



July 2008

Schmidt Outfitters

The speaker at the July 24th meeting will be from Schmidt Outfitters. Brian Pitser will represent Schmidt Outfitters at the July meeting. (See bio page 3) Note that the meeting will be held at the Webster Groves Rec Plex 33 East Glendale starting at 7:00 PM.

A full service fly fishing and upland bird hunting outfitter with eight full-time guides to operate its guide service and award-winning [fly fishing school](#). We are a privately owned operation in business since 1976.

We operate a full service [fly fishing shop](#), known for its specialty flies and goods that attract folks from around the world. Customers visiting our area enjoy our incredible fishery and can take advantage of our [guide services](#) and [lodging facilities](#). Our lodging has gained a reputation of impeccable cleanliness and secluded outdoor atmosphere here in Wellston, MI. In addition, we also operate a [fly fishing travel](#) service for anglers looking for adventure travel opportunities.



Ray and Angie Schmidt started Schmidt's in 1976. The company began as a multi-faceted operation. Ray guided fly anglers and sold fly fishing products around the mid-western and eastern United States. Angie tied flies commercially for many fly shops as well as the Schmidt's guide operation.

In the mid 1980's Ray sold the sales side of the business to pursue full time guiding and outfitting. Business grew quite rapidly as Ray developed many of the fly fishing steelhead standards that are used today. The guide service gained national acclaim when Ray was named one of the top ten guides in the U.S. by *Fly Rod and Reel* magazine in 1989.

In 1995 Schmidt's opened a full service fly shop and lodge to house the growing customer list. In 2000 the fly shop expanded its floor space and an additional lodge was constructed to accommodate the growing business.

In 2006 we added a new conference / education center for the use by our students and those attending special events hosted at our facilities.

Ray Schmidt / Founder Ray Schmidt has spent his entire life in Northern Michigan and comes from a family with a long fly fishing history. As a young boy,

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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 newsletter submission deadline 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



I have just one thing to say in my message this month. THANK YOU to all the members that reached down into their hearts and donated to the Mill Creek BCA project.

When we first were made aware of this wonderful donation that our fellow member, George Bohigian, had made to the world, we wanted to make sure that it was going to happen. The MDC did not have the funds to cover the entire amount. They then went to the Missouri Heritage Fund (MHF) that was set up by citizens to help MDC acquire money needed for projects. Inside of the Missouri Heritage Fund is the Cold Water Fund. This is where our club came into the picture.

Between the huge donations that George Bohigian gave by lowering the cost of the land and the pledges made by other fishing clubs in our great state, MDC was still short \$15,000. This is still a very large amount and might have inhibited MDC of purchasing the land. At this time, I am not aware of any club to have pledged anywhere near this amount for this project. Most of the pledges were in the several thousand dollar category.

When I was contacted by the MHF to come to our club to ask for a donation back in May of 2007, I was beside myself with anticipation. I was not sure what they were going to ask for. I asked them to present their information to the board at the upcoming May BOD meeting. When they presented at the BOD meeting, I knew at that very moment that this was to be one of the most important things this club was to ever get involved in. I think that every member that night was excited about doing whatever it was to get this property in the hands of the people.

When they laid out the amount needed to acquire the land at \$15,000. I must say many of the BODS had second thoughts. We as a club have never pledged anywhere near this amount. Nobody like the idea of possibly **bankrupting** the club and this was the concern. We decided to get back to MHF in the next week. We needed time to work it out amongst ourselves at another BOD meeting.

I then called a special BOD meeting on May 14th to figure out what our club was to do about the \$15,000 that the MHF needed to wind up the project.

It was a very trying time. We all knew that we were going to help with some amount, but never thought it would be \$15,000.

After a very long night of discussing what we were to do, the BOD decided to pledge. But we were afraid that one-year could still hurt the clubs finances and hurt the operations of the club. So we decided to pledge the whole amount, but over three years. My presidency is only two years and this is all taking place in my first year, so I was very concerned that I was going to leave a debt for the next president. But that was going to be the only way the BOD was going to vote to donate the full amount needed to purchase the land. So I agreed with what was being asked and the BOD passed the motion to pledge the full amount.

The next day was one of my proudest moments as president of this great club. I got to tell the Missouri Heritage Fund that our club, The Ozark Fly Fishers, was pledging the full \$15,000 to clinch the deal on the project.

Now fourteen months later the club has reached its pledge of \$15,000. Our operating expenses were never compromised and we are still financially doing well.

Bottom Line: The little wild trout stream is now going to be there for future generations of fly fisherman to enjoy. **Way to go Ozark Fly Fishers!**

You as a member should be very proud of the board for taking on this pledge for all the right reasons, and membership for having met this pledge.



Congratulations to Mike

Congratulations are in order for our President. Earlier this month Mike traveled to Steven Segal's house in Santa Monica, California to take the Karate Shogan Test. As a result of passing this test, Mike was awarded a **Black Belt**. I would now think twice about getting out of order at our general membership meetings.

