

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

June 2019

President's Message

On Wednesday, May 8, I joined Amy Milne and Project Healing Waters at Suson Park with Steve Garnett, Mel Bagley and Chick Stokes to help the veterans at the VA Med Center with a little fishing getaway (and for many just some fresh air). Mel and his vet caught several bluegill, and one with a snake hanging on. I was able to coax ten bluegill in for my vet. I was very pleased at the response we got for this event. The club's effort was appreciated.



May's Montauk outing was good, although we could have had better attendance. Friday fished better than Saturday, and instead of catering by Olig's BBQ, we opted for a visit to their restaurant. Their upstairs room was just right for the size of our group.

Giving Steve Antonic and Al Bourisaw a collective pat on the back for an excellent presentation on fishing the White River at May's Member Meeting. The handout was an excellent reference for our September outing, which should be a lot of fun!

Our next meeting is at Tilles Park for our annual Members BBQ, which includes all the casting instruction at the pond that you can handle.

Tight loops and a quick prayer for better stream levels! See you on the water!

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers
Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

June Meeting – BBQ & Casting

Thursday, June 27, 2019. 5:00 PM

Tilles Park - 9551 Litzsinger Rd,

St. Louis, MO 63124

Come join your fellow club members for an evening of casts, laughs, and barbeque. The annual barbeque is always a great time, and a good chance to learn some new tweaks or tips on your casts. It's also a good opportunity to try out other members' rods, if you're looking for something new in the future to cast.

Hope to see you there!

Questions about the Newsletter?

Email OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

June

Member BBQ & Fly-Casting
Tilles Park, STL County
June 27, 2019, 5:00 PM

July

General Monthly Meeting
Greensfelder Rec Complex
July 25, 2019, 7:00 PM

Branson Fly Fishing Expo

Lions Community Building,
1015 MO-76,
Branson, MO 65616, USA
July 26-27, 2019


August


General Monthly Meeting
Greensfelder Rec Complex
August 22, 2019, 7:00 PM


September

General Monthly Meeting
Greensfelder Rec Complex
Sept. 26, 2019, 7:00 PM

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Outings Report – June 2019

Water Quality Monitoring Outing

Montauk State Park: July 12-14, 2019

We have double rooms reserved at the Lodge MO1 thru MO9. Cost for two nights Friday July 12, and Saturday, July 13 is \$196.00 for two people, or \$98.00 per person.

Make your checks out to “Ozark Fly Fishers” and mail to:
Edward Olander
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Phone: 314-566-1422 Email: olanderedward@att.net

See Page 4 for Scott Darrough’s report concerning details as to meals, activities, and speakers.

White River and Norfolk River Outing

September 13-15, 2019

We will be staying at the River Ridge Inn Lodge located at the junction of the White and Norfolk Rivers. Their address is 57 River Ridge Road, Norfolk, Arkansas 72658.

Website: www.riverridgeinn.com.
Tel: 807-499-7775.

Check-in time is at 2:00 PM on Friday, September 13.
Check-out time is at 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 15.

Accommodations are six bedrooms & baths with 7 queen beds, 1 king bed, 2 full beds, futon, and sofa. Meals & drinks to be provided.

Total cost per person for two nights lodging plus meals and drinks is \$165.00.

If further accommodations are needed beyond the above, I will try to accommodate. RSVPs are required by August 26, 2019 and payment due no later than September 1, 2019. Contact me per above.

Missing: Lake Taneycomo 2nd Place Big Fish Trophy

If you happen to know where this missing plaque is located, please contact Ed Olander.

2019 Outings

July

11th Annual OFF
Stream Team Outing
Montauk State Park
July 12-14, 2019

September

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

October

Eleven Point River
Alton, MO
October 11-13, 2019

November

Bennett Spring
Catch & Release
Sand Springs Resort
Nov. 7-10, 2019

2020 Outings

Details to come in future
Member Newsletters.



Fly of the Month – June 2019

Pat Dorsey's Top Secret Midge

Late in May, Lorie had the opportunity to fish the South Platte River on the Front Range in Eastern Colorado. Broken up into several tailwater sections, this river is legendary for large finicky trout and is home to famous guides like Landon Mayer and Pat Dorsey. While the flows were up a bit, the midge hatches were prolific to say the least. This midge pattern is simple to tie and works across a lot of different presentation styles.

