General Meeting - Fly Swap

December 10th 2015
Queeny Park
Greensfelder Recreation Complex 550 Weidman Rd
Ballwin, MO 63011 7:00 PM

Fly Swap

Mark your calendars as the December Fly Swap will be upon us in the next few weeks. Please bring a wrapped box of a dozen flies and your favorite snack to share.

See you there.

President's Message

I hope November finds many of you fishing, or planning to go fishing. The fall is here and I have caught the heck out of leaves. I catch them on everything. Size and color do not matter, if the fly has a hook, I can catch the leaves. I have found the Current River down, clear, and the fish are spooky. I still was able to catch a few, and spend time with friends.

After all the talk about what kind of club other people think we should be, I have a vision about Ozark Fly Fishers I wish to share with you all. If your child, grandchild, spouse, or friend got a fly rod for some reason, Ozark Fly Fishers is a great place to start. We do promote fly fishing as the most sportsman-like and enjoyable way of fishing, and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish resources. O.F.F. is a place to start, grow, and make friends. OFF teaches at every meeting and outing. We are a great teaching club. We are conservationists, and we practice conservation of natural resources. We support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control. I am also a Trout Unlimited member, and have been starting since the 1970's. TU is the greatest conservation group for cold water issues that exists. OFF will teach you Stream Team, Clean Stream, and general conservation understanding, but how you use that skill and knowledge is limited by YOU. We are Stream Team 31, out of 5000, and going strong. We are conservation, the end user, and producers. OFF is a great conservation club.

OFF provides advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing. That advice comes from speakers, and members. OFF has many Certified Casters and Master Certified Casters who are always ready to teach. OFF has 3 of the first people to receive the Bronze Tying Award, and an active fly tying community. OFF has the very best educators who demonstrate applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and all related subjects. We have tried to be many things to many people, but OFF is at its best when we are one to one, teaching and learning, sharing and caring. I care a great deal about veterans, those recovering from various things, and youth. I tell you that I give all my compassion and money to Trout Bust. These people raise a lot of money and gives it to all away to all the charities I want to help. OFF should support the best charitable fundraising group, Trout Bust, not compete against it.

OFF has been a great club since 1971, and is still going strong in 2015. We have 230 dues paying members, and a vast number of people that called OFF home, at one time. I want you all to know everyone that has come thru OFF has added a little to this Great Club, and you are always welcome back.

We have the Fly Swap coming up on December 10th, the Annual Meeting and Fund Raiser on January 23rd, and the All Day Event February 20th. We also have the FYAO February 5-7, at Montauk. I will see you on the river waiving a stick.

Malcolm Royse

Casting Tip November / December 2016

By Bill Armon CCI

Mel Krieger along with Lefty Kreh were the main casting instructors I learned from in my early years of fly casting. Lefty neatly outlined his essentials; Mel was not so kind. Below I try to outline what I believe his "bullet" points would have been.

This info is from a book by Mel Krieger "The Essence of Flycasting". This book should be a must read for everyone who wants to learn to flycast. This book should be required reading for all casting instructors. I strongly recommend you get this book.

So here goes my attempt to give the basics of Mel Kreiger's essentials. (Forgive me Mel).

There are three main aspects of the cast: 1) The casting stroke. 2) The casting arc. 3) The casting Loop.

The casting Stroke = the entire motion. The casting arc = the V shaped arc between the stopping point on the fore and back cast. Casting Loop = the shape of the line as it unrolls through the air and off the tip of the rod.

Good casting requires that the forward cast and the back cast work together in a straight line. (Remember SLP? – **s**traight **l**ine **p**ath of the rod tip). The size of the casting arc and stroke must fit the amount of bend in the rod in order to maintain SLP.

"A good casting loop is formed by decisively stopping the rod at the end of the casting stroke". The shape of the loop is determined by the path of the rod tip during the casting stoke. SLP = good loop. Convex path of the rod tip = open loop. Concave path = tailing loop.