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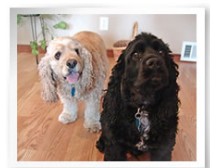
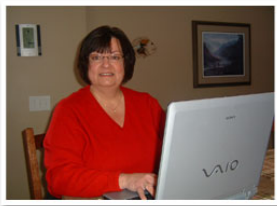
Ray tied flies at the knee of his Uncle Clarence Roberts, a famous Grayling, Michigan fly tyer and conservation officer.

Following family tradition, Ray has pioneered many of today's techniques and fly patterns and is an active conservationist, serving on several restoration committees and spearheading projects to enhance river habitat in Michigan.

Since Ray founded the company in 1976, guiding fly anglers has been a big part of his life. Today, Ray leads many groups to far off fishing destinations such as Belize, Argentina, Chile, British Columbia, Alaska and the American West. In the off season, he tours the country giving presentations and slide shows at various clubs and fly fishing shows.

Ray is an expert on casting and when The Federation of Fly Fishers started their Certified Casting Instructor program, Ray was selected to the advisory board.

Angie Schmidt / Backbone of Schmidt Outfitters For Angie, having worked side by side with Ray for 37 years, running the fly shop and lodging while Ray guided seemed the natural thing to do. Angie managed the shop, lodging, and finances, and tied flies. The company grew employees were hired. Angie's time in the shop slowly decreased. Now she spends most of her day at the computer taking care of the finances for the three entities of Schmidt Outfitters. This leaves her more time to spend with children, grandchildren, and two cocker spaniels (featured below.)



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her

Angie is a sun worshipper and enjoys the beaches of Lake Michigan with her grandchildren. She loves to spend an afternoon in the boat on the Big

Manistee with Ray and the dogs. She enjoys traveling, reading, and playing pool. She is a fair weather fisherman, but also loves a cold, still winter morning on the river. Angie has made eight trips to Belize enjoying the sun, reading by the pool, and developing friendships with clients and the people of Belize. Angie has fished the rivers in the area and the Big Wood, Little Wood, and Spring Creek in Ketchum and Sun Valley, Idaho.

Brian Pitser – Schmidt Outfitters

Brian Pitser lives with his wife Deanna and their two children Logan and Lily in the Traverse City area.

Brian is a full-time fly fishing guide and casting instructor. This winter he also started a second career as a real estate agent with Homewaters Recreational Real Estate, specializing in river front and recreational properties. Check out the website at Homewaters.net. Also, Brian completed US Coast Guard Training and classes for his Captain's License which will allow him to take clients on the lower parts of the rivers for migratory



fish and boat guide Grand Traverse Bay for Carp and Smallmouth.

Brian enjoys all aspects of living in Northern Michigan from Upland Bird hunting, trout fishing, hiking, biking, winter sports and water sports.

He began working with Ray and Angie shortly after the shop opened in 1996, and has been with the organization in some shape or form ever since. He is glad to be a part of Schmidt Outfitters, chasing all types of fish with the fly with past clients, as well as introducing new anglers to this pursuit.

June Meeting At Tillis Park



June Meeting At Tilles Park

by Mike Krueger



I would like to thank everyone who participated at the annual casting meeting held at Tillis Park. At last count we had over 65 members in attendance. This goes to show that Ozark has the best club anywhere. After the food was served almost all of those in attendance made their way to the dam and the games began. The instructors were most helpful to everyone. There were roll casters, distance casters and those striving for accuracy. I thought the casting rings were a nice touch. I know everyone came away with new ideas on how to improve their casting and that means probably increase the catch ratio.

JULY 24 – REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE WEBSTER GROVES REC PLEX. The same location as the May meeting. It seems we are having a few issues getting our

room at Queeny for next year. The featured speaker will be Brian Pitser from Schmidt Outfitters in Michigan. He is an expert in the Northern waters of Michigan. Visit the website www.schmidtoutfitters.com.

AUGUST 28th - QUEENY PARK LOCATION The speaker will be Britt from Canoe the New Outfitters, more to come about his program in the next newsletter

SEPTEMBER 25th – QUEENY PARK LOCATION Mike Kruse form MDC. Mikes programs are always exciting and informative

OCTOBER 23rd – FIRST ANNUAL OZARK FLY FISHERS TYING FEST at QUEENY PARK location. All of you tyers can try and brag about your latest fly invention. Let’s see how many tyers we can get in the room at Queeny.

CONGRATULATIONS

WE MET OUR GOAL FOR MILL CREEK

On behalf of the Ozark Fly Fisher’s Officers and Board of Directors, thank you in supporting our effort and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation in the acquisition of Mill Creek for the State of Missouri, but also for providing conservation and recreational opportunities for the present and future Fly Fishers as well as to all the citizens of Missouri.

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To all of the supporters of the raffles

The Famed Smith River

by George Bohigian

If you want to get away from it all, try the Smith River near Bozeman Montana. This 60 miles float through pristine and remote areas is limited access - once you put in you cannot come out until the end of a five day and four night float.

The Smith River is one of the finest rivers in Montana. Superb fishing, gorgeous scenery and a very remote setting combine to make a Montana fly fishing trip on the Smith River an unforgettable experience.

