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President's Message

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The October Swap Meet is in the works. This year Al Bourisaw wants to add a lot of information for the members about the different aspects of fly-fishing. With Al's leadership, Mike Kruger and Bob Zagar, our new Fly Tying Chair, have been putting together a great itinerary for the swap meet. Al and Bob have been lining up a dozen members to demonstrate tying their favorite flies. Each one will tie a different fly in the categories of; Warm water, Cold water and Salt water. Matt Tucker, our very own Trout Bum of FR&R magazine will be on hand to answer questions about fishing in southern Missouri and upper Arkansas. Al has been studying bugs in relation to fly-fishing and has put together a powerpoint presentation that nobody should miss if you want to start understanding what fish eat. We may also have Brent McClain talking about bugs with Al. Brent knows bugs and invasive species. Steve Antonic will be giving a fly-fishing knot tying clinic at another table. Inside the sport of fly-fishing, you can't know too many knots. Steve teaches the knots class for the county parks classes.

There will be swap tables for members to bring their unneeded fly-fishing items to sell or trade. Be sure and come early because we are hoping to have a big turnout. This meeting will be successful particularly if plenty of members bring out their goods to sell or swap. So clean out the corners of the closet and garage. You may find something in somebody's stuff that has been out of production for many years, something that you just could not continue living without (well, at least something you've been looking for or would really like to have!). If you like to attend



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garage sales you should make this meeting. Contact Al, Mike Krueger or my self with any questions.

Our club has volunteers attending the first Mill Creek habitat project. I will let the club know in my next message how the day goes. I have members still coming forward to volunteer for the workday, so I can't give a count yet of how many will be helping. I feel that you could learn alot about wild trout habitat by spending several hours volunteering on this workday. By understanding what the reasons are for making these improvements to the existing habitat, the volunteers will have a personal attachment to Mill Creek. With the knowledge the volunteers gain on wild trout habitat it should help them in their pursuit of the wild trout with a fly rod on any creek. As you may have realized by my earlier writings, I have spent my fly-fishing life on little creeks and still cannot wait to learn more from this workday. If you will not be participating in this workday, you really should think about participating in the next workday this club holds.

As I am writing this message, Ted Calcaterra is on the first Eleven Point outing the club has held. One of the great benefits to belonging to this club are the outings. The fellowship and knowledge that members share on these outings is immeasurable. Again, if for some reason you have not attended one of the many outings that Ted puts together you are not getting the full benefit of belonging to Ozark Fly Fishers.

I belong to Trout Unlimited because they are involved with the state of trout in our country. Because I grew up here in Missouri fly fishing for our native fish, Smallmouth, I hold warm water creek fishing dear to my heart. When I found out that the Federation of Fly Fishers was a national organization that did for warm water what TU does for cold water I joined. After joining the FFF, I realized the many educational benefits this organization offers in addition to may other programs. Larry Carli is our clubs FFF liaison and he still has a few memberships open for this year's membership drive. By joining now, as a first time member, you will be eligible for the fly rod drawing. This new Temple Fork fly rod will only be won by one of the members that joined the FFF on this membership drive.

The all day meeting is coming up in February on the 23rd. Mike Kruger has been working very hard to get us a guest speaker for the all day event. In the past we have had many nationally known speakers. Last year we had Mike Lawson, who put on a great program ans was a lot of fun. This year Bob Clouser has accepted or invitation to be our all day speaker. Ozark Fly Fishers will be bringing one of the most famous personalities in our sport to St Louis. I can't say enough about the great job Mike Kruger is doing for our club securing all the interesting people for our enjoyment at the meetings. A lot of work goes into arranging the monthly meetings as well as our special programs. I hope to see you all at the meetings so you can benefit from these efforts!

Conservation *Bob Temper*

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will already have participated in the work project on Mill Creek and a week later its formal dedication ceremonies. We still have a ways to go on matching funds for our pledged donations but I'm confident everyone will pitch in (maybe dig in their pocket is a better term here) until we get it done.

