



**Kansas City
Chapter**



April 2010

Next Club Meeting
April 27, 2010
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
May 11, 2010
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
May 25, 2010
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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Important Dates and Events for MTFA members:

MTFA has some important events coming up in May and we need your help to guarantee their success. Please plan to attend one or all of the upcoming events:

May 1, 2010 - Kid's Derby at Lake Jacomo and the Kid's Derby at Bennett Spring.

Both events occur on the same day (May 1st, 2010). The MTFA has been a co-sponsor of this event for over 20+ years. It appears that most of our members will be working the Lake Jacomo Kids Derby.

The Kids fishing derby at Lake Jacomo is open to all children ages 2 through 15. A fishing license is not required. (All contestants must be accompanied by an adult.) Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of the event. Kids need to bring a fishing pole, bait and a bucket to hold their catch in. This event is free of charge. Any child who catches a fish will win a prize. We need volunteers to register contestants, weigh and measure fish, help set up and tear down, and pass out awards. Please help make this event a great success and sign up and sign up at our April club meeting.

May 15 - 16, 2010 - MTFA Spring Derby at Bennett Springs.

Sign up starts Friday night from 7:15 pm to the close of the store and on Saturday morning from 5:30 am to 7:00 pm. The entry fee is \$5.00 per person. We need people to help with the registration, please contact Kent and let him know when you would be available to help.

The shelter house has been reserved for the Saturday evening meal. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per person for the meal, which will help offset the total cost of the dinner. MTFA will pick up the balance.

Sunday is awards day for those lucky anglers that catch a tagged trout and there will be a raffle on Sunday immediately following the awards presentation. This is a fun event and a great one to invite someone too. See you there.

May 29 & 30th, 2010 - Readings Fly Fishing Expo.

This is the 6th annual Fly Fishing Expo held at Readings Fly Shop. This event is over Memorial Day weekend starting on Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 10am to 3:00pm. There will be fly tying demonstrations, casting rods, and much more. Hope you can make it!!

Upcoming Events

April 17, 2010

Tri-Lakes Expo
Bolivar, Missouri

May 1, 2010

Kids Fishing Day
Lake Jacomo

May 1, 2010

Kids Fishing Day
Bennett Springs State Park

May 15, 2010

MTFA Spring Derby
Bennett Springs State Park

May 29, 2010

Readings Fly Fishing Expo
Bennett Springs State Park

June 5, 2010

Free Fishing Weekend at
Bennett Springs State Park

June 5, 2010

Ladies only Fly Casting/
Fishing Class - MTFA
members only (Time to be
announced)

July 17, 2010

Family Fun Day
Fleming Hall
10:00 am

September 13, 2010

Fly Tying Classes Begin
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Polarized Sun Glasses:

Since I lost my good pair of polarized sunglasses I have been on a mission looking into the different manufacturers, lens colors, prescription lenses, and frame types, I talked to a good friend that has a guide service in Washington , “Fishing With Larry”. Norm Crisp, “Streamside Adventures” gave me permission to use a article he had written on his web page and I talked with Steve Kuieck, “Riverquest Charters” in Michigan while fishing with him this past week. I learned a lot from these guides that use them day after day in all types of conditions.

Norm stated that a good pair of polarizing sunglasses is a necessity and not an accessory! The ability to see through the glare off the water opens a new world to you and increases your fish catching opportunities. Being able to see below the surface not only lets you see fish that may be clearly visible but it also lets you clearly see the holding areas and structures that attract fish. An added benefit is making your wading simpler. Light that reflects off the water is generally polarized horizontally. Polarizing lenses work by blocking these rays with vertically orientated polarizes or "grates." The results are amazing. Not all the glare bounces back horizontally. You may need to tilt your head a bit from side to side to get the maximum effect.

Try this. Spread your arms out wide. Now slowly wiggle your fingers as you bring your arms forward. Your arms won't come very far forward before you will notice the movement. This is your peripheral vision. If your eye is seeing the movement, it is obvious that light is getting to your eyes from the sides. Without side protection, your eyes will tire very quickly and your ability to see clearly will be reduced. Consider this when you are selecting your sunglasses and choose ones with side or peripheral glare reduction as well as the glare from directly in front of you. Some people prefer the wrap around type glasses while other prefer, some type of side shield or glacier glasses style. Take your pick but pick one.

