

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

August 2019

### President's Message

Not too much to say about the past month, as I just drove in from the West Coast last night. Vacations are precious! I understand the Montauk WQM outing went well.

I enjoyed the presentation by Brian Waldrop from Stream Team at our meeting, and unfortunately have a new understanding of tires in our streams. I personally like the Water Quality Management portion, but the need to clean up our streams is constant. I encourage everyone to help the Stream Team efforts, and maybe even discover a new fishing hole or two.

Looking forward to our next trip to the White River, as the package Ed put together is a great one. I look forward to those joining us in Arkansas!

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**  
Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)



### August Meeting Speaker: Ed Heist

#### Natural Selection, Artificial Selection, and the Science of Better Trout Fisheries

Dr. Ed Heist is a fisheries biologist, conservation geneticist, and professor of zoology at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He is also an avid fly fisher. Dr. Heist will discuss the latest research on how trout adapt to both hatchery and wild environments, and how this information can be used to create better trout fisheries. Examples will be taken from trout fisheries around the world with suggestion on how to improve trout fishing in the Ozarks. This talk expands on a presentation Dr. Heist gave to the Gateway Chapter of Trout Unlimited in December.

### New! 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.

**Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?**  
Email the Editor at [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)



### Upcoming Events

#### August

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
August 22, 2019, 7:00 PM

52nd Annual Operation Clean Stream  
August 24, 2019  
See Page 4 for Info

#### September

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
Sept. 26, 2019, 7:00 PM

#### October

Feather-Craft Fall Fly Fishing Fest  
October 19, 2019  
More details to come.

General Monthly Meeting  
Greensfelder Rec Complex  
Oct. 24, 2019, 7:00 PM

#### December

Holiday Party & Fly Swap  
December 5, 2019  
More details to come.

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# Outings Report – August 2019

## White River and Norfolk River Outing

September 13-15, 2019

We will be staying at the River Ridge Inn Lodge located at the junction of the White and Norfolk Rivers. Their address is 57 River Ridge Road, Norfolk, Arkansas 72658.

**Website:** [www.riverridgeinn.com](http://www.riverridgeinn.com) **Phone:** 807-499-7775.

- Check-in time is at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 13.
- Check-out time is at 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 15.

Meals & drinks to be provided:

- Friday Night BBQ: Brats, Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Slaw, Condiments, Dessert.
- Saturday and Sunday Breakfast: Cheerios, Bananas, Milk, and Pastries.
- Saturday Night BBQ: Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert.
- Soda, Coffee, Tea, will be available.

Accommodations are six bedrooms & baths with 7 queen beds, 1 king bed, 2 full beds, futon, and sofa. Meals & drinks to be provided.

If further accommodations are needed beyond the above, I will try to accommodate. RSVPs are required by August 26, 2019 and payment due no later than September 1, 2019.

Total cost per person for two nights lodging plus meals is **\$165.00**.

## Eleven Point River Outing

October 11-13, 2019, Alton, MO

Our host is Brian Sloss of *Eleven Point Cottages & Guide Service* in Alton, MO who will provide our housing in town in his renovated houses. I have reserved two cottages for eight singles. Cottages are renovated houses with bed rooms and other sleep areas. Housing is very limited around Alton. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. Friday night BBQ will be brats, hamburgers, potato salad, slaw, soda, water and dessert. Saturday night will be BBQ ribs, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. We will be eating breakfast at Grandma's on Saturday morning, but that cost is not included.

Wade Fishing is available above and at the Hwy 19 bridge, but to fish the 5-mile Blue Ribbon section, you'll need a canoe, kayak, belly boat or guide service. I have Brian ready to provide guides for hire for an all-day float on the Blue Ribbon section for \$350 plus tip for two, which includes rods, flies, lunch and drinks on Saturday. Let me know if you want to fish with a guide Friday or Sunday. A half-day is \$250 plus tip.

**Website:** <https://www.elevenpointflyfishing.com/>

Total cost per person for two nights lodging plus meals is **\$90.00**  
Make checks out to Ozark Fly Fishers and mail them to me as below.

**Contact** Ed Olander at 314-487-1663 or 314-566-1442

Email: [olanderedward@att.net](mailto:olanderedward@att.net) with your reservation.

