

Ozark Fly Fishers



April 2008

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

The big buzz for fly fishers this past month has been the high water in our trout streams, smallmouth streams and tailwaters in the Ozark fishery. The heavy rains have blown out many of the streams (a much needed flushing), but most have recovered and are fishable as of this posting. The high water also has the lakes on the White Water System all above power pool. Reports are that the tailwaters will be running water at high



Bennett Springs

power pool levels. If you are heading for a tailwater, know that you will be fishing high water. The high water in our trout parks was something to behold and by most descriptions was at or near record levels. The pictures are of our trout parks and tailwaters. At Bennett Springs, three handicap ramps were completely under water as was the Whistle Bridge and the wooden bridge near the Niangua River. Montauk didn't fair much better as the amounts of water that came through the



Bennett Springs



Roaring River

park was tremendous. The dam was covered by water as was the bridge entering the park. Roaring River was also flooded, but it did not appear to be as severe as Montauk and Bennett Springs. Initial reports are that Maramec Spring hatchery lost fish as result of high water.

Although experiencing high water, no pictures of Maramec Springs were found.

Look for more shots of the high waters on other pages.

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Ozark Fly Fishers meet the fourth Thursday of each month at Queeny Park. 550 Weidman Road - Community Room - 7:00 PM.

The newsletter is published eleven times each year and can be found on the club's website or is mailed to members who request a mailing. The deadline for submitting an article is the 11th day of each month. Articles for the November December newsletter must be submitted by November 11th. Newsletter articles can be submitted by sending to Al Bourisaw, 4731 Brawley Court, St. Louis, MO or e-mailed to troutal@att.net



President's Message

by Mike Swederska, Sr.



It is April and most of the waterways that we fish are starting to settle down from all the rain that we have had in the past weeks. The streams that we fish so often really needed a good scouring out of all the sediment and things that have been building up over the last couple of years. Even our warm water lakes and ponds are very happy with the flushing. Floods and high water are good things for our fisheries.

They give a stream healing power - the kinds that make new holes and fills in old ones. Now that the water table is up to where it should be, the springs that give life to our fisheries will continue till the next downpour. For us as fly fisherman, the places that we have gotten so used to fishing will possibly have changed to the point that we may not even recognize them - making that ho-hum had been there, done that experience, into a new conquest. That form of comfort level that comes over us going to our home water. Finding new places to fish that were not there; on that same old stream that we thought was our own personal home water. The water we knew like the back of our hand will make it seem newborn again with all the new experience it gave us the very first time we ever stepped into it. This is going to be one of the best fly-fishing years we have had in a long time.

This coming month's meeting is one that I have been looking forward to for a very long time. Nick Girando and Jenifer Guyot are two biologists for the MDC. Their responsibilities include the trout fisheries that are closer to our homes. If you have had any need to know thoughts about the trout fisheries that you so enjoy our two guest speakers are the ones to hear. Nick Girando will be talking about Mill Creek mainly and the future habitat plans for the Bohigian CA. Jenifer Guyot is planning on more of an unstructured Q&A section about Blue Springs Creek.

At last month's board meeting, I presented the top ten goals for the upcoming year. I believe in setting goals and then making deadlines. By doing so, things will get done. Without goals we have no direction; without deadlines we will never get anything done. I know that this is a fishing club, and I know we are volunteers. I know that most of all, we work on the Ozark Fly Fishers board to make the club enjoyable for all by giving the club direction. This is one of the goals set at the last board meeting. That is, to make the club a lot more fun for its members than it already is. We as a board feel that if we can make the club so much fun then members who have joined to learn how to fly fish and tie flies will stay on as members once they have learned because it is so much fun to be an Ozark Fly Fishers member.

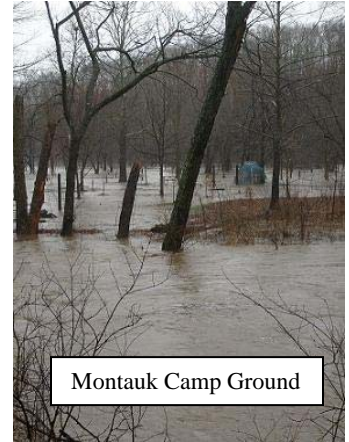
The first thing that we have done to get things started off is to form a Yahoo Group specifically for our club members. The Yahoo Group is formed to allow all members who join the group to start having fun by staying in contact with each other. There is an article in this newsletter on how to join the group. This group is just starting so be one of the first to join. This is just one more reason to belong to the Ozark Fly Fishers. By the way, to join a Yahoo Group does not cost a thing to you or the club.

