



Kansas City Chapter



October 2024

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

Executive Board Meeting  
October 1, 2024  
Fleming Hall 7:00 pm

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

Next Club Meeting Date  
December 03, 2024  
Fleming Hall 6:30 pm  
Christmas Dinner

### Fly Tying Classes Started in September

Are you signed up? Put these dates on your calendar and come and join us. We will have three tables set up for tying; one for **Beginners**, one for **Intermediate** and one called the **Challenge Table**.

- Oct 7 - Fly Tying Class #3
- Oct 14 - Fly Tying Class #4
- Oct 28 - Fly Tying Class #5
- Nov 4 - Fly Tying Class #6



*Merril*

### Annual Chili Supper and Raffle - October 22

Fall is in the air and the annual club Chili Supper and raffle is this month. Club members and their guests are invited to attend the dinner which will be served between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Some of our best cooks have volunteered to bring pots of chili, there will be something to please everyone's pallet. If you would like to bring a pot of chili or a favorite fall soup, please contact our president, Ken Hicks at (816) 682-4405. Members that don't bring chili are asked to bring a side dish or desert.

**(Last names A-O - side dish to share).**

**(Last names P-Z - dessert to share).**

The club will provide the necessary condiments.

A raffle will be held, tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. If you contribute to the dinner, you will receive a free raffle ticket. If you have any fishing/tying equipment you would like to donate please contact Jessica, our raffle coordinator.

We look forward to seeing you.

*Ken Hicks*

### President's Message:

And just like that it's October— hockey season starts, purchasing winter boots, the weather is cooling, the lakes will be turning over, MDC stocking area lakes with trout. Aaaaaahhhhhh- fall time. MTFa has scheduled Nov. 9 for a day of trout fishing at Cap Fed Park in Liberty. Dave Cook is cooking hot dogs. Come fish with us and bring something to add to & complement

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#### For More Information

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[www.mtfa-kansascity.org](http://www.mtfa-kansascity.org)

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 1,  
E-Board Meeting**  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall

**Oct 7,  
Fly Tying - 3rd Class**  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall

**Oct 14,  
Fly Tying - 3rd Class**  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall

**Oct 22,  
Annual Chili Dinner &  
Raffle (Ref Pg 1)**  
6:30 pm  
Fleming Hall

**Oct 14,  
Fly Tying - 3rd Class**  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall

**Oct 28,  
Fly Tying - 4th Class**  
7:00 pm  
Fleming Hall



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## Catch and Release Season

As summer draws to a close and beautiful colors in the trees accompany the chilly autumn mornings, the catch and release season closes in upon us. The catch and keep season ends October 31. Beginning **November 8**, and continuing through **February 10, 2025**. Missouri observes a catch and release only season at the trout parks of Bennett Spring, Roaring River, Maramec and Montauk. Fishing is allowed Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. While a current fishing license is required, a daily trout tag is not. Catch and release season is a great time of the year to get out and do some fishing in an environment that is less crowded. All fish are to be returned unharmed immediately to the stream. Barbless hooks are strongly recommended.

## Fly Fishing Clubs - Why you should Join and Participate First, A History Lesson

The oldest Club in America the 'Schuylkill Fishing Company' the state in Schuylkill was the first angling club in the American Colonies. It was founded in 1732 and remains the oldest continuously active club in the English-speaking world. I understand that people in London contest this fact.

The West Palm Beach Fishing Club is one of the oldest and most successful sport fishing clubs anywhere.

Founded in 1934 and has a current membership of approximately 1400. Its membership is diverse and includes fishing families, kids and women, from all walks of life with varied levels of angling experience from novice anglers to seasoned tournament pros and guides. From their web site, in 1956 Boston red Sox legend, Ted Williams challenged one of the best golfers to ever play the game, Sam Snead in a "test of form and skill" in a fish-off. Williams challenged Snead during the West Palm Beach Fishing Club's Silver Sailfish Derby. He offered to post a gross of golf balls against a gross of fishing plugs that he catches more sailfish than Snead. Tournament organizers were able to capitalize on this and named it the "1956 Sailfish Grudge Match". Sam Snead ended up winning the tournament and Williams had to fork over a gross of golf balls.



Sam Snead Ted Williams

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## Frontline Fly Fishing

### Calendar of Events:

**Oct 8 - 6:00pm Meeting at the DAV**

**Oct 15 - 5:00pm at Rainbow Fly Shop (Bring your fly tying equipment. There will be some kits available)**

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## Fly Fishing Clubs - Why you should Join and Participate Cont'd

Our club the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association was formed in 1946 by two groups of individuals from Kansas City and St. Louis, who jointly wanted to promote interest in and improve trout fishing in the state managed waters and other streams of Missouri. At the time of inception, the Kansas City group was technically a part of the St. Louis organization as the system of chapters under a State Council had not been devised. A joint Convention was held in April 1947 and officers were elected for a State Council. It was during this Convention that the Kansas City and St. Louis groups were set up as Chapters. Since that original Convention a third Chapter was added at Springfield and in 2018 a fourth chapter was established in Branson, Missouri.