Address: 5886 Chrisbrook Drive, St. Louis, MO 63128

## 2019 Outings

### September

White & Norfolk  
Rivers - Norfolk, AR  
Sept. 13-15, 2019

### October

Eleven Point River  
Alton, MO  
October 11-13, 2019

### November

Bennett Spring  
Catch & Release  
Sand Springs Resort  
Nov. 7-10, 2019

## 2020 Outings

Details to come in future  
Member Newsletters.



# Fly of the Month – August 2019

## Quill Bodied Soft Hackle

Stripped peacock quills have been around for about as long as tiers have been wrapping feathers to hooks. There are countless methods for stripping peacock eye shafts, bleaching, coloring, and processing; All of which usually are time consuming and often yield less than ideal results. Recently, though, Polish Quills have made our lives so much easier. They are pre-stripped and dyed a variety of very true colors, are much more pliable than the ones I strip, and are very convenient to use. So why tie with stripped quills? They make easy, beautifully segmented, thin bodies on any fly style. I use them on nymphs, perdigons, dries, and now soft hackles.



### Materials

- Hook: Firehole 609 #14-18
- Thread: 12/0 Veevus same color as body
- Body: Polish Quills in your favorite color – I like olive, golden olive, orange, and brown
- Cement: Solarez Bone Dry UV Cure or thin head cement
- Thorax: Peacock dubbing
- Hackle: Partridge feather

### Tying Steps

1. Secure hook in vise, and start thread 2-3 eye-lengths back from hook eye. Advance thread to hook bend making very smooth, even wraps. Build a slim, tapered underbody of thread avoiding any lumps, bumps, or otherwise offending defects. End with thread at rear of fly.
2. Select your stripped quill and trim off the little unstripped end. Tie in at rear of body so that the black stripe is toward the hook bend. Advance thread to the thorax.
3. Making touching or slightly overlapping turns, wrap the quill to the thorax and secure with a few thread wraps. Trim excess and make a two or three turn whip finish.
4. Apply your favorite UV cure coating and torch it, or apply a couple of coats of head cement and let each one dry well.
5. Dub a thin thorax of peacock dubbing (or use your favorite fur dubbing).
6. Prepare and tie in an appropriately-sized partridge feather by the tip. Make 1 ½ to 2 turns of hackle and secure with a few thread wraps. Trim excess, form a nice neat head with thread wraps, whip-finish, and trim thread.

I fish these in traditional wet fly style – up and across current letting them swing in the current until it is below me, then stripping it back before casting again. I also will use this as a dropper behind a Crackleback and fish it the same way, or as a dropper behind a bead-head nymph for fishing deep. As with any soft hackle, you really cannot fish it wrong. The UV cure coating makes the body very durable and even adds a 3-D effect to the body.

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

## Casting Tip – August 2019

After a long time of not being able to decide on a topic for this month I decided to make this tip about two of the most common problems I see. Beginners have not developed a good stop. Intermediate casters have a tendency to not keep the 180-degree rule. The stop is what forms the loop. It must be timed correctly and it must be **strong**. Joan Wulff's description of the "power snap" is one I like a lot. The power-snap must occur toward the end of the stroke. If it occurs at the start of the stroke one gets a tailing loop.

The 180-degree rule says the line on front and back cast travels on a straight line. Many casters have a tendency to twist their shoulder and cause the tracking to be closer to 270-degrees. This decreases the efficiency of the cast significantly.

I am in need of ideas for casting tips. If you have a suggestion, please let me know. or give me a call. Thanks!

**Bill Armon, CCI, bagoodloops@gmail.com**

# 2019 Conservation Events

- **August 24, 2019:** 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils
- **September – October:** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

## 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream

### **August 24, 2019, 8:00 am - Big River, Byrnes Mill City Park**

You are invited to attend the 52<sup>ND</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream (OCS). Come join the Trashmanian Devils (Missouri Stream Team #3797) and other Stream Teams as we participate in the largest and oldest stream cleanup in the nation. Our site has the largest OCS volunteer participation on the Big River. The last few years have seen an enthusiastic volunteer commitment. If you are uncertain about helping (perhaps you do not think this is for you) come anyway and have lunch. Witness firsthand the effect that our dedicated work force can have on restoring this beautiful stream to a more natural state. We have a great time doing so. Do not neglect to get the youth involved. Our streams will one day be in their care! For those who use our streams, this cleanup provides an awesome opportunity to “give back” to their care and preservation. In the past few years we have had historic flooding. With luck the water levels will subside, and conditions will look good for a “bumper crop” of removable trash along with safe conditions for volunteers.

