

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

April 2021

### President's Message

I reviewed the meeting for our Fifty-Year Anniversary with our honored speaker, Governor Jay Nixon. I thought he was both entertaining and informative. I hope he can join us for an outing whenever we resume them. I also might like the idea of us getting involved with some legal procedures, and a one page definition of what our streams rights are is moving forward. I found a nice article regarding stream rights when I searched Elder vs Delcore - on a back copy of the Missouri Conservationist from November 1995. It gives some more detail about the different cases covering the same topic the Governor explained. There were a few extra cases cited. I found this with a simple 'elder vs delcore' search in Google. I also bought a copy of "A Sand County Almanac" by Aldo Leopold, and would be happy to pass it on once I finish my read.



From the last newsletter, we were lucky to get March 31 proclaimed as Ozark Flyfishers Day by the county, with a plaque that will be displayed at the Shurway Room we hold our Board Meetings. Seems like a good idea to present it at our next real member meeting once we resume. We are pursuing a story with Hannah Yates of KSDK channel 5 on our anniversary with the personal touch of John Steuterman and his son.

As mentioned at the meeting, we had a donation from a fisherman we never knew, Gary B Strange, from Chicago. His co-workers found my email by Googling Ozark fishing. He was not a trout fisherman as I understand, but really enjoyed fishing our beautiful streams in the Ozarks, just not for Gar. The note from his friends will be in this newsletter. We may hear more from them once fishing opens back up.

I volunteered at a Kids Fishing Day out at Westover Farms, and was happy to get my assigned kids to improve their casting and general fly fishing skills by the end of the day. A couple other members also volunteered.

As a lasting tribute to our Fiftieth, there are options to purchase embroidery. If there is interest, Vicky Swederska can accommodate us for embroidery. Contact her or me.

Well, the weather seems to have a Spring in its step (sorry) - so keep your distance and your loops tight! Be well my friends

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

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



### Upcoming Events

#### April

General Member Meeting  
April 22, 2021 – 7:00 pm  
Online via Zoom

#### May

General Member Meeting  
May 27, 2021 – 7:00 pm  
Online via Zoom


#### June


General Member Meeting  
June 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm  
Online via Zoom


#### 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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# Fly of the Month – Throwback

If you were able to join Governor Nixon's presentation last month, you might have heard some discussion on the Point Fifty-Six Percenter fly originally tied by Tom Nixon. We have pulled the original pattern from our archives and presented it here in full. Enjoy.

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## OZARK FLYFISHERS - FLY OF THE MONTH

### "POINT FIFTY SIX PERCENTER"

(A trout fly designed by Tom Nixon specifically to fish the Arkansas tailwaters. OF member Jerry Nixon, his brother, has kindly furnished us with pattern information. Thanks to you both for furnishing this dope.)

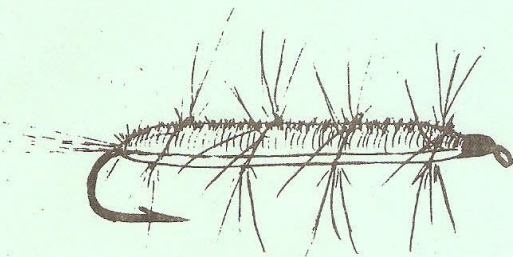
THREAD: Black                      HOOK: #6 to #16 4XL Mustad #79580 or equivalent.  
TAILS: Wood duck flank feather fibers, sparse.  
WEIGHT: 10-12 turns lead wire as follows - #6 use .032", #8 use .025", #10 use .020"  
          #12 use .018", #14 use .014", #16 use .014".  
BELLY: Stripe of yellow yarn, single strand.  
BODY: Oxford gray wool yarn, slim. Untwist yarn so it can be applied like floss.  
HACKLE: Sparse palmered grizzly saddle hackle. Strip all fibers from one side.

