



Kansas City
Chapter



April 2014

Next Club Meeting
April 22, 2014
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
April 8, 2014
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
May 27, 2014
7:00 pm

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President's Message:

It really was good to see a great turnout for our March meeting. Our guest speaker Marty from Jackson Parks and Recreation spoke regarding Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Jacomo North Marina Saturday May 3rd. All kids ages 2 through 15 are welcome to come and join the fun. Registration begins at 8:30 am, derby starts at 9:00 am and ends at 11:00 am. There will be an awards ceremony to follow. Free cane poles for the first 100 kids. Placement will be given for the largest fish caught by weight within legal length. Anyone who catches a fish will win a prize. Prizes range from rod & reels, tackle boxes, lures & tackle. etc. We welcome members to volunteer to help weigh fish, rig poles, untangle lines, etc. We need volunteers to arrive between 7:00 – 7:30 am.

Our guest speaker for April meeting will be Gary Davisson. He will be speaking on fly casting in preparation for the up coming fly casting class on Saturday April 26 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The cost of \$10.00 includes lunch. Contact Gary Davisson at 816-896-5221 or e-mail: medman3@att.net.

Tri-Lakes Fly Tying Expo is scheduled for April 12. Vendors from around the area, fly tying demonstrations from some of the best in the 4 state area and beyond, and casting instruction will be available from a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor. Location: Brighton Highway Assembly, 5403 Highway F, Brighton, MO from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Come join us crappie fishing at Possey Conservation Area Saturday April 19. Contact Ken Stoner at 816-257-2441 or e-mail: stoneken64@gmail.com for more information.

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn. ~Chuck Clark

MTFA Club Members News:

We have three club members that are going through some very serious health problems; Larry Pifer, Kent Inman and David Cook. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of someone else please contact Marvin Allison at 816-289-4707 or e-mail him at:

marvinallison@kc.rr.com

Thank You.

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

April 8, 2014
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

April 20, 2014
Easter Sunday
Happy Easter

April 22, 2014
MTFA Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

May 3, 2014
Kids Fishing Day
Jacomo Lake
7:00am - 11:00am

May 17 - 18, 2014
MTFA State Derby
Bennett Springs

May 24, 2014
Readings Fly Fishing Expo
Bennett Springs

(Note: All of the dates and future club activities are in the New MTFA Club Calendar on sale now!!)



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David Cook
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Project Healing Waters - A Wife's Perspective

I thought this would be another “feel good, now go home” program. There have been so many, and too many that did not deliver what they promised, or fell far short of expectations. To find an organization such as Project Healing Waters who welcomed Vietnam Combat Veterans with open arms was wonderful.

Chuck had been an avid fisherman; but as the years passed, he fished less and less. He wanted to, but for some reason, could not bring himself to do it much at all.

My Vietnam Veteran husband was finally diagnosed with PTSD five years ago at the VA Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Chuck adamantly maintained through the years there was nothing wrong with him. His diagnosis did not surprise me; after all, I had been fighting the war by his side, night after night, for the past 35 years. My Dad, a WWII veteran, had whispered to me in 1974, “Honey, he’s shell-shocked.” That was the extent of information we had. Over the years, the changes were gradual. It was very hard for Chuck to maintain friendships. Eventually, our circle of friends or acquaintances would shrink to the point it was just Chuck and me. His interpersonal communication skills outside work were poor. He felt very disconnected and sometimes wondered why he had so few long-term friends (all two of them lived long distances away and were from high school years). He was a good provider, always working and making a comfortable living for us, but we were surprised to see that he had changed jobs every 5-8 years, citing “I got pissed off, so I quit.” After his diagnosis, behavior patterns became very clear; there was something going on that was not right... How hard this had been for him to maintain and function on the level he did, we didn’t realize. Little did we know what it cost him?

PHW (Project Healing Waters), Greater Kansas City Area, with the guidance of Team Leader Bob Barnett, has made many long-lasting, positive changes in Chuck. The sponsoring groups involved, such as Missouri Trout Fishermen, and the PHW group itself is very low key, no pressure, and they are laser-focused on the well-being of the combat veterans they serve. They provide many opportunities for the veterans to connect with guys just like themselves. Every outing is one staffer to one vet- no one falls through the cracks with PHW.

Chuck has made a close friend with a younger veteran. Different wars, years apart, but the effects are the same. The first time they were on a trip with PHW, they ended up talking for hours. Chuck has never talked to anyone for hours, not even me. Kevin had no close friends, was a loner, and they shared many traits from their different combat experiences. They now fish together and do many other things; I do not worry about Chuck when he is with Kevin. And Kevin is not the only person he has developed a friendship with; Ken Hicks, Mike Davis, Team Lead Bob Barnett; several people he is now comfortable calling, doing things with, just spending time with. It is gratifying to my heart beyond words to see him so engaged, happy, busy, and yes-even out-going.

As PHW teaches them the art of fly fishing, the slow and calming rhythm of the act seems to work some kind of magic in their souls. It is cleansing, easing; everyone is very welcoming, helpful and most kind. There is no condemnation, impatience or expectations of the vets. There are opportunities to compete in Trout Busts, fly tying contests, rod building contests, if they like; also weekend fishing

MTFA Annual State Derby - Bennett Spring State Park - May 17th & 18th.