Unfortunately, gaining access to the river can be a bit of a problem. The Smith River flows through private land for almost its entire distance. Wade fishing is difficult on the Smith River due to a lack of fishing access sites. As a result, the most popular and effective way to fish the Smith River is by raft

However, the Smith River is alone among other Montana Rivers, in that all parties wishing to float the Smith River need a permit. A drawing for the permit is held each February, with a limit of 8 float parties allowed to put in on the river on any given day. There are 6000 applications for only 800 launches a season permitted. As a result, while access to the Smith River is difficult, the regulations moderate fishing pressure and allow for very long floats in relative solitude.

The Smith River begins near White Sulphur Springs, Montana, at the confluence of the North and South Fork Smith River. The river then twists and turns for more than 100 miles through remote and scenic landscapes. Fishing the Smith will expose you to miles of riffles, deep pools, and deep runs below 1,000 foot high limestone cliffs before spilling into the Missouri River.

The Smith unfolds her mysterious moods with each new bend in the river. On sturdy rafts, we drifted along and floated past ancient pictographs from Native American Shaman, reminding us of our links to the past. You'll be mesmerized by the effortless glide of the Bald Eagle. The trip through the Smith River Canyon is an opportunity to trace your footsteps in both the best of yesterday and today. By any measure, this trip is among the

Nice Brown Trout



most profoundly exhilarating experiences to be had in the American West. We floated along the banks of this historic river for five days, camped among the stars and bonded with the past.

We floated with the Lewis and Clark Expeditions of Montana between June 4-8th.

The weather was lousy, fishing for rainbows and browns was fair, the river was high and milk chocolate but the experience was great!

Remember Henry David Thoreau said: "Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."



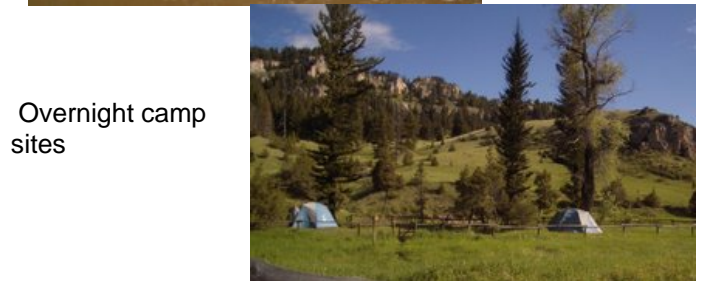
Canyon walls with 500 – 1000 foot cliffs



Dr. George Bohigian streamside on the Smith River in Montana without a fish!



Rafting the Smith River



Overnight camp sites



Riverside camping

Youth Conclave 2008 ---- DON'T MISS IT!

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.

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Chili Pot Luck, Tie – In

by Bob Zagar

When: July 26, 2008

Where: Marlan's Clubhouse

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Our annual Chili, Pot Luck Tie – In has become so well received we decided to try a summer version. Again, the Tie – In will be held at Marlan's subdivision clubhouse (Countrylane Woods II), 851 Country Stone Drive. Manchester, MO. 63021. The date is July 26, 2008. Tying will start at 9:00 A.M. and go thru lunch to 2:00 P.M.

Bring a dish of some sort, or possibility a dessert. BBQ pits are available as well if you feel like grilling something. As always, the club will provide the plates and eating utensils along with liquid beverages.

If you have not attended this event in the past, you must come to witness a dozen or more club tiers tying their favorite flies.

If you are just starting out and wanting to learn more about the hobby, this is your chance to learn from some of the best. If you are not a tier, come just for the comradeship to say nothing of the stories.

There is plenty of room to cast in the yard so bring your rod and tying stuff, and join us on the 26th.

Please contact Bob Zagar – fly tying chair or Ted Calcaterra – our outings chair. Let us know what you plan to bring or if you have any questions.

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ONE FLY FOR A NICE MILL CREEK

By Norm Crisp - STREAM SIDE ADVENTURES©

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Some folks are just not as lucky as me when it comes to being able to go fishing, I can go just about any time I please. For others it is more about what Bob Seager said "dead lines and commitments – what to leave in and what to leave out". Finding time to take a trip is much more difficult. Choices have to be made. Participate in a club "one fly tournament" or fish just one fly pattern on a wild trout stream. Wild trout always win!

My friend and STREAM SIDE ADVENTURES associate Travis Knight and I made the choice and headed for the Rolla, Missouri area for a day and a half of fishing the Little Piney and Mill Creek. The drive down was uneventful thanks to the fact that we were driving parallel to not through a massive thunder storm well off to our south. It appeared obvious that the I-44 corridor was getting another soaking, and it did. By about 6 pm we had our camp set up at Lane Springs Camp ground and I took a few minutes to follow the path to the Little Piney to see how the rain had affected the river. Just as you would expect, the river was on the rise. Just before bed another check and it indicated the river was still getting a lot higher. The following morning, with a checked again. The river had fallen back to was still high, so much for fishing the Little

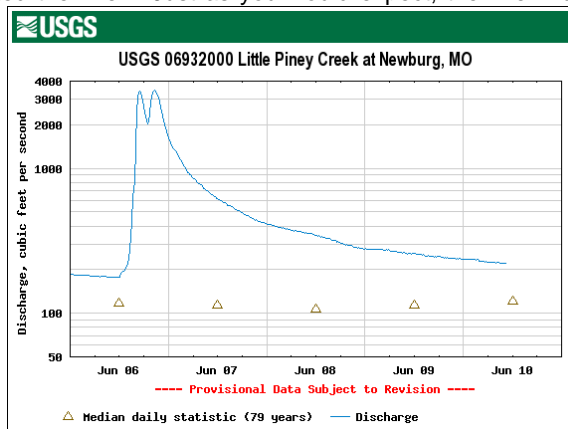
Plan B. Reverse our fishing plans and fish Mill the Little Piney on Sunday morning, a relatively Mill Creek has a smaller drainage basin so faster. And, we could fish higher up in the the tributaries and have lower water levels. idea about water levels. High is not bad - high, The water will be a bit off color and there is a lot that make wild trout a little foolish.

