

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

October 2018

President's Message

Fall is here and fall fishing in the parks is usually good as the summer crowds are gone. The problem is you only have two weeks of park fishing left for the season. The good news is winter catch and release begins Thursday, November 9th, and this can be the most enjoyable time of the year. As we have done for the past 27 years, the club will have a catch and release opening weekend outing at Bennett Spring. This is our largest outing of the year. It is always a good time to share with others in the club. If you come, make sure to come to the meeting room at Sand Springs in the evening for fly tying and storytelling. We had two Fly Tiers of the Long Table tying at the FFI Southern Council Conclave this year. Mike Swederska and Al Bourisaw were tying some of the smaller flies to be found in the whole place. Streamers (up to 8" long) are the hot item right now, and it showed by amount of people tying them. You don't find any 1-2" woolly buggers in this crowd.

Some Board of Director updates: Our Secretary, Dan Ehlmann, had back surgery at the beginning of the month and will be laid up for a while. Dan Rasch will be taking over Dan Ehlmann's duties. John Tymony, our Director of Communications, has taken a job in Washington, DC. Jake Voss will be taking his duties. If you have anything to submit to Jake for the Member Newsletter, please send it to OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com. We are still looking for persons to fill the Presidents and Vice President positions for the club. If you are interested in knowing what the job entails, please contact me.

-Steve Antonic, President, Ozark Fly Fishers
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Casting Tip 74 - October 2018

By Bill Armon CCI

Jeff Trigg, our September speaker, gave us a lot of good information on fly lines; I want to recap the main ideas. A fly line has a tip, front taper, belly, rear taper, and then usually a running line. The line "head" refers to everything before the running line. In general, longer front tapers for delicate presentations; shorter front tapers for larger flies (due to more powerful turnover). Longer rear taper for increased accuracy (once belly of fly line is out of tip top). Running line is for shooting.

Once the head of the line is out of the tip of the rod, the caster cannot carry more line while false casting. Therefore, longer bellies/heads cast easier and more accurately at longer distances. Shorter bellies/heads are better for shooting.

Next month back to which of the five casting essentials is most important? FFI Five Essentials / Principles (for casting):

- 1) There is a pause at the end of each stroke, which varies in duration with the amount of line beyond the rod tip.
- 2) Slack line should be kept to a minimum.
- 3) The rod tip must follow a straight-line path.
- 4) Casting stroke is increased with the length of the line being cast.
- 5) Power must be applied in the proper amount and in the proper place during the stroke.



General Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Greensfelder Recreation
Complex - Queeny Park
525 Weidman Road,
Ballwin MO 63011

Starting at 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker:

Larry Wegmann

Larry Wegmann has a MA degree in Freshwater Ecology from Western Kentucky University and post-graduate studies at Washington University-St Louis. He teaches fly fishing at Missouri State University and several area elementary schools. He has served as President of MTFA-Springfield, Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers and the Southern Council of FFF. Larry was cofounder of the Project Healing Waters chapter in Springfield. He's published in *American Angler* on the life history of scuds and their fishing techniques. He has been awarded Teacher of the year and Fly Tier of the year at the SOC Fly Festival.

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Additional Guest Speaker Info

Thursday, October 25, 2018, Larry Wegmann will be presenting: “**Life History of Midges with Improved Tying and Fishing Techniques**”

Larry Wegmann has won Best Streamer three times at the Sowbug Roundup. He is a member of the Crane Creek Stream Team supported by SMFF. His fly-tying experience began with an Orvis kit and their instruction booklet. Larry started building fly rods at the same time. He worked all this out fishing the



SOUTHERN RED BELLY DACE. BEST STREAMER 2018 SOWBUG

Mineral Fork weekly for smallmouth from 1975-2006. Make sure to attend the October Monthly Meeting to meet Larry and learn even more.

Outings

October Outings Report 2018

Reminder: Eleven Point River - Alton, MO. October 19 - 21, 2018

Our host is Brian Sloss of Eleven Point Cottages & Guide Service in Alton, MO who will provide our housing in town in his renovated houses. I have reserved two Cottages for eight singles. Cottages are renovated houses with bed rooms and other sleep areas. Housing is very limited around Alton. We will have full working kitchens for evening cookouts Friday and Saturday. Friday night BBQ will be Brats, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, slaw, soda, water and dessert. Saturday night will be BBQ Ribs, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert.

