

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

January 2019

President's Message

Well this is it, my last president's message. I believe more people would be interested in taking the job if they did not have to look forward to getting them ready every first of the month. I would sincerely want to thank the guys who serviced on the board with me. Bill Armon has given us interesting programs each month. Dan Ehlmann, besides being our treasurer, can be counted on anytime to be there to help. Dave Crawford is another person that we could always count on. Marlan Graham took the past president job reluctantly, but has been an asset in a number of ways and we will always be grateful. Jim Gera headed up our education programs and has always been on the lookout for people interested in fly-fishing or tying. Ed Olander has taken the outings to a new level with new ones in the works. Al Bourisaw has made changes to keeping track of membership to a new level of efficiency. If you need anything about the who's and what's about the club, he is the man to call. Scott Darrough is a guy that is so passionate about conservation, it's best to stand back and let him go (as long as you have a fly for his ever going on raffle). I would like to thank John Tymony for the years he took care of the club's communications. He did a great job putting together the newsletter monthly. Jake Voss has taken over the job and I am sure he will also do a great job with it. And then there's Jerry Kneipman. He did not want this job, but once he took it over nothing could slow him down. You would not believe how much time this guy puts into the banquet. For six weeks in December and January, it is about all he does. What you see at the banquet is his doing. If you can remember how the auction and raffle use to be, and how smooth everything goes now, you can appreciate the thought and planning he has done. There are others that help make this club what it is. Thanks to Mark Thalhammer, Mike Ott, Mike Swederska, Bob Temper, Joe Aimonette, and Ed Heist.

Alright, that's my last message. Hope to see you at the Banquet

-Steve Antonic, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

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Casting Tip 76 – January 2019

FFI Five Essentials / Principles (for casting) discussion continued:

Essential #5 - Power must be applied in the proper amount and in the proper place during the stroke. Stroke is defined as: one full cast, a back-cast followed by a forward cast – (power applied by the rod to the line in order to form a loop.) Last casting tip discussed power – “there is a best amount of power applied by the rod to the line in order to form a loop.” The correct amount of power is what it takes to form and unroll the loop in the shape that the caster desires. Tight loop or open loop the line should do what the caster intends it to do. If it does the correct amount of power has been applied to the line by the rod. Practice is the only way to learn this. Where is the proper place to apply power? It is at the end of the forecast or back-cast. Start smooth and end fast. The rod applies the power, to the line, as it unbends or unloads. Smooth is the key; the transition, from “static” or when changing directions, should be smooth. Get the rod to bend the amount needed and when you stop moving the rod it will unbend and the power will be applied to the line.

Which of the 5 essentials is most important to you? Which is your bottleneck?

-Bill Armon, CCI



Upcoming Events

January

OFF Banquet & Auction

January 19, 2019

(See p. 5 for info)

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

General Monthly Meeting

March 28, 2019

April

General Monthly Meeting

April 25, 2019

May

General Monthly Meeting

May 23, 2019

June

Tilles Park BBQ and Casting

June 27, 2019

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Outings Report – January 2019

Montauk F.Y.A.O. Outing – February 8-10, 2019

It is time to time to plan our first outing for 2019. We have reserved the following cabins for Friday and Saturday nights. February 8 and 9, 2019. Please make your reservations by February 1, 2019.

- Cabins 24 through 25 are one-bedrooms, featuring a queen and a murphy bed which sleeps 2 or 3 people. Cost is \$320.00.
- Cabins 26 through 29 are two-bedrooms, featuring two queen size beds, a murphy bed, microwave, gas log fireplace. Cabin 26 is handicap accessible. These cabins sleep 3 to 5 people. Cost is \$424.00.

This year's Friday night Pot Luck Theme is Favorite Chili Recipes, both red & white. We will need volunteers for 4-5 pots of chili to serve 8 each. Leftover chili will also be served for lunch on Saturday. Please bring your own cookware for warming: crock pot or stove top pot. We will need veggie trays, cheese & crackers, other snacks, and deserts to serve 8 as well.

