



Kansas City Chapter



December 010 - January 011

Next Club Meeting  
November 27, 2012  
Fleming Hall  
6:30 pm Christmas Party

Executive Board Meeting  
December 11, 2012  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
January 22, 2013  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

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



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



MTFA - Annual Christmas Party

Please join us for holiday festivities on Tuesday, November 27, 6:30 pm at the Fleming Hall. Members are asked to bring their favorite holiday treats. 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!



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc  
2013 Calendar

Have you ordered your copy of the MTFA 2013 Club calendar yet? You still have time! These make a great fill in gifts for your Christmas shopping. The calendar 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 and the phases of the moon. Keep this calendar as a photo reminder of 2012. We only have a limited number of the calendars available so put your order in NOW to hold one or more for you. Contact our club president to place your order.



2011 Membership Dues are Due:

Dues for the upcoming year will be \$15.00 per person. Retiree's \$10.00 per person. \$30.00 per family, (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.

## Upcoming Events

**November 27, 2012**  
MTFA Christmas Party  
7:00 pm

**January 8, 2013**  
MTFA E-Board Meeting  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

**January 17 - 20, 2013**  
KC Sports Show  
Bartle Hall  
(See page 1 for show times)

**January 21, 2013**  
MTFA Introduction to Fly  
Tying  
Fleming Hall  
7:00 pm

**January 28, 2013**  
MTFA Fly Tying (1st Class)  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

**February 4, 2013**  
MTFA Fly Tying (2nd Class)  
Fleming Hall  
7:00pm

## Kansas City Boat and Sports Show - January 17-20, 2013

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 and rod building classes. To meet and attract new members. Come and join the fun. Call our club president Kent Inman to sign up to man our booth at the sport show at the: (816-682-4924, [kdinman@yahoo.com](mailto:kdinman@yahoo.com))

### H. Roe Bartle Hall

301 West 13th Street  
Kansas City, Mo. 64105

**Show Hours:** Thursday, January 17 2:00pm - 9:00pm  
Friday, January 18 12:00pm - 9:00pm  
Saturday, January 19 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Sunday, January 20 10:00am - 5:00pm



### MTFA Officers Nominated for 2013:

Be sure to be at the January meeting to vote for the slate of officers nominated at the Christmas Party/meeting. The nominees are:

Kent Inman -President  
Bill Beckman - Vice President  
Sharon Beckman - Secretary  
Sandy Theroux - Treasurer

Members at Large:  
Merril Miller  
Roger Theroux

### MTFA Officers

**President:** Kent Inman  
(816) 682-4924

**V President:** Bill Beckman  
(913) 341-3260

**Secretary:** Gary Davison  
(816) 896-5221

**Treasurer:** Sandy Theroux  
(816) 523-5119

### Members at Large:

Merril Miller  
Roger Theroux  
Diana James



### President's Message:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and ate your annual ration of turkey with the works.

Just a couple of reminders, that we have our annual Christmas Party this Tuesday night at 6:30pm at Fleming Hall. There will be signup sheets for the Sports Show, and the 2013 Calendars will be ready for pickup.

See you at the Christmas Party *Kent*

My noon hours at the office are spent eating lunch and reading some of the on line fly fishing newsletters that arrive in my in-box. One of my favorites is “Gink and Gasoline” by Kent Klewein. If you have not seen this on-line newsletter be sure and check it out at: [www.ginkandgasoline.com](http://www.ginkandgasoline.com) Also, check out their blog and sign up for their weekly newsletter: [hookups@ginkandgasoline.com](mailto:hookups@ginkandgasoline.com). I thought you would enjoy this article on the mistakes anglers make while fighting trout. Enjoy, Gary

