

August 2015

## August General Meeting

Thursday August 27th

Queeny Park

Greensfelder Recreation Complex 550 Weidman Rd  
Ballwin, MO 63011 7:00 PM



The speaker for the August 27th Ozark Flyfishers meeting at Queeny Park is Dr. Steve Herrington director of freshwater programs of the Nature Conservancy. Named Water Conservationist of the Year 2015 by the Conservation Federation of Missouri. He will be discussing the Mill Creek project as pertains to the habitat in and around the stream.

Bill Todd

## President's Message

Malcolm Royce

I just returned from Alaska where I flew to King Salmon and boarded a 206 float plane. Dan and I were taken to mid-stream float landing area, where Dave Roller took us 8 days of fishing. We caught 4 of 5 salmon, grayling, and trout. Bear and moose and eagle were everywhere. I will be sharing the trip at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Ozark Fly Fishers Meeting.



Upon my return, I was keyed into a conversation about the by-laws. There is a plan for a smaller Board, less Board meetings, and to be well managed in order to keep our 501 (c) 3 status. The discussion is open. Your input is welcome.

There is a great group of people, who volunteer to be on the Board of the Ozark Fly Fishers. These people are doing a wonderful job, many of whom have very deep/traumatic issues in their lives. I have been on this Board for 10 years and have had the pleasure of working with many caring people. Everyone who has been on the Board for the last 45 years, have cared about the Ozark Fly Fishers. I wish to thank you for what you have done, and to the present Board, thank you for all you are doing. There will be elections this year, and what size the Board will be, is in the hands of the members. New blood will carry the club into the future, which will be the same; "We are just a fishing club". A great fishing club!

We are starting our fall outings, at Tanycomo, and Bennett. There is the Southern Council Conclave the first week of October, and a Trout Bust event October 15 -18. There are many events, tying, stream team and clean team. Get involved when and where you can. Hope to see you on the stream waving a stick.

Malcolm Royce

# ***Casting Tip August 2015***

By Bill Armon CCI

I thought it would be both fun and informative to examine different guru's basic casting principles and / or essentials. There are quite a few gurus out there so this may take a while but after we have a few it should be fun to compare and contrast. Since these are opinions, and everyone knows what they say about opinions, I will in no way attempt to critique one over another. All of these ideas have been generated by great casting instructors. I will start with a handout Lefty Kreh used at an event in the 1990's. Since his ideas have evolved over time his newer thoughts will show up later.

1. The fly rod is a flexible lever, and the longer you move the rod through the air, the more the rod helps you make the cast.
2. You cannot make a backcast or a forward cast, until you get the end of the line moving.
3. The line and the fly will go in the direction that you speed-up-and-stop, or accelerate the rod tip at the end of the cast.
4. The size of the loop is determined by the distance you accelerate the rod tip at the end of the cast. The faster you move the rod tip through that distance, and the quicker you can stop the rod tip, the faster the line will travel and the longer the cast will be.
5. You should move the rod hand in a straight line directly away from the target. It is important on the speed up and stop, at the end of the cast, that the hand travel exactly away from the target.

(This point is condensed from the original)

Next month some more "essentials" of casting.

# ***Membership Report August 2015***

Membership total Beginning	07-01-2015	227
New Membership since	07-01-2015	3
Former Member rejoining	07-01-2015	0
Late Renwals Since	07-01-2015	0
Total Membership as of	07-30-2015	230

New Members:

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Mark A. Harris  
Membership Committee  
(Database & Directory)

## *Stream Team 31*

# 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OPERATION CLEAN STREAM

**August 22, 2015 8:00 am Byrnes Mill City Park**

The Trashmanian Devils, Ozark Fly Fishers and other Stream Teams will again work together on cleaning this stretch of the Big River. The last few years have seen an enthusiastic volunteer commitment on behalf of Ozark's members. If pulling tires and debris from the river does not sound fun, ask your fellow members who have attended. We have a great time.