We will start the day with donuts, juice and milk. If you want coffee bring your own. OCS volunteers work hard, and they play hard. By noon we will have completed our cleanup and adjourn to lunch. Pizza and other food will be provided by the generous donation of local restaurants along with soda and bottled water. If you go away hungry it will be your own fault! This is a great opportunity to socialize with your stream cleaning friends from the past and an opportunity to make new friends of the future.

Once again, this year Leinenkugel Beer made the request to partner with us on our cleanup. Leinenkugel has been involved with promoting clean waterways (Canoes for a Cause) in their home state of Wisconsin for numerous years. Six years ago, they began a push into the mid-west promoting their program with our site being the first in the state of Missouri to partner with them. Leinenkugel has been quite generous with their donations and trade giveaways by means of the raffle items they have provided us. Note that alcohol will not be consumed during our cleanup to ensure the safety of our volunteers and to abide by the regulations of the park.

As always, after lunch we will have attendance and pay raffles. You may wish to participate in the pay raffle and help support our cleanup, which will be greatly appreciated. Our meeting place will be at the park shelter (covered, shaded and complete with picnic tables). If needed box fans will be on hand to cool our folks down. Running water restrooms are conveniently located near the pavilion. All the comforts of home! Volunteers wanting to bring their own watercraft are welcome to do so. It is recommended that sturdy footwear be worn during this cleanup. Beach wear such as flip flops and sandals are discouraged. Remember your sunscreen and hat. Bring a change of clothes, we get dirty! If you are interested in the pay raffle, remember to bring some “folding money”.

Work gloves, trash bags and OCS t-shirts will be provided. Several canoes will be on hand for cleanup duty. If you are interested in manning one of these canoes, please reserve by mention of the contact information listed below.

**IF ATTENDING PLEASE NOTIFY** so that you can be placed on the volunteer list, reserve a canoe, or relay your t-shirt size. Cancellations are always a possibility due to adverse weather, a high-water event, etc.... and your contact information will be essential for notification.

If you have any questions about OCS, contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

# Fishing Mill Creek for the First Time

This past weekend I had the chance to fish Mill Creek for the first time. For those who have not had the chance to fish there, Mill Creek flows north through the Mark Twain National Forest south of Rolla. From Wilkins Spring to the creek's mouth at the Little Piney River, the entire stretch of the creek within the Bohigian Conservation Area is a Blue Ribbon Trout Area. Obviously, there are no native trout species in the state of Missouri, however, the Rainbow Trout population in Mill Creek is self-sustaining, and naturally reproduce in the spring-fed creek waters that maintain a temperature of approximately 57 degrees year round.



I parked in a small gravel lot marked with a Bohigian Conservation Area sign and found myself surrounded on three sides by a very tall, but very beautiful field of wildflowers. There was not a path to be seen, but I had a general idea of which direction the creek was supposed to be. Earlier in the week I had texted a few guys from the club for advice on fishing Mill Creek, as I didn't really know what to expect. I was told that the water level would be low and the grass would be high, and I'd be smart to put on my waders in the parking lot rather than carry them to the creek-bed, as the chiggers and ticks would be out in force.

Both pieces of advice about Mill Creek ended up being true. The grass, obviously, was very high, and the water was fairly low. The water, aside from the deeper holes where I fished, rarely got up to knee height. The banks were very overgrown, so there wasn't much of a shore to walk on in many spots. This meant having to trek through the calf-high water for most of the day.

I decided to head upstream first and head towards Wilkins Spring, where the good trout water was supposed to begin. I left my blue fly rod case sticking straight up on the bank, marking the spot in the woods where I had entered. The few holes I found weren't much deeper than five or six feet and often at the end of a twisted mess of roots of a fallen tree. I was told to try throwing something furry, in an olive or brighter green color. The few mohair leech patterns I had in my fly box seemed way too big for the small stream, so I settled on a smaller Size 12 John Deere Jig. Originally, I tried fishing a dry fly, but the small gravel creek bed and shallow waters made spotting the dry fly very difficult. Plus, it wasn't exactly Montauk or Bennett, where you can see about a dozen bored looking trout hanging out six inches below the surface. There wasn't a fish to be seen to cast a fly to, so I'd actually have to do some real trout water reading and cast to the spots where I figured the trout should be.

