

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

November 2022

### President's Message

Hello folks,

November is a time for thanks, and I want to personally thank our officers, and members for everyone's efforts and another great year of fishing. Restoring our in-person meetings to a new location has been a challenge we met and proves the strength of our club has always been the members.



I hear Phil Lilley have a fine presentation, and will have to pull it up on the web to watch it. Family matters pulled me away but had a good ending.

I had an inquiry into forming a satellite group from the Lake of the Ozarks and think it is worth exploring. Apparently there are a number of interested anglers in the area.

Still looking for nominations for next years board, as there are three positions open: President, Communications and Outings. All three are critical for the club's interests.

Looking forward, we will resume our Holiday Party with a fly gift exchange and favorite foods, enjoy the Opening Day of Catch and Release at Bennett, secure a spot for FYAO at Montauk, and our Banquet in January is getting set up (we need to resume our donations from everyone). We also are lining up the all day speaker in February. Maybe someday I will put things in the right order. Maybe. Nah.

Still working on getting more tri-fold pamphlets and I think our ID badges have resumed. Hoping to resume some of our education programs like the Two Rivers Family Fishing Fair, Wetland for Kids, Water Quality Management, Passport to Clean Water, Outdoor Adventure class at Oakville High School and repeating our Kids Fishing Fair at Bennett.

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**

Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)

### Want to Become More Involved in OFF?

#### Run for a Board of Directors Position

Several Board of Director positions are currently up for election. A Nominations Committee has been formed to fill these slots. Serving on the OFF Board is great way to give back to our club, and we can always use the help.

Contact Dan Rasch for more information.

Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)



### Upcoming Events

#### November

Catch and Release Outing

November 10-13, 2022

Bennett Spring

(See p. 3 for info)

#### December

Holiday Party & Fly Swap

December 8, 2022

Holy Cross Church

13014 Olive Boulevard

Creve Coeur, MO, 63141

(See p. 2 for info)

#### 2023

#### January

2023 OFF Banquet

January 21, 2023

Sunset Hills Golf Club

13366 West Watson Rd.

Sunset Hills, MO

**More Banquet Info Coming Soon. Please keep an eye on your email and the website.**

#### Reminder

Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and the OFF calendar and website about future events. To keep up with OFF, you can follow our social media accounts listed below.

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## Reel Recovery- Flies Needed

To my fellow Ozark Fly Fishers: I am writing you on behalf of an organization called Reel Recovery. They are a charitable group that holds fly fishing retreats for men with a history of cancer. We have a retreat every year in Missouri at Westover Farm in Steelville. At the end of the retreat, we gift the participants a box of a dozen or so flies to take home. We could use your help in filling the fly boxes. If you would like to donate some flies, one or two or a dozen or more, we would greatly appreciate it. They don't have to be anything fancy, whatever you would like, cold water or warm water. The retreat is in April 2023 so you have some time to get to work (is it work tying flies?). You can bring your donation to one of the Ozark meetings and give them to me there or you can mail them to me or just contact me and we can figure out a way to get them picked up. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

An additional note: if you or someone you know would like to sign up as a participant, we would love to have you come to the retreat Apr. 24-26, 2023. For more information, please contact me or go to [Reel Recovery.org](http://ReelRecovery.org) and sign up. Also, if you would like to make a personal monetary donation or you have any corporate connections or service clubs that would like to donate to a very worthy cause you can do that on the website also; just let me know so we can make sure the donation goes to the Missouri retreat. Thanks.

**Steve Garnett, [sgarnett@charter.net](mailto:sgarnett@charter.net)**

## 2023 Banquet Donations Needed

The annual Ozark Fly Fishers banquet meeting is coming up this January at the Sunset Country Club in Sunset Hills, MO. Plan to join your fellow members for this fun and memorable event. If you have any donations for the auctions, please contact Chris Friesen. Donations may be dropped off at the December Holiday Party and Fly Swap. Please remember, Covid-19 prevented having this event in 2021 and 2022. Because this is our main fundraising campaign for the next year, we encourage ALL members to attend, maybe donate an auction item, and join in the festivities. More details about the banquet will be included in upcoming club newsletters.