This month's speaker will be the "Father of Stream Team" – Mark Van Patton. I am disappointed that I will not be able to attend (someone has to guide the granddaughters through Disney World – why not fishing buddy Grandpa). I have known Mark for a number of years and know you will be happy to hear from him. He has a wealth of talent and experience that he is willing to share in fishing, fly tying, water quality and Missouri conservation efforts. I have had several questions from members about stream team activities and have deferred them until Mark addresses the club. Don't be afraid to ask him questions and for suggestions. Someone take good notes to share with me please. Following the meeting I will look for an opportunity to get everyone interested in stream team activities together and plot our future from there.

Wallis Warren and I have attended 2 meetings of the Small Stream committee of DNR and we are confident that further protections for headwaters will result form these sessions.

I am also on the Rivers and Streams Technical Committee of the MO Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (MOAFS) which met September 5 at Bennett Springs. There are so many interesting things going on that I cannot report on all of them. The National '08 Farm Bill has many implications to streams and it is important that all the items in the current house version of the bill be funded. As much as 50% additional funds for conservation would be included and the word "fish" was added to the term "wildlife habitat" for the first time. We heard about what the importance of developing local stakeholder support has meant in protecting the Elk River and Shoal Creek Watersheds on the MO, AR, KS and OK borders. Jason Persinger of MDC reported on Experimental Stream Bank Stabilization. They are looking at six techniques with 22 project sites under way and a need for three more to evaluate the techniques. The techniques include use of rock weirs, log weirs, toe rock, back sloping banks, and gravel ball covered with fabric. Several of these projects have already been in place long enough to go through a flood/drought cycle. A stream handbook is under development that will be web based and posted on MDC web page with links from Stream Team and MOAFS. OFF could also link to it.

Enough of my conservation rambling for now. If you want to participate in any conservation activities drop me a line or give me a call – 314-894-0319.



Tying with Jack

Terry Finger

Last month I related some of my experiences afield with Jack Gartside. Jack is colorful, eccentric, and a very talented angler. Everyone who has known Jack for more than fifteen minutes or so also has at least one Gartside story to tell, so rather than recount any more of my own, this month I'll discuss some of Jack's flies.

In addition to his angling skills, Jack Gartside has exceptional tying ability. The late Gary LaFontaine said "few can match him for creativity in pattern innovation." Eric Leiser has called him "exceptionally gifted." And Lefty Kreh simply says "his paint don't dry." I agree with them all; he is one of the best.

There are, of course, different ways to achieve greatness in fly tying. Some tiers labor for years commercially, deftly producing great quantities of quality flies at speeds exceeding a dozen an hour. Others spend hours producing single incredibly realistic flies that really aren't intended for fishing, an approach I have called scale model insect building. Still others painstakingly research historic patterns, search the globe for archaic traditional materials, and carefully reproduce flies of the past.

None of these descriptions apply to Jack. He does tie commercially and thus produces a lot of flies, but he will never rival the production of legends like the Dette family or A. K. Best. Jack also cares little about tradition and considers it a bit boring to tie standard, historic

Welcome New Members

Sandra Bond O'Fallon, MO	Dean E. Eshelman Crystal City, MO
Richard Groeneman St. Louis, MO	John Hensley St. Louis, MO
John Madigan Ballwin, MO	Jill Norton Chesterfield, MO
Joseph M. & Beth Hogan & Family St. Louis, MO	
Vincent E. Shay Ballwin, MO	

patterns. And, although we've never discussed it, I'd guess he, like me, would consider scale model insect building an interesting diversion for some, but not really a part of fishing.

Jack has achieved greatness in a different way. He possesses an unrivaled ability to develop new, highly effective fly patterns constructed of inexpensive, readily available materials. Financial security has never been a priority for Jack, so his preference for free or affordable materials like pheasant, rabbit, and marabou developed in part from necessity. But it is also a reflection of Jack's philosophy of fishing and of life. Fishing should not be pretentious but fun, and part of that fun is solving puzzles. One such set of puzzles centers on fly design. Jack takes particular pride in using materials that no one had thought to use before, and is also adept at inventing new ways to use familiar materials.

