

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

June 2020



President's Message

Hello folks!

Isolating is frustrating, huh? Staying healthy is boring but sensible. No one said we have to like it. I still have no report of any members who have caught the disease, so that's something positive.

Well, it was a wet and muddy Montauk outing. Saturday was a nice fishing day, but the action was slow. Saw a few nice fish landed early but the afternoon was a full stop. We booked three rooms, and added another on Friday, so it was a chance for a few of us to wet some very dry lines. Sunday reminded me of the old saying "if the creek don't rise" - but it did.

The May meeting was cancelled and our barbecue at Tilles is doubtful. We will decide at the board meeting and send an update. Our speaker for June, the Director of Conservation, Sarah Parker Pauley pushed us back to September, which actually works well for both parties.

There is not much else to report, although I have received club interest via eMail from a few fisherman. Still thinking to celebrate our 50th birthday, and I am looking for ideas. Wednesday night fly tying zoom meetings are the one event I am aware of.

Stay well (and boring) people!

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

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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. Whereas the newsletter should be up-to-date when you receive it, things do change after publication. 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 and Cancellations

June

Member BBQ

June 25, 2020

Tilles Park

CANCELLED

July

July 23, 2020

Membership Meeting

Greensfelder Rec Complex

TO BE DETERMINED

August

August 27, 2020


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Outings Report – June 2020

The July outing is a fishing outing only on July 10-12. However, the Stream Team Program has been cancelled. We have booked the remodeled rooms MO1 through MO6. The rooms now include a refrigerator and microwave.

You need to make your reservation and payment direct to Montauk by calling: 573-548-2434. Room Rate is \$214.78 for Friday and Saturday. The restaurant is open for carryout only.

The Board has decided that this and future outings will not be club sponsored. However, I will continue to do monthly reports with details on how to participate on your own.

If you have outing questions, please contact Ed Olander.
Tel: 314-487-1663
Cell: 314-566-1422
Email: olanderedward@att.net

Remaining 2020 Outings

Montauk State Park - July 10-12, 2020

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PRIVATE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Eleven Point River - September 25-27, 2020

Alton, MO

PRIVATE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

White and Norfolk Rivers - October 9-11, 2020

River Ranch Resort - Norfolk, MO

PRIVATE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

Bennett Spring - November 12-14, 2020

Catch & Release Outing,

Sand Spring's Resort – Lebanon, MO

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CONSERVATION/MISSOURI STREAM TEAM #31

2020 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

NOTE THAT ALL REMAINING SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2020 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19!

Scott Darrough, 314-560-1335, swdarrough@yahoo.com

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DONATE A FLY TO THE MEMBER'S FLY BOX -

Please consider donating a fly to the Member's Fly Box which will be raffled at the 12TH Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. Our Member's Fly Box will only be as good as we the members make it, so please donate. All proceeds will benefit Ozark Fly Fishers. See Scott Darrough at the next meeting to make your fly donation. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact him at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

Member Fishing Report

Jeff Cohen and I regretted not having ice in our coolers Sunday. In a matter of two hours we pulled two dozen fine 'bows out of a short stretch of white ribbon portion at the mill dam access on the little piney. Tip of the hat to conservation agent Steve Harrison who had already gotten his limit by the time we arrived at the creek and tipped us off to his hotspot. They were hitting primarily jigs. We were giddy with our good fortune as we neither had fished this stretch and his tip made the day for us.

After a dismal weekend at Montauk in May, it was nice to feel the vibrant tug on our lines that only a rainbow provides. It was the perfect fusion of ideal weather and successful fishing. Can't wait to go back.

-Chris Friesen

Member Photo of the Month

OFF Member (and Newsletter Editor) Jake Voss caught this and a few other Rainbows in a fast and murky Montauk back in May.



Send your fishing pics to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com for submission in future newsletters.

Fly of the Month – June 2020

Tungsten Swing Caddis

Few bugs excite trout more than a swimming caddis. When the caddis are emerging, trout will pursue them from the bottom all the way to the top and often right out of the water. They may or may not take a dry imitation. They are more likely to grab a drifting caddis pupae or caddis worm imitation. But under the right conditions, a trout will move a long way in a hurry to cut off a swimming caddis. A swinging caddis will imitate both an emerging pupae and a diving adult laying eggs. The tungsten bead gets the fly down in the water column while drifting, but the current will swing the fly to the surface when swinging at the end of the drift. Hold on for savage strikes.

Materials

- Hook: TMC 3761 size 14-16
- Bead: Gold or Copper Tungsten of appropriate size
- Thread: Chartreuse Veevus 14/0
- Tag: Tying Thread
- Body: Caddis Green SLF dubbing
- Hackle: Partridge Feather
- Collar: Hare's Ear SLF Dubbing



Tying Steps

1. Place bead on hook and secure hook in vise. Start thread behind bead and advance to hook bend.
2. Form a chartreuse tag about the length of the bead at the end of the hook shank.
3. Dub a rather full tapered body to just behind the bead leaving room for a collar.
4. Prepare the partridge feather to be tied in by the tip by stroking the fibers toward the base.
5. Tie in by the tip and make 2 wraps stroking fibers toward the rear and tie off. Trim excess.
6. Loosely dub a collar of SLF Hare's Ear, and brush out towards the rear. Then make one wrap of tightly wrapped dubbing up to the bead. Whip-finish and trim excess.

This is one of those versatile patterns that will fish like a nymph and then let swing up in the current like a soft hackle. That's how I fish it. I also fish it in still-water by letting it sink to the bottom or among the weeds, then swim it up toward the surface. Fish patrol the weed beds and just above the bottom debris looking for carelessly swimming prey. An escaping bug will trigger aggressive strikes. I fish this alone or with an unweighted soft hackle trailer. It also works as a point fly in a multi-wetfly rig.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

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.

he 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



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Stream Team 31

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

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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