Save these dates on your calendar, May 17-18, 2014 for the 2014 MTFA State fishing derby. This year's derby will be hosted by the St. Louis chapter of the club. Derby rules will be handed out the day of the derby at Bennett Spring State Park. The derby can be a great family outing as there is no age limit on who can enter. You don't need to be a member of MTFA to enter the derby and the entry fee is a donation to the MTFA. The derby can be a great chance to meet other anglers that share your passion for trout fishing. The fishing itself can be fun, too.



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 prize. Come and join the fun!



Project Healing Waters - A Wife's Perspective Cont'd

trips to many wonderful State Parks and Conservation areas, all at no or very little expense to the veterans. Even if someone has never fly fished, or even fished at all, there is much to be gained in the way of quieting the unrest in a man's heart, healing of a kind not to be had from doctors or drugs.

Jan Huggles

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K&K Flyfishers Free Clinic's in April:

April 12th - How to Fish Ozark Trout Waters

April 26th - Ferruled Leaders w/ Betty Heiner

April 26th - Distance Fly Casting

Casting Tip

I notice some excellent casters stand differently when casting; is there a right stance? Your physical makeup will often dictate what stance is more comfortable for you. Placing your casting side foot back is common in saltwater casting because it allows you to use your body to assist in casting with heavier equipment and longer distances. The longer the cast, the further back your foot is placed. Much less stress is on your shoulder, elbow and wrist. Tilting your rod away from vertical and more horizontally also can be more comfortable. This position is the only one that allows you to easily watch your back cast which is most helpful in diagnosing casting problems.

K&K Flyfishers Trout Fishing Trip - Missoula, Montana



Arrive April 21, fish 22, 23, 24, 25, depart 26th Pre Runoff

No Crowds. Skwalla Stoneflies, BWO's Big Browns on dries.

DoubleTree Hotel on the Clark Fork \$1750.00

Want 5 days fishing? No problem adding a extra day!

Call now 800-795-8118

Heart of America FlyFishers - Kelly Galloup Seminar and Raffle - April 12, 2014



Kelly Galloup started his fly fishing career at the age of 13, tying flies for the local tackle shop. Kelly has over forty nationally recognized fly patterns. He started guiding at the age of 16 and is still guiding to this day some 30 years later.

He owned and operated the Troutman fly shop in Northern Michigan from 1981 to 2002. In the spring of 2002 he sold the Troutman and moved to Montana where he and his wife Penny bought the Slide Inn lodge on the Madison River.

Kelly has written two books *Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout* and *Cripples and Spinners*. Kelly has been published in nearly every major fly fishing periodical in the country and is now one of the Editors at Large for *Fly Fisherman* magazine.

Kelly was also one of the hosts of *Fly Fish TV* on the *Outdoor Life Network*. In

2004 Kelly was nominated and received the Living Legend award by the Federation of Flyfishers.

Saturday, April 12, 2014

at the Community of Christ Church 79th & Mission Road

Doors open at 8:30 AM,

Presentation begins at 9 AM until 4 PM, catered lunch included!

Cost is \$45

which includes 5 raffle tickets, two prizes to 1st and 2nd winners

Call or eMail Mark Borserine at MAJBORSER@aol.com 913-915-1002 for reservations/information

The E-Board would like to ask for your input on future club activities, events, and programs that would be of interest to you. Please print, fill out and return completed form to any board member.

Looking for Guest Speakers, is there someone that you would like to hear from? (Example: Area Guides, Fish Mangers/ Consultants, Club Members?)

- 1.) _____ 2.) _____
 3.) _____ 4.) _____

What type of club outing/event would you enjoy doing? (Example: One fly fishing tournament, Fish Fry, Club fishing tournament, fly tying seminars.)

- 1.) _____ 2.) _____
 3.) _____ 4.) _____

How many special club events would you like to see and attend. We currently support and do: Kids Day at Jacomo, MTFA State Derby at Bennett Springs, Family Fun Day in July, MTFA Club Derby at Bennett Springs, Fall club fishing trip to the Norfolk River in Arkansas or Taneycomo, Branson.

How many club events do you attend? _____

What suggestions do you have?

- 1.) _____ 2.) _____
 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Equipment! Are you interested in:

New Product Reviews: Yes _____ No _____

Learn Knots : Yes _____ No _____

Photographing Fish/Hero Shots : Yes _____ No _____

Club Meeting watching DVD of Casting/Fishing Techniques: Yes _____ No _____

Weekend Club Outings: (What is your priority? Rate, 1st choice, 2nd choice, etc)

Taneycomo _____ Other _____

Bennett Springs _____

White River _____

Norfolk River _____

Roaring River _____

Seminars:

Will you pay to attend a seminar? Yes _____ No _____

What seminar would you attend: (Example: Reading Water, Fish habits, Advanced Fly Tying, Casting)

- 1.) _____ 2.) _____
 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Club Trips 3-7 days:

Would you be interested in going on a club trip? Yes _____ No _____

Where would you go? (Example: San Juan River New Mexico, Montana, Colorado, Michigan)

- 1.) _____ 2.) _____
 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Classes Taught by Club Members (helping you one on one).

What classes would you attend? (Example: Fly Tying (Special Fly Type), Casting Clinic's, Equipment).

- 1.) _____ 2.) _____
 3.) _____ 4.) _____

Your Thoughts,

Give us some programs you would like to see at our club meetings that we have not thought of:
