

Outdoor Communicators Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable 1: 4:30 p.m., Friday

Discussion: Spring's coming and we're excited. Our panel is going to look at what to expect in Kansas and Missouri for fishing and turkey hunting.

Moderator: Brent Frazee (retired outdoors editor of The Kansas City Star). **Co-host:** Mark Tobin (co-host of the Midwest Outdoors radio show, Sports Radio 810-WHB, Kansas City based).

Panel

Phil Taunton, What's In Outdoors radio show host.

Kenny Kieser: award-winning freelance writer.

Kim Burnett: owner of Crappie Stopper Jigs and FishKS instructor.

Tommy Bench: host of syndicated radio show and float-fishing guide in the Ozarks.

Roundtable 2: 2 p.m., Saturday

Discussion: After years of declining hunter numbers-- and only slightly increasing fishermen numbers -- many states report license sales have gone up during the COVID era. That was especially true in hunting, where many states reported drastic increases.

But along with that growth, there are new challenges:

- How do we teach these new users to act safely and responsibly in the outdoors?
- Many public fishing areas have seen large increases in littering.
- In Kansas, there have been complaints of popular hunting areas such as Cheyenne Bottoms getting too crowded for hunters to enjoy a quality experience.
- What's the key to holding onto these newcomers?

- More women and minorities are getting involved, which is encouraging. How do we attract even more to get involved?

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Taunton: What's In Outdoors radio-show host.

Tommy Bench: host of syndicated radio show and float-fishing guide.

David Zumbaugh: freelance writer for national magazines

Kenny Kieser: award-winning freelance writer.

Don Coffee: host of Don the Outdoorsman YouTube show.

Nathan McClure: Boy Scouts.

Representative from Wander Woman organization.

Roundtable 3: Noon, Sunday

Discussion: Same as Roundtable 2.

Co-moderators: Tobin and Frazee.

Panel

Joe Falco, owner of Sportsman's Outfitter marine dealership and former co-host of television show.

Phil Taunton: What's In Outdoors radio show host.

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