

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

February 2019

### President's Message

#### Introducing Dan Rasch

Here to report my first message as President. Thank you for your support! Our 2019 Annual Banquet was a success, as the bad weather never really materialized. We made money. Thanks to Steve Antonic, Jerry Kniepman, and Bill Armon for their help making the night a success. Our next outing is the F.Y.A.O. at Montauk, and half of the cabins are rented as I write this. This outing is a treat, not knowing the weather, but leaves room to socialize. I have seen good reports on the Montauk Facebook site, with several nice fish in nets.



Our All-Day Meeting is Saturday, February 23 with Devin Olsen. Olsen started fly-fishing in Yellowstone at age 9. Within a couple of years, it became an addiction he could not shake, and he begged for rides to local streams until he could drive. He started competing at age 19 and made Fly Fishing Team USA in 2006 when he was 21 years old. He has competed in 10 consecutive World Fly Fishing Championships and will compete in his 11th this year in Tasmania. He has earned a bronze individual medal and silver and bronze team medals from these championships. Away from competitive fishing he holds a bachelor's degree in Ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science. He worked as a fisheries biologist for several years before starting his company Tactical Fly Fisher. He has produced two instructional films, "Modern Nymphing: European Inspired Techniques" and "Modern Nymphing Elevated: Beyond the Basics." He authored the book 'Tactical Fly Fishing: Lessons Learned from Competition for All Anglers.' The meeting location is the same as last year, Community Christian Church, 623 Meramec Station Road in Ballwin, which was very accommodating last year.

This year, we have adjusted the outings, adding new ones to the Spring River in March, the White River in September, and moved the Taneycomo outing from September to April. Ed Olander continues to do a fine job on these and is appreciated. This is a busy time for us as we make plans for the year. Jacob Voss has updated the website calendar for the dates of the upcoming events. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the All-Day Meeting next month!

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**  
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### Questions about the Newsletter?

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### Upcoming Events

#### February

All-Day Meeting  
with Devin Olsen  
February 23, 2019  
(See p. 4 for info)

#### March

Chili Tie-In  
Marlan Graham's Clubhouse  
March 9, 2019  
(See p. 2 for info)

General Monthly Meeting  
with Jeff Trigg  
Community Christian Church  
623 Meramec Station Rd.  
Ballwin, MO 63021  
March 28, 2019

#### April






General Monthly Meeting  
April 25, 2019

#### May

General Monthly Meeting  
May 23, 2019

#### June

Members BBQ and Casting  
Tilles Park  
June 27, 2019

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# Outings Report – February 2019

## March - Spring River Outing

**March 29, 30, & 31 – Mammoth Spring Lodge Motel - Thayer, MO**

We have reserved four rooms with two queen beds each for two nights. A whole cooked breakfast is included on Saturday and Sunday morning. Cost is \$200 for two nights. In addition, we have Mark Crawford of Spring River Guides providing four drift boats for two on Saturday. Cost is \$300 per day, plus tip. You pay your guide directly.

**Reservation and Payment needed by March 15, 2019.**

## April - Lake Taneycomo Outing

**April 26, 27 & 28; - Lilleys' Landing - Branson, MO**

We have reserved the following cabins for Friday and Saturday night.

- Cabins #1, #2& #10 – One room with two twin beds and kitchen \$162 (2 nights)
- Cabins #3&#4 – Two bedrooms each with a king bed and kitchen \$274 (2 nights)
- Cabins #5&#6 - Two Bedrooms each with a twin bed and kitchen \$188 (2 nights)
- Cabins #7&#8 – Two Bedrooms each with a twin bed and kitchen \$210 (2 nights)
- Cabin # 9 - Two Bedrooms each with two beds and kitchen \$286 (2 nights)

You can check on the accommodations at [www.LilleysLanding.com](http://www.LilleysLanding.com).

**Reservation needed by March 1, 2019.**

**Payment in full needed by April 1, 2019.**

Make your checks out to Ozark Fly Fishers and mail to:  
Edward Olander – 5886 Chrisbrook Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128  
Tel: 314-566-1422 Email: olanderedward@att.net

## Chili Tie-In – March 9, 2018 – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Marlan Graham's Club House  
851 Country Stone Drive, Manchester, MO 63021.

Set up starts at 8:00 AM. Help is always needed. Bring your favorite chili, chip & dip, veggie tray, cookies, pie, cake, etc. Drinks provided by OFF.

Directions: I-270 to Dougherty Ferry Road, west. Turn right on Big Bend Road to first stop light. Turn right on Country Stone Drive. Club house on your left.



## 2019 Outings

### February

F.Y.A.O.