Color of Lenses:

I found that the color of lenses is quite a topic. My guide in Michigan told of a client that brings a box with about 5 different sunglasses in it, each with a different color of lens. One for each different type of weather condition. Most of us do not have that luxury of being able to have that many pairs of sunglasses. What are the colors? Each manufacture has a little different shade but they are basically smokey gray, dark grey, yellow, copper/amber, rose and light blue. Most guides recommend that if you are only to have one color their color of choice would be amber. Amber works well in overcast conditions, early and late in the day and also are good in sunny conditions. The darker shades of lenses are only good in bright sunny conditions and even then the amber performs probably better for spotting fish. Glass lenses are preferred over the plastic, mainly because it doesn't scratch as easily as plastics.

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Merril Miller
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Bill Otis

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Polarized Sunglasses cont'd:

There are numerous manufactures. I don't know that any one manufacturer is better than another. There are Ono's, Smith Optics, Costa del Mar, Maui Jim, Oakley, Orvis and Fisherman Eyewear just to name a few. Larry Schoenborn "Fishing with Larry" really liked the Fisherman Eyewear sunglasses because he could get a bifocal lens in the bottom of the frame (not tinted but clear). Most companies will make you a pair of sunglasses with your prescription.

A work of caution - Though polarized sunglasses improve comfort and visibility, there are some instances when these lenses may not be advisable. Polarized lenses may reduce the visibility of images produced by liquid crystal displays (LCDs) found on the dashboards of some cars or in other places such as the digital screens on automatic teller (bank) machines. With polarized lenses, you also may be unable to see your cell phone or GPS device.

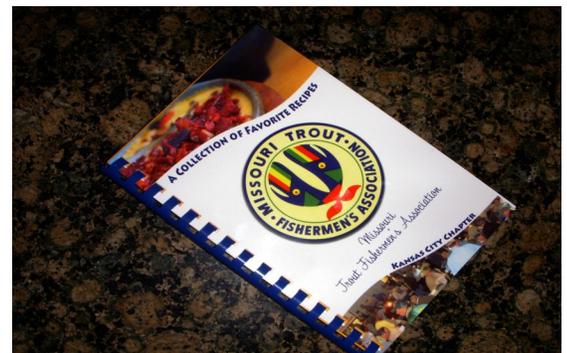
So there you have it. I hope this helps you in making your decision when purchasing your next pair of polarized sunglasses.

Gary



MTFA Cook Books

If you do not have a cook book yet or need a few for upcoming gifts, we will have them for sale at the upcoming MTFA derby, May 15 & 16th..



Knots you should know!

Ask 5 angling professionals which 5 knots are most important, and you may very well get 25 answers.

In our humble opinion, here are the 5 knots you need to know for fly fishing, in priority order.

Non-Slip Mono Loop.

For attaching any sub-surface fly to your leader, this is our go-to knot. It's extremely strong when tied properly, and being a loop knot it allows your fly to dance around with plenty of action. The non-slip mono loop also gives you a strong loop any time you need one – in either end of your running line or in the back end of your leader, to name just a couple of examples.

Fishing When the Fish Are Off

Technology creates some interesting and funny situations these days. A few days ago a friend of mine was giving me real-time fishing updates as I sat at the computer. The fishing was "off" at the time so we talked about tactics. There had been a hatch earlier in the day but once it ended the feeding had pretty much stopped. He tried a few different unconventional tactics just short of TNT and luckily found some things that worked. Here's some things to try when the fish are off.

- 1. Cover way more water.** Even when most of the fish are not feeding a few will be. Increase the pace at which you cover water and you'll be more likely to get you fly in front of a few fish that are feeding.
- 2. Go big and bold.** Sometimes even fish that seem to be full can't resist the chance for a big meal. Try big dries, big bright nymphs, or even big streamers.
- 3. Go small.** I know I just said go big but, I'll admit, it doesn't always work. Especially on tailwaters and spring creeks, go tiny, very tiny. Size 24 midge larva patterns on 7X tippet are a favorite of mine when the fish get ultra picky.
- 4. Move your offerings right as they get into the fish zone.** A twitch or a lift can entice a strike, even from fish that seem completely satiated.
- 5. Bump them in the nose.** Especially where you can see fish, work on getting the perfect drift so that your nymphs get exactly in the fish's face. You'll either scare them or they'll give in. However, once you get your fly on the fish's nose once, if it doesn't take it, revert to number 1 above and cover a lot of water until you find another fish.

