

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

October 2019

President's Message

A big Ozark thank you to Doc Bohigian for his talk on first aid. I thought it was a good overview of some medical issues we could encounter while landing those lunkers! Bringing the EMT's was a bonus and my ancient knowledge of compressions has now been updated.

The White River Trip was an absolute blast! I cannot remember having as much fun on another outing. We are looking to push this back a month next year when the browns are active, but the trip was great.

I created and displayed a powerpoint presentation of our club at Oakville Senior High (my alma mater) from a teacher's request to explore our conservation efforts. Jim Gera tied a fly and I added an overview of our Water Quality Management efforts. Several students had fishing experience but just a tiny bit with a fly rod. Gave a few cards and pamphlets out.

I joined the Veterans at Suson with a fishing trip for Project Healing Waters, and a chance to honor them for their service. My last 'customer' was thrilled to catch a catfish on a glowball.

Our next outing is the Eleven Point, and Ed is looking into a June smallmouth trip to the last ten miles of the Current River in Missouri next year.

May all your stories be fishy!

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers

Email: drasch27@hotmail.com



October Guest Speaker

John Bilotta

John Bilotta of Madison, Connecticut hosts domestic and international trips through his Georgetown Fly Fishing Company. On October 24th he will present *Fly Fishing for Sea Run Brown Trout on the Rio Gallegos at Estancia Las Buitreras, Argentina*. Big river, big fish, big scenery, and big rigs. Check the OFF Website for more information on the October Meeting Guest Speaker and casting seminars.

Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

October

FFI Southern Council First Annual Fly Fishing Tournament

October 4-5, 2019

Feather-Craft Fall Fly Fishing Fest

October 19, 2019

General Monthly Meeting

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

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.


Ozark Fly Fishers
2020 Events Information
Coming Soon.
Keep an eye on
future newsletters
and the OFF Website.

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Outings Report – Oct. 2019

Eleven Point River Outing – **SOLD OUT**

October 11-13, 2019, Alton, MO

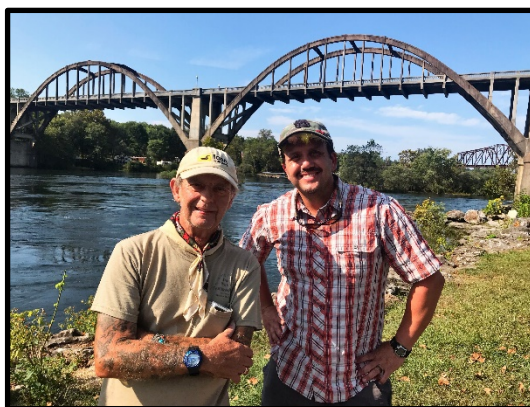
Questions?

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

Email: olanderedward@att.net with your reservation.

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

White River Outing Photos



2019 Outings

October 2019

Eleven Point River
Alton, MO

October 11-13, 2019

November 2019

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

2020 Outings

February 2020

Montauk State Park
F.Y.A.O.

Feb. 7-8, 2020

April 2020

Lake Taneycomo
April 23-25, 2020

May 2020

Montauk State Park
May 15-16, 2020

September 2020

Eleven Point River
Sept. 25-26, 2020

October 2020

White River
Oct. 9-10, 2020



Twenty-Eighth Annual Catch & Release Outing

It is again time to begin plans and reservations for the OFF winter C&R festivities at Bennett Springs Nov. 7-8-9, 2019.

This year the no-creel fishing begins at 8 AM Friday, November 8th and continues on Saturday and Sunday until 4 PM each day. Hard to believe this is our 28th year! (C&R fishing is open on Mondays also)

We have reserved a block of rooms for the weekend at Sand Spring Resort. The restaurant there is now called the Gravel Bar & Grill and will be open only for lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast (8:00am), lunch and dinner on Sat. and Sunday. Breakfast locations are now limited in the area. Our Sat. evening dinner will be held at the Bennett Springs Gathering place, just north of the park entrance (Gaston's old store). It has been converted to a banquet hall and worked great for us last year. We have secured a food source and drinks will be BYO, no bar. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be furnished with dinner. We suggest carpooling as much as possible, but there is plenty of parking. The road is dark and curvy so a designated driver is suggested, if needed. Attn. Thurs Nighters., if interested, we will meet at the meeting room at Sand Springs just to talk and get a chance to see who's there. NO POT LUCK dinner but will have soda and water.

The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing, but limited to flies and artificial (no bait). Instead of the daily tag of summer, you need only to get a Trout Permit (\$7.00), good until February 29, 2020, which are good at all four trout parks. You can get one anywhere Missouri licenses are sold. No daily tag is required.

