

May 2017

## Ozark Fly Fishers - General Meeting

Thursday, May 25th, 2017  
Greensfelder Recreation Complex - Queeny Park  
525 Weidman Road, Ballwin MO 63011  
Starting at 7:00 PM



## Ozark Fly Fisher's Own

Please join me in welcoming 3 of our long time members who will be giving a presentations to the club.

Mike Ott is our current Fly Tying Chairman and Mike Swederska a past President and leader of the Tyers of the Long Table, two of the finest tyers in the club will be giving a presentation and sharing their twist on and the way they tie successful flies.

Following the tying presentation Ozark Fly Fisher's own Dr. George Bohigian will give a presentation on Mill Creek.

Come on out and help support 3 of O.F.F's own.

Bill Armon

## Mill Creek: Past, Present and Future - With the Secrets of Catching the Wild Trout

A presentation/report will be given by George Bohigian at our May 25 meeting. This presentation will highlight the pristine and unique Mill Creek Valley. The first settlers, family histories, geology, springs, the introduction of Mc Cloud Rainbow trout are part of this rich history. Also the role of the Ozark Fly Fishers and other organizations in studying and improving the stream and surrounding ecology.

Present day activities and future development of the new Missouri University Science & Technology Biological Research Station will be discussed. Dr. Bohigian's presentations are sometimes informative but always entertaining.

Dr. George Bohigian MD



## ***President's Message:***

Well, so much for a nice calm spring. We got water. BIG water. Hope that are surviving the flooding and have minimum damage from all of this. I know we have some members that the flooding is affecting their life. As I write this the rivers are still cresting. This is really going to slow down fishing for a week or two. Rumors have it that some of our resorts and parks have received some moderate to big time damage. Check before you go anywhere for a fishing trip.

Remember, if you are having any problems with newsletters, membership or any other problem, let me know. Don't stand around whining about, I get enough of that in my household.

Steve Antonic 314-401-8874 [sjantonc@charter.net](mailto:sjantonc@charter.net)

Remember what is available to all:

Tyers of the Loooooong Table, Weds. Nights. Call Mike Swederska for details, 314-799-1998 Casting one hour before monthly meetings, Bill Armon is there to help you work out any casting problem. Call if you want to make sure he will be there. 314-750-2150 Fly of the Month, one hour before monthly meetings, Mike Ott, 314-435-5097

Steve



## ***Fly of the month - May 2017***

### **Depth Charge Bird's Nest Nymph**

In light of recent meteorological events, it is becoming increasingly important to be able to fish deep in high, turbulent water. The Bird's Nest Nymph, originated by Cal Bird, has always been kind of a secret weapon pattern that can be tied in a wide range of sizes and colors to meet a wide range of needs. It can be tied with or without a bead, but this one goes even further - using two tungsten beads and lead wire - thus the Depth Charge part. I saw this pattern in the January 2016 issue of Fly Fisherman written by Greg Vinci, and knew it was a winner for our torrential spring rain- swollen streams or out west for run-off times.



- Hook: Tiemco 2302 or Dai-Riki 280 #6-10
- Thread: 8/0 Olive
- Beads: 1 Smaller Brass or Gold Tungsten and 1 Large Black Tungsten
- Weight: .020 or .025 Lead Wire
- Antennae & Tail: Ginger Goose Biots
- Ribbing: Brassie size Copper Wire
- Abdomen: Arizona Synthetic dubbing Peacock Gold
- Legs: Partridge Hackle
- Thorax: Abdomen Dubbing Mixed with Hare's Ear or Fox Squirrel Guard Hairs

Place the gold bead on the hook the normal direction and start the thread behind the bead.

Tie in one goose biot on each side of the bead point forward like antennae. Trim excess biot and whip finish thread. Trim excess thread.

Place black bead on hook backwards and slide up against gold bead. Start lead wire behind beads and wrap to a point adjacent to the point of the hook.

Start thread at the hook bend and wrap forward and back securing the lead wire ending at the hook bend.

Tie in the two goose biots for the tail to form a V. Tie in wire ribbing and then dub a full, tapered, fuzzy body to just behind the bead.

Tie in the partridge feather by the tip, and make two wraps to form the legs. Tie off behind the bead and trim excess.

Form a dubbing loop. Mix the synthetic dubbing and the natural guard hairs together and place in the dubbing loop. Twist into a furry rope and dub the collar. Pick out dubbing to make it fuzzy.

Whip finish and trim thread.

Obviously, fish this fly as deep as possible without hanging on the bottom, but feel free to let it swing at the end of the drift. It also makes a great anchor fly for a multi-nymph rig. Try it in all black, olive, and golden stone colors. As good as it is for trout, try larger sizes for smallmouth bass.