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April General Membership Meeting

Our guest speakers at the April 24th General Membership meeting will be Nick Girondo and Jennifer Guyot. Both are with the Missouri Department of Conservation and have responsibilities in areas that are of concern to the Ozark Fly Fishers. Nick will be talking mainly about Mill Creek and the future habitat plans for the Bohigian Conservation Area. Jennifer is planning on talking about Blue Springs Creek now and in the future. She can also bring us up-to-date on any damages that have been created by the recent high waters. The meeting will be in the Queeny recreational room starting at 7:00 P.M.

Jennifer grew up in Perryville, Missouri where she fostered her love for the outdoors and playing in creeks. She received her Bachelors degree from the University of Missouri - Columbia in Fisheries & Wildlife and then moved on to obtain her Masters from Virginia Tech in Fisheries Science. During her schooling, she worked jobs that focused on crayfish, mussels, non-game and game fish. Jennifer was hired in Springfield about 2.5 years ago to work with landowners on aquatic issues, kids fishing clinics and Fellows Lake. In October 2007, Jennifer was transferred to Sullivan where she is currently managing a large portion of the Meramec River and its tributaries. She also has some public lakes around Sullivan. Her responsibilities with trout include Blue Springs Creek Blue Ribbon area, Meramec River Red Ribbon Area, and Maramec Spring Park. She can't imagine a better job.

Nick grew up in Wright City, Missouri in an area changing from rural to suburban life, but was lucky enough to have a family who taught him the love of the outdoors. Nick obtained his Bachelors degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from the University of Missouri - Columbia and his Masters from Arkansas Tech University. Nick worked at hourly jobs for the Missouri Department Conservation at Busch and Fish Research in Columbia. This helped him land a dream job in Rolla managing our Ozark Streams. Nick currently manages large portions of the Big Piney and Gasconade Rivers along with five trout waters in the Rolla/Fort Wood area. Nick also provides support for all aquatic issues of private landowners in Dent, Phelps, Pulaski and Shannon Counties. If you can't find Nick at work or wade fishing, it's because he is chasing ducks somewhere in the lower 48 states.

Women's Outings Update

by Ted Calcaterra

On Sunday May 18th, we will have our annual Women's Outing. This year the destination will be Maramec Springs located just over an hour outside of St. Louis. We will meet at 8am at the very back end of the parking lot. Just like previous years, we will have casting instruction available along with local experts to help our members make the day a memorable experience. There will be lunch provided along with snacks and drinks throughout the day. I encourage all our female members to try and attend this outing. Please contact me at tcasca@hotmail.com by May 11th so that I can get an accurate count of those attending. I hope to see you on the water.



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The North Arkansas Fly Fishers SowBug 2008 was another great success with fly tiers coming from locations across the country and world. Many new and innovative patterns were demonstrated and anyone who attended came away with at least one new pattern to be added to their fly box.

Club member Al Bourisaw served as a demonstration tier at the 2008 SowBug in Mountain Home, Arkansas in March. Al tied the Beetle Pattern made popular by Master tier Jerry Jarosik.



Win Your Own ClackaCraft Drift Boat

The Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council and ClackaCraft Drift Boats are giving you a chance to have your very own drift boat. The FFF Southern Council is holding a raffle to give away a 16' Low Profile ClackaCraft Drift Boat. The package includes: Deluxe Trailer, Anchor System, Anchor, Rope, Oars, Two Knee Brace, Level Floors Front and Rear, and Built-in Rod Holders.

Tickets are available through Larry Carli or on-line at www.southern-councilfff.org for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday evening, October 4, 2008 in Mountain Home, Arkansas during the Conclave Awards Banquet.



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Mike Lawson

Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo Group

Ozark Fly Fishers has a new benefit for its members. We have started a Yahoo Group for members of the Ozark Fly Fishers. This group is restricted to our members. But, it could be read by any person visiting the Yahoo Group. Our goal is to have this Yahoo Group become a way of open communications for all club members. As the club needs to post important information to all its members in a timely fashion this Yahoo Group will be a part of the vehicle to get the information out to its members.