We started the day near the upper portion of the Conservation Area.¹ Having been in private received very little fishing pressure and Dr. Bohigian had done some habitat improvements. Our one fly pattern for the day was a no brainer. If it is high water and wild rainbow trout – or any trout for that matter – the ONLY fly is an olive Kruse Mohair Leech. On when a leech and off we went fishing.

It wasn't long before we realized we were back on the Mill Creek of was good habitat there was a good trout to be tricked by the leech. hours we touched, as best we can recall, nine fat and healthy wild were in the 10 to 12 inch range. The two outliers were a fish about 7 15 inches. We should have been satisfied with our success. But there the afternoon, we didn't have anything we needed to get done, and section of the Bohigian section to fish.

It turned out to be a great use of our time. Maybe it was the afternoon the intensity of the earlier part of the day or maybe it was the habitat in the upper area we had fished. For whatever the reason, we cover a success. Our talk turned from the next trout to looking for a good place walking back to the car. Thankfully there was no good place to get out. run, my leech found the afternoon's first fish, another 10 inch. It was should hold at least one more fish. And it did! When my indicator my initial thought was "snagged". With more force than needed, up leech loose. And then up went the "snag"; three feet out of the water. I was into one of the hardest fighting fish I had hook in some time. A third yard chase downstream and a few fleeting moments of concern nosed a bragging rights Mill Creek prize into the shallows.

This was my first serious fishing trip to Mill Creek in well over 5 years. I stopped going when the prolonged periods of low flow had reduced our typical success from the expectation of one or two 12 inch plus trout and many 6 inch fish a trip down to just catching any trout on a trip. Thankfully brood stock fish like my catch survived the lean years by finding a spot back in some root wad or in a ground water seepage hole. This winter and spring rains hopefully have recharge the groundwater and the 2008 year class will be just the beginning of more years of Mill Creek like we remember.



going up and likely going to cup of coffee in my hand, I near the 6 pm level but it Piney this morning.

Creek on Saturday and fish simple decision to make. water levels would recede watershed, above more of Now don't get the wrong just not too high, is good. food available: two things

newly acquired Bohigian hands for many years it has

years gone by. If there Over the next several rainbows. All but two inches and another about was still some time left in there was still the lower



let down, we didn't have was not quite as good as bit of water without any to get up on the bank and At the first really "primo" a "primo" run that I knew stopped dead in the water went my rod tip to get my

I was into one of the hardest fighting fish I had hook in some time. A third yard chase downstream and a few fleeting moments of concern nosed a bragging rights Mill Creek prize into the shallows.



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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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Southern Council Conclave

Mark your calendar for the Southern Council Conclave coming on Thursday through Saturday October 2nd – 4th in Mt. Home, Arkansas. There will be some outstanding tiers displaying their skills and great casters to help sharpen your skills. Ozark Fly Fishers is always well represented.

Eleven Point River Update

By: Ted Calcaterra
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The club will have its second annual trip to the Eleven Point River. It is located in the village of Alton in Oregon County in the heart of the Ozarks. It will take place on the weekend of September 12th. We plan to arrive on Friday and fish both Saturday and Sunday. The Eleven Point is designated as scenic and wild, while offering blue-ribbon fishing for rainbow trout, as well as, fantastic fishing for smallmouth bass, goggle eye, and pickerel.

I have reserved 4 cottages that have multiple bedrooms in each. The cost per cottage is located below and dependent on the number of people per night. All cottages are equipped with a full kitchen and bath. The club will meet for dinner on Saturday night at the Possum Grape Café. For those who like more privacy, there are additional motel and cabins available, as well as camping, for a modest fee. Canoes are available through Eleven Point Canoe Rental at \$38 along with kayaks at \$28 per day. For those that have their own canoe or pontoon boat, shuttles are available for \$35 per vehicle. Please let me know what your needs are and I will do my best to accommodate them.

The deadline for reserving your spot is September 5th. Checks need to be made out to Ozark Fly Fishers and sent to the club's PO Box. Please note on your check "Eleven Point Outing". Please let me know what other questions or concerns you may have. I will coordinate meeting times and carpooling options as we get closer to the date. I look forward to seeing you on the river!