Donuts, juice and milk will be provided in the morning. Pizza and other food will be provided for lunch along with soda and water. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault!

As always, after lunch we will have attendance and pay raffles.

Once again this year Leinenkugel Beer made the request to partner with us on our cleanup. Leinenkugel has been involved with promoting clean waterways (Canoes for a Cause) in their home state of Wisconsin for numerous years. Last year they began a push into the mid west promoting their program with our site being the first in the state of Missouri to partner with them. Leinenkugel was quite generous with their donations and trade giveaways by means of the "free" raffle they provided. Note that alcohol will not be consumed during our cleanup to ensure the safety of our volunteers and to abide by the regulations of the park.

It is recommended that sturdy footwear be worn during this cleanup. Beach wear such as flip flops and sandals are discouraged. Remember your sunscreen and hat. Bring a change of clothes, we get dirty! Work gloves and t-shirts will be provided for our volunteers.

Once again Ozark will represent the Missouri Stream Team Program at Green Tree Park on the day of the cleanup. The Open Space Council will host their "Passport to Clean Water" [www.openspacestl.org/events](http://www.openspacestl.org/events) (11:00 am - 1:30 pm) for youth ages 5-18 and their families. Over 250 kids attended this event last year.

If attending, please notify so that you can be placed on the volunteer list and relay your t-shirt size.

If you have any questions about Operation Clean Stream or Passport to Clean Water, contact **Scott Darrough** at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

## *Education*

### Video recommendations -- August 2015

1. Bugs of the Underworld (OFF #133) – Amazing cinematography of all life stages of common stream insects will show you how your flies should look and behave. This was a big hit when shown at the last Montauk Water Quality outing.
2. Hooked on Fly Tying – Hair Trout Flies (OFF #039) -- Chris Helm shows you how to tie Muddler Minnows, Elk Hair Caddises, Humpies and more.
3. Wet Fly Tying with Davy Wotten (OFF #207) – Al Bourisaw donated this two-disc set that showcases the master tying flies that are very effective but under-utilized in North America.

Edward J. Heist, Ph.D.

## The Best Fly Fishing Books

George Bohigian MD

Several years ago my wife and I took a course on fly fishing in English literature at [Washington University in St. Louis](#) by [Steve Ehrlich, Associate Dean for Academics](#). We read several books over a six week course. This article lists which I think are the 22 best books on fly fishing. Those with \*\* are "how to books" the rest are mainly prose. Most of these books can be found at Hargrove's Fly Shop or Feather Craft.

Title	Author	Side Note
<b>A River Runs Through It</b>	Norman Maclean	This novella exudes the tightest prose. My favorite.
<b>River Music</b>	James Babb	devastating wit, ornery perspective, and musical language within each of the his ribald tales.
<b>The Longest Silence</b>	Thomas McGuane	obsession with fish has taken him from the river in his backyard to the holiest waters of the fly-fisher's world.
<b>The Habit of Rivers</b>	Ted Leeson	Taking his fishing hobby to near metaphysical levels
<b>Trout Magic</b>	Robert Traver	a warm, joyous, and maverick look at trout fishing
<b>Fishless Days and Angling Nights</b>	Sparse Grey Hackle	a rich and varied treasury of superb stories and articles by the acknowledged "Dean of American Fly Fishermen.
<b>The River Why</b>	David James Duncan	Eloquent and poignant, especially in the married- life context.
<b>Orvis - Fly Fishing Guide **</b>	Tom Rosenbaur	
<b>What the Trout Said</b>	Datus C. Proper	About the Design of Trout Flies and Other Mysteries.
<b>Trout Bum</b>	John Gierach	Always funny because it hits home.
<b>Moby Dick</b>	Herman Melville	You need a big fly!
<b>In The Ring of the Rise</b>	Vincent C. Marinaro	A startling and penetrating look at trout behavior that has been hailed for generations.
<b>Trout of the World</b>	James Prosek	Beautifully illustrated.
<b>The Compleat Angler</b>	Izaak Walton	A classic."if you are not catching fish..go to a smaller fly."
<b>Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die</b>	Chris Santella	
<b>Fly Fishing for Trout in Missouri **</b>	Chuck & Sharon Tryon	A must read for Ozark Fisher persons.
<b>Fly Fishing for Dummies **</b>	Peter Kaminsky	Great fly fishing cartoons. See below. My second favorite.
<b>Trout Flies **</b>	Dave Hughes	The ultimate reference. Step-by-step tying instructions for 500 flies, with sequential color photos including fishing notes and chapters on techniques, tools, and materials.
<b>English Spoken Here</b>	Don Zahner	43 of the best columns of Fly Fisherman
<b>An Entirely Synthetic Fish</b>	Andres Halverson	Man's attempt to improve on mother nature by cultivation.
<b>Big Two-Hearted River</b>	Ernest Hemingway	A good short story is better than a bad book. Hemingway at his best. And that says a lot.
<b>The Fishing Doctor **</b>	Robert F. Jones	

