

# Ozark Fly Fishers

## Member Newsletter

March 2020

### President's Message

I hear the fishing at the F.Y.A.O. weekend was great. I should have known better than to skip a year. Both the size and quantity seemed to be improved.

Al Bourisaw did a tying class on soft hackle that was quite popular and I look forward to tying a few for our next trip. I did another last minute program at Oakville High School, and a few students showed interest in fly tying.

The all-leap-day meeting with Simon Gawesworth was very interesting and I appreciate the help from Dave, Steve and others. Simon even stayed with a friend. All good. Spey lines and spey casting are yet another class the club has offered to our members.

The Chili Tie-In is our next event, and then the new Bennett Spring outing at the end of March will follow. Other events are the Sow-Bug Roundup, also at the end of March, and a couple other non-club events on the calendar. Take a look; Jacob has done good work on it.

One date to keep in mind is the June 25th meeting, (normally our barbecue), will instead be at the Greensfelder Recreation Complex in Queeny Park, as we were lucky to get Sara Parker Pauley, Director of the Conservation Commission as our speaker. So, our barbecue will be in July on the 23rd.

Spring is almost here and time to wet your waders. There's a siren blowing!

**Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers**  
Email: [drasch27@hotmail.com](mailto:drasch27@hotmail.com)



### Not Sure When an Event Is?

#### Check the OFF Calendar!

[www.ozarkflyfishers.org/calendar](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org/calendar)

### Have a Newsletter Article?

Email the Editor at [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com)



### Upcoming Events

#### March

##### Chili Tie-In

March 7, 2020

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Marlan Graham's Club House  
851 Country Stone Drive,  
Manchester, MO 63021.

**See p. 3 for more info.**

##### Membership Meeting

March 24, 2020

Greensfelder Rec Complex

Guest Speaker:

Mark Crawford

**TUESDAY MEETING**

**See p. 3 for more info.**

#### April

##### Wetlands for Kids Day

April 4, 2020

Busch Conservation Area

##### Membership Meeting

April 21, 2020

Greensfelder Rec Complex

Guest Speaker:

Kevin Morlock

**TUESDAY MEETING**


#### May


##### Membership Meeting


May 28, 2020

Greensfelder Rec Complex

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## Outings Report – March 2020

### Bennett Spring State Park

**March 27-29, 2020**

This will be OFF's first ever Bennett Spring outing during the regular catch-and-keep season. We have reserved the following cabins for Friday and Saturday nights.

Please make your reservations by March 15, 2020.

We have rooms 129, 126, 125, 122, 121 reserved.

Each room includes two double beds.

Cost for two nights is \$180.

In addition, we have rooms 127, 124, 123 reserved.

Each room includes a kitchen with two double beds and a sleeper bed.

Cost for two nights is \$240.

Please mail your check made out to "Ozark Fly Fishers" to:

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

Tel: 314-487-1663  
Cell: 314-566-1422  
Email: olanderedward@att.net

### Lake Taneycomo

**April 23-26, 2020**

OFF has reserved the following rooms for a three-night stay at Lilley's Landing Resort:

Room #1: One bedroom, two beds - \$122 per person

Room #2: One bedroom, two beds - \$122 per person

Room #3: Two bedroom, two beds - \$206 per person

Room #4: Two bedroom, two beds - \$206 per person

Room #5: Two bedroom, two beds - \$141 per person

Room #6: Two bedroom, two beds - \$141 per person

Room #7: Two bedroom, two beds - \$158 per person

Room #8: One bedroom, two beds - \$158 Per person

Saturday night dinner will be hosted at the College of the Ozarks. This is one of the best restaurants in Branson.

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## 2020 Outings

**March 27-29, 2020**

Bennett Spring State Park  
Sand Spring's Resort –  
Lebanon, MO

**April 23-26, 2020**

Lake Taneycomo  
Lillies' Landing – Branson, MO

**May 6-7, 2020**

Seniors' Outing (65+),  
Eleven Point River  
Alton, MO

**May 15-17, 2020**

Montauk State Park  
Montauk Resort - Salem, MO

**June 12-14, 2020**

Smallmouth Outing,  
Niangua River  
Sand Springs Resort  
(Saturday includes Guided  
Smallmouth Bass by Jeff Trigg)

**July 10-12, 2020**

Stream Team Outing,  
Montauk State Park

**September 25-27, 2020**

Eleven Point River - Alton, MO

**October 9-11, 2020**

White and Norfolk Rivers  
River Ranch Resort  
Norfolk, MO

**November 12-14, 2020**

Catch & Release Outing,  
Bennett Spring  
Sand Spring's Resort –  
Lebanon, MO

## Next Event: OFF Chili Tie-In

**Saturday, March 7, 2020 8:00-2:00**

Come share your best recipes (both chili and flies) at the 2020 OFF Chili Tie-In. A relaxed day of hanging out, eating too much, and tying up some pretty flies. Bring your vices and your crock pots and join us Saturday.

