

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

February 2020

### President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed our banquet as much as I. Between trips, materials, books and equipment - a few of us left with some real bargains. Thank the sponsors and donating club members when you visit them.

So, the next outing is FYAO at Montauk. I think we could use some attendees, so give Ed a call. Then, our next meeting is the all day meeting on Saturday, February 29 at Des Peres Park with spey casting instruction by Simon Gawesworth. What better way to celebrate Leap Day?

I know a few of our upcoming meetings will be held on Tuesdays, and not Thursdays, so pay attention to the calendar and we will send reminders.

Dreaming of Spring streaming . . .

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

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



### Next Meeting:

#### All-Day Meeting

#### with Guest Speaker: Simon Gawesworth

*The Lodge Des Peres - 1050 Des Peres Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131*

*Saturday, February 29, 2020*

*8:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

#### **About Simon:**

Simon is A.P.G.A.I. and S.T.A.N.I.C. certified in the U.K. and C.I., Master and T.H.C.I. certified in the U.S. through Fly Fishers International. In 2019, Simon was the recipient of the Lifetime Teaching Award by Fly Fishers International. Simon is acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on Spey casting and has taught and demonstrated spey casting around the world.

This meeting is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, so invite your friends. Admission is \$10 for non-members, but waived if they join OFF.

See the OFF Calendar and Page 4 for more details.

### Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)



### Upcoming Events

#### February

All-Day Meeting with

Simon Gawesworth

February 29, 2020

The Lodge Des Peres

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### March

Chili Tie-In

March 7, 2020

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Marlan Graham's Club House

851 Country Stone Drive,

Manchester, MO 63021.

#### Membership Meeting

March 24, 2020

Greensfelder Rec Complex

Guest Speaker:

Mark Crawford

**TUESDAY MEETING**

#### April

Wetlands for Kids Day

April 4, 2020

Busch Conservation Area

#### Membership Meeting

April 21, 2020

Greensfelder Rec Complex


Guest Speaker:


Kevin Morlock

**TUESDAY MEETING**

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## Outings Report – February 2020

### Bennett Spring State Park

**March 27-29, 2020**

This will be OFF's first ever Bennett Spring outing during the regular season. We have reserved the following cabins for Friday and Saturday nights.

Please make your reservations by March 15, 2020.

We have rooms 129, 126, 125, 122, 121 reserved.  
Each room includes two double beds.  
Cost for two nights is \$180.

In addition, we have rooms 127, 124, 123 reserved.  
Each room includes a kitchen with two double beds and a sleeper bed.  
Cost for two nights is \$240.

Please mail your check made out to "Ozark Fly Fishers" to:

Edward Olander                      Tel: 314-487-1663  
5886 Chrisbrook Dr.,              Cell: 314-566-1422  
St. Louis, MO. 63128              Email: olanderedward@att.net

### Lake Taneycomo

**April 23-26, 2020**

OFF has reserved the following rooms for a three-night stay at Lilley's Landing Resort:

Room #1: One bedroom, two beds - \$122 per person  
Room #2: One bedroom, two beds - \$122 per person  
Room #3: Two bedroom, two beds - \$206 per person  
Room #4: Two bedroom, two beds - \$206 per person  
Room #5: Two bedroom, two beds - \$141 per person  
Room #6: Two bedroom, two beds - \$141 per person  
Room #7: Two bedroom, two beds - \$158 per person  
Room #8: One bedroom, two beds - \$158 Per person

Saturday night dinner will be hosted at the College of the Ozarks. This is one of the best restaurants in Branson.

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## 2020 Outings

**March 27-29, 2020**

Bennett Spring State Park  
Sand Spring's Resort –  
Lebanon, MO

**April 23-26, 2020**

Lake Taneycomo  
Lillies' Landing – Branson, MO

**May 6-7, 2020**

Seniors' Outing (65+),  
Eleven Point River  
Alton, MO

**May 15-17, 2020**

Montauk State Park  
Montauk Resort - Salem, MO

**June 12-14, 2020**

Smallmouth Outing, Niagara  
River  
Sand Springs Resort  
(Saturday includes Guided  
Smallmouth Bass by Jeff Trigg)

**July 10-12, 2020**

Stream Team Outing,  
Montauk State Park

**September 25-27, 2020**

Eleven Point River - Alton, MO

**October 9-11, 2020**

White and Norfolk Rivers  
River Ranch Resort  
Norfolk, MO

**November 12-14, 2020**

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

# Fly of the Month – February 2020

## Trigger Spot Pheasant Tail Nymph

I've been experimenting with hot spot nymphs for a while now – Listening to theories about visual appeal, contrast, UV reflectivity, curiosity, and even egg-sucking nymphs. Whatever the reason, fish do respond to hot spots on even very simple nymphs. This variation on a simple pheasant tail nymph moves the hot spot from the tail or the collar and puts it on the back where an emerging may fly's wing case would be - Thus the trigger spot.