Again, we are offering package plans for accommodations plus tickets to the private Club dinner. Dinner is included in the room price for the number of people listed in the package.

Types of accommodations and rates will be found in the reservation request on Page 4.

The rates have changed this year, so please note the price changes. The club has been subsidizing this event the past few years, but it has gotten to expensive to do so. We will still furnish soft drinks and water at the evening gatherings in the meeting room.

Remember, this is a club weekend, not just "the guys go fishing" at this one. Last year we had many couples. Plan to bring your special "person" even if he/she doesn't fish. There is fun to be had snooping in the antique shops and mall in Lebanon— and there are several nice lunch spots in town.

To avoid disappointment, mark your calendar for Nov.7 -9 and send in your check (required) now. Note: There are relatively few rooms with one bed. If you wish to fish on Monday also, you will have to make your reservation for Sun, night yourself. I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, post card or E-mail. Call Steve Antonic (314-401-8874) if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

We do understand how plans can change. If you have a problem, a full refund will be made if you cancel by Oct. 30. After that date, refunds will be made only if we can resell your room. Dinner reservations will be accepted until Nov. 1 when we have to guarantee a count to the restaurant.

Rooms will be reserved only as prepaid reservations are received. Please let us know early if you would like two or more rooms together for a group. Reservations will be confirmed early in November, advising you of your room number (phones in rooms). All sleeping rooms have a percolator, coffee cups and a small refrigerator. The housekeeping rooms have full size refrigerators, stove, utensils and plates, plus a dining table with 4 chairs. If you have never made it to C&R opening outing, ask someone who has and see why we have a good time and good fishing. A lot of info is exchanged by seasoned members to anyone who ask. (Sometimes more than you wanted to know or didn't even ask)

Don't feel like filling this out by hand? You can also submit this form electronically on the OFF website.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Antonic at 314-401-8874

OZARK FLY FISHERS
28th ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OUTING
OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING - NOVEMBER 7-9, 2019

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Accommodations to be shared with: _____

IMPORTANT:

THE CLUB IS CHARGED THE SAME AMOUNT WHETHER THERE ARE 1 OR 2 OCCUPANTS IN THE DOUBLE BEDROOMS. IF YOUR PARTNER CANCELS, YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE LISTED FULL PRICE (MINUS THE COST OF ONE DINNER). THE TWO OF YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROPRIATING THAT COST.

PACKAGES: (All packages include Saturday night dinner.)

Saturday Evening Dinner Only (No Lodging): **\$20.00** (Pets are an additional \$15/night.)

CANCELLATIONS:

If you cancel before October 30, you will receive a full refund. After October 30, refunds will only be made if your room is sold.

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:

Bennett Spring Gathering Place – Highway 64, 6:30 PM.

There is plenty of parking. Please be responsible and use a DESIGNATED DRIVER if needed.

Complete this form and mail, make your checks payable to ***Ozark Fly Fishers*** and mail to:

Attn: Steve Antonic – O.F.F.

5612 Greenton Way

St. Louis, MO 63128

Accommodations will be booked only when received with a check for full amount of package selected. I will confirm receipt of your check by email or postcard.

Call Steve Antonic if you do not receive confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.

Phone: 314.401.8874 for special needs or questions.

BENNETT SPRING ACCOMMODATIONS

Packages: Saturday, Nov. 9; Friday and Saturday Nov.8-9; Thursday-Saturday Nov. 7-9

Package	Sat., Nov. 9	Fri. and Sat., Nov. 8-9	Thur.-Sat., Nov. 7-9
Singles: 1 Bed/1 Person	\$81	\$142	\$203
Couples 1 Bed/2 People	\$101	\$162	\$223
Deluxe Couple: 2 Dbl/2 People	\$134	\$228	\$322
House Keeping: 2 Dbl/2 Ppl/Kitchen	\$195	\$250	\$355
Third Person: 2 Dbl + Twin/ 3 Ppl	\$159	\$248	\$342
Triple: 3 Dbl/3 Ppl	\$165	\$270	\$375

Stories from the Stream

Fly Fishing, a Meaningful Life, and Your Next Chapter

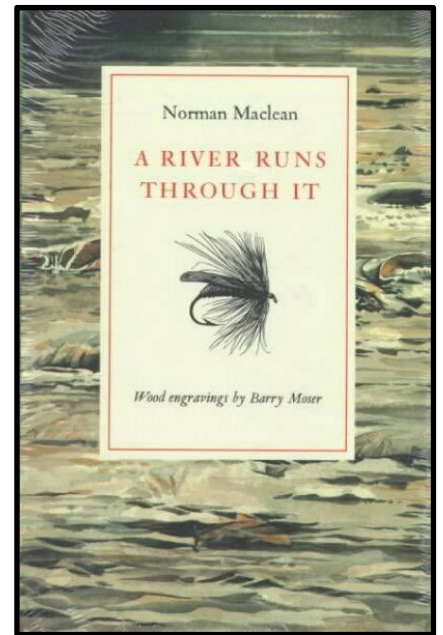
" ... it is not fly fishing if you 're not looking for answers to questions"

-Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It

But we must ask the important, sometimes difficult questions, to produce the most insightful guidance for living a meaningful life, making hard choices, and navigating change, especially after midlife as we transition to a next chapter. This class poses those difficult questions, especially during the second half of adulthood. Using selections from the literature of fly fishing, psychology, and contemporary culture, we will explore analogies and lessons from the stream as they apply to personal and professional dilemmas and transitions of midlife to older adulthood.

Instructor: Steve Ehrlich
October 15, 22, and 29
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Eden Theological Seminary
475 E Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119

This course is offered through St. Louis Oasis. Register at: <https://www.oasisnet.org/St-Louis-MO>
Or call: 314-862-4859



Casting Tip – October 2019 (Reprint from 2015)

Mel Krieger along with Lefty Kreh were the main casting instructors I learned from in my early years of fly casting. Lefty neatly outlined his essentials; Mel was not so kind. Below I try to outline what I believe his “bullet” points would have been. This info is from a book by Mel Krieger “The Essence of Flycasting”. This book should be a must read for everyone who wants to learn to flycast. This book should be required reading for all casting instructors. I strongly recommend you get this book. He has a video of the same name as talked about in last month’s casting tip. So here goes my attempt to give the basics of Mel Kreiger’s essentials. (Forgive me Mel).

There are three main aspects of the cast: 1) The casting stroke. 2) The casting arc. 3) The casting Loop. The casting Stroke = the entire motion. The casting arc = the V shaped arc between the stopping point on the fore and back cast. Casting Loop = the shape of the line as it unrolls through the air and off the tip of the rod. Good casting requires that the forward cast and the back cast work together in a straight line. (Remember SLP? – straight line path of the rod tip). The size of the casting arc and stroke must fit the amount of bend in the rod in order to maintain SLP.

“A good casting loop is formed by decisively stopping the rod at the end of the casting stroke”. The shape of the loop is determined by the path of the rod tip during the casting stroke. SLP = good loop. Convex path of the rod tip = open loop. Mel goes on to say, by correctly applying the speed up and stop you can make narrow or wide loops with both narrow and wide casting strokes. The greater the bend in the rod the larger the casting stroke must be to maintain SLP.

Mel seems to believe timing and feel will come with practice. My favorite quote of Mel’s is the essence of teaching is enthusiasm and the essence of learning is repetition (practice). Get Mel’s book and video then go practice with enthusiasm – he was (and is) a great instructor.

Fly of the Month – October 2019

Devin Olsen's Tungsten Taco Egg Fly

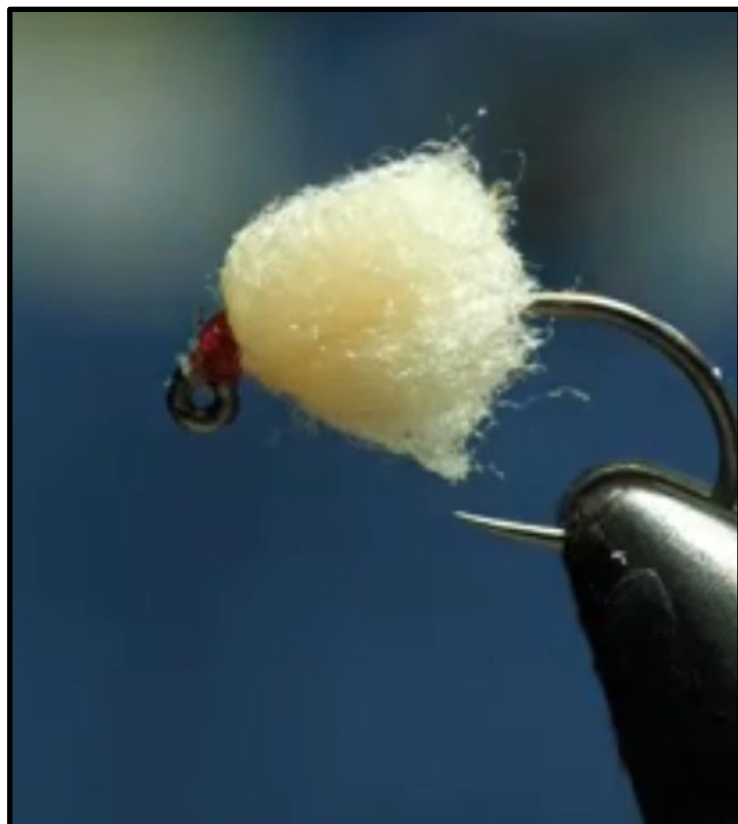
It's getting to the time of year when eggs really start to produce quality fish. Tying a good looking, durable egg fly that casts well, sinks well, and hooks fish well has always been an issue. Leave it to a competitive fly fisher to engineer a proper egg fly. Devin Olsen uses a jig hook, Eggstasy egg chenille, and a tungsten bead to make a compact, realistic, and effective egg pattern that sinks well, lifts well, and hooks and holds fish.