Set up starts at 8:00 AM. Tying starts around 9:00. Help is always needed. Bring your favorite Chili, Chip & Dip, Veggie Tray, Cookies, Pie, Cake, etc. Soft drinks will be provided by OFF.

**Marlan Graham's Club House**

851 Country Stone Drive  
Manchester, MO 63021

See the OFF Calendar for more details and directions.



## Next Member Meeting: March 24, 2020

### Guest Speaker: Mark Crawford

~~**TUESDAY March 24, 2020 7-9PM**~~ **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19**

**(Note Day of the Week)**

Greensfelder Rec Complex  
550 Weidman Rd, Ballwin, MO 63011

**About Mark:**

Mark Crawford is a guide with Spring River Flies and Guides. Spring River Flies and Guides is the sole fly fishing outfitter and guide service located on the Spring River in North Central Arkansas. Owned and operated by Mark Crawford, Spring River Flies and Guides provides half- and full-day fly fishing float trips.

Spring River Flies and Guides primarily targets rainbow trout, but it is not uncommon to have opportunities at brown trout and black bass.

With over 14-years guiding on the Spring River, their guides have the experience and knowledge to ensure you have an enjoyable and successful fly fishing experience, regardless of your fishing experience.

<https://www.springriverfliesandguides.com/about-us>

See the OFF Calendar for more details.



# Fly of the Month – March 2020

## Reece's Fusion Nymph

Bob Reece is a junior-high science teacher from Cheyenne, Wyoming, who spends his summer guiding for North Park Anglers in Walden, Colorado. He created this nymph and ties it in a variety of colors and sizes for fishing throughout Colorado's South Platte river system. According to Bob, the advantage of nymphs with wire bodies is that they sink readily, are flashy, and have a segmented body. The disadvantage is that they are rigid and offer no movement or dimension. The advantage of a dubbed body nymph is that it is very buggy and lifelike. The disadvantage is they don't sink very well. This fly offers the advantages of both and none of the disadvantages.

### Materials

- Hook: Your favorite Scud or Czech Nymph Hook Size 14
- Bead: Gold tungsten, 7/64.
- Weight: .015 Lead Wire
- Thread: Brown, 8/0 or 70-denier.
- Tail: Amber Krystal Flash.
- Body: Brassy Size Amber Ultra Wire.
- Underbody: Tan Ostrich Herl.
- Thorax: Peacock Ice Dub.
- Adhesive: Head cement.



### Tying Steps

1. Add bead to hook and secure in vise.
2. Add 6-8 wraps of lead wire behind bead and shove up under bead.
3. Start thread behind the lead wire, wrap over lead to the bead and back to just behind lead wire.
4. Fold over the crystal flash and tie in behind lead. Use thread to wrap tail down to the hook shank back to a point adjacent to the hook barb (if it had one) and trim to about the length of the hook shank.
5. Tie in a section of the ultra wire and one piece of ostrich herl at the hook bend and tie down up to the lead wire.
6. Wrap the wire in touching turns up to the lead wire at the thorax.
7. Tie off with thread wraps and trim excess. Wrap the ostrich herl in between the wire wraps up the thorax. Tie off and trim the excess. Dub a collar/thorax of the peacock dubbing.
8. Whip finish thread and trim excess.

Try these in both lighter and darker colors and in different sizes. Ultra Wire comes in a rainbow of colors as does dyed ostrich herl. Mixing and matching colors also makes for some interesting combinations. I fish these #14s as my point fly and smaller sizes as the dropper. Since they could be just about any variety of aquatic bug, it works dead-drifted deep and then let swing up in the current at the end of the drift.

*Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers*

## Wetlands for Kids Day

**April 4, 2020 9:00-3:00**

*August A. Busch Conservation Area, 2360 Highway D, St. Charles, Missouri 63304*

OFF needs volunteers for both Fly-Tying and Fly-Rod Casting Demos.

Please reach out to Jim Gera.