Rose Cottage	4 beds \$35 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person
Cotton Cottage	7 beds \$45 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person
Ivy Cottage	5 beds \$45 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person
Cane Bluff	3 beds \$35 per 2 people and \$7 for each additional person

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What We Have Here Is Failure To Communicate

by Mark England

We married sisters, he and I. So we see each other on holidays and dinner parties at the in-laws. We're cordial, but I can't really say it's ever gone beyond that and perhaps that doesn't matter. You see, he *golfs*. He golfs and I fish and therein lies a separation that we can't cross. His world, as I see it through my creek splattered Polaroid sunglasses, is one that's much ado about nothing, full of wasted lawn fertilizer and cashmere sweaters that looked better on the goat that grew it. My world, as he sees it through his Greg Norman photochromic sunglasses, alternates between tweedy gents chasing tiny trout and NASCAR-stickered bumpkins in overpowered boats swinging fish around by their lower lips. But we try.

We met recently in over-stuffed armchairs at the in-laws. "How's things, Mike? How's your game?" "Well, my slice is down to a draw, so the club pro says I'm making progress, but I can't say I'm down any strokes. But I keep paying him. Catching any fish?" "Here and there – got into some real chromers up in Pennsylvania a couple of weeks ago. Man,

they wouldn't go for anything heavier than about a 6X!" "Sorry to hear that, Mark. That shirt we gave you on your birthday was a 2X. Wasn't it big enough?" "Uh, yeah. Fit fine. Thank's, Mike.

"Want an nother beer?" Of course, he did. I returned with two cold ones. "Thanks, Mark. I tell ya, this year's been rough. I'm either in the tall grass or the sand, but at least I'm working the greens pretty good. Ever go like that for you?" "Um, maybe. Some days I'm either in the trees or can't get a good drift to save my life. What can you do?" "Well, when I start drifting off the tee, I change my stance or my grip a little. Maybe that would work for you, Mark." "Well, Mike, I don't think my grip has a lot to do with it. My biggest trouble is the wind."

He fell into a thoughtful silence. My brother-in-law started to say something and then lapsed back into thought. Then Mike said, "Are we talking about golf?" I replied, "I am if you are."

Women Fly Fishers or “Want to Learn Fly Fishers” Make the Connection!

The International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) will hold their 13th annual Festival in Branson, Missouri October 16-19, 2008. This is a great opportunity to meet other women fly fishers from all over the world, learn about fly fishing, and fish! We start with a cocktail party Thursday evening, clinics Friday and Saturday mornings, a banquet and auction Saturday evening, and fish in the afternoons. What more could you want? This year's

Festival will be held at Pointe Royale Golf Resort which sits on the banks of Taneycomo, a world class fishery. Please check out our website – www.intlwomenflyfishers.org, click on “Festivals” to learn more about the Festival, or any of the other categories to learn more about IWFF. The registration form and information on accommodations is also given. You can also contact Carolyn Parker at rurunout@aol.com if you want more information. *We certainly hope you will join us*

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.

Joe's Christmas Tree

by Joe Aimonette

Christmas tree you say, but this is the middle of July. Why talk about Christmas trees when it is hot? Shouldn't you wait until it gets cold to talk about this fly? You might, but you would be missing a hot fly and a great opportunity to catch blue gill – lots of blue gill. If you are going to a lake – any lake – and plan to catch blue gill this fly is a must have in your fly box.

HOOK: Mustad "3366" Size 8
 THREA Uni-Thread "RED" 8/0
 EYES Medium Bead Chain
 TAIL Make a small brush from "red" Rooster saddle feathers
 BODY Micro Ice chenille "black" or "peacock"
 COLLOR Black or Grizzly, Indian Hen Hackle



1. Wrap thread over entire hook and down hook shank
2. Return thread behind hook eye and wrap a small notch. HELPS MAKE IT EASEY TO HOLD BEAD CHAIN EYES TO BE TIED IN. MAKE SEVERAL FIGURES 8 WRAPS TO SECURE EYES. PLACE A COUPLE OF DROPS OF SUPER GLUE ON THREADS HOLDING EYES.
3. Return thread to bend of hook. Tie tail at bend of hook, tail length about length of hook gap.
4. In addition, tie in chenille at bend. Wrap chenille forward just behind eyes.
5. Take one Indian hen hackle, stripe on and tie in tip behind bead chain eyes. Wrap two or three turns of hackle behind eyes and tie off. Return thread behind hook eye and whip finish.
6. " I always cement the head."

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Stream Team #31 Follow the Silt

by CORNELIA DEAN – New York Times, June 24, 2008

LITITZ, Pa. — Dorothy J. Merritts, a geology professor at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., was not looking to turn hydrology on its ear when she started scouting possible research sites for her students a few years ago. But when she examined photographs of the steep, silty banks of the West Branch of Little Conestoga Creek, something did not look right. The silt was laminated, deposited in layers. She asked a colleague, Robert C. Walter, an expert on sediment, for his opinion.

“Those are not stream sediments,” he told her. “Those are pond sediments.” In short, the streamscape was not what she thought. That observation led the two scientists to collaborate on a research project on the region’s waterways. As they [reported this year](#) in the journal *Science*, their work challenges much of the conventional wisdom about how streams in the region formed and evolved. The scientists say 18th- and 19th-century dams and millponds, built by the thousands, altered the water flow in the region in a way not previously understood.

They say that is why efforts to restore degraded streams there often fail. Not everyone agrees, but their findings contribute to a growing debate over river and stream restoration, a big business with increasing popularity but patchy success.