Tie in small clump of tail fibers. Wind on lead wire, 10-12 turns, allowing space behind and ahead of windings. Wrap over lead with tying thread and coat with cement to secure it's position. Install yarn for belly stripe on bottom of hook where bend starts. Attach gray body yarn and half-stripped hackle feather at the tail position and build up smooth fillet of tying thread at each end of lead windings to form a smooth juncture with hook shank. Untwist the gray yarn and wind on smoothly, using only enough to cover the lead; forming a long, slim body. Run the yarn for belly stripe forward on underside of body and tie off at head position. Wrap the hackle, palmering sparsely in wide spirals (approx. 4 turns), tie off, form small head, whip finish and cement. Clip a few of the hackle fibers to about 1/16" to make the hackle even more sparse and to form a bit of a short stubble.

This is an extremely simple fly to tie, but don't let that fool you...some of the most effective flies are the simplest. There have been some wild claims made for the effectiveness of the Point Fifty Six...so we owe it to ourselves to tie a few and give it a fair try. The name of the fly was originally chosen to poke fun at certain Eastern dry fly purists, who obviously fished only the dry fly 99.44% of the time. So, in order to be known as "100% Fishermen", the .56%er enables all purists to utilize the time between hatches by fishing the riffle above their favorite pool, under the guise of "killing time". (I think that's how the story goes??)

Anyway, this fly has taken its share of 6 pounders out of the White River. Larger sizes seem to work better in the warmer months. Sizes up through #12 work well through early October. In the winter and spring (through the 1st of April) 16's, 18's and even 20's are much superior. The small flies are fished 2 on a leader; one tied in as a dropper. At all times, fish it upstream. Other colors have been tried, but gray seems most consistent on all size fish. The small flies from Dec. to April are particularly effective.

Note: I have caught fish at Bennett with this fly.      Editor



# Next Meeting: April 22, 2021 – 7:00 PM

## Reminder: Using Zoom

If you cannot make the Zoom meetings, a video recording will be posted to the OFF website a few days following the meeting. (But it's more fun to join in live.)

**Click the Link to Watch this Video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKQq96TiGpg>

As always, the programs will be advertised on the OFF Website, our social media channels, through emails to members, and in the monthly newsletter. **On the morning of the meeting, each OFF member will be emailed a link and password for the evening program.** During the meeting program, all members except the presenter will be muted, so that only the presenter will be able to speak. Members will be able to virtually raise their hands in Zoom if they have questions, or post their questions in the Zoom chat. We'll demonstrate how to do this before the meeting gets started.

### Join by computer

- Have a headphones available if possible to minimize feedback – your cellphone earbuds will work well.
- Click the **Zoom link** that's been sent to you in an email, and Zoom should automatically and quickly download to your computer.
- In Downloads on your computer, click Zoom\_launcher.exe. Zoom should direct you to this with a large orange flag.
- Once Zoom has launched, a screen should pop up asking for your name. This will identify you during the meeting.
- You should now be part of the meeting. Click the green button that says "**Join Audio By Computer**".

### Join by tablet or smartphone

- If you choose to use your tablet or smartphone, be sure to download the Zoom app ahead of time.
- Once you have downloaded the Zoom app, follow the "Join by computer" instructions above.

### Join by telephone

- First, dial the phone number provided in the Zoom email.
- When prompted, dial the meeting ID number that is also provided.
- Your phone will be automatically muted once the meeting starts. If you want to speak, press \*6 to unmute.

## Gary Strange

Gary Strange passed away suddenly on February 3, 2021. He is survived by his loving wife, Monica; beautiful daughter, Anna; and five siblings. Besides immediate family members Gary had a multitude of friends and colleagues who cared greatly for him. Gary spent much of his professional career supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He founded and operated several organizations consistent with this pursuit and mission. He was greatly respected and admired in this professional community.

One of Gary's great sources of enjoyment and passion was fishing on various Ozark waterways. He did not discriminate among species (maybe against a Gar!) - he simply enjoyed fishing. Gary would surely hope that others would be able to enjoy these 'same waters and landscapes' as time moves forward.