[James.Gera@gmail.com](mailto:James.Gera@gmail.com)

# Simon Gawesworth All-Day Meeting Pics



# CONSERVATION/MISSOURI STREAM TEAM #31

## 2020 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**

**314-560-1335**

**[swdarrough@yahoo.com](mailto:swdarrough@yahoo.com)**

- **MARCH 6-8** 84th Conservation Federation of Missouri Annual Convention (Capital Plaza Hotel - Jefferson City)
- **MARCH 7** 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Arnold Stream Team 211 Wintertime Cleanup (Arnold City Park, Arnold, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #211
- **MARCH 20** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Introductory Level Certification (Babler State Park, Wildwood, MO) - **Registration must be received by March 10**
- **MARCH 21** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Introductory Level Certification (Babler State Park, Wildwood, MO) - **Registration must be received by March 11**
- **MARCH 21** Confluence Trash Bash (North St. Louis and St. Louis County) - by invitation - Great Rivers Greenway
- **MARCH - APRIL** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification
- **APRIL 11** Wetlands for Kids (Busch Wildlife Conservation Area)
- **APRIL 15** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Introductory Level Certification (Missouri Department of Conservation St. Louis Regional Office, St. Charles, MO) - **Registration must be received by April 5**
- **APRIL 25** Kimmswick Clean Stream Cleanup (Kimmswick, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #4397
- **MAY 3** Cleanup on the Joachim Creek (Walther Park, De Soto, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #401
- **JULY 10-12** 11<sup>TH</sup> Annual Ozark Fly Fishers Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers
- **JULY 25** Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership and Stream Teams United
- **AUGUST 22** 53rd Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils
- **SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER** Missouri Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Level 3 Certification

## DONATE A FLY TO THE MEMBER'S FLY BOX - AT THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please consider donating a fly to the Member's Fly Box which will be raffled at the 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. 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 next 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)

# Communications

## Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter

Do you enjoy writing as much as fishing? Have you recently read a good fly-fishing book or had a fun trip you wish to recap? The Ozark Fly Fishers Member Newsletter is always looking for new content from our members. Articles up to 1,000 words can be submitted to: [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com).

In addition to member content, the Member Newsletter acts as members' primary source of information about upcoming events and speakers, future outings, and other important dates and updates from the Board of Directors. It is delivered each month either through email or snail mail. Many members collaborate each month to put the newsletter together, and we hope you enjoy.

## Social Media

A great way to stay up to date (and not have to wait for the monthly newsletter) is to follow Ozark Fly Fishers on our social media channels. In addition to getting updates from the club, it gives you the chance to interact with other members and to share your stories, photos, and videos. Be sure to like and subscribe to the various links below. **WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS.** Sharing your photos and videos is a great way to show off your latest huge catch and to promote the club. Send photos/videos to [OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com). If you have any questions about social media or even want to create your own account to interact with OFF, please reach out to Jake Voss, who is happy to help.

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## Ozark Fly Fishers Website

The Ozark Fly Fishers website will provide you with all the information you'll need about the club, its members, its events, and its sponsors. The website holds an archive of past monthly newsletters, flies of the month, and photos of past OFF Events. The OFF Website also hosts the Club Calendar, which provides the dates and times of all club events, as well as some events hosted by third parties.

Our website can be found at: <http://www.OzarkFlyFishers.org> or use your smartphone to scan the QR code to the right.



## Groups.IO

Ozark Fly Fishers has now joined Groups IO. To join in the discussion, 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](mailto:Shur-way@sbcglobal.net)



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## Stream Team 31

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

## Reminders:

### Monthly Member Meeting

Ozark Fly Fishers meet at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Greensfelder Recreation Center in Queeny Park, Ballwin, MO (Unless noted differently. See OFF Calendar at [www.ozarkflyfishers.org](http://www.ozarkflyfishers.org))  
**MARCH AND APRIL 2020 MEETINGS ARE ON TUESDAY NIGHT.**

## Fly Tiers of the Long Table

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table new tying schedule is tying on the second and the fourth Wednesday of the month at the same location, Shur-Way Auto Body in Maplewood, starting at 5:30 pm. Early arriving tiers are welcome. All tiers of all skill are welcome to join in on the fun. There is always more going on at the tying event than just tying. We talk about everything fly fishing. Feel free to join!

## OFF Student Membership

Ozark Fly Fishers is proud to announce our new Student Membership Program. Students will be able to join OFF for a discounted rate of only \$10 per year. Be sure to pass word along to any young anglers you believe would benefit from membership.



# 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

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