Fly fishing magazines today are full of new flies proclaimed by their creators as innovative. All of these flies can be used to catch a fish or two, but the designs of most serve no particular purpose other than, perhaps, to sell a magazine article. And for the last few years far too many have had an ugly, clipped, plasticish appearance that makes them look more like spinning tackle than something to cast with a fly rod. What separates Jack's flies from these forgettable creations is not only their well thought-out function, but their style and grace. Jack's creations are not traditional flies, but nearly all have an attractive, flowing look pleasing to the eye of even die-hard traditionalists.

Most of Jack's flies share another property – they are general, impressionistic imitations of a wide range of food items rather than simulations of specific prey. Most of the great flies in the history of fly fishing are. The Adams, Hare's Ear Nymph, and Woolly Bugger are best-selling flies throughout North America because they are all general "something-to-eat" types of flies that owe their widespread success to looking a little like everything and nothing in particular. Even a fly originally designed to represent a specific eastern mayfly, the Light Cahill, is broadly popular because it also resembles many, many ginger-tinted mayfly species found throughout the country. Like these classics, most of Jack's

flies are useful under a broad range of conditions. Many are even general enough to use in both fresh and salt water.

One of my favorite Gartside flies, the Sparrow, embodies all of the properties of greatness. It is a general, impressionistic fly that is quite easy to tie and uses readily available inexpensive materials. It is also innovative in its use of those materials.

Jack developed the Sparrow over twenty-five years ago during his Yellowstone years, when he spent summers camping among the grizzlies at Baker's Hole on the Madison. Jack's friend Pete Laszlo, who thought that a pile of newly tied flies looked like a flock of sparrows, named the fly. It is not constructed of sparrow feathers or any other illegal or hard-to-find materials, but does employ pheasant feathers in creative ways. The tail and body are quite conventional; the tail is a short tuft of marabou from a pheasant rump and the body is dubbed fur. The body of the original fly was a blend of rabbit and squirrel fur, but many other mixes and colors work well, too. The innovative parts of the fly are the hackle and head. The long hackle is a wound mottled pheasant rump feather and the fluffy head is a wound pheasant aftershaft feather. Aftershaft feathers are the small feathers that grow from the base of body feathers in many game birds and, to my knowledge, Jack was the first person to use them in fly tying. The fly is easy to tie, although winding the head without breaking the aftershaft feather takes a little practice. Fortunately, the fragility of this feather seems to disappear once the fly is tied. In spite of my original concerns over the durability of the head, I have not found it to be prone to breaking if it is tied tightly.

Depending on the size and color, the Sparrow can represent a minnow, *Hexagenia* or other burrowing mayfly nymph, dragonfly nymph, hopper, or who knows what else. I do know that it is one of the most effective flies that I carry. In addition to the original, I use Sparrows with dubbed bodies in tan, pale yellow, burnt orange, olive, and the magic otter/cream seal mix discussed in an earlier article. I also occasionally use a variation Jack calls the Evening Star, with a peacock body and dyed black pheasant feathers.

Jack has created many other innovative flies, including his Soft Hackle Streamer, Pheasant Hopper, Gurgler, and BeastMaster General. I may discuss some of these other Gartside patterns in future articles, but in the meantime Jack has generously shared his tying and fishing knowledge on his website, jackgartside.com. He has also published several books on his flies; I particularly recommend his *Fly Patterns for the Adventurous Tyer*. The books and original Gartside flies are available through the website, as is a little taste of Jack's humor and philosophy of life. And I think we can all benefit from learning a little of that.

Random Thoughts

Ty Livingstone

Enviro Voodoo Science. What in the world am I talking about, you ask? Let me 'xplain. Most months, I only ask one thing of you – that you “think”. Having a position on an issue is not only a right, but I think it is a requirement to count yourself among the living. The good Lord gave you a brain and the least you can do is use it, even if only occasionally. If you don't use it, you just might lose it.

Let me illustrate. I am a good ole Missouri boy and you have to show me (or at least convince me) if you want me to believe something. I don't believe everything I hear or see and I only believe half of what I can taste and smell. If I can touch it, that is a whole different story. Anyway, the point is, a little cynicism can be healthy. I think it is important to do your homework and ask a few questions along the way. You owe it to yourself (and those around you that put up with you) to take it that deep.