We have lost a fine family member, friend and fisherman. Now get out there and catch a nice fish for Gary. He would smile and applaud your effort.

# Outings Report – April 2021

Tentatively, and due to COVID-19, outings for 2021 will not be club sponsored. Members are welcome to utilize the Club's existing reservation slots and make their own private bookings.

## Lake Taneycomo Outing – April 23 and 24, 2021

OFF Members are welcome to reserve the following cabins for a two-night stay at Lilley's Landing Resort in Branson, MO ([www.LilliesLanding.com](http://www.LilliesLanding.com)). Members are required to make and pay for their own reservation directly with Lillie's by February 14, 2021. Please contact Rich Bable to notify the Club of your reservation. Reservations for dinner at the College of the Ozarks are sold out. This is for 24th of April and it starts at 7:15 pm.

Cabin #2 - Rich Bable & Earl Nachtrieb  
Cabin #3 - John Furlong & Chris Friesen  
Cabin #4 - Ed Olander & Jim Gera  
Cabin #5 - Jeff Cohen & Bill Armon

### Richard Bable

Phone: 314-650-2859

Email: [rbable@brick.net](mailto:rbable@brick.net)

## 2021 Outings Dates

As these are not Club sponsored, Members are required to make and pay reservations directly to resorts.

- Montauk State Park: May 14-16, 2021
  - Montauk Park Rooms #1- #7 (Rate is \$123.66 per night and includes taxes)
- Montauk State Park: July 9-11, 2021
  - Montauk Park Rooms #1- #9
- Eleven Point River: September 17-19, 2021
  - Eleven Point Guide Service and Housing
- White River: October 15-17, 2021
  - Ridge Lodge, Norfolk, AR

## 2021 Membership Directory

As I hope everyone is aware by now, the Ozark Board of Directors voted to renew membership for 2021 to everyone who was a member in 2020, at no charge. When preparing this year's directory I am using 2020 directory information since new applications have not been submitted, Therefore, if any of your directory information has changed, please contact me at [troutal@att.net](mailto:troutal@att.net).

***Al Bourisaw, Director of Membership, Ozark Fly Fishers***

## Throwback

Ozark Fly Fishers has had a Monthly Member Newsletter for a long time. To celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we'll be highlighting some issues of the Newsletter from years' past, so keep an eye out.

We are always looking for new content to fill our Newsletter. If you've got a good story, a hot tip, a nice pic, or a funny joke, send it our way.

# Beginners Fly-Tying Class

Ozark Fly Fishers, through the subgroup Fly Tiers of the Long Table, will be offering a beginners fly tying course via Zoom. The classes will be held on Tuesday evening starting at 7:00 PM and have a limited enrollment. The date of the first class is yet to be determined. If interested in enrolling in the class contact Mike Swederska at 314-799-1998 or [shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shur-way@sbcglobal.net).

If you have any questions about the class or tools required, contact Mike.

## OFF Donations

Dear Ozark Fly Fisher's Members,

In my report, at the March 25<sup>th</sup> club meeting held on ZOOM, I reported that our club's income stream has basically dried up due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our biggest fund raiser, the annual banquet and auction was cancelled, we do not have our monthly raffles at the meetings, we waived the membership dues for a year since we were not allowed to gather in numbers etc

Unfortunately, our fixed expenses remain just that, **fixed**. Our two club insurance policies, post office box, website expenses, speaker fees, ZOOM subscription, etc. are just a few expenses that come to mind.

**In 2020, the club ran a deficit of \$4,899.00, and we are projecting a deficit of \$5,744.00 for 2021.**

Ozark Fly Fishers is a tax-exempt organization, and any donations can be itemized on your taxes as you do with other organizations you might donate to.

At last months meeting I reached out to those members in attendance to consider donating to the club to help offset some of the fixed expenses and lessen the deficits projected. We are tax-exempt and you can use this to your advantage when doing your taxes.

Since that meeting, **the club has already received a couple of donations** from our club members, whom I would like to thank for their consideration.