# ***Fly of the Month – August 2015***

By Mike Ott



So we're planning a trip out west this fall, and while we love patronizing the local fly shops, we (mostly I) also like to be prepared – including a good supply of flies. When asking around about what to tie, everyone says we gotta have a bunch Chubby Chernobyls. Supposedly it looks like a stonefly, a salmon fly, a hopper, or a gigantic caddis. Mostly, though, it is a combination attractor and strike indicator. When I ask what color, the answer is almost always purple. You can find them in a rainbow of colors, but always carry purple. 'Why?' You ask; Because that's what all the guides throw, and they catch fish. These are not technically-difficult patterns to tie, nor are they the least bit delicate to tie or to throw. They are designed to float like a cork, (so I do consider them a dry fly for those of you out there counting) and will do a great job of holding up a jumbo stonefly nymph or two.

Hook: Dai-Riki 730 or 280 (my favorite) Size #8-12  
Thread: 6/0 Color to match body (Purple)  
Tail: Pearl Crystal Flash  
Underbody: Thin Foam  
Body: SLF Dubbing or similar – I like the Super Bright brand for this  
Back: Black 2mm foam  
Legs: Sili-Legs black or similar  
Wings: White Poly Wing

Secure hook in vise and start thread behind hook eye. Advance thread to hook bend.  
Tie in 6-8 strands of crystal flash as a tail and trim to about half the hook shank length.  
Cut a one-eighth inch wide strip of thin foam (any color – you will cover it up with dubbing) and taper at one end. Tie in the foam strip just in front of tail material and advance thread to behind hook eye.  
Wrap an even body of the thin foam to form a uniform underbody (that floats too), and tie off behind hook eye.  
Using a generous amount of dubbing, dub a body rearward completely covering the underbody all the way to the tail and then back to about the hook point.  
Either using a foam cutter or just scissors, cut a foam body about twice the diameter of the body and rounded at the rear.  
Tie foam strip on top of the dubbed body with the rounded rear end extending out the back about equal to the hook gap. Use several wraps being careful not to cut the foam. Resist the temptation to glue. It affects the buoyancy.  
Tie in Sili-Legs on both sides in the gap between the body and the foam. They should be about one inch out both front and back forming an X.  
Right on top of the foam, tie in about a 2" piece of the poly yarn at its middle.  
Using more dubbing, pull both parts of the wing to the rear and dub over this joint to help secure the wing, splay the legs appropriately, and fill in the thread gap.  
Pull the front part of the foam and all the legs rearward, and dub more body to about the ¾ point on the hook. Secure the foam down again at this point and repeat the legs and wing procedure.  
Once completed, lift the foam and dub the small gap behind the eye and whip-finish.  
Pull the legs together and trim to the same length. Comb out the wings to make them fluffy, pull rearward, and trim even with the end of the foam body.