Montauk State Park  
February 8-10, 2019

### March

Spring River  
Mammoth Springs, AR  
March 29-31, 2019

### April

Lake Taneycomo  
Lilley's Landing  
Branson, MO  
April 26-28, 2019

### May

Montauk State Park  
May 17-19, 2019

### July

11th Annual OFF  
Stream Team Outing  
Montauk State Park  
July 12-14, 2019

### 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

# Fly of the Month – February 2019

## Devin Olsen's Soft Hackle Carrot Nymph

This year's all-day speaker, Devin Olsen, is a competition fly fisher and the founder of Tactical Fly Fisher web site and store. One of his go-to confidence fly patterns is his Soft Hackle Carrot Nymph. With a tungsten bead and a few wraps of lead behind, it is definitely a deep fishing fly typical of euro-nymphs. Again, it is yet another version of a Hare's Ear nymph with kind of a hot spot ribbing.

### Materials

- Hook: Barbless Nymph Hook #14 - 16
- Bead: 2.8mm Gold Tungsten Slotted Bead
- Weight: .015 Lead Wire
- Thread: Veevus 12/0 Brown
- Tail: 4 – 6 Fibers Coq De Leon Fibers
- Ribbing: Veevus Fluorescent Orange Thread
- Body: Blended Hares Ear Dubbing
- Hackle: Tan CDC Feather
- Collar: UV Brown SLF Dubbing



### Tying Steps

1. Place bead on hook and secure in vise. Turn bead so that the slot is on the bottom of the hook.
2. Wrap 3 turns of lead wire behind the bead and shove up into the slot and gap.
3. Start thread behind lead wraps and secure lead wraps with several thread wraps. Advance thread to the hook bend.
4. Tie in tail fibers on top of the hook shank making them about the length of the hook shank.
5. Advance thread to behind the bead. Double over the ribbing thread and tie in behind the bead and wrap down to hook bend.
6. Dub a slender body tapering slightly to about two wraps behind the bead.
7. Using a dubbing twister, twist the two strands of orange thread together and then rib the body with evenly spaced wraps. Secure behind bead, and trim excess.
8. Build up a slight bump of dubbing at the front of the body to help the hackle stand out.
9. Tie in the CDC hackle by its tip just behind the bead. Make 2 wraps to form the hackle, tie off with thread wraps, and trim excess.
10. Dub a sparse collar of the UV brown SLF between the hackle and the bead.
11. Brush a little cement on the thread, make three wraps behind the bead, then make a three-wrap whip-finish, and trim the thread.

You can watch Devin's video tutorial at [www.tacticalflyfisher.com](http://www.tacticalflyfisher.com). Fish this as your point fly of a multi-fly rig, or alone as a standard nymph. I tie this in both light and dark version as well.

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



# February 23 All-Day Meeting:

## Devin Olsen

Mark your calendars for our All-Day Meeting:

**February 23, 2019, 9AM – 3PM**

Community Christian Church  
623 Meramec Station Road  
Ballwin, MO 63021

From our speaker, Devin Olsen's bio:

"I started fly fishing at age 9. I will never forget my first day where I caught a cutthroat on an ant in the first meadow of the famed Slough Creek in Yellowstone on a hand me down fiberglass 7 weight!



Though I'd been fishing with hardware since I was a toddler, that day started an addiction to fly fishing that I can't seem to shake. When I fished against Lance Egan and Ryan Barnes in the former Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing Master's in 2004, I knew I had to find a way to compete in the sport I loved. It was serendipitous that I worked with both these anglers a year later after they had made Fly Fishing Team USA. I fished in my first regional and made the team myself in 2006. The ensuing years have been more educational than I could have ever imagined, and I'm as hopelessly obsessed with fly fishing today as I've ever been. This obsession has brought dedication, which has helped me to have competitive success domestically and abroad.

The year 2017 marked my 9th consecutive berth as an angler for Fly Fishing Team USA in the 37th Fips Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships in Slovakia. In 2015, I was incredibly fortunate to finish with the individual bronze medal and even more fortunate to have been a part of the squad that won the first team medal (a silver) for the USA at the world fly fishing championship in Bosnia. In 2016, we followed that feat with a team bronze in Vail, Colorado. Fly fishing competitions have exposed me to tactics and techniques from incredible teammates and fellow fly anglers from across the globe.

Away from competitive fishing, fish have sculpted my professional life as well. I hold a bachelor's degree in ecology and a master's degree in fisheries science and spent 3 years working as a fisheries biologist before taking on Tactical Fly Fisher as a full-time business in 2017. I have a wonderful wife Julia of 12 years, a four-year-old son Levi whose favorite fish are bull trout, and a 10-month-old daughter who shows early signs of fly fishing virtuosity. What more could a guy ask for?"

Visit <http://www.tacticalflyfisher.com> for even more information.

