

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

June 2021

President's Message

We update the calendar to June, and fish on!

Reporter, Hanna Yates from KSDK interviewed a few OFF Members for a story about our 50th Anniversary. This was at John Steuterrman's neighborhood pond, and the Club had a good turnout. The bluegill also active and the piece should air sometime in the next couple of weeks.

I received an email from the Innsbrook Fishing Club President, Christopher Chivetta (thanks to Don Davis for the link) and they have an interest in learning to fly fish. They also stocked one of their ponds with trout and we may try a to take day trip there in the future. Maybe.

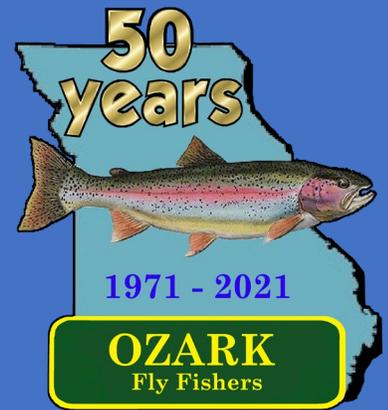
I enjoyed Mark Van Patten's talk at our May meeting. His *Watermelons and Moonshine* was a fun read, so I knew he would be a good speaker. As a friend of the club and Stream Team over the years, we know him well.

Attached is one fly pattern he mentioned, the 'Simple Beaded Soft Hackle.'

- Caddis size 16 hook
- Black Tungsten Bead
- Black 8/0 thread
- Black Dubbing (prefer Rabbit)
- Partridge Soft Hackle
- Lagartun Flat Braid Kelly Green (floss can be substituted)



Then, a day trip to the spots on the Current that he spoke of also sounds good. Another event might be at Montauk in July for a Water Quality Monitoring, and we still have rooms reserved at the lodge. A lot of "maybes."
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Upcoming Events

June

General Member Meeting
June 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Online via Zoom
Guest Speaker:
Blake Wilson

July

General Member Meeting
July 22, 2021 – 7:00 pm
Online via Zoom
Guest Speaker:
TBD

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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President's Message (con't)

So, I hear from a number of our members that fishing is back on, at least on a limited (should I say safe?) basis. I think the beauty of the sport is that we tend to stay well apart when we meet, with the exception of our meetings. The six-foot distance from the CDC turns into at least twenty on the stream, and that is probably a minimum. I think the perplexing question is when we can assemble again at Queeny, and secondarily, if our vaccinated members would be a safer option. More "maybes."

Got a text from John Tymony, and he joined a Rapidan TU club out in Virginia. He's been able to fish with them for Brookies and says Hi to the club.

Learned our own Mike Swederska is on the evaluation committee for the FFI Bronze Award. Congratulations to our ex-President!

The speaker for our June 24th meeting is Blake Wilson from Lilleys Landing down at Taneycomo. He can be found down at their dock, or on one of their boats more often than not! As an aspiring fishing guide, Blake lives and breathes Taneycomo Trout. If anyone has questions for him, please forward them to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com.

Be well my friends.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

Outings Report – June 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. For outings questions, please contact:

Richard Bable, Outings Chairperson, Ozark Fly Fishers

Phone: 314-650-2859

Email: 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: 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

Fly of the Month – June 2021

The Killer Bee

Another summer bluegill favorite, the Killer Bee is a long-forgotten fly from way back. I don't know the origin of this fly. I think I saw it in a fly shop or catalog somewhere back when I was first starting out and it has been in my pond fishing box ever since. What's not to like... It's got good color contrasts, rubber legs, and a little red in it. All things panfish love. It is a simple fly that can be churned out quickly and cheap enough to give out when someone inevitably asks "what are you using?!"

Materials

- Hook: Firehole 839 #10 – 14 or other similar nymph hook
- Weight: .015 lead wire (or non-lead wire)
- Thread: Veevus 8/0 Black
- Tail: Red Hackle Fibers
- Over-Body: Medium Black Chenille
- Body: Small Yellow Chenille
- Legs: Yellow/Black Barred Sili-Legs
- Thorax: Small Black Chenille



Tying Steps

1. Secure hook in vise and add 10-15 wraps .015" lead wire to the rear 2/3rds of the hook.
2. Start thread in front of lead wire wraps and make a couple of spiral wraps back and forth over lead to secure in place leaving thread at the hook bend. There should be enough room between the lead wraps and the hook bend to tie in the tail and body materials for a smooth body.
3. Strip off a bunch of red hackle fibers and tie in the tail on top of the hook extending about the length of the body and trim butt ends.
4. For the over-body, pull the fluff out of the end of the medium black chenille leaving just the bare thread core. Tie in on top of the hook by the threads so that the fluff starts just at the base of the tail.
5. Do the same for the small yellow chenille, then advance the thread to in front of the lead wraps at about the 2/3rd point of the hook shank.
6. Wrap the yellow chenille to the thorax and tie off. Pull the extra fluff out before securing the thread ends to finish neatly.
7. Pull the medium black chenille over the back of the body and tie off at the thorax. Again, pull any extra fluff out to make a neat, smooth transition.
8. Tie in two sections of leg material – one on each side. Double-over the material so they both extend rearward on each side and trim to the end of the tail.
9. Tie in the small black chenille just like before (by just the thread core) and advance the thread to the hook eye. Wrap the chenille to form the thorax and tie off at the hook eye. Whip-finish and trim thread.

I use two sizes of black chenille for the over-body and the thorax because of the coverage. The small chenille does not cover enough of the body, and medium chenille is too fat for a neat thorax. (that could just be me though) I fish this like most other pond flies – by slowly stripping it back in short twitches and pauses. Vary your retrieve and sink times until you find the fish. I also fish them as a dropper under a popper or deer-hair bug. Try changing up the body color too... try chartreuse, orange and purple with legs to match those colors. Keep the red tail, though. I think that's important for some reason.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chairperson, Ozark Fly Fishers

Next Meeting: June 24, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Blake Wilson

On Thursday, June 24, OFF will have its next Member Meeting. Join us as we continue to celebrate our 50th Year with this online meeting, with Guest Speaker Blake Wilson.

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Come Zoom with Ozark Fly Fishers. OFF will offer online, visual programming for members. The programs will be available to all members that have a computer or smartphone.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Pic of the Month

OFF Member and Newsletter Editor, Jake Voss, caught this Largemouth Bass on his 5 wt fly rod down at the Lake of the Ozarks, poking around while his kids were taking a nap. He used a John Deere jig to catch the bass, which worked surprisingly well. Later that trip he would go on to accidentally snap the tip off that fly rod by walking down some stairs too fast and not paying attention.

If you would like your latest catch to be featured in the OFF Newsletter, email your pics or videos to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



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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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) These days, our meetings are held on Zoom.

Fly Tiers of the Long Table

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table newtying 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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