Can of Worms Number One – the honey bee. We have all heard reports that the bees are dying out and we don't know why. Bees pollinate 130,000 varieties of plants. Albert Einstein actually predicted that if the bees were to die out, man would shortly follow. I know this much – Mr. Einstein is way smarter than me and who am I to argue with him. I believe he did a whole lot of thinking. Anyway, the problem is actually called Colony Collapse Disorder (I think it might be covered under the bee's health insurance program) and it really

could be something to not laugh about. Now, I am wildly allergic to bee stings and I don't like when I swell up, but I am not real excited about becoming extinct. However, I did a little more research on this one and it appears to be greatly exaggerated. There have been some trends that are cause for concern but it is not good science to making giant sweeping extrapolations. Bad logic and intellectually lazy. The problem with stories like this is the fact that the press is lazy and they re-report (like re-gifting) what is already out there.

Can of Worms Number Two – the electric car. This category, made famous by the Toyota Prius, and gobbled up by the Hollywood Elite (Leonardo DiCaprio) and others, not to be confused with the golf cart was the recent victim of bad reporting. On the surface, one would think that this car would be your contribution to reducing your carbon imprint. But then, the story comes out...the plant where the Prius battery is made in Canada actually does more damage to the environment than any gas powered car. The acids and chemicals released from the production were alleged to turn the countryside into a vast wasteland for miles and miles. There were even satellite photos. Sounds scandalous and was fun fodder for those opposed to the “feel good” greenies. However, all of the damage at the plant was from many years ago and the area has been cleaned up and has been given high environmental ratings. Stories were circulating the internet by the moon bats that slammed the Prius and its supporters. Busted...the truth requires a little thinking. You can't twist the facts for your purpose without being held accountable. As a side-note, Leonardo was selected as “green guy” of the year and they took a plane full of folks to Iceland for the photo shoot for the magazine cover. No problem...after 20 years with the Prius, he will offset the carbon footprint for the event.

Can of Worms Number Three – and really this one is more like a stadium full of worms. Don't shoot the messenger, but I want to put global warming out there. Is global warming occurring? Yes. Is it caused by man? I don't know and neither do you. There is a lot of information on this topic and lots of opinions. If Albert Einstein were alive I would ask him what he thought about it and I can guarantee you he would have thought about it. The data out

there is very complex and is very confusing. We owe it to ourselves to do lots of thinking and research before we take a hard position. Let's not put duct tape, crazy glue, bubble gum, and band-aids on the problem. We need to take things seriously and work hard for the right changes, but we had better be thinking it through. At the end of the day, we can all consume less energy and work hard to leave this world better than we found it. Can we agree on that?

Now that I have made everyone angry (which was really my goal anyway), I would like to leave you with a few thoughts. Think about what you can do to make a difference in the world around you...you really need to do something. For Sheryl Crow, she has vowed to utilize only one piece of toilet paper per trip. That is fine, but if that is what you choose to do, I really don't want to know about it. Really. No, I mean really.

You think about that.

Build Your Own (Free) Fly Rod

Al Bourisaw

Experience the thrill of catching your next trout on a fly rod that you have built. The club has secured six blank rods, guides, reel seats and cork grips from the Federation of Fly Fishers and has purchased thread and epoxy to complete the rods. The materials will be used to provide instruction to six members of the club interested in building their own rod. The class will be taught by Steve Antonic at his home (5612 Greentonway, St. Louis, 63128) on October 13th and 14th. A drawing will be held at the September meeting to pick the six lucky members. Those interested in this free class (you keep the rod that you build – free!) should contact Education Director, Al Bourisaw at troutal@msn.com or call 314-487-2120.

Free Raffle Ticket

Remember you receive a free raffle ticket when you wear your nametag at the meetings. Don't forget to bring your nametag to the next meeting – and be a winner!!



