gary*



## Fishing Emerger's - By Matt Selders

Early spring brings some nice hatches here in Utah, the best of which are the prolific blue winged olives and midges. These insects are very small and are matched by artificial's in sizes from #16 through #24. But don't let the small sizes fool you; fish eat them in great numbers. For these insects to be a staple of the trout's diet, they need to be eaten in large quantities. The prolific hatches can sometimes hinder an angler, when fish become selective as to what insect they prefer and, in some cases, at which stage of development the preferred insect is most easily consumed. These elements combine to make for tricky fishing conditions.

Trout seem to feed readily on adult insects exclusively almost every day in the spring. But they are actually eating many insects that are in the emergence stage. After reviewing the stomach content of many fish during hatch times, I have noticed that trout seem to prefer the emergence stage of the insect over the adults. I don't presume to know why, but 19 out of 20 insects taken from stomachs are nymphs or emergers, with few adults. Learning to fish emerger patterns can greatly increase your success rate.

Many people fish nymphs with some success; others prefer fishing dries. I'm going to describe a technique that is a combination of both, to a degree. Unlike nymph fishing, this rig is easy to cast, yet it does not require the delicacy needed to cast dry flies.

Start with a 4-or 5-weight rod with 12 feet of 5x leader. Starting at the butt section, add micro strike indicators every 8—10 inches, until you have four or five on your line. Two types of indicators work well: the Palsa stick-ons and the Bio-Strikes from Loon Outdoors. I like the Bio-Strikes because they are biodegradable. Each indicator is about the size of a small pea. Singularly they have little buoyancy, but together they have more total than many of the much larger indicators. They cause much less wind resistance and are easily cast.

After determining which flies to use (I prefer two on a line), attach the first to the end of your leader. Add 20 to 24 inches of leader to the bend of the hook, then



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## Club Fish Fry - May 24



Our May meeting will be a fish fry. Several members have donated crappie filets for the fryer, The club will be cooking the fish, hush puppies, french fries and providing the drinks.

Club members are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert.

**(Last names A-K dessert to share), (Last names L-Z side dish to share).**

Come hungry as we look forward to seeing you at the dinner.

There will be a fly casting course set up on the lawn for some friendly competition.

## Fishing Emergers Cont'd

attach your second emerger. Watch the rise forms of the fish. If they are only occasionally breaking the surface add a single #8 split shot 12 inches from your first fly. If they seem to be feeding much closer to the surface, use no weight at all.

Place your cast across the river and slightly upstream of the rising trout. A few mends to combat current are all that is needed. Make quite a few presentations until the fish takes. The strike is often very subtle, but your indicators are very sensitive.

Instead of the entire indicator system disappearing beneath the surface, only 1 or 2 of the micro indicators will disappear when you get a strike. Sometimes, if you watch the drift carefully, the multiple indicators will almost point to the flies like an arrow. You will often see the fish "flash" underwater as he takes your fly, even before an indicator moves an inch.

Good emerger patterns include Rainbow Warriors, WD-40s, Serendipities and palomino midges.

This is one of my best techniques for spring fishing. It is my go-to pattern for finicky fish. Try using different colors of indicators and different lengths of leader until you develop a system that works for you.

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## Calendar of Events

**May 10** - 7:00pm Fly Tying at the DAV , 14605 E 40 Hwy., KCMO

**May 17** - 5:30pm at the Rainbow Fly Shop , 4621 Shrank Dr., Independence, MO

**June 24** - Fore Fish Golf Tournament Lake Quivira CC. This is a fund raiser by Lake Quivira Fishing Club that also benefits Frontline Fly Fishing

## Bennett Springs State Park - Kids Free Fishing Day May 7

Kids will have the opportunity to experience the fun of catching fish at Bennett Spring State Park during Kids Free Fishing Day from 8 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

For more information about the event, contact the Missouri Department of Conservation Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery at 417-532-4418.

This event is being held in conjunction with the National Park Trust's Kids to Parks Day. For more information about Kids to Parks Day and to see a complete list of associated events at Missouri State Parks visit [mostateparks.com/page/88241/kids-to-parks-day](http://mostateparks.com/page/88241/kids-to-parks-day).

Bennett Spring State Park is located at 26250 Highway 64A in Lebanon.

Ladies, be sure to put this future event on your calendar:

Ladies Free Fishing will occur on Sept. 24, 2022. For more information about the event, contact the Missouri Department of Conservation Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery at 417-532-8645.



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## President's Message

I'd like to thank all the members who have worked hard over the last month to help supply us with an adequate supply of fish so that we can have a first class fish fry,



Here are a couple of dedicated volunteers Greg Davison and Eric Mitchell at work for you. I've also seen Bob Kobel, Dan Durgan, Steve Licata, Darrell Durst and Carol Cook and myself working just as hard to prepare for your annual Fish Fry. We make it look easy but it takes years of practice to get to this level of angling.

— David





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**Alaska - Katmai Trophy Lodge**

6 Day - 7 nights (Sept 3 - 10)

\$4495.00

**Montana - Missoula**

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\$3100.00

**Andros Bahamas - Swain's Cay**

5 days - 6 nights (Oct 9 - 15)

\$4107.00

Call for Trip Details (800) 795-8118

**President's Message Cont'd -- (David Cook)**

Our chapter was also busy during the last month as one of the sponsors of the **39th Jackson County Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Jacomo**. I would like to thank the following volunteers that made a significant contribution to MTFA by working at this event;

Marvin Allison, Carol Cook, Linda Chase, Greg Davison, Darrell Durst, Merrill Miller, John Piepmeier, Dan Durgan, Ken Hicks, Bruce Huxol, Vic Smedley and Dan Kellogg.