Saturday Night we will have Olig's BBQ catered, consisting of beef brisket, pulled pork, slaw, baked beans, potato casserole, rolls, and fruit cobblers. Cost is \$15 per person. We will have full use of the Searcy Building Friday and Saturday for socializing, setup, meals and fly tying. Please mail your check made out to "**Ozark Fly Fishers**" for lodging and BBQ, or just the BBQ if you have made your own lodging arrangements.

Please mail the checks to:

Edward Olander, 5886 Chrisbrook Dr., St. Louis, MO 63128

Tel: 314-487-1663 Cell: 314-566-1422 Email: olanderedward@att.net

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

JANUARY 19 Missouri Stream Team 2019 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 2 Workshop (Powder Valley Nature Center - Kirkwood, MO) - Register by January 9.

JANUARY 19 Joachim Creek Winter Cleanup (Trinity Episcopal Church - De Soto, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #5168 - League of Watershed Guardians

February 2 Missouri Stream Team Special Handling Training for Stream Cleanups Workshop (Missouri Department of Conservation Headquarters - Jefferson City, MO)

MARCH 10-12 83rd 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 11th Annual Stream Team Outing will be available for purchase at the Tilles Barbecue (Tilles Park - Saint Louis County)

JULY 12-14 11TH Annual Ozark Fly Fishers Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers

JULY 27 Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership and Stream Teams United

(Info about the later 2019 events will be featured in future newsletters)

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 – January 2019

Rowley's Balanced Leech

With winter in full swing, fewer insects are active and streamers are the best search patterns. I really like leech patterns because they can be stripped, swung, or dead-drifted as the conditions dictate. In addition, most leech patterns are easy to tie, durable, and catch fish under a variety of conditions. OFF member and IFFF Gold Fly Tier, Jim Hudson, introduced me to this pattern a couple of years ago, but it really didn't take hold until recently when I was experimenting with winter urban trout.

While basically a mohair leech, the design makes the leech hang horizontally – even more so than a standard jig head – and dance when twitched; an action that seems to drive trout crazy.

- Hook: Barbless 90 degree Jig Hook Size 8-12
- Post: Standard Sewing Pin
- Beads: Appropriately sized Tungsten Bead in your favorite color, and Ruby Red Glass bead
- Thread: Brown 8/0
- Tail: Brown Marabou
- Flash: Root Beer Flashabou
- Body: Canadian Brown Mohair

Place Tungsten Bead on sewing pin first and slide to the pin head, then slide the ruby bead behind it.

Secure hook in vise, start thread behind the eye and advance to hook bend.

Wrap pin onto the top of the hook shank, cement well, and wrap thread to hook bend.

Tie in a marabou tail about 1 ½ times the hook shank.

Tie in two strands of flash on each side of tail.

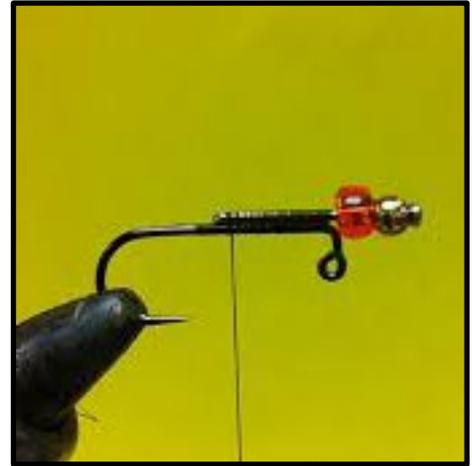
Tie in mohair and advance thread to hook eye.

Wrap mohair to the hook eye and add a few wraps to hide the pin and hook eye.

Secure mohair with thread wraps, and whip-finish.

I like to fish these under an indicator with no-slip loop knots. The fly is free to dance and swim around. I also slip off my indicator and experiment with various retrieves. Also try various colors – olive, brown, black, ginger, etc.

-Mike Ott , OFF Tying Chairman



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Contact Steve Antioc for more information.

Email: sjantonic@charter.net Phone: (314) 401-8874

Pics of the Month

Ed Heist (Instagram: @ed.heist), making it look easy with a couple of huge trout caught December 15 and 16. Nice ones, Ed!

