

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

August 2020



President's Message

Hi folks,

First, on behalf of the Club and Board, I'd wish to offer our deepest condolences to the family and friends of OFF Member, Marty King, who passed away this month. We've put together an article on Marty's life and accomplishments you'll find on page 4.

On a happier note, the Board is working hard to put together some events for the remaining 2020 months. On August, 27, we will be hosting the first Ozark Fly Fishers Member Meeting over Zoom. Look for details on page 3. The Eleven Point and the White River outings are still on. Both are looking strong and may even be full by the time you read this. Check Ed's Outing Report on page 2.

Our July Fly Swap went well and it was good to see a few club members. I heard good results from Bennett and elsewhere during our meet up. I am thinking the Tilles Park Shelter (where we have held our barbecues) may be a nice choice for future meeting(s). There was enough room for us all to socialize at a comfortable distance. This, among other options, will be discussed by the Board.

I personally took a trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and would recommend it. It seems a road trip may be the safest method of travel for now.

There are still events on our calendar, but we will proceed carefully. When we settle on future events, the calendar will be updated and a news blast will be sent over email and social media. Keep an eye out.

Finally, we are seeking officer nominations to the OFF Board of Directors. Please reach out to me with any nominations. Nearly all positions on the Board are up for reelection this year.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com



Not Sure When an Event Is?

Check the OFF Calendar!

Obviously many OFF Events are being cancelled or postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic. The best way to stay current on all OFF happenings, is to check the Website and Calendar, which are continuously updated.

www.ozarkflyfishers.org/calendar

Upcoming Events

August

August 27, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
Join Online through Zoom
See p. 3 for details.

September

August 24, 2020
Membership Meeting
Join online through Zoom.

2021 OFF

Membership News

Due to COVID-19 challenges, the Board of Directors has unanimously voted to **waive 2021 membership dues and automatically renew membership** for 2020 members. The Board is working hard to get more events on the calendar for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021 that are educational, fun, and safe. Please keep an eye on the Newsletter, OFF Website, and Calendar for updates. Thanks.

-OFF Board of Directors

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Outings Report – August 2020

We have two outings to close out the year:

The Eleven Point - September 25-27, 2020 and

The White River - October 11-13, 2020.

Reservations are closed. I need the payment from those who have not paid ASAP. Please make out your checks to *Ozark Fly Fishers* and mail to:

Edward Olander
5886 Chrisbrook Dr.
St Louis, MO 63128

If you have outing questions, please contact Ed Olander.

Tel: 314-487-1663

Cell: 314-566-1422

Email: olanderedward@att.net

2020 Catch and Release Outing November 13-16, 2020

Bennett Spring

Due to the Covid problem that has taken over our world today, OFF will not have our annual outing at Bennett Springs this year. This annual November event has been the highlight of gatherings for 25 years. What will happen, is if you still want to go, you will have to make your own room reservations at Sand Springs Resort. There will be no organized get-togethers that weekend. This would include the Saturday night dinner. I know this will disappoint the loyal group this really enjoys this fall event and I hope we will be able to have a great 2021 outing. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Steve Antonic
314-401-8874
Winter Catch and Release program runs:
Friday Nov. 13 – Mon. Nov. 16
8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sand Springs Resort
Highway 64
Lebanon MO 65536
417-532-5857
800-543-3474

Remaining 2020 Outings

September 25-27, 2020

Eleven Point River
Alton, MO

October 9-11, 2020

White and Norfolk Rivers
River Ranch Resort
Norfolk, MO

November 13-16, 2020

Catch & Release Outing,
Bennett Spring
Sand Spring's Resort –
Lebanon, MO

PRIVATE BOOKINGS ONLY

Ozarks Zooms – August Meeting

Thursday, August 27 – 7:00 PM

Come Zoom with Ozark Fly Fishers. Starting with the August 27th monthly meeting, Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. will offer online, visual programming for members. The programs will be available to all members that have a computer or smartphone. In order to host our meetings online, the club has purchased a Zoom license and will use this software platform for all online programs. We encourage members to use their phone or webcams so that we may all see each other, but using the webcam is by no means mandatory.

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.** The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, but members will be able to join the Zoom meeting room as early as 6:45 PM. 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.

This month Mike Swederska will talk about ***Fishing for Smallmouth Bass in Missouri Streams***. Most club members know that Mike is a very knowledgeable in all phases of fly fishing whether it be for trout, bluegill or bass. It is not often that Ozark can tap the mind of such an experienced and knowledgeable angler. Mark your calendar and join us on August 27th.