Cost per person (Two night stay and two dinners): \$80.00.
Breakfast at Grandma's on Saturday morning on your own.

Wade Fishing is available above and at the Highway 19 bridge, but to fish the 5-mile Blue Ribbon section you need a canoe, kayak, belly boat or guide service. I have Brian ready to provide guides for hire for an all-day float in the Blue Ribbon section for \$350 plus tip for two includes rods, flies, lunch and drinks on Saturday. Let me know if you want to fish with a guide Friday or Sunday. Half-day is \$250 plus tip.

Website for Brian is www.canoe@ortrackm.missouri.org.
Mail your checks made out to **Ozark Fly Fishers**
Attn: Ed Olander – O.F.F.
5886 Chrisbrook Drive
St. Louis, MO 63128

For questions, please contact Ed Olander at
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Email: olanderedward@att.net

Outing Schedule for 2019

February

F.Y.A.O.

Montauk State Park
February 8-10, 2019

March

Spring River
Mammoth Springs,
AR

March 29-31, 2019

April

Lake Taneycomo
Lilley's Landing
Branson, MO
April 26-28, 2019

May

Montauk State Park
May 17-19, 2019

July

Montauk State Park
July 12-14, 2019

September

White & Norfolk
Rivers
Norfolk, AR
Sept. 13-15, 2019

October

Eleven Point River
Alton, MO
October 18-20, 2019

Edward Olander
OFF Outings
Chairman

Fly of the Month - October 2018

A Hare's Ear by Any Other Name... Classic Nymph Emergers

When you speak with some of the top competitive fly fishers in the country and ask them which flies they use and which flies catch fish with the greatest regularity, everyone has a few favorites, but all of them have a few flies in common – variations on the classic hare's ear nymphs, pheasant tail nymphs, and prince nymphs. I actually spotted this pattern on someone's Facebook post, but as is often the case, I can never find it again. While it is mostly a Hare's Ear Nymph, it is a variation that is different enough to attract attention. It merges a traditional nymph with a soft hackle.

Unlike most Euro-style nymphs, it has no tungsten bead. In fact, I added a tiny bit of weight to the thorax – 6 wraps of .01 lead – just because it makes it a little more versatile to my style of fishing. It uses brown partridge for the tail and legs instead of hare's mask which add movement and less water resistance. The legs are actually tied soft hackle style, and the wing case is scud back colored with a sharpie for translucence imitating an emerging insect.

- Hook: Firehole Sticks #317 size 14 or 16
- Thread: Veevus 10/0 to 14/0 Red
- Weight: .01 Lead Wire
- Tail: Brown Partridge Fibers
- Ribbing: Small Gold Oval Tinsel
- Body: Hare's Ear Dubbing
- Wing Case: 1/8" Summer Duck colored Scud Back
- Thorax: Hare's Ear Dubbing
- Hackle: Brown Partridge Feather

Secure hook in vise, add 5 or 6 wraps of .01" lead wire at the thorax, and secure with thread wraps. Advance thread to hook bend adjacent to where the barb would be. You can also vary the fly size by using more or less of the hook shank.



Tie in brown partridge fibers stripped from the shaft extending about the length of the body and trim the butt ends. Tie in a length of gold oval tinsel on the near side of the hook. Dub a sparse tapered body to the thorax, and brush out to make it somewhat fuzzy. Spiral wrap the ribbing making 5 or wraps to the thorax, and secure with thread wraps. Trim the excess. Tie in scud back on top of hook at the thorax extending rearward. Dub a loose thorax to just behind the hook eye and make a few thread wraps for a base. Tie in an appropriately-sized brown partridge feather by the tip. Make two wraps in front of the thread stroking the fibers back as you wrap. Wind thread through the hackle to the eye and secure the shaft of the feather. Trim the excess hackle. Stroke the fibers to the rear and make several thread wraps to start the head.

