



Kansas City Chapter



September 2024

Club Meeting Date:
September 24, 2024
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

Executive Board Meeting
September 3, 2024
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date
October 22, 2024
Fleming Hall 6:30 pm
Chili Dinner

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For More Information

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Roaring River Fall Club Derby - Sept 14-15

Have you signed up? Our Kansas City Chapter Derby will be held this September. This is an informal derby for members of the club. The winner will be decided by who catches the longest trout, so measure and take pictures. Please join us for the festivities and frivolity. Reservations can be made for camping or motel at the state park, and lodging is available outside the park at several campgrounds and motels.

Roaring River State Park offers lodging accommodations for everyone's taste from rustic cabins to modern motel rooms and camping.

Roaring River Resort & Campground (417) 847-3235 is a private resort near the state park on Hy-Way 112.

We will gather at the resort picnic shelter on Friday evening where you can register for the derby and get a copy of the derby rules or hopefully you have Pré-register at the August club meeting. If you can't register for the derby on Friday or at the club meeting, please send a text message to (Linda Chase (816) 405-4124) and let Linda know your plans.

Derby schedule:

Friday Evening: Dinner on your own. We will meet at the resort pavilion (on Hwy 112) Friday for meet/greet and snacks.

Saturday: Breakfast and lunch on your own, Dinner on your own.

Sunday: Lunch at 11:00am, awards ceremony. Contact Linda Chase or Ken Hicks with any questions. See you on the water.....Ken

Fly Tying Classes Start on September 23



We have had a few sign up for our fall fly tying classes it's time to get your name on the list. We will have three tables set up for tying; one for Beginners, one for Intermediate and one called the Challenge Table. Please call or send us a note that you will be attending and which table you want to be at. Helps us determine the amount of materials

needed, and number of instructors.

Thank You, Merrill

Upcoming Events

Sept 2,
Labor Day

Sept 3,
E-Board Meeting
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Sept 14-15,
MTFA-KC Derby
(See Page 1)

Sept 23,
Fly Tying - 1st Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Sept 24,
MTFA Club Meeting
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall

Sept 30,
Fly Tying - 2nd Class
7:00 pm
Fleming Hall



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Annual MTFA-KC Chili Dinner and Raffle:

Our annual Chili Dinner (October 22) will be an extra special event this year. We will have dinner from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. If you have some items you would like to donate for the raffle please let Ken Hicks know. We will need pots of chili and some soups for dinner. Put the date on your calendar and watch next months Troutline for more information. *Ken*

Nine Behaviors Comprise the FFF Code of Angling Ethics:

- Angling ethics begin with understanding and obeying laws and regulations associated with the fishery. Fly anglers understand that their conduct relative to laws and regulations reflects on all anglers. Angling ethics begin with and transcend laws and regulations governing angling and the resources that sustain the sport.
- The opportunity to participate in the sport of fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers respect private property and always ask permission before entering or fishing private property. They seek to understand and follow the local customs and practices associated with the fishery. They share the waters equally with others whether they are fishing or engaging in other outdoor activities.
- Fly fishers minimize their impact on the environment and fishery by adopting practices that do not degrade the quality of the banks, waters, and the overall watersheds upon which fisheries depend. These practices include avoiding the introduction of species not native to an ecosystem, and cleaning and drying fishing gear to prevent the inadvertent transport of invasive exotics that may threaten the integrity of an aquatic ecosystem. In simplest terms, fly anglers always leave the fishery better than when they found it.

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Thank You

MTFA-KC wants to publicly give a big thank you to Pure Fishing for their generosity and supporting MTFA-KC



Frontline Fly Fishing

Calendar of Events:

Sept 10 - 6:00pm Meeting at the DAV

Sept 17 - 5:00pm at Rainbow Fly Shop (Bring your fly tying equipment. There will be some kits available)

Nine Behaviors Cont'd:

- Fly anglers endeavor to conserve fisheries by understanding the importance of limiting their catch. "Catch and release" is an important component of sustaining premium fisheries that are being over-harvested. Fly anglers release fish properly and with minimal harm. They promote the use of barbless hooks and angling practices that are more challenging but which help to sustain healthy fish populations.
- Fly anglers do not judge the methods of fellow anglers. Fly fishers share their knowledge of skills and techniques. They help others to understand that fly-fishing contributes to sound fisheries conservation practices.
- Fly anglers treat fellow anglers as they would expect to be treated. They do not impose themselves on or otherwise interfere with other anglers. They wait a polite time, and then, if necessary, request permission to fish through. They may invite other anglers to fish through their positions. Fly fishers when entering an occupied run or area always move in behind other anglers, not in front of them whether in a boat or wading.
- Fly anglers when sharing the water allow fellow anglers ample room so as not to disturb anyone's fishing experience. They always fish in a manner that causes as little disturbance as practical to the water and fish. They take precautions to keep their shadow from falling across the water (walking a high bank).
- When fishing from watercraft fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft. They do not block entrances to bays or otherwise impede others. Fly anglers do not unnecessarily disturb the water by improperly lowering anchors or slapping the water with paddles or oars.

Fly anglers always compliment other anglers and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to them whether they fish with a fly or not.

I wish this was posted at the Bennett Springs store where you purchase your daily tag.

Gary

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(Oct 26 - Nov 1, 2024) \$7150.00

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How To Build Your Own Dry Fly Leader:

In last month's Troutline, we introduced the concept of building your own tapered leader using the **Standard Design** concept. This month, we will discuss what is probably the most common form of specialty leader – that is, one specifically built to fish dry flies.

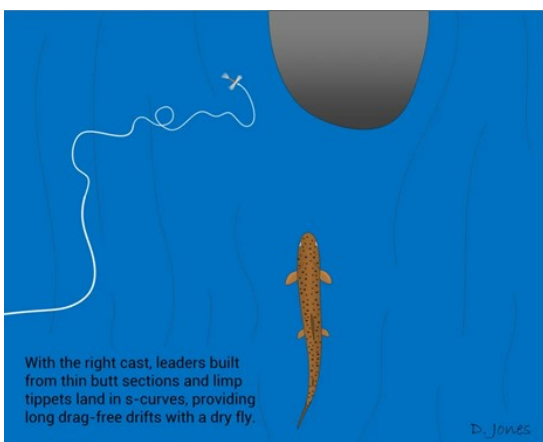
Your first question may be, “What’s the big deal? Can’t I use the standard leader to fish dry flies?” Well, the short answer would be, “Yes”, but we’ll discuss a BIG reason why you probably don’t want to (most of the time), as well as times when a Standard Leader may be preferred for the task. To help answer the question “Why a special leader?”, let’s ask, “What is the biggest enemy of effective dry fly presentation?” The answer is “Drag”.

Most of the insects that we imitate with flies on the water’s surface, drift along at the mercy of the currents, exhibiting little or no active movement on their own. If our floating imitation moves against the natural current in any way – that’s drag. Slower than the current, faster than the current, or across the current – that’s drag.

The best remedy for eliminating drag in a dry fly presentation is slack line in the leader, something that the standard design, discussed last month, is ill-equipped to provide. The primary goal of the standard design is to produce a leader that unrolls (turns over) in a straight line. A straight line connection between fly line and fly will almost instantly cause the fly to drag as soon as it touches the water, due to differences (small and large) in current velocity or direction that exist in the water flow. (Such a straight line connection would be appropriate for skating flies such as mice, bombers, etc., and also for frogs, poppers, gurglers – any topwater pattern that requires imparting action.)

The answer is slack line in the leader, in the form of S-curves. That slack is then pulled out by the currents; the curves unwind as the fly progresses downstream, as conflicting currents pull on the leader at varying speeds. Without some slack on the water (without those curves and circles), the fly often drags as soon as it hits the surface.

PICTURE 1 – Trout and Leader



So how do we design a leader that accomplishes this? I’ve chosen to present the design promoted by George Harvey, a prominent long-time fly fisherman who is well known in the Pennsylvania area. George initiated fly fishing classes at Penn State University in 1934, and he continued these classes until his retirement in 1972. George’s design focuses on the use of soft (limp) materials for leader construction. He has made slight modifications to his formula over the years, and I’ve included both his original design and a recent revision in the table, below.