Many hydrologists and geologists say people embark on projects without fully understanding the waterways they want to restore and without paying enough attention to what happens after a project is finished.

In part because most projects are local and small scale, it is hard to say exactly how much Americans spend each year to restore rivers and streams. A group of academic researchers and government scientists, writing in *Science* in 2005, put the figure at well over \$1 billion, for thousands of projects. Efforts are under way to bring more academic rigor to the business. For example, the [National Science Foundation](#) is supporting construction of a large model streambed in Minneapolis, where researchers will be able to test ideas. Meanwhile, though, “an awful lot of stream restoration, if not the vast majority of it, has no empirical basis,” said William E. Dietrich, a geomorphologist at University of California, Berkeley, who studies rivers and streams. “It is being done intuitively, by looks, without strong evidence. The demand is in front of the knowledge.”

Property owners and local and state agencies restore streams for many reasons, like repairing damage from bridge and dam construction or runoff from farms, subdivisions and parking lots. The damage is visible in reduced water quality, damage to habitats, declines in fish, reduced recreational and aesthetic value and other problems. Some projects use bulldozers to reshape waterways. Others rely on boulders, rock-filled metal baskets called gabions or concrete and other armor to hold rivers in place. Unfortunately, “we have not done enough monitoring to know what works and what doesn’t,” said Chris Conrad, an environmental engineer for the [United States Geological Survey](#), voicing a widely held view.

“Most agencies want to spend the money making things happen and not spend the money finding out if they work,” Dr. Dietrich said.

David R. Montgomery, a geomorphologist at the [University of Washington](#), agreed. Monitoring “involves a lot of people and thought and expertise,” he said. “And you don’t have any new projects to show for it.” As a result, the academic and government scientists said in their report, “Many opportunities to learn from successes and failures, and thus to improve future practice, are being lost.”

Nowadays, Dr. Montgomery said, most people agree that the best approach is to create landforms and water flows that streams can maintain naturally. “But how you translate that into action and at this stream rather than that stream really requires a lot of work to figure out,” he said. With an ailing waterway, he said, “sometimes there’s a clear line between the symptoms and the cause, and sometimes there’s not.”

Project failure comes in many forms. Often, Dr. Dietrich said, people design projects in hopes of creating “a meandering channel with relatively low banks that look nice.” Then, he said, “a large storm can come through and completely wipe it out,” leaving shallow channels traveling around sandbars in multiple threads, what geologists call a braided channel.

“In most of those cases,” he added, “the restorer has taken a system that is naturally braided and forced it into a form. The channel simple defeated it by being its natural dynamic self.” At other failed sites, restorers install boulders or other stabilizing armor only to see the water shift around it, leaving piles of rubble midstream. In the Pacific Northwest, people tried to improve stream flow by removing bank side logs and branches only to realize that the debris provided important fish habitat. “We are now spending millions of dollars to compensate for all the wood we took out earlier,” Dr. Dietrich said.

In Pennsylvania, Dr. Merritts and Dr. Walter say, efforts to restore stream flow by removing dams ignored not just the sediment piled up behind them, but also the original landscape, in many cases not meandering streambeds but swampy valleys over which shallow water flowed in sheets.

After dams were built — as many as 8,000 in Pennsylvania — water accumulated in millponds, and the sediment it carried settled to the bottom. When waterpower fell out of favor in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the dams deteriorated until they failed or were removed. Freed to flow more swiftly, streams began incising channels through the beds of silt. The fine material eroded rapidly, sending tons of sediment — much of it carrying agricultural chemicals like nitrogen and phosphorous — downstream to the Susquehanna River and, ultimately, Chesapeake Bay.

One day recently, Dr. Walter and Dr. Merritts visited restoration sites in the Lancaster region. On one stream, a property owner had planted trees to stabilize stream banks. But the trees had to send roots through almost five feet of accumulated sediment before reaching the water table, a feat most were unable to accomplish before dying of thirst.

Dr. Merritts and Dr. Walter recommend simply removing the sediment and exposing the valley floor, as was done in a restoration project near Lititz, Pa. The project, financed by the State of Pennsylvania, working with LandStudies Inc., a restoration concern, involved removing up to 25,000 to 30,000 cubic yards of silt, enough to fill thousands of dump trucks. Luckily, said Ward Oberholtzer, a partner in LandStudies, it was easy to dispose of because farmers love to spread it on their fields.

And because there are no boulders or other armor involved, he said, “cost-wise we compete pretty well.” When the work was done, a result was a shallow sheet of water moving over a graveled bed. The water was lined with native plants like sedges, vervain and

verbena, sprouted from seeds buried under the silt for more than 100 years. One spot was deepened to create a cool refuge for fish, and nearby, dozens shimmered in the water.

But an approach that works in one place may fail in another. And some critics say restoration to some pristine ideal is simply impractical. Perhaps the most prominent is David L. Rosgen, a hydrologist who runs Wildland Hydrology, a consultancy in Fort Collins, Colo., that designs restoration projects and offers courses on his restoration theories.