Fish just like any hopper (or strike indicator) but don't be afraid to move the fly occasionally. Feel free to try other color combinations as well. Dubbing, foam, and leg material all come in a rainbow of colors – in addition to purple of course.

## ***Ways and Means***

### **Embroidered Apparel**

If anyone would like any hats or shirts embroidered with the Ozark Fly Fishers's logo, please bring your items to the meetings. I also have catalogs so you can pick out apparel and have the logos put on them.

Thank you,

Brad Kohlbrecher

## Ozark Fly Fishers Blowout Sale!



The August meetings we will sell books and tying equipment. Everything must GO!

## Outings

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### TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OUTING PLANS

It is again time already to begin plans and reservations for the OFF winter C&R festivities.

Although it is still summer, it is time to make your plans for our 24th annual Opening Weekend for Catch and Release trout fishing at Bennett Spring. This year the no-creel fishing begins at 8 AM Friday, November 13 and continues on Saturday and Sunday until 4 PM each day. Hard to believe this is our 24<sup>th</sup> year! (C&R fishing is open on Mondays also)

We have reserved a block of rooms for the weekend at Sand Spring Resort. As the Sand Spring restaurant has been converted into the "Gravel Bar & Grill" We'll have a private buffet dinner Saturday evening in the back room of Ollies BBQ, 12940 Hwy 64. Ollies is east of Sand Spring (back toward town.) BYOB to the dinner is no longer an option. We suggest carpooling as much as possible as Ollies is open for regular clients as well. The road is dark and curvy so a designated driver is suggested if indicated. Attn Thursday Nighters. If interested in a POTLUCK on Thursday night, please indicate on your reservation form if you would participate/contribute.

The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing, but limited to flies and artificial (no bait). Instead of the daily tag of summer, you need only to get a Trout Permit (\$7.00), good until February 2016, which is good at all four trout parks. You can get one anywhere Missouri licenses are sold. No daily tag is required.

Again, we are offering package plans for accommodations plus tickets to the private Club traditional Ozark Bar-B-Q buffet (all you can eat) dinner. Types of accommodations and rates will be found in the reservation request elsewhere in this newsletter.

Remember, this is a club weekend, not just "the guys go fishing" at this one. Last year we had many couples. Plan to bring your special "person" even if he/she doesn't fish. There is fun to be had snooping in the antique shops and mall in Lebanon-- and there are several nice lunch spots in town.

To avoid disappointment, mark your calendar for Nov. 13-15 and send in your check (required) now. Note: There are relatively few rooms with one bed. If you wish to fish on Mon. also you will have to make your reservation for Sun, night yourself. Due to problems with postal delivery last year, I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, post card or E-mail. Call Steve Antonic (314-401-8874) if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

We do understand how plans can change. If you have a problem, a full refund will be made if you cancel by Oct. 30. After that date, refunds will be made only if we can resell your room. Dinner reservations will be accepted until Nov. 1 when we have to guarantee a count to the restaurant.

Rooms will be reserved only as prepaid reservations are received. Please let us know early if you would like two or more rooms together for a group. Reservations will be confirmed early in November, advising you of your room number (phones in rooms). All sleeping rooms have a percolator, coffee cups and a small refrigerator. The housekeeping rooms have full size refrigerators, stove, utensils and plates, plus a dining table with 4 chairs.

To make accommodations please use the Sign up form is below:

Steve Antonic

**IMPORTANT: THE CLUB IS CHARGED THE SAME AMOUNT WHETHER THERE ARE 1 OR 2 OCCUPANTS IN THE DOUBLE BED ROOMS. IF YOUR BUDDY CANCELS, YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE LISTED FULL PRICE, MINUS COST OF 1 DINNER THE 2 OF YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO APPORTION THE COST.**

Packages. All packages include the buffet dinner.

