



Kansas City Chapter



November 2014

Annual Christmas Party

Next Club Meeting
November 25, 2014
Christmas Party
6:30 pm

Executive Board Meeting
November 11, 2014
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
No Meeting in December
January 27, 2015



Please join us for holiday festivities on Tuesday, November 25, 6:30 pm at the Fleming Hall. The club will provide the meat, but will need side dishes and desserts to go along with the meal. If your last name starts with an "A" through "M" bring a dessert and "N" through "Z" bring a side dish. Bring a friend and join us for a great evening. Please remember that we will not be having a December club meeting. We wish you the best for this holiday season and will see you next year!

Bill

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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association 2015 Calendar



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2015 Calendar



A 2015 club calendar will be available for club & non club members to purchase at the November Christmas party. These make great gifts for Christmas and would make a wonderful gift for any fisherman. Each page features photographs taken at club events plus an area for personal notes and important dates. The calendar contains all club meeting dates and event dates plus holidays. Keep this calendar as a photo reminder of 2014. Only a limited number of the calendars are available so put your order in **NOW** to hold one or more for you. Contact our club president Bill Beckman or e-mail: ewbeckman@kc.rr.com. (\$10.00 per copy)



Dues for the upcoming year: 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 or

you can bring it to the next club meeting or fly tying session. For your convenience you will find the MTFA membership application on page 6 of the newsletter. *Thank You.*

For More Information

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

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2014
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

November 25, 2014
MTFA Club Christmas
Party
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

December 9, 2014
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 3 - 4, 2015
Club fishing trip to
Taneycomo

January 13, 2015
E-Board Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

January 22 - 25, 2015
KC Sports Show
Bartle Hall



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Taneycomo - MTFA Fall Club Outing Report

Rain, Rain and more Rain during our time at Branson. The Corp only ran water for about 45 minutes to 1 hour each day, then they shut it off, and I mean off. It was like a lake!

Made fishing really interesting, but still caught some nice fish and Roger caught a nice 22+ inch rainbow. The group met for dinner at Dana's BBQ on Saturday night and closed the place down. We hope you will join us on our next club outing! *Bill*



Kansas City Boat and Sports Show - January 22 - 25, 2014

For the past 40+ years MTFA has been involved in the Sports Show. This is a great opportunity for the MTFA to get exposure in the greater Kansas City area to promote our fly tying, rod building classes and to seek new members. Come and join the fun. Call Bill Beckman at 913-387-9090, or send a e-mail: ewbeckman@kc,rr.com to sign up to work our booth at the sport show.

Location: **H. Roe Bartle Hall**

301 West 13th Street

Kansas City, Mo. 64105

Show Hours: Thursday, January 22, 2:00pm - 9:00pm
Friday, January 23, 12:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday, January 24, 10:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday, January 25, 10:00am - 5:00pm

K&K November Special Event



Saturday November 8th. - 10am until 3pm

K&K Flyfishers 87th Grant, Overland Park, Kansas.

913-341-8118 www.kkflyfisher.com

Free Clinics: Nov. 15th - Da'Bomb Bonefish Flies
Nov. 22nd - Secrets of Distance Fly Casting
Nov. 29th - Articulated Streamers

Fly Fishing Bass: 5 tips for fishing frog patterns by Louis Cahill

Some of my most memorable days chasing bass on the fly have come from me spending the day popping and waking frog patterns along the surface.

I grew up fishing for bass, and although trout fishing has stolen the majority of my fly fishing attention over the years, I've always held a special place in my heart for catching bass on the fly. I've got friends that don't see the coolness in fly fishing for bass, but that's because most of them haven't put in enough time on the water to experience perfect fishing conditions, and witness the thrill of bass smashing their fly cast after cast. Bass are amazingly acrobatic fish, and they provide more than enough pull and rod bend to justify fly fishing for them. If you haven't explored this area of fly fishing, I highly recommend it.

The other day, Louis and I left our houses at 2:45 in the morning to drive across the Georgia State line, and fly fish for bass on Lake Guntersville. Louis was doing a shoot for a new bass lure company, and I was lucky enough to get invited to tag along. Normally, it would be a real challenge to drag me out of bed at this hour, but Lake Guntersville is considered one of the top bass fishing lakes in the entire country. More importantly, the lake is famous for its unbelievable frog fishing that generally starts in June, and runs through the summer months. Lake Guntersville hosts several professional bass tournaments throughout the year, and in 2014, it will host the most famous of all tournaments, The Bassmaster Classic.

During the tournaments on Lake Guntersville, it's not uncommon for bass anglers to weigh-in five fish sacs, well over 35 pounds.

That's right, we're talking about an average fish weight of over seven pounds. If that doesn't get you excited about visiting Lake Guntersville, I suggest you get someone to make sure you have a pulse. The reason this lake can grow and sustain such large numbers of trophy bass, comes from the high fertility of its waters, and that's provided by it being located in an interconnected series of flowing lakes. This feature provides a constant fresh

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President's Message:

We had a great turn out for the Annual Chili Supper & Raffle. There were around 40 in attendance. It was a great success thanks to those who shared their favorite dish. The decoration reflected a great Halloween atmosphere. We had a great raffle with gifts including fly rods, reels, books on fly fishing, etc. To top it off Dave, Carol, Marvin and Chery made available a TV and hookup for the Royals game.

Don't forget to add the MTFFA Club Annual Christmas Party November 25, 2014 to your agenda.