I know that not all members use or entertain the idea of having to use a computer to keep informed of possible important information from the club. This Yahoo Group will not take the place of the newsletter. This is set up for members to have discussions with other members or board members. Some of its uses could be to post up fishing reports, fly patterns, or members can just chat with other members. There is also a place on the group site that you can post up your fish or fly pictures or anything else's you would like to share with the other club members. The more members that join this group the more powerful it will become in getting the information out to our members.

Having this Yahoo Group, the club can stay a little closer to its members and form a closer community making it even more fun to belong to OFF. Members may get their post answered by other members that they have not gotten acquainted with previously. New friendships have come from having this kind of open dialog between club members.

All you have to do is type in your browser the group home page. It will take you straight to the group. Then press the join button at the top right side of the page. Then follow the instructions. When you are done we will receive an email stating that you want to join the group. At that time we will accept or decline the person asking to join. Please, when you write your email asking to join put your full name in it. This way we can look you up in the roster. We are not going to let nonmembers of the Ozark Fly Fishers join this group. These benefits will some day transfer over to the clubs web site, but until then we are doing it this way so that the information and fun can get started right away. Use this Yahoo Group to enjoy the club even more.

Any questions or problems please contact.

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Fox Sadler's Arkansas Scud

by Wallis W. Warren



The Hook: Your choice of hook can make a lot of difference in the amount of success you experience when fishing a scud. A straight-eyed, fine wire, quality dry fly hook has proven to be the best. Circle hooks and rounded shank hooks imitate resting scuds, while straight shank hooks imitate swimming scuds. A straight-eyed, straight shank hook offers the largest hook gape for that size of hook and will have the best hook set. A fine wire hook will penetrate the flesh and bone of a fish's mouth with less effort than a heavy nymph wire hook. This is especially helpful when using tippets of 6x and smaller.

The Lead: The size of lead used in this scud pattern is related to the size of hook to be used. On a #12 hook use .025" lead wire, #14 hook use .020", #16 hook use .015", and on a #18 hook use .010". For scuds smaller than #18, try the [Worm Scud Pattern](#), another article on this site. Always wrap enough lead wire to fill half of the hook-shank, usually this is about 8 to 10 wraps depending upon your choice of hook.


The Thread: The thread of your pattern (#8/0) can help you catch more fish by highlighting the scud the right way in the right conditions. For an early morning (dawn) and late evening (dusk) scuds use fluorescent orange or fluorescent red thread. For high-noon (bright days) scuds use light blue thread. For day scuds use the thread that best matches the coloring of the segment edges of the scud's body in the water you are fishing. This could be pink, yellow, or cinnamon on molting scuds, camel, insect green, or iron gray for adult scuds. Take your thread and capture the lead at the bend of the hook to the middle of the shank. Build up the thread at the front of the lead to make a smoother transition from the hook shank diameter to the lead diameter. End this step with the thread on the lead.

The Straw: Swiss straw is too wide as it is sold. Cut a piece about 4 to 8 inches long and then split it with a sharp knife or razor blade into 1/4 inch to 3/16 inch strips. The wider strips work well for #12 and #14 scuds and the smaller for #16 and #18 scuds. Place the Swiss straw over the lead and wrap it down. End with the thread at the hook-eye. The reason for tying the straw in before the dubbing is to make the pattern more durable. Most bugs come undone at the rear end, this is true of scuds also. By tying the straw in now, the straw will have to wear-in-two and not come untied.

The Dubbing: The dubbing of a scud is so important. You're dubbing needs to be the correct leg length when it sticks to the waxed thread, the right color, and it doesn't hurt for the mixture to have some light reflecting abilities. Adding some Zelon to any mixture is helpful, but using a mixture of antron and zelon has proven to be the best over the years. Make sure you chop your mixture to about 1/8 inch long before blending it. Then when you "touch dub" (dabbing the dubbing to the waxed thread) it will put a uniform layer of dubbing on your thread. Dub the scud from the hook-eye to the hook-bend placing an even layer of dubbing on the entire pattern.

Flatten Now:ow is the time to flatten the scud before the back is tied down. If you flatten the scud after the back is on, it will often split the back ruining the pattern. Don't flatten the scud with a lot of force.

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Name That Fly

by Terry Finger

As promised, here are the answers to last month's Name That Fly Quiz.