Pic 1: 18" Fine-Spotted Cutthroat caught on the Norfolk on a Y2K fly.

Pic 2: 20.5" Brown Trout at Bull Shoals State Park on a #20 Pimrose & Pearl Midge. 4wt rod. 6x Tippet.



February 23 All-Day Meeting: Devin Olsen

Mark your calendars for **February 23, 2019** – our All-Day Meeting. 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.



Ozark Fly Fishers

Annual Banquet Auction and Fund Raiser

Saturday January 19, 2019

Sunset Hills Golf Course & Banquet Center
13366 West Watson Road
Sunset Hills, MO 63127
314-843-7811
www.sunsethillsgolfcourse.net

Open Bar begins at 6:00 pm
Dinner begins at 7:00 pm

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

Choice Top Round Beef, Aujus
Chicken Marsala
Herbed Rosemary Potatoes
Cavatelli Con Broccoli
Fresh Green Beans Almandine
Salad and rolls
Dessert

Cost: \$36.00 per person

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

Name: _____

Name: _____

The evening will include a live and silent auction. A 50:50 raffle and a special card raffle.

Please join us, meet friends for an enjoyable evening and **support your club. This is our main fund raiser for the year.**

Mail checks out to: "Ozark Fly Fishers"

Mail to: Bill Armon
9455 Jim Wilson Rd
Dittmer, MO 63023
314-750-2150

Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ Spouse _____

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Membership (*Please circle one*)

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(A membership renewal would include anyone who has been a member in the past 5 years. Contact Al Bourisaw, Membership Director, if you are renewing, but not a member last year.)

Contact: Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Newsletter: (*Check both lines only if you want to receive both a paper copy and via the internet.*)

_____ I would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via the internet. Please email me when published.

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Other Club Memberships (*Check all that apply*)

Conservation Federation of MO ___ Fly Fishers International ___ Smallmouth Alliance ___ TU ___

(F.F.I. members who are Illinois residents should request membership in the Southern Council on their F.F.I. membership application or by sending an email to membership@flyfishersinternational.org.)

Dues (*Check only ONE item below*)

**Individual - \$30 _____ **Family - \$40 _____ Corporate - \$250 _____

** There is a \$5.00 discount if renewal is made prior to January 25, 2019, making an Individual membership \$25.00 and a Family membership \$35.00. Also, personal information may not appear in the Membership Directory if renewal is made after January 25, 2019. Membership paid in October or later is automatically renewed through the year 2019.

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

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

Bronze Fly Tying Award _____ Silver Fly Tying Award _____ Gold Fly Tying Award _____ (Highest level will be noted in directory.)

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 Newsletter

Want to become more involved with the club? Do you enjoy writing about fly fishing, and would like to share information, photos, tips, or other subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club? Another benefit of OFF membership is our monthly Member Newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. Please note, space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your articles to 500 words or less. If interested, please contact Jake Voss and submit your article for consideration to: ozarknewsletter@gmail.com

Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has left the Yahoo Groups and has now joined Groups IO. If your email was active on the Yahoo Group at the time of the changeover, you're already a member of the new Groups IO. However, you still need to create an account with Groups IO to post. If you have not done this and you want to join in on the fun, it is easy to join Groups IO. 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

-Mike Swederska

A Call for Photos

Here is an opportunity to share with the group and others, pictures of the big one you put back and to capture that moment of time in the Ozark Fly Fishing Archives.



Please, send any photos/videos you'd like to share to OFFinstagram@gmail.com. In your email, please list the date, location, fly, and fish species, or any other information you wish to share (e.g., rod type, guide's name, tippet size, etc.). I hope to see a lot of your pictures and videos!

-Jacob Voss, OFF Communications Director

Ozark Fly Fishers on the Web

Scan the following QR code with your phone to access the Ozark Fly Fishers website.

-Mark Thalhammer, OFF Webmaster



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Stream Team 31

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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

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) **(January Meeting is the Banquet)**

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