Mel goes on to say, by correctly applying the speed up and stop you can make narrow or wide loops with both narrow and wide casting strokes. The greater the bend in the rod the larger the casting stroke must be to maintain SLP.

Mel seems to belive timing and feel will come with practice. My favorite quote of Mel's is the essence of teaching is enthusiasm and the essence of learning is repetition (practice). Get Mel's book and go practice – he was (and is) a great instructor.

Fly of the Month – November 2015

By Mike Swederska

Root Beer Dry Emerger

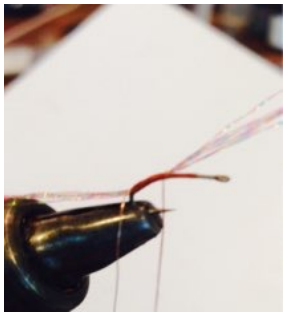
Required Materials:

- Hook: Dai Riki #125 size 16-20
- Thread Root Beer brown size 8
- Tail: Hare Line, Root Beer Crystal Flash five pieces
- Under Wing: Hare Line Root Beer Crystal Flash five Pieces
- Body: the tying thread
- Ribbing: Fine Copper Wire
- Hackle: Furnace Hackle
- Thorax: tying thread and the black of the furnace hackle
- Head: tying thread

This fly was a life saver during a hatch at Bennet Springs. Only use silicone on the hackle to keep the fly up and dry. Let the body soak up the water and sink. The fly is very hard to see on the water as the sun goes down so play the take. After every fish use desiccant on the whole fly. The best size was 18 but I feel they would have taken a 20 just as readily.

Don't tie in the tail or the underling to long. You want to give just a small taste of sparkle without weighing the fly down. Measure the furnace hackle as a dry fly just past the hook point. Notice in one of the completed pictures that the hook does not touch the surface because of the tail and hackle.

Start the thread two eyes back.
Tie in the Root Beer Crystal flash and the Fine Copper wire. Don't cut the flash off at the front of the fly. Use this for the under wing.
Wrap the wire up the body with even segmentation.
Wrap forward and back over the Crystal flash to create a layer back over the under wing.
Be sure to keep the thorax flat for the Furnace hackle.
Cut the length of the under wing at the end of the body. Make the tail as close to the same length as the under wing.



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ANNUAL BANQUET AUCTION AND FUND RAISER

Saturday January 23, 2016

Sunset Hills Golf Course & Banquet Center

13366 West Watson Road

Sunset Hills, MO 63127

314-843-7811

www.sunsethillsgolfcourse.net

- Cash bar and silent auction begins at 6:00 P.M.
- Dinner begins at 7:00
- Live auction to follow after dinner

Dinner menu: The dinner this year will again be a buffet catered by Syberg's and will include:

- Steam Boat Top Round of Beef, AuJus
- Chicken Cordon Blue
- Parmesan Roasted Potatoes
- Fresh Green Beans Almandine
- Salad and Rolls
- desserts

Cost: $36.00 per person

Please make your reservation early and fill in the information below.

Name: _____

Name: _____

The evening will include a historical display, a video of club activities, and induction of the latest members into the Legends. Please join us, meet with friends for an enjoyable evening and support our club.

Make checks out to: "Ozark Fly Fishers"

Mail to:

- Bill Todd
- 1029 Arlington Drive
- Columbia, IL. 62236

Ozark Fly Fishers 2016 Membership Application / Renewal Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date _____

Name _____

Spouse/Family _____

Number & Street _____

City, State _____ Zip +4_____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Work _____

Cell _____ E-Mail Address _____

If you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter through the U.S. mail IN ADDITION TO an e-mail reminder when the monthly club newsletter appears on our web site, check here. _____

Other Club Memberships (check all that apply)

Conservation Federation of Missouri _____ * Federation of Fly Fishers _____
Smallmouth Alliance _____ Trout Unlimited _____