Any donations to help offset these deficits are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in supporting your club in this manner, **you can make your donation out to OZARK FLY FISHERS**, and in the memo line, just note, donation.

**You can mail your donation to either our club Post Office Box:**

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**Or directly to my house**

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Thank you for your support.

**Steve Lekich, Treasurer, Ozark Fly Fishers**

# 2021: Ozark Fly Fishers 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Time flies, right? 2021 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ozark Fly Fishers. The club was founded way back during the Nixon Administration in 1971. We are looking to our members for ideas on how to celebrate the occasion. If you have any thoughts, ideas, or requests on how to celebrate our Gold Anniversary, please send them to [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gear is available now! Check out the website and treat yourself to some OFF celebratory swag.

Website: <http://ozarkflyfishers.itemorder.com/sale>



## Tie Flies with OFF on Zoom

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table have made the best of a bad situation. Mike and the guys have set up a weekly group tying Zoom call.

If you are looking for something to do while you're at home, and you don't tie flies yourself, but are just needing to be entertained, the FTOLT has been successful in holding Zoom meeting tying session. The sessions are free for anybody wanting to participate. All you need to do is download the Zoom app and let us know that you want to participate.



Email Mike Swederska at [shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shur-way@sbcglobal.net) or post that you'd like to join in the Ozark Fly Fishers Facebook page or GroupsIO page. You'll be provided with a link and can join in on the fun using your laptop, smartphone, or tablet.

The tying sessions are 5:30 on Wednesday nights.

# 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.

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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)



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## Stream Team 31

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## Reminders:

### Monthly Member Meeting

Before COVID, Ozark Fly Fishers typically met at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, Ballwin, MO (Unless noted differently. See OFF Calendar at [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org)) These days, our meetings are held on Zoom.

### Fly Tiers of the Long Table

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table new tying schedule is tying on the second and the fourth Wednesday of the month at the same location, Shur-Way Auto Body in Maplewood, starting at 5:30 pm. Early arriving tiers are welcome. All tiers of all skill are welcome to join in on the fun. There is always more going on at the tying event than just tying. We talk about everything fly fishing. Feel free to join!

### 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.

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# BRANSON FLY FISHING EXPO 2021

Sponsored by the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

JULY 29-31, 2021

Thursday July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Noon – 5 pm.
Friday July 30 <sup>th</sup>	9 am. – 5 pm.
Saturday July 31 <sup>st</sup>	9 am. – 4 pm.



## Lions Community Building

1015 E State Highway 76, Branson, MO 65915

Food and Drinks served by the Branson/Hollister Lions Club



## Admission - Free



Fly Casting Demos - Fly Tying Demos - Classes

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MARCH 1996

DREW SPANOGLE, EDITOR

## GREAT LAKES STEEL- HEAD IS TIMELY MARCH PROGRAM

Early spring is the time to head north to get in on some fantastic lake run steelhead fishing in any state with a Great Lake washing it's shores. ( I think we

can safely discount Illinois). Wisconsin and Michigan which are so close to us deserve special attention. George Roberts has caught more than his share and has been to many locations in both states will show us the ropes in our March 28th program. There will be a slide presentation on flies, presentation, rigs, equipment, various rivers, lodging and what gear to bring. Questions to follow. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall in Creve Coeur behind Bristol's Restaurant. 7:30 PM.

## SPRING OUTING APRIL 19, 20, 21

My first spring outing was a long time ago. Too long. I had heard about some club function on the North Fork. Some of the long-time members were going early, using precious vacation days.

There were statements about camping, campfires, a canoe trip and some great fishing. While I couldn't get away early, and the only tent I had was one which would hold about 30 people, I stuffed my two little kids in the car after work on

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Friday and headed South. Try setting up one of those 10X15 canvas tents in the dark at midnight! The next day, the club had arranged for canoes and what a day we had. I don't even remember if I caught any fish, but probably not. I remember Bill Armon caught a couple of monsters on a .56%er. I remember Katherine Cornett admonishing me for not having the kids in life jackets. I recall Marlon Graham and Dave Haas dumping a canoe above McKee's bridge. I remember meeting some of the nicest people I had ever had the privilege of sharing a campfire with. Hmm..... there must be more to this club than going to a meeting once a month.