**Chris Friesen, D.O., [drcpfriesen@gmail.com](mailto:drcpfriesen@gmail.com)**

## Holiday Party & Fly Swap

**December 8, 2022**

**Holy Cross Church, 13014 Olive Boulevard, Creve Coeur, MO, 63141**

Our next meeting is the Holiday Meeting and Fly Swap. The highlight of this meeting is the Fly Swap and the food. Please bring a food item for the meeting. Everything from Christmas/Holiday treats to pots of chili and lasagna have been present at past holiday gatherings. The Club will provide soda and water. We will also have fly tiers, knot tiers and line riggers at tables to help and inform anyone who is interested.

How the Fly Swap Works:

- Bring a dozen flies, wrapped in a box (in holiday paper?). Please wrap the box in such a way that no one can tell what type of flies are inside. You can tie or buy these flies. They can be Tarpon flies or the smallest midges you can see.
- Put your name in with the flies or remain anonymous, as you prefer.
- You can bring as many boxes of a dozen flies as you want to. For each box of a dozen flies you bring you will receive a "ticket" to be put in a drawing.
- All of the boxes will be on a table. The first ticket number drawn gets to choose any box on the table they want.
- The next number drawn gets their choice of the boxes left on the table. This goes on until all of the boxes of flies have been chosen.
- After all the boxes are picked, members may exchange flies if they want to. This is always a lot of fun so please participate. The more the merrier.

# 31st Annual Catch and Release Outing Plans

## November 10-13, 2022

It is time to make plans for our 29th C&R outing at Bennett Springs. It will be held on opening weekend of 2022 catch and release season. The season starts at 8:00 am on Friday, Nov11 and continues on Saturday thru Monday. The no creel fishing starts at 8am and closes at 4:00pm each day. The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing, but limited to flies and artificials (no bait). Instead of a daily tag of summer, you need only to get a MO Trout Permit (\$10:00), good until the end of Feb. 2023 which is good in all four MO trout parks. You can get one anywhere MO license are sold.

This year you will make your own reservations at Sand Springs. Types of accommodations and rates can be found at the end of this article. As of right now there is no formal dinner on Sat night. Many things have changed down at Bennett. Trying to find a place that can accommodate us. I'm working on it. Hope to have somewhere we can all be together for dinner on Sat. night. Info to follow in the Oct/Nov newsletter. The meeting room will open on Fri. and Sat. night for fly tying and socializing.

To avoid disappointment, on room needs, make your reservations as soon as possible. Make sure to tell them that you are with the Ozark Fly Fishers group.

Thursday, November 10 - Sunday, November 13 2022  
Sand Springs Resort  
Lebanon MO

Reservations: 800-543-3474  
Front Desk (9am – 4pm): 417-532-5857

- SINGLE – 1 QUEEN BED – MAX OCC. 2                    \$55
  - DOUBLE – 2 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 4                \$75
  - TRIPLE – 3 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 6                \$95
  - KITCHEN – 2 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 4               \$95 (two night min)
  - SUITE UNIT 50 – 2 FULL BEDS – MAX OCC. 4       \$115
- (TAXES & FEES NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE PRICES)

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.  
**-Steve Antonic, 314-401-8874, [sjantonic@charter.net](mailto:sjantonic@charter.net)**

# Time to Renew for 2023

## Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code +4 \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership (Please circle one)

Renewal                      New Member

(A membership renewal would include anyone who has been a member in the past 5 years. Contact Alex Scott, Membership Director, if you are renewing, but not a member last year.)

Contact: Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Newsletters are delivered electronically through email and available on the OFF Website.

### Other Club Memberships (Check all that apply)

Conservation Federation of MO \_\_\_ Fly Fishers International \_\_\_ Smallmouth Alliance \_\_\_ TU \_\_\_  
(F.F.I. members who are Illinois residents should request membership in the Southern Council on their F.F.I. membership application or by sending an email to membership@flyfishersinternational.org.)

### Dues (Check only ONE item below)

\*\*Individual - \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Student - \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Family - \$40 \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate - \$250 \_\_\_\_\_  
\*\* There is a \$5.00 discount if renewal is made prior to January 25th of the following year, making an Individual membership \$25.00 and a Family membership \$35.00. Also, personal information may not appear in the Membership Directory if renewal is made after January 25th. Membership paid in October or later is automatically renewed through the following year.

### Fly Fishers International Recognition (Check all that apply.)

Certified Casting Instructor \_\_\_ Master Certified Casting Instructor \_\_\_ (Highest level will be noted in directory.)  
Bronze Fly Tying Award \_\_\_ Silver Fly Tying Award \_\_\_ Gold Fly Tying Award \_\_\_ (Highest level will be noted in directory.)

Mail this form and a check payable to Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. Please do not staple the check to this form.