1. Light Cahill (dry). This one should have been pretty easy. I don't know if it's still true in this age of Stimulators and Madame X's, but for many, many years the Light Cahill was the second most popular dry fly in the U.S. (the first is/was the Adams). William Chandler of Neversink, New York, developed the fly about 1920 to imitate a specific pale-colored mayfly found in the northeast. There are, however, many other species of similarly colored mayflies found throughout the country, and the fly owes its widespread popularity to its ability to successfully imitate all these flies. Like any of the classic Catskill dry flies, the Light Cahill can also be tied as a wet fly, with a down wing and softer hackle.



2. Dark Cahill (wet). What we now usually call the Dark Cahill is actually close to the original Cahill fly that was later lightened to produce the Light Cahill. Dan Cahill, a brakeman on the Erie Railroad line that ran near the trout waters of the southwestern Catskills and Poconos, developed the original Cahill in the 1880's. Cahill often fished with Edward R. Hewitt and was involved with the early stocking of rainbow trout in the Catskills via railcars. Some confusion about the origins of the Cahill fly appear to stem from a completely different fly of Irish origin developed about the same time by a tier in Dublin named Cahill.



3. Katterman (dry). This one is a little tougher. The Katterman is a very effective palmer-hackled dry fly developed by the Dette family of Roscoe, New York. It is essentially a peacock-bodied Brown Bivisible and is useful as a general searching pattern and as an imitation of certain caddis flies and beetles. I wrote about and pictured the Katterman in my article on fishing small creeks in the July 2006 newsletter.



4. Leadwing Coachman (wet). This fly is the all-time favorite of many wet-fly anglers, including me. There is just something magical about the combination of the dark wing and peacock herl body. It is particularly useful on rivers with large populations of *Isonychia* mayflies, like the Esopus. Although the Leadwing Coachman is very effective in North America, the fly is of English origin. Tom Bosworth, a coachman who served King George IV, King William IV, and Queen Victoria, developed the original Coachman, with a white wing, in the 1830's. The Leadwing modification dates to the late 19th century and is credited to Englishman Henry Francis. I included a photo of a Leadwing Coachman in my article on winged wet flies in the March 2006 newsletter.



5. Conover (dry). Another pattern from the Dette family, developed by Walt, Winnie, and angler Scotty Conover in the early 1930's. A good general searching pattern, the fly is constructed without wings, or "tied buzz," as the old timers used to say. I pictured and discussed the history of the Conover in the August 2006 newsletter. The Dette's tied the Conover in the photo.



6. Wild Turkey (wet). The most obscure fly of the bunch. If you got this one, consider yourself an expert on Catskill flies. Ray Smith of Phoenicia, New York, developed the Wild Turkey for fishing the Esopus. The fly plates in Ray Bergman's Trout include a similar fly, the Brown Turkey. That fly has the same turkey wing and brown palmered hackle, but its body is brown rather than black. Ray usually used black ostrich herl for the body of his Wild Turkey, but lately I've been experimenting with herl from wild turkey body feathers. This shorter herl provides less fluff and movement than ostrich, but it is nicely iridescent and goes well with the wild turkey theme.

All the romance of trout fishing exists in the mind of the angler and is in no way shared by the fish.

~Harold F. Blaisdell, *The Philosophical Fisherman*

Random Thoughts

by Ty Livingston – April 2008

SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD...

I am not sure what my problem has been lately, but damn have I been cranky. I have not been out fishing enough and I have been sick and tired of the rainy, wintry weather. In the middle of all of that everyone around me seems to be down too. As I reflected inward, I wondered if it was just me. Maybe...but I don't think so.

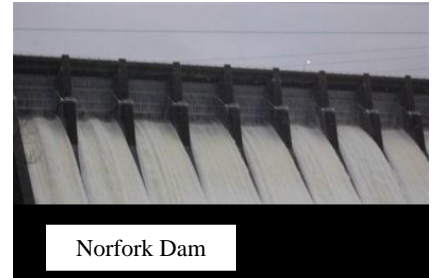
Because I was so moody, I was overly sensitive to lots of negativity around me. I noticed conflict among my friends, fighting in my family, and lots of critical comments by those around me regarding others. It bothered me...I mean really, really bothered me. Life is too short...way too short. And then, I was at a meeting with some friends of mine a few weeks ago and they started making disparaging comments about a young fella in attendance that had on some funky clothes, a scraggly beard, and a head full of hair. Their attitude really aggravated me...who the heck do they think they are? Whether we remember it or not (and most of my friends don't remember much of anything and what they do remember is embellished exaggerated baloney...you know what I am talking about!) many of us used to be "that guy". Oh, the 40's had rayon dresses and viscose suits, in the 50's it might have been jeans rolled up and ducktails, the 60's had its "hippie" stage, the 70's acid rock, the 80's Madonna (yuck!), and so on. What's my point? Every generation has their thing. News flash – inside of those clothes, hair, and skin is a HUMAN BEING! Just because somebody is different than you does not mean you are better. If you have a problem with that, drop me a line.

