



Kansas City Chapter



May 2013

Next Club Meeting
May 28, 2013
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
June 11, 2013
Fleming Hall
7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
June 25, 2013
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

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Beginners Fly Fishing Class - June 22

MTFA will hold a beginners fly fishing class on June 22nd at Fleming Hall. The cost is \$10.00 for the class which includes lunch. We will start at 9:00am; break for lunch at noon, and conclude at 3:00pm. The class is designed to give you the confidence to fish on your own. Learn about the equipment, knots, how to set up your leader and tippet and basic casting instruction. If you are interested in attending this class or if you have any questions contact Gary Davisson at (816) 896-5221 or e-mail: medman3@att.net. Register by June 18th.

Lunker Dinner - Recap

As you know the Lunker dinner had to be postponed at least two times due to the weather. We finally were able to get the dinner and raffle completed. We enjoyed good food, fellowship, dessert and more dessert. During a short business meeting prior to the raffle the clubs officers were sworn in for 2013. Merrill conducted a very successful raffle. Hope you will plan on joining us next year. *Gary*



President's Message

Since our last writing there have been to major events that occurred. One was the Kids Fishing day at Jacomo which was a cold, wind driven day. The kids all appeared to be having a great time not complaining about the conditions, but catching quite a few fish.

The other major event was the MTFA State Derby at Bennett Springs. This year the KC Chapter was the hosting chapter, and all of the volunteers kept plenty busy keeping up with the schedule for Friday thru Sunday. There was a good turn out of members from all three chapters. The dinner was catered which helped with getting the meeting, raffle and the auction over at and earlier time. The fishing was good to most of the derby participants with some catching multiple tagged fish. The guest speaker was Mike Mitchell , Hatchery Director brought us up to date on the improvements to the hatchery and stream.

This months meeting will be fly tying for the kids fishing day, and to share some fishing trip stories with the members. Looking forward to see you at the June meeting. *Kent*

Upcoming Events

May 25, 2013
Readings Fly Expo
Bennett Springs, Mo
(All Day Event)

May 28, 2013
Monthly Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

June 8, 2013
MDC Free Fishing Weekend

June 22, 2013
Fly Fishing Class
Fleming Hall
9:00am

June 25, 2013
Monthly Club Meeting
Fleming Hall
7:00pm

July 13, 2013
Alpaca Expo
Lebanon, Mo

July 20, 2013
Family Fun Day
Fleming Hall
9:30am - 3:00pm

Kid's Fishing Derby - Lake Jacomo - Report

Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held on May 4th at the Lake Jacomo marina.

The weather was cold, nasty and windy which caused a real reduction in participation. Last year I think there were approximately 200 kids signed up for the derby and this year we had only 57.

Volunteers from MTFA were on hand for registration, weigh in and to help with fishing instruction and the awards ceremony. The biggest fish turned in was a 13.5" crappie and 2nd was a 9.5" crappie, both fish were caught by two sisters. The other species of fish turned in were Blue Gill, Perch, Sun fish and one Red Ear Perch.

I want to thank Merril Miller, Marvin Allison and Bill Otis for their support of this event. *Kent*

Reading Fly Fishing Expo

Reading Fly Fishing Shop in Lebanon, Mo will host a fly fishing expo on May 25. At the expo there will be giveaways, fly tying exhibits (including our own David Cook and Daniel McGillihan) as well as casting demonstrations. If you're in the Lebanon and Bennett Spring area that weekend, it would be worth your time to check it out.



Andros South Bahamas - Bone Fishing Report

My son Greg and I had so much fun last year we decided to go bone fishing again. We stayed at the Andros South bone fishing lodge again, food was great, a very good host Adam Kryder, and the fishing was better than last year. It helped to have had last years trip experience, and I also spent quite a bit of time practicing casting this past year. These fishing trips whether



it's in Alaska or the Bahamas are very demanding. Your day starts at 6:15am; breakfast is served between 6:30 and 7:15am, you pick up your lunch, drink, anything else you want and put it in the cooler with your guides name on it. They

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Interested in Buying a Fly Rod?