Alex Scott  
Membership Director, Ozark Fly Fishers  
PO Box 31473  
Saint Louis, MO 63131-0473

**Note: Some information on this application will be included in the published Membership Directory**

For additional information or questions contact Alex Scott, Membership Director at: Ascottward1@gmail.com. or 314-724-1345

### Agreement for Membership/Waiver of Liability

In consideration of participating in Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. activities and/or events. I here by indemnify and hold harmless and release Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc.: it's officers, Board of Directors, Members and Agents from any and all pilfer, and any injuries suffered by myself arising from or connected with club activities or events. I understand the inherit risk in participating in activities of the Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. and assume all risk for any injury received and agree to hold the organization free and harmless from any cost, expenses and attorney's fee incurred in connection with any action claim or demand thereon.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Communications

## Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing as much as fishing? Have you recently read a good fly-fishing book or had a fun trip you wish to recap? The Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter is always looking for new content from our members. Articles up to 1,000 words can be submitted to: [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com).

In addition to member content, the Member Newsletter acts as members' primary source of information about upcoming events and speakers, future outings, and other important dates and updates from the Board of Directors. It is delivered each month either through email or snail mail. Many members collaborate each month to put the newsletter together, and we hope you enjoy.

## Social Media

A great way to stay up to date (and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter) is to follow Ozark Fly Fishers on our social media channels. In addition to getting updates from the club, it gives you the chance to interact with other members and to share your stories, photos, and videos. Be sure to like and subscribe to the various links below. **WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.** Sharing your photos and videos is a great way to show off your latest huge catch and to promote the club. Send photos/videos to [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)

If you have any questions about social media or even want to create your own account to interact with OFF, please reach out to Jake Voss, who is happy to help.

Follow OFF on Twitter for discussions.



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## Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers website will provide you with all the information you'll need about the club, its members, its events, and its sponsors. The website holds an archive of past monthly newsletters, flies of the month, and photos of past OFF Events. The OFF Website also hosts the Club Calendar, which provides the dates and times of all club events, as well as some events hosted by third parties.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.OzarkFlyFishers.org>

or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



## Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has now joined Groups IO. To join in the discussion, all you have to do is go to <https://groups.io/> or google search for "Groups IO".

Register on the site by putting in your email and creating a password. (Write it down, save it, and keep it simple. If you lose it or forget it nobody can find it or get it for you.) They will send you an email to your address where you can verify your account. That's all you have to do to become a member of Groups IO. Once you have registered, search for "Ozark Fly Fishers" and ask to join the group. It will send an invitation. It is that easy. We also have a subgroup in the Groups IO of Ozark Fly Fishers for the tiers in the club. Once you're a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers main group you can then join the Fly Tiers of the Long Table sub group. You **have** to be a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers **main** group to join the sub group. It's just a matter of asking to join as you did with the main group. Having problems, contact Mike Swederska at: [Shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Shur-way@sbcglobal.net)



# Ozark Fly Fishers Board of Directors

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Directors</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
<i>President:</i> Dan Rasch	<i>Communications:</i> Jake Voss	<i>Casting:</i> Brian Ellis
<i>Vice President:</i> Paul Jackson	<i>Conservation:</i> Scott Darrough	<i>Fly Tying:</i> Mike Ott
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<i>Secretary:</i> Richard Brasington	<i>Membership:</i> Alex Scott	<i>Video Library:</i> Ed Heist
<i>Past President:</i> Steve Antonic	<i>Outings:</i> Richard Bable	<i>Webmaster:</i> Jake Voss
	<i>Ways &amp; Means:</i> Chris Friesen	<i>Group IO Moderator:</i> Mike Swederska

## Stream Team 31

<i>Coordinator / Current River</i>	Scott Darrough
<i>Blue Springs Creek</i>	Glen Bish
<i>Mill Creek</i>	Bill Leslie

## Reminders:

### Monthly Member Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers typically met at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month. Locations may change due to renovations at our usual meeting spot in Queeny Park. Keep an eye on the Newsletter and Calendar for additional details.

### OFF Student Membership

Ozark Fly Fishers is proud to announce our new Student Membership Program. Students will be able to join OFF for a discounted rate of only \$10 per year. Be sure to pass word along to any young anglers you believe would benefit from membership.

# Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

**Founded 1971**

To promote fly-fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish.

To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control.

To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing. To demonstrate applied techniques in fly-fishing, tying, casting and related subjects

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