Open your mind. If you were to take a minute and get to know that person that doesn't fit into your teeny weenie box, you might just find out they are more like you then you could imagine. We really need to look for the best in each other. Forgive and forget. Live and let live. Learn and love. Seek first to understand, then to be understood. God gave you two ears and one mouth...if you are really lucky, he might have even granted you style and grace. Every transaction in life presents you with an opportunity to make a difference in somebody else's life – for better or worse. The choice is yours.

I found out last week that an old friend of mine just passed away. I saw him in the fall and he looked great. He was working on a lifelong project that was his grand vision and it was actually coming together in a very exciting way. He was full of passion, piss and vinegar. He was fired up and his dream was starting to come true. It was a project of mega proportions. In January, unbeknownst to be, he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and this past week he has moved on to his next adventure. I am really going to miss him. Godspeed, my friend.

At long last, this past weekend we actually had some nice sunny weather and I am crawling out of my funk. I hope the rest of you are too. Go out and do something nice for somebody else. It might just cheer you up. And remember, maybe, just maybe, it's not about you. Noodle on that one boys...noodle on that one. What do my points have to do with fishing? More than you might realize. You think about that...TL

You can visit all of my past columns on my blog at <http://tylivingstone.blogspot.com> and if you want to drop me a line you can e-mail me at tylivingstone@gmail.com – I would love to hear from you – good, bad, or ugly...your choice.



Norfork Dam

Norfork Dam opened the flood gates as the dam reached capacity. Reportedly, water flowing through the flood gates is equivalent to 30 generators.



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NAME TAGS

by Kevin Miquelon

Don't forget to wear your OFF Name Badge at every meeting! It is very helpful, with more than three hundred members, for people to give a quick glance at your name badge and see who you are. Lots of effort goes into making the badges and bringing them to the meetings, so please make an effort to wear yours. If you don't have one (basically, you lost yours), then let us know and we will replace it. Dave Haas has a number of name badges in his possession and would like for everyone to "grab and go" with them. Also, bonus tickets to the raffle are an added incentive if you are wearing your name badge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

French Apple Cobbler

by Jim Wallace

Jim baked and served this French Apple Cobbler at the recent Chili Tie-In on Saturday, March 22nd. The cobbler was so good that sharing the recipe only seemed natural.

Filling

9 granny smith apples: sliced
2-1/4 cup sugar
6 Tbs flour
3/4 tsp. salt
2 tsp. vanilla
2 Tbs. butter; melted
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon
3/4tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup cold water

Batter

3 eggs; slightly beaten
6 Tbs. butter; melted
2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Prepare Filling: In a large bowl combine all filling ingredients and stir until well mixed. Pour filling into a well oiled 12" Dutch oven.

Prepare Batter: Beat together eggs and butter. Stir together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Then mix into wet ingredients. Pour batter evenly over apples.

Bake: Place lid on Dutch oven and bake using 10-12 briquettes bottom and 16-18 briquettes top for 45-60 minutes.

Serve topped with whipped cream.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECONVENING

By Kevin Miquelon

The Membership Committee is looking for members interested in serving. We will be meeting again sometime in the next couple of months and have a number of things to discuss. If you have an interest, please contact the Membership Director Kevin Miquelon at kmiquelon@charter.net or 314-753-3644.

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Laurie Ott with a nice Montauk rainbow in husband Mike's crafted net.

March Meeting Review

by Mike Krueger

I want to thank all of you who came to the March meeting which was held at the Dog Museum. What a crowd, at the last count 97 members were in attendance. We were bumped to the smaller room downstairs. I don't think there was room for even one more person. This was one of the largest memberships in attendance we have had except for the all day meeting with Bob Clouser. If you were there you enjoyed Terry and Roxanne give new light to bluegill fishing. Their program not only covered where and how, but with what. Terry was also kind enough to be the tier of the night. There were so many members around the table there was almost no room for him to work. I know a lot of you personally know Terry and Roxanne and that made the night especially interesting for you. I know I will be looking for warm water to try out some of his "bugs". As I understand we had many new people join at that meeting. The next regular meeting will be April 24 at Queeny Park. I hope to see all of you and more there for Nicks presentation about the great things happening at Mill Creek. Jennifer will be coming with Nick to give us an update of Blue Springs, our next adventure. SEE YOU THERE.