Fishing report from Lilley's Landing indicate, wade fishing below the dam, that there are still browns around the outlets as well as rainbows. Scuds, midges and small streamers are catching trout up there. Cracklebacks stripped fast when there is chop on the water, as well as soft hackles. PMS, leaches, Hybernators and Sculpins, with a little red, are still the choices for night fishing.

Have a great Turkey Day.

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles"

Doug Larson

Bill Beckman

Fly Fishing Bass: 5 tips for fishing frog patterns by Louis Cahill - Cont'd

supply of inflowing water and food throughout the entire lake chain, and Lake Guntersville happens to lie smack dab in the middle.

In June, Lake Guntersville is completely transformed, as large areas of the lake are taken over by aquatic vegetation (*hydrilla* and *milfoil*) growing to the surface. So much in fact, that it's not uncommon to find your self fishing the lake where there's more grass than open water. Bass fishermen come from all over the country to cast and retrieve their frog patterns across the grass mats to coax giant bass into crushing them. This was exactly my plan with Louis for our day on Lake Guntersville. Unfortunately, the unusually cold nights of April and May had the grass way behind schedule. We were still able to find some grass and catch some good bass on our frog patterns, but the frog bite was nothing like it's going to be in a month from now. For those of you interested in getting in on this amazing grass bite on Lake Guntersville or any other reservoir that has good grass concentrations during the summer, I've provided five tips below that should help you increase your success.

5 Tips for Fishing Frog Patterns for Bass on Reservoirs:

Tip 1: Frog Patterns Need to have a Good Weed Guard

This might seem like a no brainer if you're going to be fishing in and around grass, but you'd be surprised how many patterns don't have weed guards. This should be a mandatory feature in all your topwater fly patterns. The "[Georgia Bullfrog](#)", tied by **Craig Riendeau**, has one of the best weed guards I've seen, and it's also one of the most realistic and successful frog patterns I've ever fished for big bass.

Tip 2: Learn How to Identify Productive Grass that Holds the Most Bass

When you're fly fishing a lake with hundreds, upon hundreds of acres of grass, not all of it will hold fish. It's very easy to get lost randomly fishing grass. The key to maximizing your catches when targeting it, is learning how to identify productive grass from unproductive grass. Professional bass fishermen understand this, and they look and study grass in the same way they look at the banks of rivers and lakes. They look for irregularities (cover and structure) where the grass is growing in different directions. They pass by grass that grows uniformly in a straight line and is featureless. If it doesn't have any points, indentions, holes or cuts along the edges, they won't spend much time fishing it. Why is this? It's because bass are attracted to these irregularities in the grass, for they provide good ambush points. Whatever you do, try to spend your time fishing the areas of grass that have character and you'll likely find more bass. If bream, baitfish and insects are around, that's even better.

Tip 3: Fly Fish Transitions in the Grass

Another area to target when fly fishing grass, is to target transition zones where edges are created (*edges create perfect ambush points for bass to attack prey*). If you hunt, picture the edge that is created from a food plot that butts up to a tree line. You want to try to find the same transitions (edges) when you're fishing grass lines on the lake. There are many different types of transitions that create important edges that attract bass. A couple examples of this would be where two types of aquatic grasses come together, or where grass stops growing, do to a drop-off in water depth (a grass line that has a creek channel against it).

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Tip 4: Avoid Windy Areas of the Lake when Frog Fishing

The best frog fishing conditions around grass is when the wind is generally less than five miles an hour. Too much wind and you'll find it hard to work your flies effectively, and it also will decrease the distance a bass will be attracted to your frog pattern. During windy days, find grass lines where you can get out of the wind and you'll find the frog bite to be better. Sometimes all you need to do is tuck in behind an island, cove or point to get out of the wind.

Tip 5: Fly Fish Grass with Current

If you can find grass lines with current running through the area, it can turn out to be a real hot spot. Current can be provided by the inflow of water from a creek or by lake discharge, which is my favorite current of all. It can pay off big time, if you take the time to find out the generation schedule on the lake you'll be fishing beforehand, and then search out key grass lines where the current will be rolling through from it. Current creates hot spots because the water flow gets the food moving and the bass active. Keep in mind, that these hot grass lines that you find from the current created by dam generation may not fish well when water is not being pulled. I found this out the hard way fishing a tournament on Lake Guntersville a few years back. We crushed the bass during our pre-fishing with generation, but the day of the tournament they didn't discharge water, and those hot spots yielded zero bass. In these current prone areas of the lake, it often seems like the fish get in the habit of primarily feeding only when there's current.

That's my five tips for targeting grass with frog patterns. I hope some of you get out on the water and try them out.

Keep it Reel,

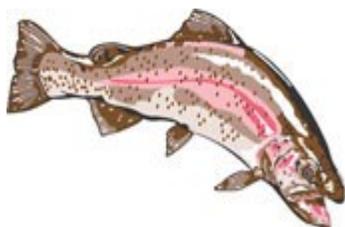
Kent Klewein

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Winter Trout Fishing



Are you ready? Catch and Release season begins on November 14th (8:00am) at the state parks. You can also fish local lakes (catch & keep). The daily limit is 4 with no length limit:

Fountain Bluffs Sports Complex - Liberty, Mo

Chaumiere Lake - Kansas City

Coot Lake - James A. Reed Wildlife Area

Plover Lake - James A. Reed Wildlife Area

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: _____