*** F.F.F. members who are Illinois residents should request membership in the Southern Council on their F.F.F. membership application or by sending an e-mail to membership@fedflyfishers.org.**

Dues (check only ONE item below)

Individual--$30 _____ Senior (65+)--$30 _____ Family--$40 _____ Corporate--$250 _____

(January 2, 2016 or AFTER)

Your information may not be appear in the Membership Directory / additional fee of $5 will be incurred

(NEW members joining in October or later are automatically renewed through the following year. Membership is good through Dec 31, 2016)

Mail this form and a check payable to Ozark Fly Fishers

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(PLEASE do NOT attach check to form.)

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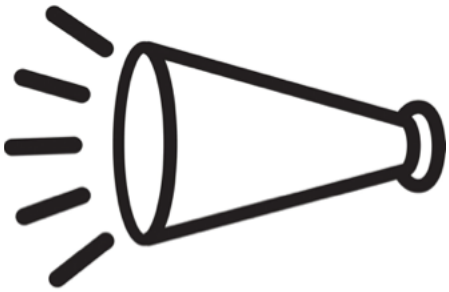

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Zagar, Chairman

November 2015

The Ozark Fly Fishers nominating committee is calling for nominations for the following:

Treasurer

The Treasurer is an officer of the Club and as such serves a two year term. "The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and securities of the organization."
David Crawford has been appointed to fill the position of Treasurer by Malcolm Royse to fill the unexpired term of Mark Harris. David has also been nominated and, if elected by the membership, has agreed to serve a two year term beginning on February 15, 2016.

Outings

The Outings committee is chaired by one of the six directors of the Club and as such serves a three year term. "Outings: shall be responsible for all activities and projects relating to Club outings."
Ed Olander has been appointed by Malcolm Royse to fill the position of director and outings chair for the remainder of this year. Malcolm Royse has been performing the duties of outing chair, as this position has been vacant this year. Ed has also been nominated, and if elected has agreed to serve a three year term beginning on February 15, 2016.

Ways & Means

The Ways & Means committee is chaired by one of the six directors of the Club and as such serves a three year term. "Ways & Means: Shall be responsible for fund raising activities for the club including raffles."
Brad Kohlbrecher, the current Ways & Means chair will leave his term early at the end of this year. Nominations for director and ways and means chair are open. This will be a three year term beginning on February 15, 2016.

Conservation

The Conservation committee is chaired by one of the six directors of the Club and as such serves a three year term. "Conservation: shall be responsible for all activities and projects relating to the protection of our natural resources and the goal of more and better fly fishing."
Wallis Warren has been on the Board of Directors serving as the chair of the Conservation committee for many years. This will be her last year. Nominations for director and conservation chair are open. This will be a three year term beginning on February 15, 2016.

Thanks to Wallis for her many years of service.

See the By-Laws for additional information concerning the duties of your officers and directors and for nomination and election procedures.

Please feel free to contact me with names of potential nominees.

Bob Zagar
robertzagar@att.net
314-540-0282

Communications

Ozark Newsletter

Want to become more involved, have a knack for writing and would like to share information, tips or likewise subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club. Another benefit of **membership** is our monthly newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. As space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your proof read articles to **500 words or less** in 10 pt Times New Roman.

If interested please contact John Tymony at Cell: (314)303-3012 or submit your article for consideration to: ozarknewsletter@gmail.com

Yahoo Group

One of the benefits of being a **member** of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join. Like any other club function, the more members participating the better.
The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Current Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control. TheYahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing.
To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska** Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email shur-way@sbcglobal.net

Ways and Means

Embroidered Apparel

If anyone would like any hats or shirts embroidered with the Ozark Fly Fishers's logo, please bring your items to the meetings. I also have catalogs so you can pick out apparel and have the logos put on them.

Thank you,

Brad Kohlbrecher

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Stream Team 31

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

Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

Founded 1971

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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

Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Queeny Park Rec Center

(Unless noted differently – see Calendar)

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