Separate the hackle on to the sides, and pull the scud back wing case forward and secure at the head. Pull tight and trim any excess. Finish the head and whip finish. Use a brown sharpie to color the thorax. I like to fish this fly as the first of two soft hackles, or as a dropper under a standard nymph. It is the perfect fly for swinging through those runs where you just cannot get a good drift, and when fish are actively feeding on emerging mayflies or caddis. I also tie this same style in pheasant tail nymph and red fox squirrel nymph patterns. All seem to work equally well based on what colors the fish are taking.

Mike Ott
OFF Tying Chairman

27th Annual Catch and Release Opening Weekend at Bennett Spring

It is again time to begin plans and reservations for the OFF-winter C&R festivities at Bennett Spring Nov. 8-10. This year the no-creel fishing begins at 8 AM Friday, November 8th and continues on Saturday and Sunday until 4 PM each day. Hard to believe this is our 27th year! (C&R fishing is open on Mondays, also)

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

Attention Thursday night folks: If you're interested, we will meet at the meeting room at Sand Springs just to talk and get a chance to see who's there. NO POT LUCK dinner but we will have soda and water available.

The spring creek will be open for no-creel fishing but limited to flies and artificial (no bait). Instead of the daily tag of summer, you need only to get a Trout Permit (\$7.00), good until February 2019, which are good at all four trout parks. You can get one anywhere Missouri licenses are sold, or online. No daily tag is required.

Again, we are offering package plans for accommodations plus tickets to the private Club dinner. Types of accommodations and rates will be found in the reservation request elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember, this is a club weekend, not just "the guys go fishing" at this one. Last year we had many couples. Plan to bring your special "person" even if he/she doesn't fish. There is fun to be had snooping in the antique shops and mall in Lebanon— and there are several nice lunch spots in town.

To avoid disappointment, mark your calendar for Nov. 8-10 and send in your check (required) now. Note: There are only a few rooms with one bed. If you wish to fish on Monday, also you will have to make your reservation for Sunday night yourself. I will confirm receipt of your check by phone, post card or email. Call Steve Antonic (314.401.8874) if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time. We do understand how plans can change. If you have a problem, a full refund will be made if you cancel by Oct. 30. After that date, refunds will be made only if we can resell your room. Dinner reservations will be accepted until Nov. 1 when we have to guarantee a count to the restaurant.

Rooms will be reserved only as prepaid reservations are received. Please let us know early if you would like two or more rooms together for a group. Reservations will be confirmed early in November, advising you of your room number (phones in rooms). All sleeping rooms have a percolator, coffee cups and a small refrigerator. The housekeeping rooms have full size refrigerators, stove, utensils and plates, plus a dining table with 4 chairs.

If you have never made it to C&R opening outing, ask someone who has and see why we have a good time and good fishing. A lot of info is exchanged by seasoned members to anyone who ask. Sometimes more than you wanted to know or didn't even ask.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Antonic (314.401.8874)

27th ANNUAL CATCH AND RELEASE OUTING OPENING WEEKEND AT BENNETT SPRING NOV. 8-9-10

Name.....

Phone: Home..... Cell.....

Address..... City/Zip.....

Package Choice / Amount...../

Accommodations to be shared with

Email

IMPORTANT:

THE CLUB IS CHARGED THE SAME AMOUNT WHETHER THERE ARE 1 OR 2 OCCUPANTS IN THE DOUBLE BED ROOMS, IF YOUR BUDDY CANCELS, YOU WILL BE CHARGED THE LISTED FULL PRICE MINUS THE COST OF 1 DINNER. THE TWO OF YOU WILL HAVE TO DECIDE HOW TO APPORTION THE COST. (Packages; All packages include the Saturday dinner.)

Saturday. Evening dinner only (no lodging)\$19.00

ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND PETS: Pets: \$15/night Rollaway bed: \$10/night

(Saturday Evening Dinner: Bennett Spring Gathering Place, HWY 64, 6:30 PM. There is plenty of parking, please use a DESIGNATED DRIVER if needed.)

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

Complete and Mail this page with your check payable to **Ozark Fly Fishers**.

Attn: Steve Antonic – O.F.F.
5612 Greenton Way
St. Louis, MO 63128.

Accommodations will be booked only when received with a check for full amount of the package selected. Steve will confirm receipt of your check by e-mail or post card.