## **8 Common Mistakes Anglers Make while Fighting Trout by Kent Klewein**

If I looked back on my early fly fishing days and had to grade my fish fighting skills, it would yield a discouraging report card. I lost way more fish than I actually landed during those first few years after picking up a fly rod. I’ll never forget how tense and anxious I was every time I’d find myself hooked up with a nice trout. It seemed like every second of the battle I was terrified that I was going to lose my trophy. In turn, I constantly second guessed my fighting instincts, I wouldn’t follow after my fish if it swam upstream or downstream of me, and I knew very little about the correlation between rod position and applying fighting pressure. Furthermore, I was really clumsy when it came to clearing my excess fly line and reeling in the fish. I always had a hard time figuring out when it was a good time to do that. When all said and done, I bet I only landed one or two fish out of every five fish I hooked during my rookie days. That’s not so hot, probably a D average if I was grading myself extremely leniently. We’ve all been there at some point during our fly fishing career, some of us may even find ourselves with that D average right now. Here’s the positive outlook though, most trout that are hooked and lost during the fight can be linked back to a handful of common mistakes. Yet, most of the time, they all can be easily avoided if you pay close attention to what you’re doing when you’re fighting a trout.

### **MISTAKE #1 – NOT BEING IN THE HOOK SET READY POSITION**

I know it sounds elementary, but during my early days, I would often find myself fumbling around with my fly line during my drifts. I didn’t always have my fly line secure in my rod hand, and that usually put me with too much slack in my fly line to pull off a solid hook set. I see anglers all the time during their drifts holding their fly line in their stripping hand only. Bites often come when we least expect them. To increase your chances of getting a good hook set and landing the trout, always make sure you’re in the hook set ready position. Get in the habit of putting the fly line in your index and middle finger on your rod hand immediately after you present your fly. This will have you ready to set the hook the instant you get a bite, and you’ll find your line management will improve.

### **MISTAKE #2 – ANGLERS FAIL TO KEEP TENSION AFTER THE HOOK SET**

Not all the time, but more times than not, trout will swim towards you after being hooked, and it’s critical that you keep your rod tip up and immediately begin stripping in your fly line after the hook set. Doing so, you’ll have a good chance at eliminating the slack and maintaining tension on the fish. Instead of stripping, some fly anglers feel compelled to swing their body around and begin moving away from the fish after setting the hook. This puts the angler out of position, shuffling their feet awkwardly and also doesn’t allow them most of the time to take in the amount of slack needed that’s being created by the fish moving towards them. Another common mistake I see anglers make is dropping their rod tip down after setting the hook. Although they get a good hook set, by dropping their rod tip down immediately afterwards, they’re providing significant slack to the fish. This causes tension to be lost, and increases the chance the hook will be dislodged by the trout.

### **MISTAKE #3 – ANGLERS HAVE A DEATH GRIP ON THE FLY LINE**

I see this mistake all of the time and adrenaline is usually to blame. Big fish are notorious for making hard charging runs right after being hooked. It can all happen within seconds of the hook set and if you’ve got a death grip on your fly line, and don’t let the trout take fly line, you’ll almost always break the fish off. Keeping a firm grip on the

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fly line after the hook set is important, but you always need to be ready to loosen up your grip and let that fly line slide through your hand or fingers when a fish makes a powerful run.

#### **MISTAKE #4 – WE APPLY TOO MUCH POWER WHEN THE TROUT IS HEAD SHAKING**

When trout are violently shaking their heads and doing a death roll during the fight, it's very important that anglers don't apply too much pressure or pull too hard on the trout. In this scenario, all you want to do is keep a conservative amount of tension on the fish, just enough in fact, to keep the slack out. The combination of an angler applying too much pressure and the trout violently shaking its head, can cause the hook to be pulled free or your tippet to break. We all like to tell ourselves when this happens, that the trout got lucky and spit the hook, but in most cases that's not it at all. Most of the time we lose the trout because we're applying too much pressure during those intense moments. If we just back off power and let the fish work through the head shakes, we'll usually stay hooked up and land the trout.

#### **MISTAKE #5 – ANGLERS ARE IN TOO MUCH OF A RUSH TO GET THE FLY LINE ON THE REEL.**

Trying to reel in your excess fly line on the reel too quickly or at the wrong moments during the fight, accounts for many fish lost by anglers. It shouldn't be your first objective during the fight. Instead, your first objective is to get control of the trout and make it through the first ten to fifteen seconds of the fight. After you do that, you'll want to wait for a moment when the trout settles down enough that it provides you a safe period to begin reeling up your fly line on the reel. If the trout makes a run away from you first thing, let it start taking the excess fly line in the process. This will make it quicker for you to get the remaining fly line cleared and on the reel when you're ready. In some cases the trout running will clear all of your line, and that just makes your job of landing the fish that much easier.