Fly of the Month: C.R.Gold:

Dick Ryan

Material List

Hook: Mustad 9674 size 10 (original) other hooks of your choice

Tread: Danville prewaxed color #100 black in series 3/0 or 6/0

Body: Gold "Sparkle Wool" from India or sub Sparkle-Yarn 3 strand unraveled

Feelers & Tail: Size "fine" strands of rubber leg material

Hackle: India Furnace saddle hackle reverse palmer wrapped

Back: Peacock Herl strands

Weighted: Full length of hook shank with .025 lead-wire

1. Tye in two strands of size "fine" rubber leg material, full length of hook shank, allowing two strands to stick out the back of the hook shank for one inch as the tail. Allow two strands to stick out the front of the hook shank for 1/2 inch as the feelers. Over wrap the full length of the hook shank with .025 lead wire. Run thread to the end of the hook shank.
2. Tye in one furnace India saddle hackle prepared to be "reverse" Palmer Wrapped. Tye in four strands of peacock herl. Tye in a six inch length of gold Sparkle Wool. Wrap the thread up to just behind the hook eye.
3. Wrap the gold Sparkle Wool up the hook shank forming the fly body and tye in behind the hook eye. Reverse Palmer Wrap the furnace saddle hackle

up to just behind the hook eye and tye in. Pull the peacock herl strands over the top of the fly body and tye in just behind the hook eye. Whip finish the fly head.

To Fish: I've fished this fly deep using a sink tip fly line and eighteen inches of four pound tippet. It can be skipped or allowed to dead drift just off the stream bottom.

On a cold winter evening after experiencing an ample dose of cabin fever, I got out my fly tying materials and started imaging what if I took the impressionistic qualities of the woolly worm and modified it to look more like a stone fly. I wanted a fly with lots of movement and could represent a number of food items to the fish.

It was first tested at the Ozark Fly Fishers Current River outing back in the mid-eighties. There was a massive cicada hatch erupting in the Ozarks at that time and the river was loaded with eager trout. The timing was perfect. If I had tried the C. R. Gold when the river was not so cooperative, the fly may never have had a second chance.

I was talking with Ed Story at Feather-Craft a short time later and mentioned it to him and gave him a few samples. He said he was going down to fish the Meramec and would give it a try. He fished it with much success and asked me if I had given it a name yet and I said not really. He offered to name it the C.R. Gold and the rest is history.

He later published the fly pattern in his *Missouri Trout Fly's-How to Tye and Fish Them* book.

It became very popular on the local streams around Missouri and Arkansas. I used it successfully in Michigan on steelhead. Tom Widman, one of Ozark fly Fishers past presidents took it to England and New Zealand and had good luck using it there also.

The C.R. Gold in various sizes has performed well also with largemouth, smallmouth and bluegill.

The secret to fishing this fly successfully is to fish it on or near the bottom in runs and shoals, with a dead drift technique. A strike indicator can be helpful. The fly has to be presented to the fish as a living insect that has just broken loose from a rock on the bottom of the stream. The trick is to stay in touch with the fly but allow a drag free presentation. Let the fly drift

until it is straight down stream below you. Gradually left the fly to the surface and twitch it a few times before re casting.

A Letter from Tom Ziegler....

I just wanted to drop a line in the newsletter to give everyone my new address and phone number out here in sunny Colorado. Sorry it's taken so long to touch base....

To those who do not know my story I will briefly sum up: After vacationing in Rocky Mountain National Park in July '06, my wife Teresa and I decided to begin investigating the possibility of relocating to Denver/Boulder area. We already knew the area was a Mecca for cycling, photography, skiing, hiking, and, of course, fly fishing, but during our research found that there were jobs to be had in my profession, the aerospace field. After an unbelievably short search, I found a position that would not only move us to Colorado but would enable me to continue my career growth faster than expected. In January I moved to Boulder to work for Ball Aerospace while Teresa (and our two kiddos, Bobby and Katie) stayed in Webster Groves to sell the home. After 4 long months of being apart we were able to sell the home and purchase one in Colorado. Everyone, and everything, is now under one roof in the shadow of the Rockies.

As you might expect, I spend a lot of time on the water. There is so much water on the Front Range that I haven't had time to check out some of the bigger name waters that are deeper into the mountains. But please be assured that I am doing my best to investigate every spot. Part of this research is done while guiding after landing a part-time gig for Wild Basin Outfitters in Rocky Mountain National Park.

http://www.wildbasinoutfitters.com/about_us.htm Since it's only a part-time position, I usually take out only half-day weekend trips. But it has given me a way to get to know other folks in the industry while at the same time getting the "guide discount" on fly fishing gear. In fact, everything I spend on fly fishing and tying is now tax deductible. Pretty sweet.