A couple of years later, I took my new bride on the club outing. Since this was our first trip out of St. Louis since the wedding, it must have been our honeymoon. Same damn tent, but this time Mary was in the canoe, not the kids who had decided camping was way down the list compared to skate boards.

I remember catching a beautiful fish right at the mouth of Rainbow Springs while Mary watched. I tried to act like this happened all the time but I think Mary knew that fish this large were not frequent with me.

We got back to Sunburst Campground mid afternoon. Things were already starting to warm up. A group

of members and their wives had gathered at the river in lawn chairs and cutoffs, having a few pre-cocktail hour cocktails. As I remember, we were rating the skill with which amateur canoeists negotiated a deadfall in the middle of some fast water. Others were rating the quality of flesh being displayed by some of the passengers.

By now, I knew many of these members, some older hard core types, some new ones, green as grass, with a spinning rod in their trunk in case this "fly stuff" didn't work out. George Roberts, falling in the river twice on the slippery bottom of the Northfork. Dick Ryan, with his man servant doing the cooking, cleaning and tying flies. Mel Trotter, shooting the moon to astonished passers by. Mary, using a hair dryer to get my waders dry. Chet Smith, risking hyper-ventilation inflating a float tube.....

I was fully reinforced by then. This club had some really interesting people in it. Some could even fish!!

Doug Jefferies, Jerry Clark, Jack Stevens, Lee Trapp, Jack Birkner... and many others all contributed to my pleasant recollections of the SPRING OUTING. Even Widmar used to show up!!! Didn't fish, of course.

The point of all this

reverie is: There is a lot more to Ozark than just meetings. These old guys are just dying to share their expertise with you new members. The evening cup of coffee laced with cognac tastes a bit better when you are among kindred spirits who are anxious to share their experience and knowledge.

Meet with Ozark Fly Fishers Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 19, 20, 21 on the Current River. You will find that same atmosphere that made me feel so welcome when I was a newcomer to Ozark Fly Fishers.

Your program committee has reserved a block of rooms in the lodge and a few hosekeeping rooms at Montauk State Park. There will be a Social Gathering on Saturday night preceeding a buffet supper on Saturday at 8:00.

This is a members only function as OFF is footing part of the bill. Make your plans now and send in your reservation request. Cancellations by April 1 will receive a full refund. See form at end of newsletter.

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 28, Steelhead w/

George Roberts

April 19, 20, 21  
Spring Outing, Montauk

April 25, Spring  
Creeks, with Jim  
Vandyke DNR Geologist

May 23, Fly Fishing  
Missouri, Chuck Tryon

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# CURRENT RIVER TROPHY AREA MAY IMPROVE:

**DAVE MAYERS  
RECOMMENDS  
ARTIFICIAL  
LURES**

On March second there was an informational assembly held by the MDC to discuss the state of the Current River and proposed policy to improve it. The featured speaker was Dave Mayers, the Fisheries Management Biologist responsible for the Current River.

The problem with the Current River Trophy Area was there are too few trout attaining the 15" trophy size. A streamside survey with 2000 interviews found that the typical angler was not happy about the general state of the fishery,

specifically, about the lack of fish which attain any size. In the survey, slightly more than half of the interviewed anglers fished with bait. Real science (and native intelligence) indicates that fish caught and released by bait users died at significantly higher rates than those caught and released using artificial lures. If my memory serves me correctly, the ratios were 1 in 4 bait caught fish die as a consequence of being caught while 1 in 20 lure caught fish die as a consequence of being caught. In other words, a fish is 5 times more likely to die from bait fishing as opposed to lure fishing.