Mike Ott

# ***Conservation / Stream Team 31***

## **2017 EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATES!**

Watch the OFF Newsletter and Calendar for details concerning the events that are listed below. If you plan to attend or have any questions about these events please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

**JULY 7 - 9** 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers

**JULY 22** 21<sup>ST</sup> Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership

**AUGUST 26** 50<sup>TH</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils

**AUGUST 26** Passport to Clean Water (Greentree Park, Kirkwood) - sponsored by Stream Team #5 - Open Space Council

**AUGUST 27** 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Clean Stream - Belews Creek (Cedar Hill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3853 - Belews Creek Watershed Partnership

**SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER** Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

### **DONATE A FLY TO THE MEMBER'S FLY BOX - AT THE MAY MEETING**

Please consider donating a fly to the Member's Fly Box which will be raffled at the 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. The donor's name and the name of the fly pattern will accompany the fly at the time of the raffle. Our Member's Fly Box will only be as good as we the members make it, so please donate. All proceeds will benefit Ozark Fly Fishers. See Scott Darrough at the May meeting to make your fly donation. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact him at 314-560-1335 or [swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)

### **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MISSOURI STREAM TEAM OUTING - JULY 7 - 10, 2017**

#### **LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS AT MONTAUK LODGE**

In keeping with tradition, one wing of Montauk Lodge (nine rooms) has been reserved for Ozark Fly Fishers members for the nights of Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup>. These rooms typically book up quickly for this event. If you have interest in one of the remaining rooms contact our "capital" Outings man Ed Olander at 314-566-1422 to secure your reservation.

## ***Education***

### **OFF 5 Tyers and 5 Casters needed for Saturday 17 June 2017**

**Who:** National Wild Turkey Federation **JAKES & WHISTLERS EVENT**

**What:** Fly Casting and Tying to Young Children Boys and Girls 8 - 16

**When:** Saturday June 7, 2017 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

**Where:** Ron & Lois Keeven Farm, 546 Keeven Lane, New Haven, MO 63068

**Why:** Teach casting and tying

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Breakfast danish and lunch provided Clay bird shooting Fly casting/tying Paintball First aid Fishing Woodworking BB guns Pellet guns .22's Still shotgun Atlatl Archery Kayaking ...and more!!! Dress for the weather, all activities outside All equipment and adult supervision provided for all activities

**DIRECTIONS :** From New Haven- Take Highway C South for 6 miles, left on Kiel-Lyon Road for 2 miles. Event will be on the right. Watch for signs. From Washington- Take Highway 100 West to left on Highway KK to left on Highway 185 for approximately 3 miles to right on Kiel-Lyon Road for approximately 3.5 miles. Event is on left. Watch for signs. Any questions? Call: Larry Keeven: 314-603-0532 Eldo Meyer: 314-540-6507

Please email me or call if you are attending.

Bob Heine participated last year and he had over 100 kids participate.

## ***Outings***

The next outing will be the Montauk Spring Outing on Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21. We have reserved 10 motel units and the Searcy building for meals, hospitality, and fly tying. The rooms are MO9 through MO18. Cost for the weekend is \$208.00 for 2 people, 2 nights, and the Saturday night BBQ dinner.

Please contact me for your room reservations and a food item for the Friday Night Stew Potluck and Saturday lunch: appetizers, salads, meat stew dish, and desserts.

Breakfast on your own.

Lunch is Potluck. Dinner is to be catered by Olig's BBQ with beef brisket, pulled pork, potato cheese casserole, slaw, green beans, rolls, coffee, ice tea, soda, and water.

I will need to know if you are making your own rooming/camping arrangements and if to count you in for the Potluck and BBQ.

Note: Those not rooming in the clubs' rooms the BBQ Dinner cost is \$14.00 per person.

Make your check out to Ozark Fly Fishers for your room and /or BBQ dinner and mail to:

Edward Olander  
5886 Chrisbrook Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63128

# Communications

## Ozark Newsletter

Want to become more involved, have a knack for writing and would like to share information, tips or likewise subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club. Another benefit of **membership** is our monthly newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. As space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your proof read articles to **500 words or less** in 10 pt Times New Roman.

If interested please contact John Tymony at Cell: (314)303-3012 or submit your article for consideration to:  
[ozarknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ozarknewsletter@gmail.com)

## Yahoo Group



One of the benefits of being a **member** of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join. Like any other club function, the more members participating the better. The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Current Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control. The Yahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing. To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska** Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email [shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shur-way@sbcglobal.net)

## A Call for Photos



Instagram

Here is an opportunity to share with the group and others, pictures of the big one you put back and to capture that moment of time in the Ozark Fly Fishing Archives. Please, send any photos/videos you'd like to share to [OFFinstagram@gmail.com](mailto:OFFinstagram@gmail.com). In your email, please list the date, location, fly, and fish species, or any other information you wish to share (e.g., rod type, guide's name, tippet size, etc.). I hope to see a lot of your pictures and videos!

-Jake Voss

## O.F.F on the Web

by Mark Thalhammer

Use the following to access the Ozark Fly Fishers website from your phone.



## ***Board of Directors***

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Stream Team Coordinator: Scott Darrough

### Stream Team 31

Coordinator / Current River Scott Darrough  
Blue Springs Creek Glen Bish  
Mill Creek Bill Leslie

## ***Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives***

*Founded 1971*

*To promote fly fishing as the most sportsmanlike and enjoyable way of fishing and the method most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our game fish.*

*To practice conservation of natural resources and to support efforts for environmental quality and pollution control. To provide advice, education, and assistance to promote the art of fly fishing.*

*To demonstrate applied techniques in fly fishing, tying, casting and related subjects*

*Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Queeny Park Rec Center  
(Unless noted differently – see Calendar)*



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