But a move like this is not without a downside. The obvious and most painful negative is leaving my Dad, sister, and brother-in-law. Hopefully they will visit often, and as they are all fly fishers, I think they will. I will also miss the group of fly fishing friends that, along with my Dad (who deserves most of the credit), have helped me become a better fly fisher, tier, and conservationist. I would like to mention my thanks to a few here:

- Jerry Jarosik for showing me how to tie with deer-hair. Jerry gave me my first bass bug at an Ozark meeting many years ago and it started a life-long passion for deer hair. Whenever I am demonstrating bass bug techniques at a show and I hand out a finish product to a youngster I think of Jerry handing his perfectly carved bass bug to me. The bug he gave me has a prominent spot on my fly tying desk.
- Joseph Aimonette for his never ending enthusiasm while teaching and his willingness to give every last ounce of energy he has to his friends whenever they might need it. Also, I have so many of his foam spiders that I have begun to sell them as a side business with several years of inventory in my fly boxes.
- Tom Hargrove for giving me the chance to tie flies for store credit while I was in high school and college. With the credit I was able to purchase more and more gear/material to expand my skills. Without the opportunity he gave me I would not be the fly tier I am today.
- The late Jerry Clark for giving me tips on my casting. He was able to analyze a cast and give the exact advice needed in just a few precise words. I wish I had half of his ability.
- Ted Calcaterra for being able to reach very high into any tree that I have launched my backcast into and repeatedly telling me the White River is where legends are made. Ted also has the insane ability to put up with me on many a fishing trip.
- Bob Temper for the dedication and talent to make any flies and photos I donate to the banquet look 100 times better in his shadow boxing and

framing; no matter how late I give them to him.

- Steve Antonic, Brian Ellis, Roy Cleveland, Mike Swederska, Larry Carli, Kevin Miquelon, Gavin Poppen, Bill Hale, Wallis Warren, Al Bourisaw and Caesar Carnaghi for showing the dedication that is required of a core group to turn a good organization into a great one and also for sharing many days on the water with me.
- I would also like to mention some of my Mid-Missouri TU buddies. Because of their leadership (along with Ozark) trout fishing in Missouri would not be as good as it is with out the core group of Mid-Mo fly fishers:
 - Curt Morgret
 - Mike Kruse
 - Bill Lamerson
 - Bob Hook
 - Jon Deal

Please feel free to contact me if you are coming out west. Hopefully, we can spend a day on the water or at least have a beer as you pass through...

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See you soon,
Tom Ziegler

November Catch and Release Outing *Russ Hill*

Second call for the November 9-10-11 opening of the winter catch and release season at Bennett Spring. Time is fleeting. Many have already made their reservations, with requests for particular room locations or neighbors. As rooms get booked, it gets more difficult to juggle these requests, so your best bet is to reserve early. As the next newsletter doesn't come out til late October, the reservations may already be turned in by then. As this is written

mid August with temps in the mid 90s, the thought of cooler weather fishing sounds pretty good. We still have all classes of rooms available, but they start to go pretty fast “as the days dwindle down to a precious few.” Last year we had 87 at the buffet. See your August newsletter or the club website for the details. If you haven’t attended this gala before, give it some thought this year, especially if you’ve enjoyed the other club outings as this is usually our biggest one. We’ve been told we can have use of the party room *after* our dinner this year to continue the festivities or tie flies, etc. Ask around of the regular attendees and you’ll probably decide to join us. This is a great opportunity for those new to fly fishing or to our trout parks to pick up some tips from oldtimers—and our club has plenty of those. We are again inclosing a Reservation Request with this newsletter, or print one from the website. Any questions, call Russ Hill @ 314 275 2673

Something New

Ric Robben

I don't know about you but I was hooked on "Fly Fish T.V." that aired on OLN. During the winter months while teaching my self how to tie flies I watched recorded segments of the show non stop. One of the segments that caught my interest was a contests started by our last big guest speaker, Jack Dennis. He called it the "One Fly Contest" and I was intrigued by the concept. You can only fish a single fly and whoever caught the most won. This is the inspiration of new activity I want to try out for Ozark Fly Fishers.