### Fly Fishing Clubs

A fly fishing club is a gathering of men, women and kids, young and old, of every size, shape, age, color, political, cultural, and societal learnings to talk about, and share the experience of what many of us consider one of the greatest outdoor activity's – recreational fishing. It's a way to meet like minded people wanting to learn and to share their experiences and knowledge with others. The diversity of a club membership allows members to crawl, walk and climb with other members who have similar aspirations. Most clubs have a range of social events from dinners, trips and classes.

### When should you Join a Fly-Fishing Club?

If you currently do not belong to a club at this time, then you should join one as soon as possible. If you enjoy fishing and you want to get better at fishing techniques, casting, tying flies or building a rod, maybe finding a fishing buddy, then you should join a club. We need to pass on the sport of fishing to the younger generations. There is a big push to stop people from fishing, teaching our children and grandchildren that it's not good for them and certainly not good for the fish. Helping our clubs grow will help us to protect our community and develop good conservationist.

### Why should you join a Fly-Fishing Club?

The real question you should ask yourself. Why should I go join a fishing club where people that know each other are probably not going to talk with me. There are clubs like that out there but that does not exist in the chapters of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association family.

- Many clubs have a history and by joining you become a part of that history.
- Clubs are a gathering place for people that have the same passion and love for our sport.
- Clubs have speakers, classes, trips, club derby's and of course socials.
- You will make new friends by joining a club. Something common among all anglers is that they are always looking for someone to fish with. Clubs need your **help**. Get off the **side line** and join in on club activities and support club events. Everyone has a talent that they can share to benefit the club and other members.

### Conclusion

Joining clubs and groups related to our hobbies and interests goes beyond the mere pursuit of leisure. It provides a gateway to building social bonds, finding common ground, overcoming social barriers, and expanding our horizons. The connections formed within these communities foster a sense of belonging, support, and encouragement. They offer a platform for learning and growth, where individuals can share experiences, exchange knowledge, and inspire one another. So, whether it's joining a knitting circle, a hiking club, a fishing club, or a music ensemble, embracing hobbies and interests in a group setting can open doors to meaningful social connections that enhance our overall well-being.

*Gary*

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## K&K FlyFishers



### New Store Hours

Sun: Closed  
 Mon: Closed  
 Tues: 10am-7pm  
 Wed: 10am-7pm  
 Thru: 10am-7pm  
 Fri: 10am-5pm  
 Sat: 9am-4pm

Bone Fishing Trip to Abaco Lodge  
 Bahamas - Best time for large tailing  
 bone fish. Bonefish, Tarpon and Per-  
 mit.

Great guides/Lodging/Food  
 Oct 26-Nov 1 Call 913-341-8118 for  
 details.

## FACEBOOK

*Join us every Tuesday at  
 5pm cst*

## President's Message Cont'd:

the hot dogs (mustard, onions, chips, tomatoes, sport peppers, celery salt, etc.). Do you have another date, location for a fishing destination? Let Linda Chase, our Activities Coordinator know so she can schedule and coordinate the event. Mark your calendars for our **October 22 MTFA** annual chili dinner at Fleming Hall. Do you have a favorite chili or soup recipe? A favorite side dish? bring that too.

Merrill Miller has started the fly tying class with three dedicated fly tyers. Come on down and bring your spouse for a quiet date night- no TV, no political ads- who knows, it may even lead to a fishing date.

*Ken Hicks President*

## Streamer Fishing Techniques for Fall

In my opinion, fishing streamers is one of the most fun ways to catch trout. I love how voracious and un-trout like they act. Usually when trout fishing (outside of Alaska), the current is bringing our flies to the fish. When streamer fishing it is the opposite, we are triggering something aggressive inside the trout causing them to try and attack our flies with an attitude that most people do not associate with the species. Fall is known as one of the better times of year to fish a streamer as the already aggressive Brown Trout, become more territorial before they spawn. You also have Rainbows looking to fatten up before the winter so they are willing to chase down a bigger meal. Here are 3 of the most productive ways to fish streamers this fall.

**Banging the Banks** – The best way to do this is from a drift boat or raft. You are effectively covering water, targeting the most aggressive fish. The boat is in the middle of the river and the anglers are casting towards the banks. The closer you can land your flies to the bank the better. Then start retrieving your fly back towards you. Some days the fish want slow short strips, some days aggressive fast ones. Vary up your retrieve just as much as you vary up your fly selection.

**Swinging** – Not just a technique for Salmon or Steelhead. Regardless of the species, swinging flies is an incredibly effective way to cover water. You want to cast straight across the current or slightly down stream, throw a big mend to help your flies sink, then let your flies swing through the likely holding water. With trout especially, it is a good idea to not only let your fly swing all the way through to the hang down, but to give it a couple of strips after it is done swinging. Often times I



## Streamer Fishing Techniques for Fall Cont'd

have found rainbows will eat during the swing or right at the end and browns eat more after the swing and on the strip back in.

**Stripping** – I did just make this word up and its definition is 1/2 stripping, 1/2 nymphing. This is ideal for the walk and wade streamer fisherman and the perfect way to dissect pocket water. There is no wrong way to fish a streamer as long as the fly is moving. With this method I let the current push the flies around while giving it occasional twitches with the rod tip or short quick strips to provide additional movement. This can be a deadly technique in the fast pocket water as it allows the flies to

## MTFA Kansas City Chapter - New web site:

<https://mtfa-kansascity.org> Check it out!

## 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*