What's in a Towel?

by Bob Temper

Unfortunately, I'm one of those gadgets guys. I'm always looking at what is new and deciding if I really want the latest and greatest thing-a-ma-bob. Notice the operative word is WANT! I passed needs years ago.

A towel is something I have carried with me on the stream for years. I think it probably started with fishing in cold weather before high tech gloves. The towel helped deal with the low temperatures by getting the water off of my hands quickly thus reducing evaporation cooling. My towels have varied through the years. I think the first towel I used may have been a golf towel that had a grommet in the corner providing a fastening spot for a shower curtain ring to attach it to my waders or vest. They were usually white which is not what we preached about wearing subdued earth toned colors to reduce your visibility to the fish. That obstacle was overcome by tucking it inside my vest or waders. I could have dyed them a darker color but never got around to it. These towels were cheap – not inexpensive – because I came by them at trade shows as give-aways for advertising. Besides the color, their greatest disadvantage was size. They were always too long and more often than not I ended up trailing it in the water before the day was over. We have some hand towels in the guest bath that are dark green with various fly patterns embroidered on them and contain a grommet in the corner. I told my wife that when they retire from active use, I will recycle them in my fishing gear. (They were way too expensive to start out as a fishing towel.)

Always on the prowl for the new thing I ran across a product by Simms called "AQUIS Vest Towel. It measures 10" x 13". It is ultra-lightweight, fast drying and compact. It includes a convenient snap loop for hanging and it is the appropriate color. At first I balked at the price, around \$7, but then I decided to take the plunge.

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Terry and Roxanne Wilson at the March 27th General Membership Meeting



Watch out blue gill. Great program with a lot of good information



Terry at the vise.

<http://www.thebluegillpond.com>

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It has only been field tested by me one time so far as my fishing time has been limited, but it made a favorable impression. The size and color are right. The snap loop works well and it really sucks up a lot of water fast. The material seems to air dry quickly. I felt rather pleased with myself for this purchase.

In reviewing this find with my wife I was informed that the towel was probably the same thing as the microfiber miracle cloth dish cloths that are sold in a 3 pack for about \$10.00. Yeah, but this one is the correct color, has that special snap loop for hanging, and it came with a Simms label. It's a fishing gizmo!



Steve Antonic and Bob Temper teaching a Belly-boat and personal pontoon boat class at Queeny.

ARCHIVE FLY OF THE MONTH - April 2008

By Bob Zagar

Bill Taylor's "Corn Woolly Worm -This fly was published in our newsletter in 1976. Garry Fernandez tied the fly in the photo. Excellent Early Spring Fly

Hooks: #8, 10 or 12 Mustad 9671 – 2X long or equiv. length.
(Use small fly in small creeks, larger ones in bigger streams.)
Thread: Yellow silk or nylon
Tail: Short length of scarlet yarn
Weight: .020" lead wire
Body: Bright yellow chenille
Rib: Flat silver tinsel or Mylar (med. width)
Hackle: Pale grizzly (barred Plymouth Rock – light)



Wrap shank solidly with tying thread to bend. Tie in short tail of scarlet yarn. Wrap shank solidly with .020" lead wire. Cement over lead wire to keep body from rotating on shank. Tie in at bend: hackle, rib, and chenille. Wrap chenille to eye position. Rib with tinsel, winding in opposite direction from body material. Wind hackle to eye, following close behind tinsel rib. Whip finish and cement head.

This fly has been known to take many trout in water so muddy and cloudy that it would normally be considered unsuitable for fly fishing. Apparently, it has excellent underwater visibility. Fish it upstream free-drift or cast across and fish a slow swing."