"It is impossible to try to restore streams to some condition that is totally different, before we showed up, before we caused disequilibrium," he said in an interview. "You know how many valleys have aggraded because of those old mill dams? You are talking about hundreds of millions of cubic yards of sediment."

Dr. Rosgen devised a system that classifies rivers and streams, and prescribes restoration remedies according to several qualities, including water flow, channel characteristics and sediment load, and takes into account how human activity affects the landscape. By now, he said, more than 14,000 people from state and federal agencies and conservation groups have taken his courses and many have used his ideas to good effect.

But he, too, has his critics. Dr. Montgomery called Dr. Rosgen's classification "a very clever system" but said it was wrong to think that "just by knowing what channel type you have you would know what to do." But there is not a great deal of other guidance. Some geologists point to a 1992 report by the [National Research Council](#), the research arm of the [National Academy of Sciences](#), that emphasizes understanding underlying natural conditions and the importance of monitoring. Among other agencies, the federal [Fish and Wildlife Service](#) cites the Rosgen system, as does

the [North Carolina State University](#) Stream Restoration Program. Overall, though, "The strategy is still largely a 'kick it and see' approach," Dr. Dietrich of Berkeley said. "We don't know whether any of this stuff that's being done is worth it."

He said he hoped better answers would emerge from the National Center for Earth Surface Dynamics, a research center supported by the National Science Foundation and based at the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, on the Mississippi River, in Minneapolis. Scientists and engineers at the lab, which is affiliated with the [University of Minnesota](#), use computers to model stream and river behavior, including sediment movement, channel and floodplain dynamics and dam removal.

The lab is also working on what Dr. Dietrich described as "the first major, outdoor, to-scale experimental facility to do experiments on a large enough scale to figure out how to bring a scientific basis to stream restoration."

This "outdoor stream lab" relies on bypasses once used to send river water around falls, and researchers hope that it will let them try building restoration projects "to the scale of small, real channels" and test the results, Dr. Dietrich said. Researchers are lining up to use it. Dr. Dietrich said he hoped work at the lab and elsewhere would help make river and stream restoration "a predictive science — you do the following things, you get the following things." The problem is complex, he said, but the demand for answers is increasing. For scientists who study waterways, he said, "these are exciting times."

Winter Catch and Release Party November 14th-16th

by Russ Hill

While it's still the hot and humid St. Louis summer season, it's time to give a heads-up about our annual whoop-up at Bennett Spring for the opening of the winter no creel season. We have been in contact with the owner of Sand Spring Resort ("Jack D.") and operator of Sand Spring Restaurant. They are welcoming us back with open arms, and basically no changes from the previous year. By that, I mean there is NO price increase from last year! Yes, gasoline is thru the roof, food is

up, utilities are up, taxes are up, and up is up. Amazingly, the rooms and banquet are the same as last year (in fact since 2005!) "Such a deal." What else have you bought lately that hasn't gone up? We have been warned that next year will likely see an increase, so get in on the bargain this year! Since the rooms go fast, mark your calendar for Nov. 14-16. More details and reservation forms will be in the August newsletter.

Fly Recipe Book

by Bob Zagar, Fly Tying Chair



We are in the conceptual stages of developing an Ozark Fly Fishers Fly Recipe Book.

Please give some thought to a favorite fly or maybe one that you personally designed for inclusion in the book. We hope to include recipes

from our members for the most part. Please contact me with ideas, and fly recipes. C:314.486.7620
bzgar0092@charter.net.

*Oh, thrilling the rise to the lure that is dry
 When the shy fish comes up to his slaughter
 Yet rather would I have
 The turn to my fly,
 With a cunning brown wink under water.
 The bright little wink under water!
 Mysterious wink under water!
 Delightful to ply
 The subaqueous fly,
 And watch for the wink under water.*

....Edward MacKenzie Skues

Montauk Outing Update

by: Ted Calcaterra

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The club will have its annual Montauk outing on the weekend of August 22-24th. We have 20 motel rooms signed up as well as the Searcy Room. The deadline for signing up this year is Sunday August 17th. This is a very popular event so please make sure to sign up as early as possible. As usual, the club will be providing dinner on Saturday night, which will be catered by the lodge. The Searcy room will also be available to us all day Saturday and Sunday for those who want to get some tying done in addition to the fantastic fishing available.

All rooms include two double beds, TV, etc but no kitchen. They have a walk out back door and a picnic table. These are the rooms next to the lodge. Tax is included and all prices subject to change. Make checks payable to Ozark Fly Fishers c/o Ted Calcaterra. The rates are as follows:

Two person/night	\$70
Three person/night	\$76
Four person/night	\$82

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 22-24	Montauk State Park
September 13-14	Eleven Point River
October 2-4	Southern Council Conclave Mountain Home AR

MO Conservation Heritage Foundation (MCHF) Cold Water Fund / Mill Creek

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

Contributions received as of this month's newsletter have been mailed, and MCHF will be mailing letters of acknowledge to the following donors:

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Dan Curran was kind enough to send these pictures of a recent trip to Florida. The snook was caught in Estero Bay while the mullet was taken south of Goddland. Dan fished the southwest coast, south of Fort Meyers down to the Everglades.



Random Thoughts

by Ty Livingstone – July 2008

BEWARE THE INEBRIATED ARMADILLO!