So here it goes! On Saturday November 10th the First Annual (hopefully) Ozark Fly Fishers "*My Fly is Better than Your Fly Contest*" will be held at Bennett Springs State Park. As you are aware this is the opening weekend of Catch and Release and will co-exist with our annual outing. The details are simple and will be better explained on the entry form, but here they are in a nut shell.

- Your entry fee of will be used by the club for the benefit of the Mill Creek project.
- You will be asked to declare what your one fly will be and that is the only fly your can use for the duration contest. If you should lose the fly (to a fish, a tree,

in someone's ear - any way) you are finished.

- You will be paired up with a partner by random drawing. Each fish you catch will be measured and recorded by your partner.
- There will be a maximum of eight (8) fish measured. This is a double limit.
- The fly that catches the longest total length wins.

That's all for now. The entry form with all the rules and regs will be available at the Spring Pavilion at Bennett the day of the contest. If you want more info you can e-mail me at www.rrobben@lacledegas.com

Fly Tying Tips – Split Tails

Al Bourisaw

Give that next fly that you tie a great look by splitting the tails – two or three tails. This method works especially well on small flies using microfibbets or feather fibers.

For a two tail look, start the thread at the midpoint of the shank or further towards the eye of the hook. Using a shank wrap with the tag end on top of the shank, wrap the thread to a point on the hook shank directly above the barb. To make this technique work the tag end of the tying thread must be long, uncut and extend past the bend. Tie on the tail fibers and spread them with your thumb nail. Pull the tag end between the fibers towards the eye of the hook and tie off. This will split the fibers and hold them in place. At this point, a figure eight wrap can also be used to keep the tail fibers split.

For a three tail look, start the thread at the midpoint of the shank or further towards the eye of the hook. Wrap the thread to a point on the shank directly above the barb. At this point, form a dubbing loop that will be used to split the tails. Tie on three microfibbets and use the thumb nail to split the fibbets. Bring the dubbing loop forward towards the eye ensuring that the center fibbet is in the middle of the dubbing loop. The other two fibbets should be outside of the dubbing loop. Tie off the dubbing loop on the shank. A dab of flexament or head glue helps keep the tails in place.

Project Healing Waters

Bob Temper

Inspired by the nationally acclaimed "Casting for Recovery" (CFR) program for cancer survivors, Project Healing Waters is a joint activity initiated by Trout Unlimited (TU) and the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) chapters. It salutes all of our brave armed forces, and strives to serve those who have come home wounded and aid in their physical and emotional recovery by introducing or rebuilding the skills of fly fishing and fly tying.

For three years, Project Healing Waters (PHW) has taught soldiers to fly fish in lessons at Walter Reed Hospital in the nation's capitol and taken dozens of them to fish some of the nation's prime fishing grounds, from Maine to Alaska. The project is expanding into veteran's hospitals across the United States

The PHW Fly Fishing program, through Federation of Fly Fishers clubs and Trout Unlimited chapters, teaches fly fishing and fly tying skills as therapy to the service men and women wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq and disabled veterans from World War II and the Korean, Vietnam, and other conflicts. Volunteers are needed to kick off the program in St. Louis. To participate in PHW one must attend a volunteer orientation (they take this serious with fingerprinting etc.). A date has yet to be set for an orientation schedule for the St. Louis area.

Please checkout the PHW website at <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>.

If you are interested in participating, contact Brian Ellis at 314-822-1819 or brian.j.ellis@boeing.com.

Programs *Mike Krueger*

If you missed the August meeting, you missed a great presentation by Larry Murphy from the FFF Southern Council. Larry explained what the Council stands for and how it interacts with the various clubs. His slide show about the Conclave coming up in October was very enlightening and informative. I had no idea that the Conclave was so involved, so many programs for attendees. Many of the programs are at now cost or at a very nominal fee to

cover expenses. Everyone who can should plan to attend this fantastic meeting at least once. Just a reminder that for many years Ozark Fly Fishers has sponsored and run the casting games, which are to be held on Thursday Oct. 4. So if you can make plans to attend and show support not only for the Southern Council but for Ozark Fly Fishers.