DUANE AND MARLENE HADA BENEFIT

Duane and Marlene Hada are not just well-known identities in the fly fishing community in this part of the world, they are truly "great people". When Marlene was found to be facing a serious battle with breast cancer, their approach was typically quiet and low-key. Now their friends and admirers in the fly fishing community have come together to put together a tremendous benefit raffle to assist the Hada's in their fight. We hope you will dig deep into your pockets to help as well. If you know the Hada's your generosity would be automatic, but the organizers have put together some great prizes, worth more than \$20,000, to entice people to open their wallets wider. Grand prize is a guided fishing trip with Dave and Emily Whitlock, lodging at the White River Inn, and a Sage rod, reel and line. Other prizes include a boat, waders, art work, guided trips, etc. Go to <http://www.southerncouncilfff.org> and read John Berry's article for more information. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. All proceeds will go to the Marlene and Duane Hada Fund. For tickets contact Don Schaap at dschaap@agent.shelterinsurance.com or mail check to Don Schaap, Shelter Insurance 122 S. Waldron Rd Suite B, Fort Smith, AR 72903. For more information contact Al Bourisaw, 314.487.2120 or troutal@att.net.

Busch Wildlife Outing Update

by Ted Calceterra

On Saturday April 19th, we will have a warm water outing at August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area located at 2360 Highway D in St. Charles, Missouri. You can reach August A. Busch by traveling south on Highway 94 from Highway 40/61, then 1.5 miles on Route D. We will meet at 8:00 AM at the pavilion located behind the Nature Center. April is a great time of year to pursue warm water species such as bass, crappie, and bluegill on a fly. Many of these species can be found in shallow water within easy reach of one's fly. Many good flies include the Clouser Minnow, Woolly Bugger, and small top water popping bugs. Boats and electric trolling motors are available to rent and give the angler an extra advantage in casting to those hard to reach places. I hope to see you on the water.

Fly Tying Tip - Two-Way Tool

by Al Bourisaw

For those who use whip finishers to tie off the heads of flies, there is a way to turn it into two tools in one, saving the step of having to go to your scissors or blade to cut the thread. At the butt end of most whip finishers there is a metal tab that acts as a "nut and washer" holding the spinning collar onto the metal spine of the tool. Take a small triangular shaped rattail file and put a notch into the tab by running the file over both sides of the very end. This creates a sharp notch which can be used by simply slipping it onto the taut thread and pushing back towards the bend of the hook. The tautness is important because when the thread is severed, the loose end slips back under the wraps of the whip finish leaving a neat looking head.



Club Member Joseph Aimonette working with students at the Busch Wildlife Beginning Fly Tying Class. Ozark Fly Fishers has been providing the manpower to teach the classes for the Missouri Department of Conservation for several years.



Education in Ozark Fly Fishers

by Malcolm Royce

Education now has goal set forth by the Board of Directors to, "turn more education classes inward toward the members." This is truly a good thing, as we all want to be better at fishing, and understanding everything that makes us safer and smarter - maybe smarter than a few more trout and smalleys.

Anything you can think of for club educational programs, feel free to send my way. One type of program we are going to be doing is material classes – looking into all the kinds of things out there and how to pick out the "best" materials. I personally have a tube of questionable stuff.

We are also planning four fall tying classes at Powder Valley. If you have anything you would like to learn to tie, call Bob Zagar. He will be setting up these club classes.

If you look at the schedule, you will also see a lot of casting classes in May at Tilles Park. These will be run by County Parks, but we are staffing these programs, which will be led by Brian Ellis. The June meeting on the 26th will be casting for bar-b-que (not really). So, there is lots of casting to be done.

We also have youth fishing days at Suson Park on May 17th and 24th. It's all about teaching fly fishing to youth, then fishing with them. I sure could use 8 to 10 people to help on these days.

In closing, "if a little madness be a necessary requisite to obtain the ultimate in the pleasure of angling – then, O Lord, give me insanity!" (John Alden Knight, 1936)

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Excessive force will cause the lead wire to be cut by the hook-shank and the scud will fall apart. The flattening of the lead gives the pattern a little curve to the body by making the fly fatter at the hook-bend than at the hook-eye.

The Back: Giving the back a smooth appearance involves more than just winding the thread over it. First the straw should be opened as wide as possible and then pulled toward the hook-eye as it is wrapped down. With a little practice, this step becomes quite easy. Whip finish with just three wraps. Trim the straw just in front of the hook-eye leaving a short tail.

The Gluing: The glue used for coating the back of the fly is a mixture of one part glue (head cement or "Sally Henson's Hard-As-Nails") and two parts thinner. Why do you want to use a diluted mixture of glue? Because you don't want the glue to build up on the straw but penetrate the straw and dubbing to the lead wire. This will make the straw and the entire scud very durable. To save time when making scuds, you can hook them on a piece of Styrofoam or foam tape and glue several at once.