In order to meet the needs of membership, a survey will be emailed to assess interests. Subsequent programs will be planned based upon the results of this survey. Look for your survey and please respond.

Using Zoom

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

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.

We want to start on time – please allow extra time to get online! In consideration of the whole group, **please arrive 15 minutes early** in order to get successfully connected. Someone will be on hand to help you if needed. This is especially important if this is your first time using Zoom. If you come late to the conversation and have difficulties connecting, please disconnect and phone in.

Marty King

October 19, 1933 – August 7, 2020

It is our unfortunate duty to report that longtime Ozark Fly Fishers member, Marty King, passed away Friday, August 7. Marty was one of the earliest members of the club, and an original founder of the Missouri Stream Team in 1989. In addition, he was active with Project Healing Waters.



Marty passed away August 7, 2020 at the age of 86 from COVID-19. Marty and his beloved wife Julie were preparing to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this month. Marty is survived by Julie, and their 11 children: Sarah Condit (Jeff), Delia, Peter (Mary McCarthy), Tim (Jill Birschbach), Maggie (Jim D'Altorio), Patsy (Steve Sherman), Elisabeth (Steve Geffre), Hannah Smith (Grant), John (Jen), Andrew (Rachel Posen), and Susie; 18 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

With the passing of Marty King, it is appropriate to review all he did for the club and sport of fly-fishing. It is only fitting that Ozark Fly Fishers' highest individual award be named after Marty. This award is presented to those who have shown superior leadership and dedication to the sport of fly fishing. This special award is not an annual award, but is intended to acknowledge those that have distinguished themselves as deserving such recognition. Marty was an asset to Ozark Fly Fishers who will not soon be forgotten.

In 2010, Marty was the recipient of the first Stream Team Lifetime Achievement Award. The Stream Team Lifetime Achievement Award was created to honor individuals who have made substantial and lasting contributions to the Missouri Stream Team Program and the stream resources of the state through their outstanding acts and dedicated service over an extended period. Marty King promoted the Stream Team Program in words and action. Marty chaired the Rivers and Streams committee with the Conservation Federation of Missouri in 1989, when the Stream Team Program was initiated. His passion for the fledgling Program led him to move from vision to action when he approached a group of fly anglers with a prototype brochure and convinced them to become the first Missouri Stream Team.

Marty, his wife Julie, and some other OFF Members have been featured by the Missouri Department of Conservation for their Stream Team efforts and he was highlighted in the 2011 Stream Team Annual Report.

Marty's funeral services will be private and family only. We thank Marty for the years he served the Club and for his monumental conservation efforts. He leaves behind an incredible legacy that each member of Ozark Fly Fishers will work to honor.



Fly of the Month – August 2020

Old Fashioned Scud

On a recent trip to the Current, I was amazed at the parade of fisherman “fishing through” from about 9am until about 4pm. That was on a weekday, so our fish are really getting pressured seven days a week. As usual, most were throwing jigs, glow balls, and buggers - and not having much to show for it. When I see that kind of pressure, it reminds me of the old days on the Maramec dodging canoes during the mid day “aluminum hatch”. I used to take a break during that time until I stood and watched the fish go into feeding mode as the water got agitated. It was scud time. Watching all those fishermen stomp up and down, and back and forth across the river reminded me that the fish do adapt.

I tied on a long 6X tippet to a weighted scud, and 7X tippet to an unweighted scud dropper, downsized to a ¼” indicator and went back to catching fish between the people wading through where they should have been fishing. Not all scuds are created equal, though. If you’ve ever been to a Stream Team event or spent time turning over rocks and pulling up watercress, you’ve seen actual live scuds. They are smaller and thinner than most commercially tied patterns, and are much more subtly colored – almost clear in many cases. In addition, when they are swimming they are not nearly as curved as most scud hooks. I still use scud hooks, but I don’t tie as far down around the bend as most. I tie weighted and unweighted versions mostly in tan or gray. I kind of gave up on all the color variations when I found just the right color blend.