At the second or third hole I found I did end up catching a wild Rainbow trout, and it was about as big as my thumb. I read fishing reports from years' past of anglers catching 8-10 inch Rainbows along with the occasional lunker on Mill Creek. It's very possible I just didn't cover the water where those fish were hanging out. I caught another Rainbow Trout at the next hole, this one slightly larger, about the size of my index finger. Even though they were small, it was still a rush to catch a wild trout in Missouri. These weren't the farm-raised, fish-food-fed stockies of the trout parks. Rather it was a trout born in this creek, whose parents were born in this creek, and so on and so forth from when they were originally stocked decades ago. There's something magic and authentic about that - or rather as magical and authentic as a wild trout in Missouri can be.



For more of this story, and other fly-fishing tales, visit my blog at [www.vossfish.com](http://www.vossfish.com)  
**Jacob Voss, Director of Communications, Ozark Fly Fishers.**

# Hopper Season

It's August and I am out brush-hogging along the tops of the dams to the water's edge for hopefully the last time this year. August is the month that things start to dry up and trees and grasses start to turn. You're wondering why I am posting about cutting grass. Well, as I sit on the tractor, I am getting all wound up realizing that it's time again. HOPPER FISHING! The fields are full of different shades of green, tan, and brown hoppers of all different sizes. I look forward to hopper season because I can fish a successful surface fly during the sunny part of the day. I generally fish at dawn and dusk and sit out during the bright sunny heat of day when the action slows way down due to the lack of fish food. Now with Hopper season here, I can cast hopper patterns even during the brightest part of the day for medium size bass and pan fish. They are so much fun one after another on a fly rod. You can fish all day for the big one and go home with nothing. These guys will make a slow fishing day great.

As I cut along the lake, hoppers jump from in front of the tractor and land in the water. The vibration of the tractor scares the fish from the edges, so the hoppers just wiggle in the water without getting eaten. As I get further down the dam, I watch the fish hit them like trout in a hatchery when pellets are thrown too them.

The best tactic for hopper fishing is to cast hoppers in an area of heavy grass. Pan fish don't mind sun and they love hoppers. Bass on the other hand ambush their meal, so they like cover of some nature in the water not so much overhead. Casting a hopper under a low hanging tree works if there is tall grass at the edge. Generally casting to the sides of the low hanging tree where the tall grass would be is more productive. Don't think for one moment that a Large Mouth won't take a two-inch hopper that is frantically wiggling to get off the water.

Cast your hopper about four to eight feet from the edge of the lake or the tall grass growing in the water at the edge, and wiggle it for about fifteen seconds. Then let it sit. Wait until you can't stand it and the rings are just about gone from your wiggle. Start the process over with just wiggles. Have patience -- the fish will come to you. If not, pick the hopper up and cast about ten feet away from where you originally landed. One thing about pan fish is that they swim in packs, so if you pick up a nice one, work the same area again. Your chances are good of getting another.

You can use any fly rod weight with hoppers, but I suggest a rod of 5wt and up size. I personally use a 7wt. Many hopper patterns are somewhat wind resistant as you cast, making them hard to get distance (and you need distance). You need forty or more feet on a clear lake. I use 1x tippet or 30-lb mono with a stout short leader to turn them over. Warm water fish are definitely not leader shy. Pan fish and bass will burrow into the weeds along the lake edge when hooked. You need the stout tippet and leader to be able to work them out without breaking.