### Materials

- Hook: Your Favorite Scud Hook #16-18
- Bead: 3/32 Nickel Black
- Thread: Veevus 12/0 Brown
- Tail: Pheasant Tail Fibers
- Ribbing: Small Copper Wire
- Body: Pheasant Tail Fibers
- Thorax: Peacock Herl
- Wing Case: Pheasant Tail Fibers
- Hot Spot: UV Hot Pink Dubbing

### Tying Steps

1. Place bead on hook and secure hook in vise. Start thread behind the bead and advance to hook bend.
2. Tie in several pheasant tail fibers for a tail about the length of the body.
3. Tie in a length of copper wire for ribbing.
4. Wrap the pheasant tail fibers forward to form a thin body to the half-way point of the hook shank. Tie off and trim excess.
5. Counter wrap the wire to the thorax. Tie off and trim excess.
6. Tie in several pheasant tail fibers by the tips on top of the thorax area.
7. Tie in 1 or 2 peacock herl and advance the thread to behind the bead.
8. Wrap peacock herl to the bead, secure with thread wraps, and trim excess.
9. Pull the wing case over the thorax, tie off with several thread wraps, and trim excess.
10. Dub a very small, tight ball of UV Hot Pink dubbing and push down on top of the fly collar. Make one or two thread wraps keeping all the dubbing right on top of the collar. Whip finish and trim the thread.



I fish this as a dropper under a small dry fly or as the dropper on my nymph rig. Few flies produce as consistently as a pheasant tail nymph and all its variations. This one is just a little more special and it often makes a big difference. Experiment with hot spot colors as well.

*Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers*

## More About Simon

As mentioned on Page 1, our February All-Day Meeting Guest Speaker is Simon Gawesworth.

Simon's father, well known fly fishing instructor and author, John Gawesworth, taught him to fish at the age of 8 and he's been teaching fly casting professionally since the age of 16. With over 35 years of teaching experience, Simon is a highly sought-after instructor. He has written three books on Spey casting.

He has both cast and fished for England in British, European and World Championships and was elected Captain of the England team for the 2003 World Fly Fishing Championship.

Simon is A.P.G.A.I. and S.T.A.N.I.C. certified in the U.K. and C.I., Master and T.H.C.I. certified in the U.S. through Fly Fishers International. In 2019 Simon was the recipient of the Lifetime Teaching Award by Fly Fishers International.



With the collapse of the British Casting Authority and the tournament casting scene in the UK, Simon turned his hand to competitive fly fishing. Over the following years Simon represented England in three home internationals (against Ireland, Scotland and Wales), two European championships and five World Championships, culminating in the prestige of becoming the England Team Captain and Manager for the 2003 World Championships in Spain.

During his career Simon has written numerous articles for the fishing press, published two books on spey casting, presented five instructional videos and DVD's, appeared on numerous television and radio shows, demonstrated casting at fly fishing shows around the world and is recognized as one of the leading authorities on fly casting and fly casting instruction. Simon's latest book, entitled Single Handed Spey Casting has just been published by Stackpole Books.

He is a Master and THCI (Two Handed Casting Instructor) certified instructor and also holds the APGAI and STANIC diplomas for Fly Fishing Instruction in the UK.

Simon works for RIO products in Idaho where he designs and tests fly lines, as well as being the marketing manager for RIO. He conducts fly casting classes and seminars around the world. Simon is acknowledged as one of the world's leading authorities on Spey casting and has taught and demonstrated spey casting around the world.

The fly-fishing blog, *Flydreams* has an [extensive interview with Simon](#) available on their site.

In addition, the site Ask About Fly Fishing has a [podcast episode with Simon](#) you can listen to.

Don't forget to come hear Simon speak. OFF All-Day Meeting at The Lodge Des Peres  
1050 Des Peres Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131  
Saturday, February 29, 2020. 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM



# Thank You

I want to thank everyone who came to the OFF Banquet Auction and Fund Raiser. We appreciate the support and hope everyone had an enjoyable time.

I want to thank members who donated items for the fundraiser: Lee Trapp, Marlan Graham, Joe Aimonette, Steve Garnett, Al Bourisaw, Bob Temper, Mike Ott, Dan Rasch, Steve Lekich, Larry Carli, Steve Antonic, Paul Frank, Tom Kahle, Paul Haner, Bill Armon and Mrs. Daniel Ehlmann

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***-Jerry Kniepman, Director of Ways & Means***

# 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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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

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](http://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

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

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