October: WOW the swap meet meeting is progressing at a fast pace. We will have tyers, beading 101, knot tying, and more. If you are interested, and we know all of you are, in having a space at the October meeting to *swap* or *sell* any of your equipment please let me know so I can make arrangements for you to have a space. Spaces are *FREE*, that would be *no charge, nada, zilch!* So bring things you want to swap or outright sell and make a deal. You may contact me at my e-mail mkrueger2003@yahoo.com. See you there, lets make this a great event!

MCHF Cold Water Fund / BCA Mill Creek

We want to thank the following individuals for their enthusiasm in coldwater conservation projects, and their contribution to help in the preservation of stream habitat in Missouri.

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Mike Swederska Sr. (previous donation plus matching donation by the Lions Club of Webster Groves)

Current Member contributions:

\$3,715.00

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\$7,570.00

16th ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING NOV 9-10-11

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Packages: All packages **include** the buffet dinner and the pre-dinner social hour.

Singles Package: One bed, one person

_____ Saturday, Nov.10.....60.00
 _____ Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9-10..... 104.00
 _____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov. 8-9-10..... 149.00

Couples Package: One double bed, two people

_____ Saturday, Nov. 10 (per couple)..... 82.00
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Deluxe Couples Package: Two double beds, two people

_____ Saturday, Nov. 10 (per couple)88.50
 _____ Friday and Saturday, Nov.9-10 (per couple).....147.00
 _____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov.8-9-10 (per couple)205.00

Housekeeping Package: Two double beds, two people, kitchen

_____ Friday, Saturday, Nov 9-10 (per couple)162.00
 _____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday Nov. 8-9-10 (per couple).....227.50

Triple Package: Three double beds, Three people

_____ Friday, Saturday, Nov. 9-10208.50
 _____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov.9-10-11290.50

Third Person Package: Two double beds/3rd twin, Three people

_____ Friday, Saturday, Nov. 9-10.....187.50
 _____ Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov 8-9-10.....258.50

_____ Social Hour and Buffet Dinner only (no lodging).....14.00

ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND PETS EXTRA

Cancellations: If you cancel before Oct. 30, you will receive a refund; thereafter refunds will be made only if we can sell your room.

Social Hour: The party room next to the pool will be open at 5:30. The club will provide soft drinks and light snacks. If you would like something else BYOL; we provide ice and glasses.

Buffet Dinner: At Sand Spring Restaurant, 7PM. It will be a traditional Ozark buffet. You may BYOL .

First in line?---Please leave a few ribs for those at the end!

Mail this form with your check payable to Ozark Fly Fishers to Russ Hill, 46 Witmer Dr., Chesterfield, Mo. 63017


Accommodations will be booked only when received with a check for the full amount of the package selected. I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, e-mail or post card. Call me if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time. Call 314-275-2673 for special needs, questions, etc.

Mark Van Patten, MDC : 'Stream Teams: Where We Came From, Where We Are, Where We are Going'

Our speaker for September will be Mark Van Patten, MDC and founder of Stream Team #1. Ozark Fly Fishers became the 31st Stream Team on May 9, 1989. For many years Ozark Fly Fishers lead the way as the Stream Team program grew. Mark will present a challenge to OFF to once again take a leadership role in this program of over 3300 Teams and lead the charge as a mentor and activists speaking out for the resource they love to love, Missouri's rivers and streams.

Mark's program is called "Stream Teams, where we came from, where we are, and where we are going." The concept is to increase the involvement of Ozark Fly Fishers in Stream Team activities as Stream Team #31, one of the oldest Stream Teams in the program.

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OZARK FLY FISHERS PROGRAM CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 27	MONTHLY MEETING: Mark Van Patten MDC – Stream Team
OCTOBER 25	MONTHLY MEETING: Swap Meet
NOVEMBER	NO MEETING
DECEMBER 13	MONTHLY MEETING: Lefty Ray Chapa