



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

Chasing Rainbows

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Did everybody enjoy the 2nd coldest winter in 3 decades?

The July Derby event will NOT be held this summer. The July Derby cannot be held without a Chairman, as there were no takers for the job, so it will NOT be held this year.

At this time I would like to thank my brother, Kevin (Rudy) Amschler, for creating this Length Derby and running it for 16 years as Chairman, and I also was there measuring the trout for 16 years for him.

What I enjoyed most was meeting, and getting to know all the members while measuring their trout.

I would also like to thank Kevin for being President of our MTFA Club for 11 years, not consecutive, but during his reign, as I was there as Treasurer for 14 years, the Club rose out of the red, and into the black. He also turned the Fish For Fun event into a profitable Derby, before him it was a \$300-\$400 loss for buying dinner, but with no funds raised.

Kids Days – May 3rd – President Chris Gann needs volunteers for this event, he needs helpers for the Bait Station, and members to help out the Kids with their Fishing.

If you want to help out, contact Chris or any of the officers.

The May State Derby will be held at Bennett Springs on the weekend of May 17th, our STL chapter will be hosting it. Our President, Chris Gann, will be the Chairman, as he is also the State President this year.

Our STL Chapter will have our Club meeting on Saturday, May 17th, at 11:am at the shelter “B”, Lunch will be provided by S&J ‘s Landscaping LLC.

The Holiday Fish For Fun that was moved to January due to the bad winter weather in December, it was a success, as a good time was had by all attending.

A great job was done by the new Chairlady, Marti Bockoff.

The proceeds raised were \$695.00 from the raffle, auction, and the 50/50 drawing. The club had \$300 invested, so we had a \$395.00 profit.

We would like to thank Etched in Stone Concrete for paying for everyone’s dinner at the Montauk Lodge.

We want to thank these Vendors for their donations:
Salvatores Italian Grill 4145 S. Old Hwy 94 St. Charles
Montauk Lodge in the Park

T. Hargrove, Fly Fishing, Inc 9024 Manchester St. Louis
Denny Dennis Sporting Goods 1 Gravois Rd Fenton Mo
S & J’s Landscaping, and Uncle Sam’s

CLUB DUES:

Dues are now due for 2014 in January. The Application is enclosed if you need to pay your Dues.

The rates are \$15 for an Individual, and \$20 for a Family Membership.

If you need an Application then go out to our website, and print it, and send it to the Treasurer;

Mail to: Drew Roemmich
960 Grovena
Crestwood, Mo. 63126

Future Club Events for 2014

May 3rd Kid’s Day at Montauk

May 17-18 Bennett Springs, MTFA State Derby, tagged Fish, and raffle

Sept 13-14 Montauk, Fall Derby, Tagged Fish (open to public), Raffle (for STL paid members)

Dec 6-7 Holiday Fish-For-Fun at Montauk- Raffle

MTFA STL CLUB NEWS –

Club Officers for 2014;

Chris Gann-President, Brandy Hood-Vice President
Sherri Parrish-Secretary, Drew Roemmich-Treasurer

Our club membership counts are 86 members (individual and family) for 2013, down from 110 members in 2012.

FISHING REPORTS

If you want to check out a huge rainbow then do a search for Troutzilla Lake Taneycomo.

MONTAUK OPENING DAY – It was 38 degrees at the whistle, but got up to the 50’s later. The stream was clear at the start, but it got murky as the day went on. Fishing was reported as good. There were 38 Lunkers on the Board.

The largest Lunker weighed in as 6lb. 2oz.

Our members who landed a Lunker: Robert Hood and Dakota Utley. The forecast was for a very severe storm of sleet, freezing rain, and then snow, coming in after 1:00 am.

Everybody pulled out, as only 205 tags sold for Sunday, as compared to 2,690 tags for the opener.

Of course my brothers, Kevin and Doc, and Sgt. Mike Gratham stayed. Doc went fishing on Sunday and had the stream pretty well to himself during the blizzard.

The storm started in the early am Sunday morning, it consisted of sleet, freezing rain, more sleet, then snow.

Then like all Missouri winter storms the temp dropped to 5-10 degrees, and the wind chills dipped below zero.

Doc did head home about noon, but Kevin and Sgt. Mike stayed a couple more days. They said the road down to Tan Vat was real treacherous as they took a road trip down to Steve Holaus’s cabin to swap stories, and toast a few.

Their big fear was sliding off the steep bluff and down into the Current River!

Firearm Deer Season will be late again this year, it will run from November 15 thru the 25th.

See ya on the stream!

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