

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

November 2019

### President's Message

Wow! The last siren blew and it is November already? Keeps getting here faster every year.

I enjoyed the dressing for cold weather demo by Steve and Bob. I hope to add some gear before Bennet next weekend and definitely before the FYAO. Looks like prices are reasonable too - always good news.

I also like Ed's idea of a trip to the last ten miles of the Current for smallmouth next year - sounds like a great destination.

I am declaring next weekend the Russ Hill Memorial catch and release outing. Russ put a lot of effort into these annual outings and I think we should pay tribute. We will again have a great presence at Sand Hills Resort for opening day of catch and release at Bennet. Steve does a great job of putting this together, with the reservations and meal, and I want to personally thank him.

As a reminder, we skip the November meeting and next celebrate our holiday fly swap and hors d'oeuvres meeting on Thursday, December 12. The fly swap is a fairly simple idea. Tie 12 flies and wrap them as an anonymous gift. Those who contribute a gift then get their name in a hat and we draw names to each pick one of the gifts.

See you at Bennett!

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**

Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)



### Next Meeting:

#### Fly Swap and Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Greensfelder Rec Complex, Queeny Park

550 Weidman Rd.

Ballwin, MO 63011

### Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)



### Upcoming Events

#### December

Holiday Party & Fly Swap

December 12, 2019

Greensfelder Rec Complex

More details to come.

#### January 2020

OFF Annual Banquet

January 18, 2020

More details to come.


Keep an eye on your email


and the OFF Website.


More Ozark Fly Fishers  
2020 Events Information  
Coming Soon.

Keep an eye on  
future newsletters  
and the OFF Website.

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# Outings Schedule - 2020

## **February 7-9, 2020**

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

## **March 27-29, 2020**

Bennett Spring

## **April 23-25, 2020**

Lake Taneycomo

## **May 5-7, 2020**

Seniors' Outing (65+), Eleven Point River

## **May 15-17, 2020**

Montauk Resort

## **June 2020**

Smallmouth Outing, 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

**Mark your calendars now for these upcoming 2020 OFF Outings.**



## **Let's Go Shooting!**

Are you old, like me? Maybe retired or just looking for something to do (other than fishing)? Are your arms sitting around rusting, that is your shooting irons. If you have an hour or two every now and then, let's go shooting. The new outdoor range at Bush Wildlife is calling. If you haven't been there, it is really very nice and for three dollars an hour it can't be beat. Presently their hours are Wed-Sun 10am-4:30pm. I am really wanting to see if there is any interest for this spring, so let me know.

**Mark Thalhammer**

**[mthammer@swbell.net](mailto:mthammer@swbell.net)**

# Fly of the Month – November 2019

## **Body Quill Baetis Nymph**

This one comes from Hans at Dakota Angler in the Black Hills of South Dakota – Tying with Hans on YouTube. It uses another new material from the EuroNymph market – synthetic body quills. He features the Veevus brand but I use the Hends brand because that's what I have. These body quills are very easy to work with, durable, and make a translucent body similar to a Jujubee midge using SuperHair. This little fly is a great imitation for our BWO's that come off year round, but particularly in winter during the catch and release season.

### **Materials**

- Hook: Heavy Wire Scud Type Hook #16 - 20
- Thread: 14/0 Veevus White and Olive
- Tail: Three Moose Body Hairs
- Body: Olive Veevus or Hends Body Quills
- Ribbing: Black Crystal Flash
- Wing Case and Legs: Black or Dark Gray Antron Yarn (could also use Fluorofiber)
- Thorax: Gray Squirrel Dubbing

### **Tying Steps**

1. Secure hook in vise and start the white thread at the 1/3 point from the eye. Tie in the moose body hair tail and wrap back to a point adjacent to the hook barb. The tail should be about the length of the body.
2. Tie in the body quills and ribbing material using one single layer of white thread up to the thorax forming a uniform white underbody.
3. Wrap the body quills forward using touching turns so there are no gaps but avoiding overlap. Tie off at thorax and trim excess. Rib the body with 4 or 5 turns of crystal flash to the thorax. Tie off and trim excess.
4. Tie in a section of Antron about the diameter of the hook wire for the wing case. Dub a rather tight full thorax over the antron butts leaving room for the head. Whip finish the white thread and trim off.
5. Start the olive thread at the head. Pull the Antron forward over the thorax and tie off on top of the hook shank. Divide the antron down both sides of the fly and tie back to form the legs. Form a neat head with thread wraps and whip finish.
6. Trim the legs to just past the thorax.



Hans likes to coat the body, head, and wing case with thin UV resin. I usually don't but it does look nice and add some durability. I have done it both ways. You can also add a few turns of lead wire under the thorax if you like. I have not tied it with a bead yet, but you probably could add a small silver or black nickel bead if you like. The white thread underbody really makes the body color pop. Feel free to experiment with different colors as well. I put the body quills spool into a bobbin to make them easier to work with – just remember to keep untwisting them so they lay flat.

I fish this under a dry as an emerger, or as a dropper under a heavier nymph as a nymph. It is a buggy looking little mayfly nymph and the fish will often move a long way to take it when the bugs are emerging.

***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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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)





# Ozark Fly Fishers Board of Directors

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## Stream Team 31

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Coordinator / Current River | Scott Darrough |
| <i>Blue Springs Creek</i>   | Glen Bish      |
| <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](http://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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