Materials

- Hook: Dai-Riki #125 size 16 – 24 or your favorite wide-gap midge hook
- Thread: 8/0 Brown
- Body: Brown tying thread
- Ribbing: 8/0 White tying thread
- Wing: Small Pearl Diamond Braid
- Head: Brown/Olive Dry Fly Dubbing

Instructions

1. Smash down barb, and secure hook in vise.
2. Start thread behind hook eye and advance slightly around the hook bend forming a smooth single layer underbody.
3. Tie in white thread for ribbing with smooth thread wraps while advancing thread to just behind the eye.
4. Spiral-wrap the ribbing to the head and secure with a few thread wraps. Trim the excess.
5. Tie in the diamond braid wing and trim to the length of the hook shank. Trim the excess.
6. Dub a tight, round head about $\frac{1}{4}$ the hook length.
7. Whip finish and trim thread.



The unweighted midge makes it fishable at any depth. You can fish it shallow under a dry midge, or deep under a larger bead head nymph or midge. According to Landon Mayer, fish in the “Dream Stream” section hate beads, so why tempt fate? He fishes a dry, dropper, dropper rig with great success, while Pat Dorsey tends to fish with a fluff indicator and single midge. This fly did produce a number of fish for us while using it as a dropper under various other nymphs.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

Casting Tip – June 2019

Remember the casters mantra – no slack; be smooth.

This is important in almost all casts but especially true when making a “constant tension” cast. This is another situation where the caster does not want a tight loop. Start with a lower and slower backcast and attempt to throw a wide loop. The idea is to have the fly or flies travel “around a corner” and therefore not make a sudden change of direction. *Constant tension is kept on the leader and flies.* A side arm approach to the back cast can help form the rounded curve of the back cast. There is a continuous motion between the back and the forecast.

Once the forward cast is started a normal casting stroke is used but the power stop is not as abrupt or it is smoother than in a normal overhand cast. Slowly, smoothly and without any slack must be kept in mind to make a constant tension cast that will not tangle.

This cast is also known as the Belgian cast or Oval cast. This is also an excellent cast for any rig when there is a significant wind coming from behind the caster. Other tips for a multi fly or weighted set up; no or almost no false casting; use the weight of the flies to help propel the forward cast; use the water tension to slowly load the rod.

Bill Armon, CCI

11TH Annual Stream Team Outing Details

Montauk State Park: July 12-14, 2019

Once again OFF will host an outing dedicated to promoting the Missouri Stream Team program. Stream Team staff members from the MDC and DNR will be on hand to assist.

Our Friday evening program presenter this year will be Brian Waldrop, MDC Stream Team Assistant for the Saint Louis area. Brian is very versed in the field of aquatic biology and will present a natural history of the insect family Tipuloidea (Crane Flies), this year's macroinvertebrate theme. These are the large mosquito-like insects that dance about your ceiling in the summer. If you have never seen a larval form, you will be in for quite a surprise. Fly fishers and Stream Team enthusiasts alike will find interest in Brian's program. Following Brian's presentation and in keeping with our Missouri Stream Team outing tradition on Friday evening, we will have a fly-tying class. Our instructor will demonstrate how to mimic the crane fly as a fishing fly. If you are a fly tier, please bring your fly-tying tools with you. If you are unfamiliar with fly tying but would like to give it a try, please come and enjoy the class. Fly tying tools and materials will be provided by the OFF.

On Saturday we will start the day by demonstrating volunteer water quality monitoring procedure. Learn firsthand what the biology of a stream can tell about its health. Joining Brian at our net set sampling sites will be Laura Richardson, DNR Stream Team Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator and Dr. Barry Poulton, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Research Ecologist / Aquatic Entomologist. Regardless if you are an experienced fly caster or a novice, you may wish to work on your casting abilities with a certified casting instructor. OFF's very own Fly Fishing International (FFI) Casting Instructors Bill Armon and Master Casting Instructor Brian Ellis will be on hand to provide personal instruction. Whether you have been casting all your life or never held a fly rod in your hand, these fellows will be able to help you with your cast.

