

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

February 2023



President's Message

Wow, what a banquet! We made a tidy sum that evening and some of us picked up some real bargains. I would have bid on those neck capes but doubt I live that long. What a deal! It was great to see the club back together again. Attendance was as good as the pre-pandemic days and the auctions were fun!

Looking forward, we have FYAO coming up and then the all-day meeting with Skip Morris later in February.



As I announced at the meeting, we still have an open Director position for Outings. Perhaps each outing gets a coordinator? Of course, we would need volunteers for these too. Raise your hand and report back if interested.

This will be my last message as President, as my term has ended. Thanks to everyone who helped these last four years, especially all the board members. They do good work! I will be moving from President to Director of Communications, so I am still on the hook.

Be well my friends,
Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers
Email: drasch27@hotmail.com

F.Y.A.O. Outing

February 10-12, 2023, Montauk State Park

Come and freeze your *** off at our annual Montauk F.Y.A.O. outing. Dress warm and get those waders patched!

Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com

One key benefit of an OFF Membership is the ability to contribute to our monthly newsletter. We encourage all types of submissions, including pictures, fly recipes, fishing reports, stories, and tall tales.

Upcoming Events

February

All-Day Meeting

February 25, 2023 – 9:00 AM

Speaker: Skip Morris

In Person or Via Zoom
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
13014 Olive Blvd.

Creve Coeur, MO 63141

FYAO Outing

February 10-12, 2023

Montauk State Park

March

Member Meeting

March 28, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Speaker: Rik Hafer

Powder Valley Nature Center
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO, 63122

April

Member Meeting

April 25, 2023 – 6:30 PM


Speaker: Justin Spencer

Powder Valley Nature Center
11715 Cragwold Road
Kirkwood, MO, 63122


Reminder

Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and the OFF calendar and website about future events. To keep up with OFF, you can follow our social media accounts listed below.

 www.ozarkflyfishers.org

 Instagram: [@ozark_fly_fishers](https://www.instagram.com/ozark_fly_fishers)

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All-Day Meeting

Saturday, February 25, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

In Person or Via Zoom

Guest Speaker:

Skip Morris

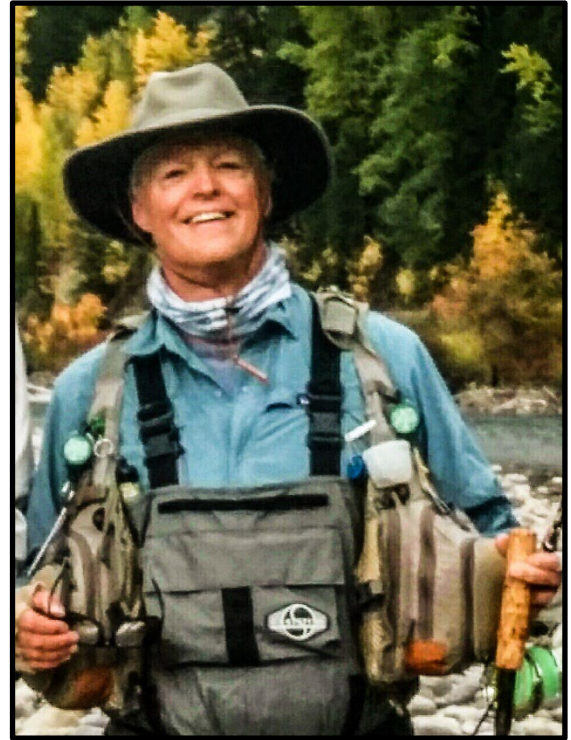
Join us for our 2023 All-Day Meeting with Guest Speaker, Skip Morris!

In the morning, Skip will present some programs on fishing, and in the afternoon will be tying flies. It will be done by a Zoom meeting with Skip on a big screen at the church.

For those wishing to attend virtually, a Zoom link will be sent out to the OFF Membership the morning of the meeting, as detailed below.

Meeting Location

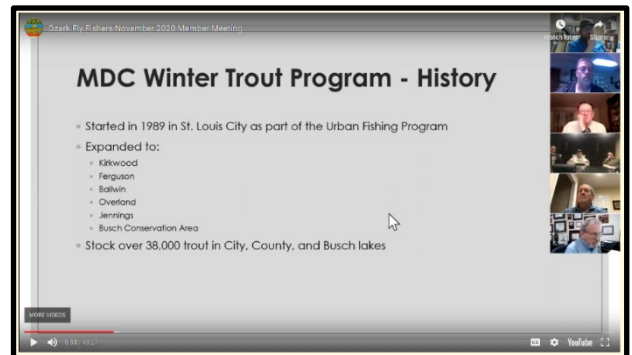
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OFF Zoom Meetings

Come Zoom with Ozark Fly Fishers. On Saturday, February 25, Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. will offer online, visual programming for members. The programs will be available to all members that have a computer or smartphone.

On the morning of the meeting, each OFF member will be emailed a link and password for the evening program. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM, but members will be able to join the Zoom meeting room as early as 6:45 PM. This month, our Guest Speaker is still to be determined, but we'll have more info soon.



As always, the programs will be advertised on the OFF Website, our social media channels, through emails to members, and in the monthly newsletter. **On the morning of the meeting, each OFF member will be emailed a link and password for the evening program.** During the meeting program, all members except the presenter will be muted, so that only the presenter will be able to speak. Members will be able to virtually raise their hands in Zoom if they have questions, or post their questions in the Zoom chat. We'll demonstrate how to do this before the meeting gets started.

If you cannot make the Zoom meetings, a video recording will be posted to the OFF website a few days following the meeting. (But it's more fun to join in live.)

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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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



Ozark Fly Fishers Board of Directors

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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

Before COVID, Ozark Fly Fishers typically met 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) These days, our meetings are held on Zoom.

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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