The Finished Scud: Fox's Arkansas Scud is a two minute fly. Actually he ties it in about 1 minute and 40 seconds while he babbles away about some monster brown that was caught in the past. He calls it a "guide's fly" because it is easy to tie but extremely effective. This pattern has been fished in most trout rivers of the United States and several international rivers in Argentina and New Zealand with much success.

The Variations: As mentioned earlier, the variations to this pattern are countless. ... Remember to "tune" your fly to the match the scuds in the water you're fishing. With a little experience it won't take long to make an educated guess about the color of scuds in a particular river just by looking at a picture of the river bottom.

Check Fox's web site for picture instructions on tying the Arkansas Scud and for various variations -
<http://www.willowford.net>

DON'T MISS IT! Youth Conclave 2008

by Kevin Miquelon

Mark your calendars right now for the Wayne & Catherine Moore Youth program for 2008 at the Southern Council Conclave – Saturday, October 4th in Mountain Home, Arkansas at the fabled waters of Dry Run Creek.

Ozark Fly Fishers will be the hosting chapter for the youth program this coming fall. If you are a parent, a grandparent, a great grandparent, an uncle, an aunt, or in any size, shape or form connected to a child under the age of 16, you should seriously consider taking them to the Southern Council Conclave this coming fall. It is one of the most amazing places to fish for trout (rainbows, browns, brook, and cutthroats) on planet earth. There are reported to be more than 10,000 trout per mile. The requirements: 1) Flies only 2) Barbless Hooks only 3) Catch and Release only 4) Must be under 16 or handicapped. We will have all of the gear, stream-helpers (guides), lunch provided, and lots of other fun and giveaways for the kids. More details and sign-up forms will be available in the future. This is an absolutely amazing experience for the kids and you will have memories for you and them that will last a lifetime.

If you would like to get involved in getting kids hooked for life, we are looking for helpers and any donations that might be available (primarily in the form of giveaways for the kids – flies, gear, and other things). Please contact Kevin Miquelon for more information.



For Sale

Used Caddis float tube and boot flippers. Asking - \$100.00 or M.O.
Contact AI at 314.487.2120

Ozark Fly Fishers**Calendar of Activities****2008 - 2009****Fly Fishing Classes**

April 7,14,21,28 th	Intro Fly Fishing	County Parks	Queeny Park	7:30 – 9:30
April 20 th	Fly Fishing Program	Malcolm Royce	Shaw Nature Preserve	
April 24 th	Fishing WindRush Farm	County Parks	WindRush Farm	9:00 -
May 5,12,19 th	Intermediate Fly Casting	County Parks	Tilles Park	
May 17 th - 24 th	Youth Fly Fishing	County Parks	Suson Park	9:00 – 12:00

Ozark Fly Fishers Activities*(Dates in red signify that a date or location change has been made since the last newsletter.)*

April 19 th	Warm Water Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Busch Wildlife	8:00 -
April 20 th	Earth Day Program	Malcolm Royce	Forest Park	
April 24 th	General Membership	Nick Girono - MDC	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
May 4 th	FeatherCraft Outing	Mike Swederska	FeatherCraft Store	
May 11 th	Newsletter Deadline	Get articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for details	
May 18 th	Women's Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Mareme Springs	8:00 -
May 22 nd	General Membership	Denise Otto-Go FISH Prog	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
May 30-31 st	Intro H ₂ OQuality Class	MDC	Montauk State Park	Mornings
June 11 th	Newsletter Deadline	Get articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for details	
June 26 th	General Membership	B-B-Q/Casting	Tilles Park	5:00 - Dark
July 11 th	Newsletter Deadline	Get articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for details	
July 24 th	General Membership	Smith Outfitters	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
August 11 th	Newsletter Deadline	Get articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for details	
Aug. 22-24 th	Summer Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk State Park	Weekend
Aug 28 th	General Membership	TBA	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Sept 11 th	Newsletter Deadline	Get articles to Al Bourisaw	See page one for details	
Sept. 12-14 th	Eleven Point Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Eleven Point River	Weekend
Oct. 2-5 th	Southern Council Conclave		Mt. Home, Ark	Weekend
Oct 23 rd	General Membership	TBA	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Nov. 14-16 th	Catch-N-Release Outing	Russ Hill	Bennett Springs State Park	Weekend
Dec. 11 th	General Membership	TBA	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Feb	FAYO	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk State Park	Weekend

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