



Kansas City Chapter



October 2011

Executive Board Meeting
November 8, 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
October 25, 2011
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Fall Club Derby at Roaring River State Park

Fall is a great time for fishing and for group gatherings. The MTFA took the opportunity to do both at the Roaring River State Park on September 24. The weather cooperated, though there were rumors of thunder showers that never materialized. Fall is the most beautiful time of the year in the Ozarks. The leaves turn beautiful colors, and the weather is cool and dry.



Bill Beckman

Though the derby was not until Saturday, several members of the club arrived at Roaring River to fish early. At least one angler caught a big one that he hoped to win the derby



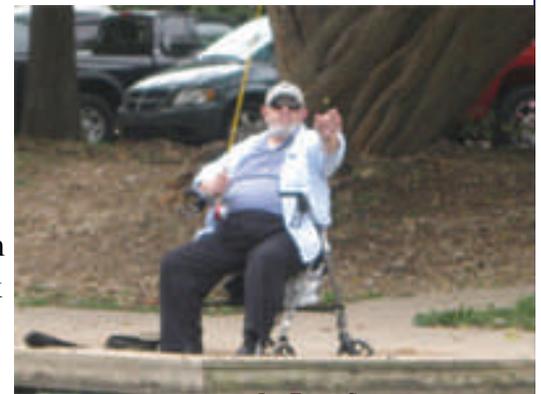
Dave and Carol Cook

with. It wasn't until one of the officers stepped in to tell him that only fish caught on Saturday would count. Nice try, Roger. The fishing on Friday was amazing, to say the least. The fish were biting on everything thrown at them. They were a hungry bunch.

Saturday was perfect fall weather for fishing, though the fish were considerably pickier than the day before. Families of club members were present and busied themselves with various activities from spinning yarn to shopping. Around noon, area number three was deluged with boy scouts from a church group. Most of these junior anglers were spin casters, but several of them were trying their luck at fly fishing.

After a full day of fishing, the club met at the CCC Pavilion in the park for a fish fry. It turns out that Dave & Carol Cook are more than excellent trout fishers.

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Joe Fusco Sr.

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For More Information

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www.mtfa-kansascity.org

Upcoming Events

**Club Meeting -
Chili Supper & Raffle**
October 25, 6:30 pm
Fleming Hall

eBoard Meeting
November 8, 7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

No Club Meeting on
November 23

Christmas Outing
November 29, 6:30 pm
Fleming Hall

eBoard Meeting
December 13, 7:00 pm

October Club Meeting, Chili Supper and Raffle

Our annual Chili Dinner will be an extra special event this year. We will have dinner from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We have commitments for four pots of chili and soup. The club will be supplying catsup, onions, crackers, cheese, and of course, hot sauce. For those not bringing chili or soup, we need side dishes and desserts. So we don't get overloaded on desserts or side dishes, if your last names starts with A-M, bring a side dish or salad. If it starts with N-Z, bring a dessert. Don't forget that you will receive a free raffle ticket for every item you bring (either food or a raffle item.) We will have some special items to raffle this year including a fly rod. Tickets will sell for \$1 each or six for \$5. This is a fun evening and a good time to bring a friend and introduce them to other members of the club.

After dinner, we will sit back and listen to a presentation by Don Frank of Don's Taxidermy. This presentation will provide insight on processes used for mounting our trophies or creating replicas for the trophies we choose to release for others to enjoy. You can check out his web page at www.donstaxidermy.com.

If you are tying flies for the Bakers' Dozen (13) raffle and have not turned them in to David, please let him know that you plan to get them to him either before the dinner or the night of the dinner. If you have not started yet, you still have time. We will take the 13th fly and put it in a box with the 13th fly from all the other boxes turned in to create one or two boxes of a collection of assorted flies. There are some great fly tiers in our club, so it should be interesting to see what their favorite fly is and have a chance to win a box of flies. Please label your box with the name of the fly and hook size. We hope you will participate in this event. If you have any questions about the chili supper, please contact Sandy Theroux.

Roaring River Park Bench for Clarence Peasley

The club is now accepting donations to help pay for the memorial park bench for Clarence Peasley. Clarence was a fixture at both Roaring River State Park and the MTFA. The club has decided to honor his memory with a park bench that has an inscribed with his name. Donations can be made at any club activity or along with your 2012 dues.

2012 Membership Dues are Due

Dues for the upcoming year will be ten dollars per person for retirees, \$15 per person for individuals not retired, and \$30 for a family membership. Family memberships include all family members up to 17 years of age. At age 18, your child must register as an adult. You may mail your dues and form to MTFA, P.O. Box 3202, Harry S Truman Station, Independence, MO, 64055, or you can bring it to the next club meeting or fly tying session. The application is on page six of this newsletter.

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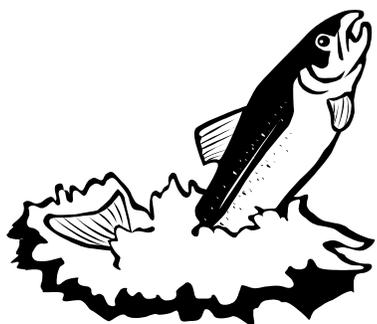
Members at Large:

Merril Miller
Roger Theroux
Diana James

Fall Derby (continued from page 1)

Congratulations to the winners of this years' club derby. Thank you to everyone who participated in planning the derby and meal preparation. See you next year.

Photos below were taken during the Saturday evening fish fry at the CCC Pavilion. Top left, the 2011 River Princess; top center, club members enjoying the spread. Top right; you always need to watch your plate when the food is this good! Bottom left and right; a break in the conversation to say "cheese."



-Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains. I would drink deeper; fishing the sky, where the bottom is pebbly with stars.
Henry David Thoreau

MDC Bans Porous-soled Waters to Help Protect Trout Waters from Invasive Algae—

JEFFERSON CITY Mo – In anticipation of upcoming winter trout fishing, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) encourages trout anglers to help prevent the spread of a new threat to Missouri’s cold-water streams and rivers. Called “didymo” (*Didymosphenia geminata*) or “rock snot,” this invasive alga forms large, thick mats on the bottoms of cold-water streams and rivers, reducing the quality and quantity of food vital to fish such as trout. Didymo also clogs water intakes and boat motors. It interferes with fishing gear and eventually makes fishing nearly impossible, with devastating economic and environmental consequences.

Didymo is native to northern parts of North America and Europe. While it has not been found in Missouri, rock snot has been found just south of the Missouri-Arkansas border in the White River.

According to MDC Fisheries Biologist Mark VanPatten, didymo is kept in check naturally in other parts of the country and world by lower pH, or acidity, levels in the water. Missouri’s wealth of limestone creates higher pH levels in Show-Me waters. These higher pH levels can allow didymo to spread unchecked.

“Preventing the spread of this invasive species into Missouri is critical,” VanPatten warns. “There is no way to control or eradicate didymo once it gets established in the state.”

VanPatten emphasizes that recreational equipment such as boats, lifejackets and fishing gear--particularly porous-soled waders--are the most likely ways for didymo to spread into Missouri.

“Porous-soled waders and wading boots, worn by many trout anglers, appear to be a likely pathway for the spread of didymo,” VanPatten explains. “The soles hold moisture for days and can harbor cells of this alga. Individual cells cannot be seen with the naked eye and only a single cell is needed to establish a stream-killing colony. Anglers who visit waters with didymo can, unknowingly, transfer these cells to the next stream they visit.” The Missouri Conservation Commission has approved a regulation change banning the use of porous-soled waders or footwear incorporating or having attached a porous sole of felted, matted, or woven fibrous material when fishing in trout parks and other specific trout waters. Pending public comment through the Secretary of State’s office, the new regulation will go into effect March 1, 2012, the opening day of catch-and-keep fishing at Missouri’s four trout parks. To help reduce the spread of didymo, MDC encourages anglers to remember: Check, then Clean or Dry.

- **Check** all gear and equipment and remove any visible algae. Dispose of algae by placing it in the trash, not by putting it down a drain or into bodies of water.
- Then **Clean** all gear and equipment with a solution of 2-percent bleach, 5-percent saltwater, or dishwashing detergent. Allow all equipment to stay in contact with the solution for at least three minutes. Soak all soft items, such as felt-soled waders and wader boot cuffs, neoprene waders and life jackets, in the solution for at least 20 minutes.
- Or then **Dry** all gear and equipment for at least 48 hours by exposing it to sunlight.

To help anglers clean their waders before entering Missouri trout streams, MDC has installed wader wash stations at Missouri’s five cold-water trout hatcheries: Bennett Spring State Park near Lebanon, Montauk State Park near Salem, Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Maramec Spring Park near St. James and Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery by the upper portion of Lake Taneycomo near Branson.

All anglers are encouraged to replace their porous-soled waders with ones that have non-porous rubber or synthetic soles. Anglers can adapt felt-soled and other porous-soled waders to comply with the new regulation by sealing the soles with solutions of contact cement or marine rubber cement. VanPatten notes the cement may need to be reapplied after each use. MDC offers an instructional video for sealing waders at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_udcfZqA_w

The Dance

As the fog lazily drifts across the water, it settles around me like a soft blanket. The sun has barely begun to peak over the eastern horizon, bringing with it a promise of warmth and clear skies. I step into the flowing water, feeling the rush of cold and anticipation creep through my body. For it is within these waters that my quarry awaits; hungry, fierce, and watchful.

My arsenal is prepared with an assortment of nymphs, dries, streamers, and jigs. My weapon of choice against my foe is an 8 1/2 foot 5 weight St. Croix fly rod; beautiful, sleek, and deadly. Slowly I begin my cast, feeling the line as it slides through my fingers, cutting through the dense fog which surrounds me.

I know the timing must be right, like a delicate dance between two lovers; a peace begins to wash over my mind and spirit filling me with joy and serenity. And then the release; feels like a sweet breath of morning air rushing into my lungs as the putrid air of stress and worries expel and drift away; the fly lands gracefully upon the water's surface. I work the fly and the waters until, at last, the strike. A small pop as my foe kisses the surface and unwittingly grasps my fly; the gentle dance is no more, for the battle has begun.

A body sleek and strong, built for speed and strength rips through the waters. Splashing, jumping, jutting this way and that. Each flick of his tail draws more of my line, and for a split second he thinks he's free; but now it's my turn to fight. The rod bending in a precarious arc; line taut; I feel his strength begin to wane; and know now is my time. I bring the line in slowly until he's within my grasp. For he is defeated, and this small victory is mine; but I shall release my foe to fight again because this battle is too sweet to take away. Just remember dear fish, someday we shall dance again.
Rebecca Melear, Salem, MO

Fall Fly Tying Clinics

Fall fly tying clinics will be held on Monday nights at 7:00 pm beginning September 12 for six weeks. All levels of proficiency from beginners to advanced can build their fly tying skill during these clinics. Daniel will be the lead instructor for these clinics. There will be a small fee to participants to cover the cost of materials. There is nothing like the rush an angler feels the first time they catch a fish using a fly they tied themselves. The clinics also provide an opportunity to visit with club members and friends, plan your next fishing trip, and stock your fly box with your favorite trout flies.