Hopefully, the fish are always in a furious feeding mode for you, but if you happen to have an "off" day, at least give these things a try. You don't have much to lose.

I'll see you on the water!

Jake Ricks
Fly Fishing Professional, Guide, and Author



MTFA June 26th meeting - Special Guest Speaker

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to be at our June 26th meeting. **Norm Crisp** will be our featured guest speaker. Norm is head guide and owner of "Stream Side Adventures". Norm lives in Prairie Village, Kansas and Norm is an internationally known fly fisherman, author, teacher, lecturer and water resources scientist. Norm began fly fishing over thirty years ago as a boy growing up in New Hampshire. Since leaving there he has continued fly fishing throughout North America and many parts of the world including Russia, Nepal, Scotland, England, Spain Italy, New Zealand, the former Yugoslavia and even the Atlas Mountains of Morocco in North Africa. Plan on attending this special club meeting, it will be a very informative evening. See Norm's Special Trip Offer to our club on **page 6**.

Knots you should know continued:

Improved Clinch Knot. Yes, this is the knot most likely to have been taught to you by your dad and there fore not a secret to anyone. Even so, it's your best, strongest, simplest option when attaching dry flies to your leader, or in any other situation where you don't need the 'play' of a loop knot.

Blood Knot. For attaching tippet to your leader, the blood knot is probably your best option. If you're connecting two pieces of mono (or fluoro) with very different diameters you should use a **surgeon's knot** instead, but big differences in diameter tend to result in crappy casting performance anyhow!

Surgeon's Loop. The surgeon's loop isn't as strong as the **non-slip mono loop** in most situations, but it results in lower-profile loops that are often plenty strong. The most common example in our book would be tying a surgeon's loop in the front end of your backing to enable a loop-to-loop connection with the back end of a fly line used for trout fishing.

Bimini Twist. We're not looking to start any religious wars here, but the Bimini Twist is generally considered to be the strongest loop knot you can tie with most materials. If you tie tarpon leaders you definitely know this knot, but we use it most often in the front end of our backing – attaching it to a loop on the back end of a fly line or running line used to chase king salmon, steelhead or any fish in the saltwater. **Bonus:** you look really cool when you're tying a Bimini Twist.

From the Alaska West Blog 2010

Fly of the Month from the desk of Joe Fusco Sr.**Byrd's Gillbuster**

Hook: Mustad 9672 #10

Tail: Zonker Strip

Body: Tying Thread

Weight: Brass or Lead dumbbell eyes



Tie in rabbit strip; it should be about the length of the hook shank.

Thoroughly wrap the hook shank with thread.

Tie in brass dumbbell eyes.

Build up the body a bit trying to make the thread even along the hook shank.

When done building the body up a bit, use some clear Sally Hansen "Hard as Nails" nail polish.

President's Message

Our club has a busy schedule coming up in May. I want to personally thank those members that have signed up to help and if you have not signed up yet please sign up at our April club meeting. Upcoming events are the kids fishing derby at Lake Jacomo, and Bennett Springs.

The MTFA annual fishing derby will coming up on May 15-16, 2010. there will be handouts at the meeting and an email with the schedule of events will be sent out this week. Also anyone that is planning on going to the derby but will not be at our monthly meeting, please e-mail me letting me know how many will be attending, so that a head count for food can be made. (kdinman@yahoo.com) See the front page of the "April Troutline" for information on all the events.

See you at the April meeting.

Kent Inman

Stream Side Trip Offer:

Norm Crisp has a special for our club members on a trip to Wyoming. This is a wonderful opportunity to fish Wyoming.

If you are interested or need more information. Contact Norm at 913-645-1994 or e-mail him at streamsideff@yahoo.com. Be sure and check out his web site:

www.streamsideadventures.com