The typical stocked brown trout is typically caught 3 1/2 times per year. How many survive a fishing season? Obviously, not many. No wonder so few fish attain 15" length. This is not rocket science, folks.

This is elementary statistical analysis which makes one wonder why it took so long for such conclusions to be reached.

Mr. Mayers is suggesting an artificial lure zone from Montauk Park lower boundary to the bridge at Cedar Grove.

This stretch is stocked annually with 8,000 9' fish. The decline in mortality and consequent increase in life expectancy should result in an increase in fish size.

I should point out, from my interpretation, before this proposal is made a regulation, it must be approved to the MDC Regulations Committee.

**THIS AIN'T NO SURE THANG.** Interested parties should write Mr. James Fry, Chief, Division of Fisheries, MDC, POB 180 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

Bye the way, one thing that was mentioned at the meeting I was totally unaware of was the situation on the Current below Cedar Grove. It is stocked monthly with Rainbows. And live bait or no, there are some monster holdover fish below Cedar Grove and Aker's Ferry!!!

I want to thank Dave Mayers for his efforts to get that upper river situation back into a manageable situation. Drew

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## A BOULDER RUNS THROUGH IT OR HOW THE WEST WAS REDISCOVERED

By Jack Sadler

It finally dawned on me how the Hawley Mountain Guest Ranch people got wind of T Hargrove Fly Shop. Gary Clem. The woman on the phone had a voice that could charm a possum out of a persimmon tree. Cathy, she said her name was, wanted to know if any of our people would be

interested in fishing a two mile stretch of private water on the Boulder River in southwest Montana. Having spent a week on the Boulder the previous summer where the water was private and carefully watched, the two mile stretch idea got my attention. Those who were along last summer concurred. Two miles of private water with ample cutthroat, rainbow and an occasional brookie or brown would be acceptable indeed. So, As Bill Popovic would say "Book the Hunt."

Now gentle reader, the phone call to which I refer took place in early spring of this year. Our reservation was for eight anglers from Sept. 9 to Sept. 16. Many's the slip twix cup and lip as an ancient sage intoned and our plans were no exception. As many as ten fishermen indicated an interest in the trip but before a month had passed, two people begged off, then one other who was not on the original list wished to be included. What the hell, I stopped calling Cathy by mid August. On the day before departure, poor Gary Clem called from the hospital: Gall bladder surgery.

I explained all of this to you because you might be the booking agent or reservationist some-time in the future. Duck the job at all costs.

As the day of departure approached,

T. Hargrove's Fly Shop, where I spend much of my time, had frequent visits from those who had serious plans to make the trip. White Morrison had tied fifteen dozen proper flies and by the end of August had his duffle packed.

Our departure flight, booked well in advance and allowed for a leisurely drive from Salt Lake City to the Boulder river. (Who was the wag poet who said something about the best laid plans?)

Sweet Jean had volunteered to drive us to the airport. We met Warren at T. Hargrove's. After bidding Audrey adieu we headed for Lambert. Suddenly Warren discovered his tickets were in his jacked-- in Audrey's car! A 180 to the Couch residence-- no car, no Audrey. Departure was getting close. I told Warren I bought the tickets by Telephone and TWA should have a record of the purchase so we headed to the airport. Poor Warren, I had not seen him so upset since a waitress served him hard boiled eggs.

We made it to the counter and I went ahead. Warren walked down the agile as the pushed the plane out.

The flight to Salt Lake City was uneventful. We rented a minivan at the airport (wise choice) and headed for a motel in Salt Lake City. Next morning, it was up the interstate to West Yellowstone, Montana.

RESERVATION REQUEST

Montauk State Park Spring Fishing Party  
April 19-20-21, 1996 (Friday-Saturday-Sunday)

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

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

Share-A-Room Plan: We enclose \$62.00 each for our room in Montauk Lodge for Friday and Saturday nights April 20 & 21 plus the Social Hour and Dinner. This room will be shared with \_\_\_\_\_

Housekeeping Accomodations: Enclosed is our check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the accomodations we discussed by phone for Friday and Saturday nights April 20 & 21 plus the Social Hour and Dinner. These accomodations will be shared with \_\_\_\_\_

Elsewhere Plan: We enclose \$12.00 per person for the Saturday Night Social Hour and Dinner. We plan to stay elsewhere. Our party will include \_\_\_\_\_

(Guaranteed campsite (tent or trailer/pickup) reservations in the Park can be made by calling 1-800-334-6946).