## 2019 Stream Team 31 Events

If you plan to attend or have any questions about these events, please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

**MARCH 10-12** 83<sup>rd</sup> Conservation Federation of Missouri Annual Convention (Capital Plaza Hotel - Jefferson City)

**MARCH 30** Legends of Conservation presents "A Sense of Wonder" A play based on the life of Rachel Carson (The Etta and Joseph Miller Performing Arts Center - Jefferson City, MO) - by invitation - Legends of Conservation

**MARCH - APRIL** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

**JUNE 27** Raffle tickets for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Stream Team Outing will be available for purchase at the Tilles Barbecue (Tilles Park - Saint Louis County)

**JULY 12-14** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ozark Fly Fishers Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers

**AUGUST 24** 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils

**AUGUST 24** Passport to Clean Water

**SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

# Summary: 2019 Annual Banquet Auction & Fundraiser

I want to thank everyone who came to the OFF Banquet Auction and Fundraiser. We appreciate the support and hope everyone had an enjoyable time. I want to thank the members who donated items for the banquet: Lee Trapp, Marlan Graham, Joe Aimonette, Steve Garnett, Al Bourisaw, Bob Temper, Mike Ott, Russ Hill, Terry Hildebrandt, Dan Rasch, Jeff Cohen, Larry Carli, and Scott Darrough.

I also want to thank the helpers who contributed their time: Bill Leslie, Jake Voss, Steve Garnett, Sue Garnett, Joan Antonic, Dave Crawford, Lorie Ott, Mike Ott, Joe Aimonette, Ed Olander, Bill Armon, Bob Temper, Scott Darrough and especially Steve Antonic.

We all wish to thank the companies and guides that donated:

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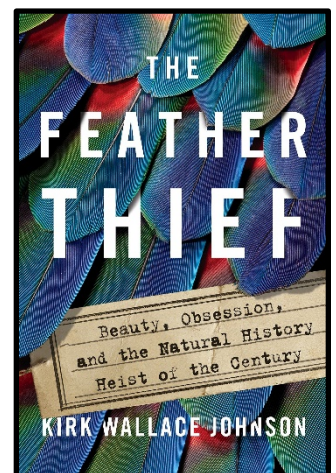
**Jerry Knipman, Ways & Means, Ozark Fly Fishers**

## Book Review: "The Feather Thief"

For Christmas 2018, my wife gifted me "The Feather Thief." It's a non-fiction story by author Kirk Wallace Johnson detailing the burglary of the British Natural History Museum at Tring. Rather than pilfering gold or artifacts, the thief purloined over 300 skins and specimens of rare and endangered birds, specifically the hides of the Birds of Paradise. Why would someone steal a bunch of dead birds? For fly-tying of course. "The Feather Thief" tells the story of Edwin Rist, a prodigy 20-year-old American salmon fly-tier who broke into the museum and stuffed a carry-on suitcase with over 300 rare bird specimens dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Whereas Rist was an expert fly-tier, he was an amateur thief, bungling the burglary, leaving behind a trail of evidence, and even selling the birds and feathers online under his real name.

This book was a blast to get through, and a quick read at that. The author does an extraordinary job explaining the origin of the bird species dating back to the 1800s, their theft, and their eventual recovery from the black market. As a fly-tier, it's particularly interesting to see the level of obsession and the lengths some people will go through, and the prices they'll pay, to get their hands on certain rare feathers. Why a 20-year-old who is studying the flute at a prestigious music school in England would risk his career and freedom to steal the skins of dead birds, especially given the fact that the man did not even fish. He only tied for the sake of tying. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in fly-tying and the history of fly-tying materials. It's available on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com), [local bookstores](#), or at your [local public library](#).

**Jake Voss, Communications Director, Ozark Fly Fishers**



# Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. Membership Application

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## Membership (*Please circle one*)

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**Contact:** Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Other Club Memberships (*Check all that apply*)

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## Dues (*Check only ONE item below*)

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## Fly Fishers International Recognition (*Check all that apply.*)

Certified Casting Instructor \_\_\_ Master Certified Casting Instructor \_\_\_ (Highest level will be noted in directory.)

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Mail this form and a check payable to Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. **Please do not staple the check to this form.**

Al Bourisaw  
Ozark Fly Fishers Membership Director  
4731 Brawley Court  
St. Louis, MO 63128

**Note: Some information on this application will be included in the published Membership Directory**

For additional information or questions contact Al Bourisaw, Membership Director at troutal@att.net. or 314.952.9865.

## Agreement for Membership/Waiver of Liability

In consideration of participating in Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. activities and/or events. I here by indemnify and hold harmless and release Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc.: it's officers, Board of Directors, Members and Agents from any and all pilfer, and any injuries suffered by myself arising from or connected with club activities or events. I understand the inherit risk in participating in activities of the Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. and assume all risk for any injury received and agree to hold the organization free and harmless from any cost, expenses and attorney's fee incurred in connection with any action claim or demand thereon.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 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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*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

## Reminder:

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 OFF Calendar on [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org))

**February Meeting is the All-Day. March Meeting will be held at Community Christian Church.**



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