Singles Package. One bed, one person

Saturday, Nov.14 .....\$66.00  
 Friday & Saturday, Nov 13-14.....\$112.00  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. ....\$159.00

Couples Package. One double bed, two people

Saturday,Nov. 14. (per couple).....\$96.50  
 Friday/SaturdayNov.13-14 (per couple).....\$155.00  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 13-14-15 (per couple).....\$213.00

Deluxe Couples Package. Two double beds, two people -

Saturday, Nov 14 (per couple).....\$101.75  
 Friday and Saturday, Nov 13-14 (per couple).....\$165.50  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov.12-13-14 (per couple) .....\$229.25

Housekeeping Package. Two double beds, two people, kitchen

Friday, Saturday, Nov 13-14 (per couple).....\$180.50  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov. 12-13-14 (per couple).....\$251.50

Triple Package. Three double beds, Three people

Friday, Saturday, Nov. 13-14 .....\$234.00  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov.12-13-14.....\$324.00

Third Person Package. Two double beds/3d twin, Three people

Friday, Saturday, Nov. ....\$207.00  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov 13-14-15.....\$280.00

Buffet Dinner only (no lodging)..... \$18.00

ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND PETS EXTRA Pets: \$15/night Rollaway Bed \$10/night

Cancellations. If you cancel before Oct. 30, you will receive a refund thereafter refunds will be made only if we can sell your room.

Buffet Dinner. AT OLLIES RESTAURANT 12940 HWY 64 7 PM. It will be a traditional Ozark buffet. . First in line?—Please leave a few ribs for those at the end. Consider CARPOOLING as parking could be a problem with our Crowd plus regular clients. Also a DESIGNATED DRIVER if needed

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 Mail this form with your check payable to **Ozark Fly Fishers** to **Steve Antonic 5612 Greenton Way, St. Louis, MO 63128.**

Accommodations will be booked only when received with a check for the full amount of the package selected. I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, e-mail or postcard. Call me if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

Call **314-401-8874** for special needs, questions, etc.

24th ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING NOV 13-14-15

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:Day \_\_\_\_\_ Night \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Package \_\_\_\_\_ Amount inclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations to be shared with \_\_\_\_\_

E mail\_PLEASE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check Here if you WILL PARTAKE/DONATE TO POT LUCK ON Thursday

# ***Streamside***

By Tim Wade

Flows are dropping quickly around the region as high summer begins. Despite lower than normal flows seen the past few years, water temperatures have remained within the safe zone for trout in the Absarokas, Beartooth and Bighorn Mountains.



The warm days ahead will drive the trout deep during the day on rivers and streams when the sun gets high and bright, but the fishing should remain good most of the day, as long as afternoon or evening thunder showers don't muck up the waters again.

August's sun is extremely bright and the winds are warm and balmy as they blow down western river valleys. This is typically Hopper Time on rivers and streams. Already, the trout in the Shoshone, Clarks Fork, North Tongue, Lamar, Madison, upper Gibbon and lower Yellowstone Rivers are responding to grasshopper patterns in light olive, tan, or gray, sizes 12-8.

In the days ahead, as river and stream flows continue to drop, fishing pocket water when wading, or pounding grassy banks when floating will be done with a hopper imitation of some sort. Chubby Chucks, Fat Frank's, Chernobyl ants, Horrors, and Ho Candy's are local favorites during Hopper Time.

Lake fishermen should expect to see swarms of ants and beetles begin to garner the interest of trout and panfish in lakes, ponds and reservoirs such as West Newton, Luce, Hogan and Beck Lakes locally. Fly fishermen should take note. Spin fishermen can also cast an ant or beetle fly using a casting floating bubble that is set up with lighter leader (tippet) material that 2-3 feet long below the casting bubble. Tie the fly to the leader and have fun.

Buffalo Bill is beginning to turn color – finally! Boaters have been reporting a much improved bite on the reservoir especially along the clean/dirty water line using large hammered spoons or 'money-clip' lures for best success. The bite should continue to improve for walleye, lake trout and trout on the reservoir and the lower Shoshone River should clear as well, giving anglers better water quality to enjoy for the rest of the summer.