Building Your Own Dry Fly Leader Cont'd:

MATERIAL	ORIGINAL DESIGN	RECENT REVISION
Maxima Chameleon 15#	20 inches	20 inches
Maxima Chameleon 12#	20 inches	20 inches
Maxima Chameleon 10#	20 inches	10 inches
Maxima Chameleon 8#		10 inches
Maxima Chameleon 6#	12 inches	
2X Soft Nylon or 8# Gold Stren		12 inches
3X Soft Nylon Tippet	12 inches	12 inches
4X Soft Nylon Tippet	18 inches	14 inches
5X Soft Nylon Tippet	22 – 30 inches	
4X, 5X, or 6X Soft Nylon Tippet		20 – 48 inches

The following information on how to cast the leader is excerpted from George Harvey's article ([George Harvey: New Leader Formula - Fly Fisherman](#))

The Cast

Now it's time to teach you to cast, so you will get a good slack leader. I generally do not make a cast over 35 feet unless circumstances call for a longer cast. However, I catch most of my trout at a distance of less than 40 feet.

With the shorter line, you can get a better slack leader. With the thumb on the top of the front end of the handle, I use very little arm action. The back cast is made with little arm action but a fast snap of the wrist, so that the line goes straight back and about 9 or 10 feet above the water. As the line straightens out before it starts to fall, make the forward cast with fast wrist action, so the line will straighten out 5 or 6 feet above the water. Follow the line down to the water with the rod tip. This will give you a good slack-leader cast. Raise the rod tip slowly as the line drifts back. If you raise it up too fast it will straighten out the leader.

As you make this cast, use the thumb as you would the sight on a gun. If you do this you can place the fly within a few inches of where you want it to land. If it's a windy day, it is harder to judge where the fly will land. Wind will also straighten out some of the slack in the leader. Under these situations it's best to only make the forward cast 3 or 4 feet above the water.

Building Your Own Dry Fly Leader Cont'd:

Be careful to avoid the leader piling up at the fly end. If it does, shorten the leader just a little. It should have ever-increasing "S" curves from the fly to the line.

Other Resources:

[Dry Fly Fishing - The George Harvey Leader Design - Troutbitten](#)

[Dry flies need slack: So give it to 'em, George Harvey style | Hatch Magazine - Fly Fishing, etc.](#)

MTFA-KC has a lot of talent and experience. *Mike McKenzie* has been a member for a number of years. He is an excellent fly tyer, has been a guide, a great friend and fishing companion. Thank you for a great article on building a dry fly leader.

MTFA Springfield Chapter Chili feed Taneycomo:



Their Annual Club Fly Fishing and Chili feed will be held again this year on October 19th at noon in the Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery Pavilion. I have attended this event numerous times. It's a great event and enjoyed meeting other members of the Springfield chapter. The Springfield club supplies the utensils, plates, bowls and napkins so there is no need to bring your own. If you decide to stop by for some chili please introduce yourself. If you have any questions, get in touch with me.

Gary

6 Ways to Catch More Rainbow Trout



1. **Mend Less:** Not all fisheries are the trout particularly sensitive about drag-free drifts. Hitting as many good spots as possible is much more important than presenting perfectly. Don't get all cutesy with your mends— hit more spots with decent drifts.
2. **Let Him Eat It:** Particularly when mousing or fishing big leach or sculpin patterns, it's very common to see fish tear-out from under some structure to crush your fly. Don't jump the gun! Let him eat your fly, close his mouth and turn before you set. With big flies, a quick trigger is a bad thing.
3. **5, 6, 7 weight:** Heed the old saying "don't bring a knife to a gun fight". In Alaska 6's and 7's are the norms. Unless you are sight casting to fish that you know aren't super-grandee, it's best to fish a rod that's capable of landing the big boys. Also, less stress on the fish.
4. **Fish the couch water:** That soft water on an inside bend is often overlooked and often the home of a very nice one. Fish it!
5. **Seams and Structure:** Always fish the seams and structure in a stream or river. Had a guide tell me once that if your not losing fly's when fishing around structure your not getting to where the big boys are.
6. **Keep your fly in the water.**

Gary