The hoppers I tie and carry are simple patterns. I have learned that a hopper does not need to be detailed like a trout fly. If it plops on the water when landing, then wiggles like a hopper, it must be a hopper. The average lengths of my patterns are two inches long and quarter inch round. All of my patterns are foam, quick, easy and cheap. I have been carving hard bodies but that's me and not necessary for the everyday fly guy. When I'm choosing a hopper pattern to tie, I use these criteria:

1. **Shimmer & Glimmer.** This is some kind of tinsel flash that will float on the water and glimmer in the sun. Chrome tinsel such as Christmas tree tinsel is perfect. Kristal Flash is too stiff and small, not giving the affect you're looking for. You want it to imitate water movement. Don't get this confused with legs.
2. **Legs.** Very soft fine diameter silicone legs. These legs need to be very movable but still come back to shape. This ability will allow the hopper to create its own movements with the slightest rod tip shake.
3. **Size.** Needs to be large enough to make the fish want to spend the energy to eat it and to give up its hiding spot. You don't want a hopper to be too small. Most fish won't waste the energy to come up and get it or fight over it with other fish. The smallest of pan fish and bass will hit a two-inch hopper, as they don't know what other sizes are flying around in the field next to the lake.
4. **Color.** Color is really not as important to the fish than it is to you. As I mentioned earlier, hoppers are all different colors, so choosing any color of hopper you like will work.

**Mike Swederska Sr., Fly Tier of the Long Table, Phone: 314 799-1998, Email: [Shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Shur-way@sbcglobal.net)**

## Fly Tiers of the Long Table Update

This month at the Fly Tiers of the Long Table, I will be tying a hopper pattern. It will be simple, one of my own and one that I know catches warm water fish. You can take what I demonstrate and down size it for trout if you would like. 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.

# Wanted: Safety Pin Fly Tiers & Stream Team Presenters - Passport to Clean Water

**Saturday, August 24, 2019 10:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Greentree Park - 2202 Marshall Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122**

Ozark fly fishers will once again be promoting the future of stream conservation at PASSPORT TO CLEAN WATER sponsored by the Open Space Council. This program has the potential to expose a lot of kids to the concept of conservation. The Passport to Clean Water, is an interactive educational program geared towards youth ages 5-18 and their families. This program will feature exhibits on the watershed and will include demonstrations on water quality, exhibits about local animals, fish, live birds, and much more. Learn how you can save water and protect water resources in your home. This program is great for Girl and Boy Scouts, youth groups, school groups, and more!

We are requesting volunteers from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to help with tying safety pin flies and Stream Team education. We currently have a couple of volunteers but need additional manpower to match the youth onslaught. Note that you need not be an expert with either of these demonstrations. We have a couple of "capital" Stream Team educators who will man our tent and provide instruction to anyone wanting to help with Stream Team presentation. We are especially in need of tiers! A tent, tables and chairs will be provided. Lunch will also be provided. If you would like to lend a much needed hand, please make contact with Scott Darrough: [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com) or 314-560-1355.

## New Fly Shop Alert

### **J-Cook Fly Rods – St. James, MO**

There is finally a shop in the I-44/Meramec Springs Park area that caters especially to fly-fishing. It's actually not new. J-Cook Fly Rods used to be located in Salem, but now it has relocated to St. James. So, whether you're on your way to Meramec Springs, Montauk State Park or locations west, you now have a conveniently located shop to get what you might have forgot and left at home.



Jerry Cook is very friendly, loves to talk fishing and is extremely knowledgeable about fly fishing in this area. He also can connect you with guides and lodging if you want to float and fish the Meramec or Current Rivers. While not as big as a Feather Craft, his store is well appointed and you will receive personalized service. He also does mail orders.

J-Cook Fly Rods, a veteran owned business, is located right next to Johnny's Route 66 Bar, literally two minutes off I-44, on 219 N. Jefferson, the main-drag in St. James, MO (65559). His website is: [www.jcookflyrods.com](http://www.jcookflyrods.com). His phone is 573-265-2844. His email is: [jerry@jcookflyrods.com](mailto:jerry@jcookflyrods.com).

**-Jack Cohen**

**Editor's Note:** Searching for J-Cook Fly Rods on Google will still bring up the old Salem address, but rest assured, the shop is now in St. James. I can personally confirm, as I bought some flies there earlier in the summer.

## Flies Donations Wanted: August Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers is collecting flies at our August meeting to donate to the Safe Connections Silent Auction and Trivia Night. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Safe Connections. If interested, bring any flies you wish to donate to the August Member Meeting and see Jake Voss, OFF Director of Communications.

# 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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## 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](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))

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# 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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