Lakes and streams in the Bear tooth and Bighorn Mountains are a nice respite from the heat in the Basin during August. Mosquitoes have not been too bad lately but the buffalo gnats can be annoying in the meadows and bogs in the Lake Creek chain of lakes area. Cutthroat, rainbow, brook, grayling, lake trout and even golden trout are available for anglers to pursue.

## ***Just a Fishing Club - really?***

By Wallis Warren

Quite a few changes have been introduced to our membership with the suggested revised by laws. Following are a few thoughts for your consideration.

I don't have the opportunity to visit with members as much or as often as I would like since I find I run a compressed schedule, like everyone else. However, I have been a member of OFF for some time and have served on the board longer than any other current board member. During my 10 (+/-) years on the board, I have seen many changes, all reflecting the values and priorities of the board and their interest in the club.

That being said, few of us were members when the club was founded, but what we do have are the written 'Objectives of Ozark Fly Fishers' ~ what we today generally call a mission statement. The fundamental value of these objectives (the mission) is to maintain clarity of purpose throughout the life of the organization. This allows the members and those accepting the responsibility of leadership as board members to make decisions reflecting this stated purpose and maintain continuity throughout leadership change.

My concern, and therefore my opposition to the proposed change to the board structure, is that I feel it shifts the focus from the primary purposes of the club. As I understand our objectives, Ozark Fly Fishers is organized to:

- 1) 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*.\*
- 2) To practice *conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control*.\*
- 3) To provide advice, education and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing.
- 4) To demonstrate applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and related subjects. (\*italics mine)

I have read this statement many, many times, but I do not see anywhere in this statement 'JUST A FISHING CLUB'...Now, I know this has become somewhat of a mantra for some members, however just because a certain view is held and repeated by some does not change the intent and purpose of the organization.

Certainly promoting fly fishing as the most enjoyable way of fishing will encompass having a great time, with some of the finest comradery and much time on the water. However, I will need someone to explain to me how this results in our organization becoming, JUST A FISHING CLUB?

By changing the board structure, removing Conservation as a director's position as well as other important positions, I feel the priorities of Ozark Fly Fishers will be fundamentally changed. There have been comments made that it is difficult to fill these positions, and that may be the case. However, is removing positions the appropriate resolution to this problem? Maybe we should ask why the positions are so difficult to fill?

The first thing I hear people say is that everyone is just too busy. What does that mean? We all have the same amount of allotted time ~ I believe it is 24 hours per day? It is not that we don't have time, folks, it is how we choose to use our time.

No one can make that determination for us, but certainly if we have enough time to fish, we have enough time to take an hour or two to contribute to the club. It really is about appreciation for the organization and what it accomplishes. I don't think that the excuse of 'no time' is valid. Perhaps the challenge is more that people don't feel they have the ability or skills to take on the responsibility of serving on the board.

I will use myself as an example in that regard ~ I had zero, zip, nada skills when Steve Antonic asked me at one of the first meetings I attended, if I would help the club and serve on the board as secretary. I felt completely intimidated at the thought, but I also recognized that if asked, I should give serious consideration to my response. I did not accept the position of secretary, however I did volunteer to serve as the editor of the newsletter (something I had zero, zip, nada skills for as well!).

Over the years, members of the club, the board specifically, helped me gain understanding and perspective and with a great deal of patience and tolerance on their part I began to step into yet more unfamiliar territory. I began going to stakeholder meetings with Bob Temper and wondered why in the world I would ever think I could step into such a role. I had even less skill, knowledge, ability in the role of conservation than as editor or communications director. Not to mention the complete, blinding fear of speaking in public and addressing people in authority such as legislators, heads of organizations and governmental offices. You've got to be kidding ~ no way!