If you encounter this creature, walk backwards very slowly...do not make eye contact...and turn and run for the hills. They are known to be unpredictable, and their behavior can border on aggressive and sometimes violent. If there is a shortage of long-neck beer in your neighborhood, look no further than the southwestern cousin of our beloved opossum, the armadillo. These little critters have been moving up from the southwest toward the north and have been headed our way for some time. It must be related to global warming and a need to escape some of the brutal heat down there. The dead giveaway on their origins is their Texas accent – it gives them away every time. Never matter...here they come and you better get ready. Just take a drive down the highway and you will see them splattered...I mean scattered...everywhere.



I know what you are thinking...what in God's name is this nut bag, Ty Livingstone, talking about? What is your point, man? On a recent trip to northern Arkansas, my fishing guide and I were tooling down a country highway in his pickup, towing our drift boat, and we came along a sight to behold. An armadillo that had been knocked unconscious (okay, it was dead...and it was more likely vehicular mammal-slaughter) and it was lying flat on its back, feet up in the air. Some kind soul had strategically placed a beer bottle on its underbelly (I am sure it was to help ease the pain from the accident) and it appeared to be drinking from the bottle. It really hit my funny bone and I laughed hysterically for a while, followed by intermittent giggling throughout the day. It was just plain funny. The guide informed me that this was a new "tradition" in the area and that you will start to see this sight everywhere. I am not positive, but I somehow think the opossum are involved. There are also some conspiracy theorists that suggest the raccoons may have a hand in this also.

This has been an interesting year for many of us...maybe not so fun, but interesting nonetheless. This will be a bruising election year with probably few winners (even among the winners). We are faced with real issues – serious inflation – food, gas, and other stuff is going up, up, up with no end in sight. There are lots of negative things going and if you let it

get to you, it just won't do you any good. You have to find a way to deal with things and some plain old-fashioned humor is a pretty good place to start. My friends down in the Ozarks have long been famous for turning manure into apple butter. I see the armadillo and beer bottle marriage to be a continuation of that theme. You take road kill and add trash and you come up with a pretty strange sight that can make folks chuckle for a moment. I am not happy about the dead animal and nobody hates litter more than me, but the combination is just down right funny. If that makes you mad, well I am truly sorry (not really...not deep down inside I'm not...). There is always tragedy in our world, but looking at things a different way can change your view. It is really all about perspective.

So, what exactly is my point? Lighten up...take a chill pill...have a laugh...don't take yourself or life too seriously. It could be worse...you could be an armadillo. Me? I am going to go for a long walk, watch a sunset, and have a cold adult beverage. I might even sit down tonight and watch my favorite comedy...maybe have a few laughs. 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'd love to hear from you.

New Communication Director

Effective August 1, 2008, I have resigned as a member of the Board of Directors of the Ozark Fly Fishers. President Swederska will be naming a new Communicator Director. Resigning from the BODs means I will no longer be editor of the newsletter. I will, however, assist the new Communications Director by working with the web site. I would like to thank all those who provided me with articles and pictures for the newsletter. It has truly been an enjoyable experience. Bill Leslie will be taking over as editor of the newsletter starting in August. I am, however, asking that you e-mail your articles and pictures for the August edition to me. I will be helping Bill put together that edition. After August, Bill will be sending out deadline notices and will be receiving the e-mailed pictures and articles.

....Al Bourisaw

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Ozark Fly Fishers

Calendar of Activities

2008 - 2009

Fly Fishing Classes

Calendar 2008

Oct 14 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Nov 11 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Nov 18 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Dec 9 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00

Calendar 2009

January 13 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Jan 27 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00
Feb 10 th	Membership School	Bob Zagar	Powder Valley	7:00 – 9:00

Ozark Fly Fishers Activities

Calendar 2008

July 13 th	ST #31 Monitoring	Malcolm Royce	Current River – Tan Vat	9:00 -
July 24 th	General Membership	Schmidt Outfitters	Webster Rec Plex	7:00 – 9:00
July 26 th	Tie-In	Ted Calcaterra/Bob Zagar	Graham’s Club House	
Aug. 22-24 th	Summer Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk State Park	Weekend
Aug 28 th	General Membership	Virginia Outfitter	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Sept. 12-14 th	Eleven Point Outing	Ted Calcaterra	Eleven Point River	Weekend
Sept 25 th	General Membership	Mike Kruse	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Oct. 2-5 th	Southern Council Conclave		Mt. Home, Ark	Weekend
Oct 18 th	ST #31 Monitoring	Malcolm Royce	Current River – Tan Vat	9:00 -
Oct 23 rd	General Membership	Fly Tie Fest	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00
Nov. 14-16 th	Catch-N-Release Outing	Russ Hill	Bennett Springs State Park	Weekend
Dec. 11th	General Membership	TBA	Queeny Park	7:00 – 9:00

Calendar 2009

January 24 th	OFF Banquet	Mike Krueger	Crown Center	5:30 –
Feb 6,7,8th	FYAO	Ted Calcaterra	Montauk State Park	Weekend
April 18 th	ST #31 Monitoring	Malcolm Royce	Current River – Tan Vat	9:00 -

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