Materials

- Hook: Firehole Barbless #321 Scud Hook or #633 Standard Nymph Hook Sizes 14-20
- Weight: Appropriately-Sized Lead Wire (.01 - .015) OPTIONAL
- Thread: Red, Tan, or Orange Veevus 14/0
- Tail: Light Tan Partridge Feather Fibers
- Ribbing: Clear 5X Mono Tippet
- Shell Back: Slip of 3mil Clear Poly Bag
- Body: Dave Whitlock SLF Tan Scud Dubbing



Tying Steps

1. Secure hook in vise and add lead wire wraps if weighting your fly. Leave room at both ends to start and finish your fly. Start thread 1 eye-length from the eye and wrap to the lead wraps. Wrap to the back of the lead wraps and then back and forth a couple of times to secure it in place ending with your thread behind the lead. If no lead, just wrap a smooth layer of thread from the eye to the end of the hook shank. If you are using the standard nymph hook, wrap slightly around the bend.
2. Tie in all your materials between the bend and the lead – remember you’re trying to make a slim fly.
3. Strip off 5 or 6 fibers from the partridge feather and tie in as a tail about ½ the length of the body and trim excess.
4. With a pair of pliers, flatten the end of your mono material and tie in on the far side of the hook at the base of the tail.
5. Trim a slip of 3mil clear plastic to just less than the hook gap and taper one end. in centered on top of the hook by the tapered end.
6. Dub a thin but shaggy body to just behind the hook eye. Using your dubbing brush, brush the dubbing down toward the belly of the fly to form the legs.
7. Pull the plastic forward on top of the fly and secure at the head. Make sure it is centered and the plastic will extend about half-way down each side of the fly.
8. Using the mono, spiral wrap evenly to the fly head and secure. Use a bodkin to separate the dubbing so it does not all get bound down while ribbing. Trim the excess. Coat an inch of thread with super glue and make your whip-finish. Trim thread.
9. Go back and brush out the bottom of the fly to maximize the leggy-ness. Use a smooth-jawed pliers to gently squeeze the scud to flatten a bit if it is too round. Again, look at a live scud.

Scuds can be strong swimmers, but in faster water where trout often feed, they are at the mercy of the current. I fish these dead-drift either in tandem as described above, or as a dropper behind a heavier fly. I also color-code my scuds – red heads for weighted and orange heads for unweighted. Typically, I use the unweighted as droppers, and the weighted either alone or as the top fly. If you’re guessing what to tie on when nothing else seems to be present, you cannot go wrong with a scud – a properly tied scud.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

Ozark Fly Fishers August Fly Swap

Because of the Coronavirus many of us are staying home and going out only when necessary. If you are like me, that can get very boring. I have tied enough flies to last the next three years and have lost a sense of purpose in tying. One good solution would be to join other like-minded members in a fly swap. The swap could renew your tying enthusiasm and provide you with some new patterns for your fly box. If this swap is successful, the swaps can become a monthly activity. Consider joining other members in sharing your favorite patterns.

Guidelines

1. The pattern for the month of August will be your favorite emerger pattern. Emerger -- pertaining to the life cycle of aquatic insects, that phase of the insect between the nymph/larva and adult.
2. This fly swap that will involve 10 tiers.
3. The first ten tiers that request to participate will be invited (selected by date and time of the email). Email Al Bourisaw at troutal@att.net to participate. **Deadline to request participation is August 22nd**. All emails must include tier's name, address, phone number and email address. If you are not included in the first round you will be given priority in the next swap.
4. The tiers will be notified of their participation by August 24th.
5. Each tier will tie 20 emerger flies (as defined above) of the same pattern. The name of the pattern, a list of materials, tying instructions and the flies (**toe tag attached) are then mailed to:

Al Bourisaw
4731 Brawley Court
Saint Louis, MO 63128
** - toe tags will be provided when notified of participation or make your own.
6. Send your flies in a box that will be returned to you filled with the swapped flies. Flies must be mailed to Al Bourisaw by September 2nd.
7. The flies will be separated and two flies of each pattern (18) will be mailed to each participant. Swap coordinator will keep two flies from each tier to be used in new members fly boxes.
8. All deadlines must be followed or the tier chances not receiving other tier's patterns.

-Al Bourisaw

August Pic of the Month

Ed Heist pulled this massive Brown Trout out of the Baptist Camp area below Montauk. Nice one Ed!

Do you have a fish pic you want to share with the Club?

Email it to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



2021 Board of Directors Nominations

With the exception of Director of Conservation role, every position of the Ozark Fly Fishers Board of Directors is up for re-election at the end of 2020. If you have a nomination for a role, or wish to volunteer, please contact OFF President, Dan Rasch.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

2021: Ozark Fly Fishers 50th Anniversary

Time flies, right? Next year will be the 50th 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



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 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.

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. 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



Ozark Fly Fishers Board of Directors

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Stream Team 31

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| Coordinator / Current River | Scott Darrough |
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Reminders:

Monthly Member Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers meet 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)

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.

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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