

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

January 2020

President's Message

So this ends the second decade of this century. Hoping these ten years were a ten for you, your Holidays were all great, and as enjoyable as our holiday meeting and fly exchange.

I encourage everyone to register for our annual banquet on January 18, again at Sunset Hills. The form is attached and also available on our web site. We have received donations for the banquet raffles and auctions, but more would always be welcome. Contact Jerry Kniepman to donate.

I think most know we are changing up our outings a bit and the all-day event will be pushed back to March. Our next outing will be the FYAO, with the chance to fish your attitudes off :) at Montauk.

Looking forward to another excellent decade of fishing, all the club has to offer and seeing you on the stream.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com



Next Meeting:

2020 Ozark Fly Fishers Annual Banquet & Auction

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Sunset Hills Golf Course & Banquet Center
13366 West Watson Road
Sunset Hills, MO 63127

Open Bar begins at 6:00 pm
Dinner begins at 7:00 pm
Cost: \$36.00 per person
See the OFF Calendar for more details.

**Please print and mail in your 2020
Banquet RSVP ASAP (see p. 2)**

Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

January

OFF Annual Banquet

January 18, 2020

Sunset Hills Golf Course &
Banquet Center

13366 West Watson Road
Sunset Hills, MO 63127

February

General Member Meeting

February 27, 2020

Greensfelder Rec Complex

March

Chili Tie-In

March 7, 2020

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

All-Day Meeting

March 21, 2020


Des Peres Park & Lodge


More details to follow.

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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2020 Ozark Fly Fishers

Annual Banquet Auction and Fund Raiser Saturday January 18, 2020

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: O.F.F. c/o Steve Lekich
1035 Camargo
Ballwin, MO 63011
314-750-2150

Outings Report – January 2020

It is time to time to plan our first outing for 2020. We have reserved the following cabins Montauk Resort for Friday, February 7, and Saturday, February 8. Please make your reservations by February 1, 2020.

Cabins 24 through 25 are one bedroom featuring a queen and a murphy bed which sleeps two-three people. Included is a full kitchen, fireplace, and television.
Cost is \$360.00 for two nights. **Sold Out.**

Cabins 26 through 29 are two-bedrooms featuring two queen size beds, a murphy bed which sleeps three to five people. Cabin 26 is handicap accessible. Included is a full kitchen, fireplace, and television.
Cost is \$480.00 for two nights.

This year's Friday night Pot Luck theme is Favorite Red Chili Recipes. We need 4-5 chilies to serve eight people each (as this will also be served for lunch on Saturday). Bring your chili cooked in a sealable container as we will combine the chilies in the club's new electric roaster for heating. We will need veggie trays, cheese & crackers, other snacks, and deserts to serve eight as well.

Saturday night we will have Olig's BBQ catered, consisting of beef brisket, pulled pork, slaw, baked beans, potato casserole, rolls, & fruit cobblers for \$15 per person.

We will have full use of the Searcy Building Friday and Saturday for socializing, setup, meals & fly tying.

Please mail your check made out to "Ozark Fly Fishers" for housing & BBQ, or just the BBQ if you have made your own housing arrangements. Mail your check to:

Edward Olander, 5886 Chrisbrook Dr.,
St. Louis, MO. 63128
Tel: 314-487-1663 Cell:314-566-1422
Email: olanderedward@att.net

Outings Schedule - 2020

February 7-9, 2020

F.Y.A.O. Outing, Montauk Resort

March 27-29, 2020

Bennett Spring, Sand Springs Motel

April 23-26, 2020

Lake Taneycomo, Lillie's Landing

May 6-7, 2020

Seniors' Outing (65+), Eleven Point River
Alton, MO

May 15-17, 2020

Montauk Resort

June 2020

Smallmouth Outing, Niangua River
Date and Details TBD

July 10-12, 2020

Stream Team Outing, Montauk

September 25-27, 2020

Eleven Point River

October 9-11, 2020

White and Norfolk Rivers

November 12-14, 2020

Catch & Release Outing, Bennett Spring

Fly of the Month – January 2020

MegaPrince Nymph

I don't know about you, but this time of year I'm about done with midges and eggs and looking forward to spring and more robust stream flows and more robust flies. This one, designed by fly designer, and shop owner Dan Delekta, the Mega Prince combines many great flies and materials. The end result is a mega-fish catcher. Most of our local rivers hold stoneflies, and if you travel to fish, stoneflies are a must-have fly just about everywhere.

This fly best mimics stonefly nymphs that are a staple food of local trout, especially in spring and early summer. It fishes especially well on the bigger rivers with a large population of stoneflies, but also works well on smaller streams tied in smaller sizes. It is typically dead-drifted underneath a strike indicator and trailed by a smaller dropper pattern.

Materials

- Hook: Dai-Riki 710 or Firehole Stick 839, sizes 6-10
- Bead: Tungsten Copper or Nickel Black bead (size appropriate)
- Weight: Lead or Lead-Free Wire
- Thread: 8/0 Veevus black
- Antenna/Legs: Crazy Legs barred golden yellow/pearl flake
- Head: Peacock Ice Dub
- Tail: Brown grizzly marabou and Crazy Legs barred golden yellow/pearl flake
- Body: Peacock Herl
- Rib: Medium copper wire
- Wing: White Goose or Turkey biots - depending on fly size
- Collar: Brown hen hackle or Hungarian partridge feather and Peacock Ice Dub



Tying Steps

1. Place bead on hook so that larger hole is facing eye of hook. Push bead toward bend of hook and start thread behind eye. Dub a small ball of Ice Dub, and attach two Sili Legs for antenna about the same length as hook shank. Whip-finish and slide bead forward against antenna and head. Add 8-10 wraps of lead wire to the shank and push up against the bead. Secure with several wraps of thread and advance thread to hook bend.
2. Tie in marabou tail that is half the length of shank. Attach two Sili Legs that are the full length of shank – one on each side of the hook.
3. Attach copper wire and several strands of peacock herl and advance thread to 2/3 point of shank. Tie in a pair of legs with figure eight -each leg should be equal to length of shank. Advance thread to just behind bead and wrap peacock herl to bead taking care to keep legs perpendicular at the thorax. Counter-wrap copper wire, tie off, and trim excess.
4. Tie in and wrap hen or Hungarian partridge feather 1-2 full wraps. Tie in two biots so tips form a V and extend to end of body. Dub enough Ice Dub to cover thread wraps and create small collar. Coat thread with cement, whip-finish and trim excess.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

2020 Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____ Spouse _____

City/State _____ Zip Code +4 _____

Membership (*Please circle one*)

Renewal

New Member

(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 _____

Member Newsletters are delivered electronically through email and available on the OFF Website.

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 _____ Student - \$10 _____ **Family - \$40 _____ Corporate - \$250 _____

*** There is a \$5.00 discount if renewal is made prior to January 25, 2020, 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, 2020. Membership paid in October or later is automatically renewed through the year 2020.*

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 hereby 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.

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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Stream Team 31

Coordinator / Current River	Scott Darrough
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<i>Mill Creek</i>	Bill Leslie

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)

Fly Tiers of the Long Table

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. 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.

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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