Due to continued interest, OFF member Barry Poulton will return to instruct an on stream Tenkara (Japanese style fly fishing) demonstration. Stephen Bost, Interpretive Resource Specialist III for Montauk State Park, will present "Behind the Scenes at Montauk State Park". This promises to be a very interesting program. Stephen will reveal and discuss little known facts about the park concerning topics like invasive species removal such as foreign plants and feral hogs, water quality and stream habitat improvements, Hellbender restoration, reforestation of the Ozark Chinquapin and the restoration of the park's extensive biodiversity. These are to name a few of the subjects that he will discuss. He will allow time to answer questions following his presentation. Stephen is passionate about all things "nature" and we will look forward to this and future programs at our Stream Team outings.

Saturday evening will conclude with ice cream and fly tying. Anyone wishing to tie is welcome. Barry Poulton will be demonstrating his technique for tying Tenkara (Kebari) style flies. Don't forget our stream bank cleanup on Sunday morning in the park. Our participation with this cleanup continues to grow from year to year. OFF wants to demonstrate and promote all aspects of the Missouri Stream Team program of which stream cleanups are a major part.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend this outing, OFF member or not, trained or otherwise. Feel free to bring others and don't forget the kids as they will dictate the future of conservation! A complete schedule that accompanies this announcement will be sent separately.

NOTIFICATION: IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND or have any questions about the outing, please contact Scott Darrough at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com. It is important that we have a head count so that adequate preparations can be made for lunch and the ice cream social.

2019 Conservation Events

- **JUNE 27** Raffle tickets for the 11th Annual Stream Team Outing will be available for purchase at the Tilles Barbecue (Tilles Park - Saint Louis County)
- **JULY 12-14** 11TH Annual Ozark Fly Fishers Missouri Stream Team Outing (Montauk State Park, Salem, MO) - by invitation - Stream Team #31 - Ozark Fly Fishers
- **JULY 27** Annual Meramec Watershed Celebration (Meramec State Park, Sullivan) - by invitation - Stream Team #727 - Northern Ozark Rivers Partnership and Stream Teams United
- **AUGUST 24** 52nd Annual Operation Clean Stream - Big River (Byrnes Mill City Park, Byrnes Mill) - by invitation - Stream Team #3797 - Trashmanian Devils



The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is proposing increases to the prices of its annual trout permits and daily trout tags starting in 2020. According to MDC, the increases are needed to better cover its costs of running five trout hatcheries that raise and release more than 1.7 million trout each year for public fishing.

If the price increases are implemented, starting in 2020 the cost of an annual trout permit will go from \$7 to \$10 for anglers 16 years of age and older and from \$3.50 to \$5 for anglers ages 15 and younger. The cost of a daily trout tag to fish at Missouri's four trout parks -- Maramec Spring Park, Bennett Spring State Park, Montauk State Park, and Roaring River State Park -- will go from \$3 to \$4 for adults and from \$2 to \$3 for those 15 years of age and younger.

A trout permit is required to possess trout, except in trout parks where a daily trout fishing tag is required during the catch-and-keep season. In addition, a trout permit is required for winter fishing in trout parks during the catch-and-release season and for fishing year-round in Lake Taneycomo upstream from the U.S. Highway 65 bridge. To fish for trout, you must also have a fishing permit or qualify for an exemption.

"The Conservation Department has not increased these permit prices in nearly two decades," said MDC Director Sara Parker Pauley. "We are adjusting these permit prices -- which were set in 1999 -- to make them more in line with today's real costs of the work we do. The price increases will help MDC meet the pressures of increased management costs at our hatcheries and help meet the increased demand for trout fishing around the state."

As part of the rulemaking process, MDC is asking for public comments on the changes during July and early August at short.mdc.mo.gov/Z49. To comment on proposed price increases for trout permits, refer to "3 CSR 10-5.430 Trout Permit." For daily trout tags, refer to "3 CSR 10-5.250 Daily Hunting or Fishing Tags."

Fly Fishers International Names Patrick H. Berry President and Chief Executive Officer Former Vermont Community Foundation Vice President of Philanthropy to Lead Conservation and Education Organization