Call Steve if you don't get confirmation of your check in a reasonable time.
Phone: 314-401-8874 for special needs or questions etc.

BENNETT SPRING ACCOMODATIONS

Packages:

- Saturday, November 10;
- Friday and Saturday, November 9 and 10;
- Thursday through Saturday, November 8 through 10

Package	Sat. Nov 10	Fri. & Sat. Nov 9 & 10	Thu. – Sat. Nov. 8-10
Singles: 1 Bed / 1 Person	\$66.00	\$112.00	\$159.00
Couples: 1 Bed / 2 People	\$96.50	\$155.00	\$213.00
Deluxe Couple: 2Dbl / 2 People	\$101.75	\$165.50	\$229.25
House Keeping: 2Dbl /2Ppl/Kitchen	-----	\$180.55	\$251.50
Third Person: 2Dbl + twin / 3Ppl	-----	\$207.00	\$280.00
Triple: 3Dbl / 3Ppl	-----	\$234.00	\$324.00

A Note from the Editor:

You may notice the newsletter looks a little different this month. I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jake Voss, and I am the new Director of Communications for OFF. With our good friend John Tymony moving to Washington DC this fall, the club was in need of someone to take over the duties of putting the newsletter together, and John was nice enough to volunteer me for the job. While I know we are all going to miss John and wish him well, my goal is to bring all of you a timely, visually pleasing, and accurate newsletter each month. Our newsletter is our main form of communication to our members, and I believe it could act as a powerful recruitment tool for all of us to share with our friends in the hope of attracting new members.

As the new Communications Director, I am eager to hear from other club members about their ideas. What do you want to see in the newsletter? Do you have a fishing story or photo you want to share? Have a great idea for a column? Maybe even a review of the latest fly-fishing book you read? I'd love to see it, and I'm sure other members of the club would as well. If you see me at a meeting, and you want to talk about your idea, come say hello. I'm the young guy with the beard and glasses. Or you can send me an email at OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com. I look forward to putting the newsletter together each month, and I hope to hear my fellow members' good ideas.

-Jake Voss,
Ozark Fly Fishers Director of Communications

Pic of the Month

Bob Heine caught and released this 42-inch Muskie on Bill Shere's Figure 8 streamer pattern last month in the Mercer area of northern Wisconsin. According to Bob, it took six 10-hour days to land this Muskie. Well worth it. Heckuva fish, Bob!



Communications

Ozark Newsletter

Want to become more involved with the club? Do you enjoy writing about fly fishing, and would like to share information, photos, tips, or other subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club? Another benefit of OFF membership is our monthly Member Newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. Please note, space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your articles to 500 words or less. If interested please contact Jake Voss at and submit your article for consideration to: ozarknewsletter@gmail.com

Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has left the Yahoo Groups and has now joined Groups IO. If your email was active on the Yahoo Group at the time of the changeover, you're already a member of the new Groups IO. However, you still need to create an account with Groups IO to post. If you have not done this and you want to join in on the fun, it is easy to join Groups IO. All you have to do is go to <https://groups.io/> or google search for "Groups IO".



Register on the site by putting in your email and creating a password. (Write it down, save it, and keep it simple. If you lose it or forget it nobody can find it or get it for you.) They will send you an email to your address where you can verify your account. That's all you have to do to become a member of Groups IO. Once you have registered, search for "Ozark Fly Fishers" and ask to join the group. It will send an invitation. It is that easy. We also have a subgroup in the Groups IO of Ozark Fly Fishers for the tiers in the club. Once you're a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers main group you can then join the Fly Tiers of the Long Table sub group. You **have** to be a member of the Ozark Fly Fishers **main** group to join the **sub group**. It's just a matter of asking to join as you did with the main group.

Having problems, contact Mike Swederska at: Shur-way@sbcglobal.net

-Mike Swederska

A Call for Photos

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. 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!

- OFF Communications Director, Jake Voss



Ozark Fly Fishers on the Web

Scan the following QR code with your phone to access the Ozark Fly Fishers website.

-Webmaster, Mark Thalhammer



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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

Reminder:

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 OFF Calendar on www.ozarkflyfishers.org)

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