What I did think about, however, was the importance of the work. Where were other fishing organizations, sporting clubs, and groups working to protect our resources? Yes, they were out there, but Ozark Fly Fishers had name recognition and respect. We were asked to represent issues because they knew what this club stands for, and that we would take a stand. I can list all of the responsibilities that come with the position, and it is a lot, but that is because this organization has accomplished a lot. To list the accomplishments, the time spent in Jefferson City and beyond working to '*conserve natural resources and support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control*' takes time away from fishing and other things, but it is what we do. Now, would it help to have more members involved so that more spend a few hours instead of a few spending many hours? That is a great concept ~ a winning formula. But that is up to you, not the guy or gal sitting next to you. Take your wading boots off for a couple hours, put on your Nikes and 'JUST DO IT'! You have the support of others that have made the choice and the reward of knowing you're giving back to a club that has given you so much.

We don't have to change the value and purpose of our organization ~ we can grow, become even more effective, if each member took the time to seriously consider what they can give back. I can tell you, it is a lot ~ but not nearly what you get in return, and what other fly fishers will have now, as well as our future fly fishers.

I encourage you to think about how you vote on the changes proposed, talk to other members, particularly those that have served on the board, and ask yourself if you really want 'Just a fishing club'?

I know I don't.

# FISHING THE DREAM STREAM WITH LANDON MAYER

On Sunday July 12, 2015 I had the pleasure of fishing with Landon Mayer. I liked everything he presented at the OFF all day meeting this year and wanted to hook up with him. I was scheduled to attend a week long Garden Railway Convention in Denver so I contacted Landon to see if he had any openings before or after that event. I lucked out in that he had an opening on Sunday following the convention.

Friends of mine that used to live in St Louis have been in Aurora, CO for about 10 years. I asked Warren to join me on this adventure and he was anxious for the opportunity. We met Landon at a designated point about 2 hours southwest of Aurora and followed him to a parking area near the Dream Stream – a section of the South Platt River that flows between the Spinney and 11Mile Reservoirs. The day was mostly sunny with mixed clouds. Landon warned us that fishing could be tough because the river had just returned to the banks after much flooding. The water flow is normally 250 cfs this time of year but it was 740 cfs on this day and a little off color. Landon had suggested 5 or 6 weight rods for these conditions. I used the new Scott Radian 10' 5wt rod I had won at the Feathercraft vendor day this spring. I had equipped it with a new Nautilus reel.

Landon put us on fish almost immediately. He is really good at spotting large trout. He rigged us with 3 nymphs and later on added weight because of the velocity of the river. While I had the first hook up, my friend Warren was the first to land a fat 21" trout. It was quite a contest. To land the fish you had to run downstream behind the riverside willows keeping your rod tip high over the willows until you could reach a spot where there were no willows and soft enough water to land the fish. My 10 ft rod was an advantage for this technique but the fish didn't realize it.

Landon spotted several large trout holding tight to the bank. Most of them were in small pockets which proved very difficult to get the fly to them. We tried dry fly presentations for a while but the fish were not interested in coming up for them. One brown estimated to be 24" jumped right in front of me immediately after the hook up. From there he went diagonally across stream getting into my backing and heading around an island. I walked up stream trying to turn him. He did turn up stream and jumped again before turning back downstream around a root wad that had washed down into the middle of the river. That was the end of that fish.

I ended up with eight hookups for the day and Warren probably had about the same. Of the eight hookups, I landed three browns in the 18" – 20" range, had two others go into my backing, and had a couple that spit the hook just as Landon was about to net them. It was a trying day because of the water conditions but it was rewarding because of the hook ups with big fish and the learning experience of being on the water all day with Landon. If your future travel plans include Colorado I would definitely recommend looking into booking a trip with him.

Bob Temper



## **Yahoo Group**

One of the benefits of being a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join. Like any other club function, the more members participating the better. The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control. The Yahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing.

To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska** Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email [shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shur-way@sbcglobal.net)

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## **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*

*Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Queeny Park Rec Center  
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