Materials

- Hook: Your favorite jig hook – My favorite: Orientsun 5240 Heavy wire
- Bead: 2.3 – 3.8mm Slotted Tungsten
- Thread: Veevus 14/0 Red
- Chenille: Flybox Eggstasy egg yarn

Tying Steps

1. Put bead on hook and secure hook in vise. Slide bead down to hook bend and start thread at hook eye bend. Build a thread bump two or three eye lengths behind the eye bend. There should be enough room to make a couple of wraps of chenille between the bead and the hook eye.
2. Add some super glue and slide the bead up over the bump. Make several crossing wraps over the bead to secure it in place.
3. Strip back the chenille to reveal the thread core and tie in in front of the bead.
4. Wet the chenille and stroke it back toward the bead. Make two or three touching wraps and tie off with thread wraps. Trim excess.
5. Brush the chenille material back over the bead and trim to length.

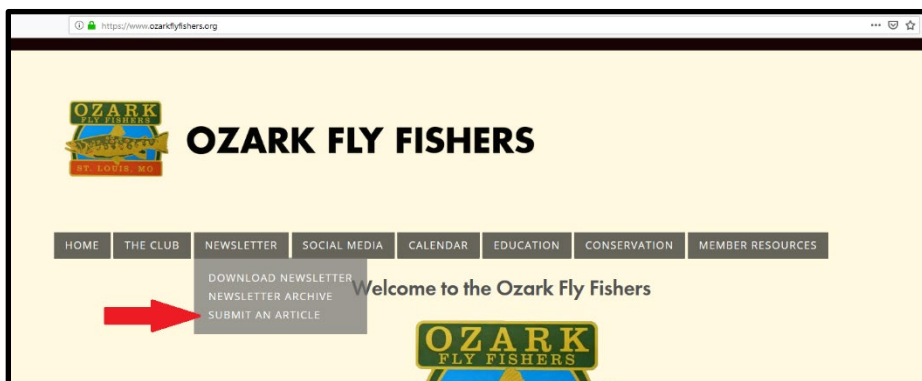


For more tying instructions, check out Devin's video on his Tactical Fly Fisher website. You can also buy all the stuff you need to tie this fly.

Devin's website: <https://www.tacticalflyfisher.com/>

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

Have an Article for the Newsletter? Submit online.



Feather-Craft Fill the Boat Food Drive

Chance to Win \$250 Gift Certificate



Help Us Fill The Boat

The Gateway Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Troutbusters have teamed up again to help fill the Jefferson Barracks food pantry with your support.

Drop off any non perishable food items at the shop **now through October 12th** and be entered to win a \$250 gift certificate to Feather-Craft.

We will select a winner at the end of the day on the 12th and you do not need to be present to win.

About the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry:

The pantry serves over 2,000 local military families every year. With no government assistance, the pantry is funded entirely through the community and individual donations. With your help, we can make sure local veterans have what they need for their families before the holidays.

Here is a list of items that the food pantry needs help with:

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS: Peanut Butter & Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Instant Oatmeal, Cereal, Mustard, Ketchup, Hot Chocolate, Rice Dinners, Instant Potatoes, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauces, Kid's Spaghetti'os & other items for kids.

BABY ITEMS: Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Baby Oil, Baby Lotion, Baby Wash, Diapers (sizes newborns to 3's), etc.

BATHROOM ITEMS: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Liquid Hand Soap, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Razors, Shaving Cream, any type of First Aid Item, etc.

CLEANING SUPPLIES: Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent (powder or liquid), Bleach, Dryer Sheets (no odor), Comet or Ajax Cleaner, Scrub Sponges, SOS Pads, Mr. Clean, Bathroom Cleaner, Dishwasher Tablets, or any other like cleaning item.

ITEMS CURRENTLY NOT NEEDED: The JB Food Pantry currently has plenty of canned goods and is in more need of the items listed above.

Thanks,
The Feather-Craft Team

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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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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