Here are 5 tips to help you make the right choice.

1. **Decide what you're fishing for.** You need to narrow things down a little bit more than 'I need a 6 weight'. The right 6 weight for float tubing for bass is probably different than the right 6 weight for throwing streamers or poppers in Alaska. Modern fly rods are generally pretty versatile, but the more specific you can be about your intended use, the happier you're going to be with your choice.

2. **Pick a price range.** There are quality \$100 fly rods out there, and there are quality \$1000 fly rods out there. Setting a budget before you start will help narrow down your choices. One important part of setting your price is deciding whether you want a rod that's made in the USA – if that's important to you, you need to know going in that a US-made rod is going to be more expensive.

3. **Cast a few if possible.** Even if you're just starting out and may not know what sort of action you prefer, holding and casting a rod helps a lot. Rods vary a lot in terms of things like size and shape of the cork grip, fit and finish, and weight – trying them out will help you decide what suits you. **One important note:** try hard to cast the rods with the same line, and the line that you're likely to use on the one you buy. Fly lines can impact casting feel and performance as much as, or even more than, the rod they're lined up on. If you don't live near a fly shop and choose to buy online, make sure you understand return policies in advance in case you're not thrilled with your new baby when it arrives. Ask one of your friends to try his/her rod to see how it performs.

4. **Learn about warranty policies.** 'Lifetime warranties' are the norm these days, but the details of how these warranties work can vary quite a bit. What's the fee to replace a section if and when your rod breaks? What's the normal turnaround time for repairs? Lifetime warranties are not all the same.

Buy from someone you trust. If you like having a fly shop in town that offers quality products, good advice and great customer service, you should buy your rod from that shop, plain and simple. If you don't have a local shop or you prefer shopping online, buy from a reputable online retailer that's doing some good for the industry. *Gary*



Andros South Bahamas - Bone Fishing Report Cont'd



load everyone up at 7:30am and head to the boats. You are on the water and fishing sometime between 8:15 and 9:00 depending where your guide takes you. The guide has you back at the take out point around 5:00pm. This gives you a little glimpse of a day of bone fishing. Our last day (Friday) was a day that we will probably never experience again. We caught and released 24 bones, 1 snapper and our last cast of the day Greg and I each hooked into a Tarpon. What a thrill! If you are interested in learning more about bone fishing and seeing a slide show, just let Kent know and we will schedule a time at one of our future meetings. *Gary*

8 Common Mistakes anglers make while fighting trout by *Kent Klewein* Gink & Gasoline

In last months Troutline, Mistake's 1 through 3 were covered. #1 - Not being in the hook set position, #2 - Keeping tension on the fish after a hook set, #3 - The death grip on your fly line. Now here is the rest of the article. Enjoy, *Gary*

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 your 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 know exactly what's going on, especially the ones that have been caught before. 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.

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MTFA State Derby - Bennett Springs State Park Report

The **67th** annual MTFA State Convention and Derby was held at Bennett Spring State Park on May 18 - 19th. This year, the derby was hosted by our club chapter and the park concessionaire, Jim Rogers. We had 131 people entered into the derby with 32 tags turned in before noon on Sunday.

There was a catered dinner by the Bennett Springs Lodge for all MTFA members in attendance. Mike Mitchell hatchery manager, was the guest speaker. He discussed the operation of the hatchery and provided information on all the improvements at the hatchery and their future plans. A big thank you goes out to him and his staff for tagging and releasing the fish for the derby.

Lastly, we must thank the Fly shops for their contribution to our derby; Readings Fly Shop, Sand Springs Resort, Larry's Sporting Goods, Weaver's Campground, Fort Bennett, Jim Rogers of Missouri State Park Inc. It was an outstanding derby, due in part to all who contributed and those that volunteered with the many tasks to make the derby successful. *Kent*



Breakfast KC Chapter



Mike Mitchell Hatchery Director



Derby Drawing and Raffle