#### **MISTAKE #6 – ANGLERS DON'T FOLLOW IN PURSUIT AFTER A FISH**

Some of us aren't as sure-footed as we used to be, so this mistake isn't always an easy one to fix or avoidable. But if you still have good balance and you're pretty mobile, you have to be willing to move quickly in pursuit after a fish that gets downstream or upstream of you during the fight. Keeping a perpendicular position to the trout (*straight across from the fish*) provides you the best control, and will allow you to apply the most leverage and power on the fish. If you're older and can't risk chasing after a fish, try slowly working the fish back to you with the rod tip high and slow steady reels. If that doesn't work, you can then try dropping your rod tip in the water and slowly reeling the fish back to you. It won't work all the time, but I've found success with it a great deal over the years. There's something with the rod tip and fly line in the water that makes it difficult for a fish to gain leverage over you.

#### **MISTAKE #7 – WE'RE NOT READY FOR THE TROUT TO MAKE A SUDDEN U-TURN**

Trout are sneaky buggers. They seem to all know, that creating slack in the line is one of their best chances for getting a hook dislodged in their mouth. One of the best ways for them to create a significant amount of slack is to employ a sudden u-turn during the fight. By them quickly changing their swimming direction, it immediately puts slack in the line and forces the angler to struggle to eliminate it. As we all know, trout reels aren't the quickest at taking in fly line when being reeled. And in the heat of the battle, we often forget this notion and fail to abandon the reel when we should be stripping in our fly line instead. If a trout makes a u-turn on you and you find yourself with a bunch of slack, stop reeling, start making long quick strips and raise your fly rod as high up in the air as you can. Doing this, you'll turn your 9-foot rod into a 12-foot rod, and you'll usually be able to take in the excess slack quick enough to regain tension and land the fish.

#### **MISTAKE #8- WE GET TOO ANXIOUS DURING THE FINAL MOMENTS OF THE BATTLE**

I've done this countless times. I'll manage to make it through all the chaos during the beginning and middle stages of the fight, but I'll lose my patience at the end, and it costs me the battle. Just as I'm getting the trout within netting range, I'll apply too much power on the rod and the hook will either pull free or my tippet will break. Keep in mind, you have very little stretch in the fly line when the fish is really close to you. This stage of the fight requires patience and finesse.

Sometimes, I think trout no exactly whats going on, especially the ones that have been caught before.

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In my mind, I think big trout often try to make the battle about patience. If they can prolong the fight long enough or trick us into getting anxious and rushing the fight, they know we'll eventually slip up and make a mistake that sets them free. Keep your focus and patience when you're fighting a trout at all times, and you'll find you make less mistakes and your catch rates will increase.

Keep it Reel, Kent Klewein (Re-printed with permission by Kent Klewein)



## Fly Pattern of the Month

### Hornbugger

**Fly Type:** [Streamers](#),

**Target Species:** [Trout](#),

**Recommended Region:** [Northeast US](#),

**Imitation:** [General Baitfish](#),

**Material List:**

Hook- Mustad 9672 #12 Streamer Hook

Thread- Black 6/0

Tail- Whiting Mini Bird Fur Olive (White Spey Chicken Saddle dyed Dark Olive)

Body- Olive Ultra Fine Chenille

Wing- Black Pearl Flashbou & Olive Barred Mallard Flank

Hackle- Soft Hackle Hen-Olive Saddle Patches

**Tying Instructions:** A few strands of Black Pearl Flashbou tied above & below body, one or two (your choice) Olive Barred Mallard Flank on each side.

A few turns of olive soft hackle.

**Presentation Tips:** A small stream streamer for wild trout.



  
*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.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ New Member ( ) Renewal ( )

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Send Newsletter via email: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored (By Member) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever before been a member of the MTFA? \_\_\_\_\_ Year joined? \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are subject to approval by the Executive Committee

<b>Individual Dues:</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Family Membership:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>MTFA Legacy Members:(25+ yrs)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>

If a Family Membership (spouse and children 18 years of age and under), list those who should receive membership cards.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Membership Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_