Canoeing Saturday: A check for \$25.00 per canoe (a discounted rate) is enclosed. Reserve a canoe for us for Saturday April 20 to float from Baptist Camp to Cedar Grove. The canoe will be shared with \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The outfitter will pick you up at the Lodge, bus you to Baptist Camp, pick you up at Cedar Grove and return you to the Lodge in the evening. Paddles and life jackets/cushions are furnished. Lunch and beverages are your responsibility. The Lodge will make box lunches if ordered Friday night. A deposit will be paid for your canoe. Deposits are non-refundable for cancellations made after 10:00 AM Tuesday April 16.

For availability of housekeeping accomodations or other questions call Dick Jente at 961-1516. Confirmations for rooms will be mailed about April 10. Make Checks payable to OZARK FLY FISHERS. Mail to Dick Jente. 7 Daniel Road, St. Louis, MO 63124.

The park was not crowded and except where traffic was stopped to view the elk and bison, no delays.

Out of the park north to Livingston is a pleasant drive. A pasture crowded with elk got our attention... hundreds of them.

Grant Nelson was waiting for us in Big Timber with the cork out of the bottle and we enjoyed a sip before a sumptuous repast at the Grand Hotel. Their steamed mussels are to die for.

The bumpy drive up to Hawley Mountain Ranch was assuaged by the eager anticipation of our reaching our destination. Two miles of exclusive water loaded with ten to eighteen inch trout as opposed to last year's limited access guarded water sounded enticing. Just about the time I began to think we had driven past the ranch we saw the sign. In half a minute we saw the lodge tucked against a steep foothill. In ten minutes we were comfortably ensconced in the four lofts with a continuous balcony that provided a spectacular view of the river and Hawley Mountain. Each unit had a double bed and stacked bunks. Beneath was the lounge and dining room. An eight acre stocked trout pond offered easy fishing for those interested in bank fishing, but the bubbling Boulder had

my undivided attention.

*continued next month*

## NAME BADGES AVAILABLE

Here's your chance! Order new/replacement name tags. We have recently acquired a new supply of name badges and are offering our membership the opportunity to replace lost badges or order additional badges for themselves or a family member. Cost is only \$2.50 each. Ordered badges will be mailed to your address. Mail your order and check to:

"Badges"  
Ozark Fly Fishers  
P O Box 19753  
St. Louis, MO 63144

## From the editor....

Carl Richards was a delight to have as our February speaker. It's been about 17 years since he has addressed Ozark. I don't know about those molded latex fly bodies, though. I don't think I want to catch a fish than bad.

A recent trip to the Eleven Point indicated that while there are some fine fish in the water, their numbers are still quite small and the future is not now. More TLC and clandestine stockings are needed to get the numbers up to a

respectable fish per mile ratio.

Rattlesnakes on the Eleven Point? According to local sources, the last couple of years has seen an explosion in the local population of these deadly serpents. Twenty four Timber rattlers were killed by traffic alone on Hwy 19! Now that spring has sprung, these guys will be out and about. Watch yourself around rock outcroppings, downed timber and just about everywhere else.

The fabled Hendrickson Hatch is on in the Meremac if you are fortunate enough to get there soon. Be there around 11:00-1:00. These big guys are best imitated with a red quill, #12, and if the conditions are right, the dry fly fishing can be spectacular. Act now before the spring floods!

New Board of Directors member Dick Smith has been appointed Program Chairman.

I am sure there are many good reasons for the death of the Missouri Trout Stamp. I don't care. I miss it. Drew

## Fly of the Month

RED QUILL