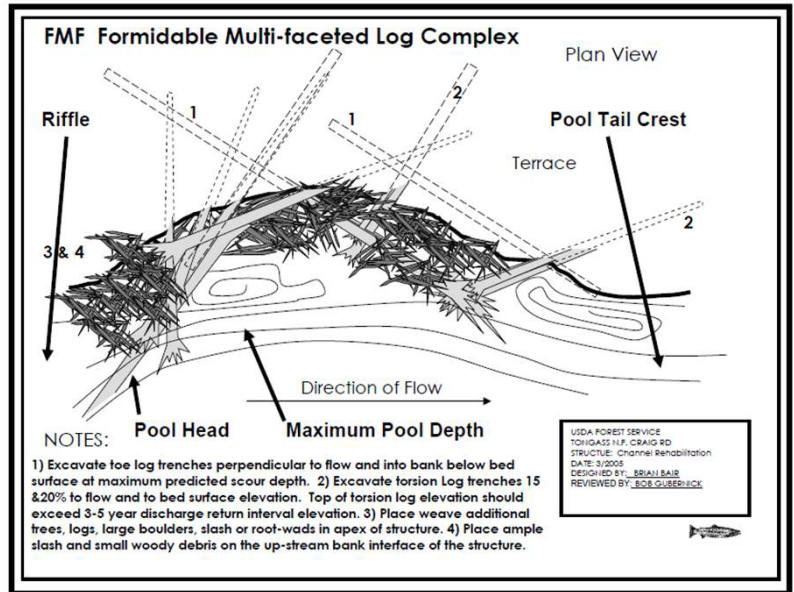
Fly Fishers International (FFI), announced that Patrick H. Berry has been named as the organization's new president and chief executive officer. Berry brings over 27 years of experience within the environmental conservation field, having come to FFI from the Vermont Community Foundation where he served as vice president of philanthropy. A former commissioner of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Berry is recognized as a visionary conservationist and is widely respected by his peers.

"We are very proud and excited to have found an individual of Patrick's credentials to serve FFI in this important leadership position. His management and fundraising experience — and especially his conservation philosophy — will serve FFI well as we continue to strengthen the voice of fly fishers around the world," states Tom H. Logan, chairman of the board of FFI.

Overview of the “Big Wood” Project on Mill Creek

This has been in the works for five years and is the result of much hard work by the USFS, Mark Twain National Forest Service and the Mill Creek Watershed Coalition (Kent Robinson – President, Dr Dev Niyogi – MS&T, Mark Dean - VP, Katie White, Jill Hollowell, myself and the late members Rich Pelletier and Jim Morrison). The MCWC has also been working collaboratively with Nick Gironde, fisheries biologist, at MDC who has been a long-time supporter of the team and the project. Total team effort.

Objective: Dramatically improve the aquatic habitat and increase the populations of aquatic species (and the biodiversity) on Mill Creek. One consequence will be a significant amount of quality holding water for trout. If anyone has come across a dead 20+” rainbow in Mill Creek in August I know you can relate.



Direct project cost: \$150K – Funded by MTNF Div. of USFS – (Rolla, MO).

Project lead engineer: Bob Gubernick – A 30+ year veteran, Bob is the leading hydrologist for the USFS (lives in Duluth). Bob has performed major stream restoration work in Alaska and the continental U.S. Bob has visited Mill Creek several times over the past 5 years and is collaborating with MTNF head hydrologist Kelly Whitsett on this project (Rolla office). Bob will finish the design work this year and implementation will begin in 2020. The NEPA study will be signed off on in September.

This is a major stream restoration project. It will begin at the picnic area bridge and proceed downstream for 500 yards. It will establish multiple, and permanent, holding water pools within a series of classic riffles, runs and pools. You may recall that from the bridge downstream, the creek is very shallow and wide. It holds very few fish and relatively little aquatic life. The Big Wood project work will involve a narrowing and significant deepening of the creek in this stretch. This work –



“bio-engineering” – will use existing natural materials including black oaks that are either dead or are in the process of dying (long sections including the root wads). Bob will select the trees this fall, some of which will be from the old campground area. Large structures referred to as engineered log jams provide the backbone of the design (diagram). The wood itself lasts about 25 years. However, selective plantings behind the structures grow to anchor-in and self-perpetuate.

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.

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. 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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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



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Stream Team 31

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Reminder:

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)

Donate A Fly to the Members' Fly Box

Please consider donating a fly to the Members' Fly Box which will be raffled at the 11TH Annual Missouri Stream Team Outing. You decide on the type of fly you wish to donate. The donator's name and the name of the fly pattern will accompany the fly at the time of the raffle. Our Members' 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 monthly meeting to make your fly donation. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact him at 314-560-1335 or swdarrough@yahoo.com

Ozark Fly Fishers Objectives

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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.

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