

Ozark Fly Fishers

Member Newsletter

January 2022

President's Message

Happy New Year and a tip of the rod to our members!

Just got back from a fly swap at Creve Couer Park, and ten of us attended. Good to chat with everyone and get an update on life! Adding a dozen new flies to the arsenal also helps.

As some may know, we have the next two months planned out, with Bart Lombardo speaking his expertise on panfish via zoom on Thursday, January 27. Then our all-day event returns on Saturday, April 2 at Community Christian Church (same location as back in February 2019) with Danny Barker from the White River. This was originally on Feb 12, but conflicted with the FYAO at Montauk. It will be good to see your faces as we finally meet in person. We will space out the seating and take steps to prioritize your safety.

About all I can say about the past year is that the club is still together, and I think most of us got out to fish when we we could. Our unofficial outings were still outings (although limited) and I received some good reports back from them. I really like the idea of having our all-day event, as I heard several people wonder what was left of the club. Not sure when we will get back to the in-person monthly meetings, or if our room at Queeny is even available. I hear the building is being worked on. I also understand that we may not all be in agreement about meeting in person. My only response to that is my belief that everyone knows the risk involved and has to work within their own comfort level. Sounds like something from a political campaign, but I think it is a reasonable expectation. I welcome anyone who wants to discuss this.

So, 2022, here we go!
Be well, My friends.

Dan Rasch, President, Ozark Fly Fishers
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Questions or Submissions for the Newsletter?

Email the Editor at OzarkNewsletter@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

January

General Member Meeting
January 27, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Online via Zoom
Speaker Bart Lombardo
See p. 2 for details

Innsbrook Outing
January 30, 2022
See p. 3 for details

February

General Member Meeting
February 24, 2022 – 7:00 pm
Speaker:
Augustus Knickmeyer
More details next month.

F.Y.A.O. Outing
February 11-13, 2022
Montauk State Park
See p. 3 for details


April

All-Day Meeting
April 2, 2022
Speaker: Danny Barker
More details to follow.

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.

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 **Ozark Fly Fishers, Inc. 2022**

January Meeting

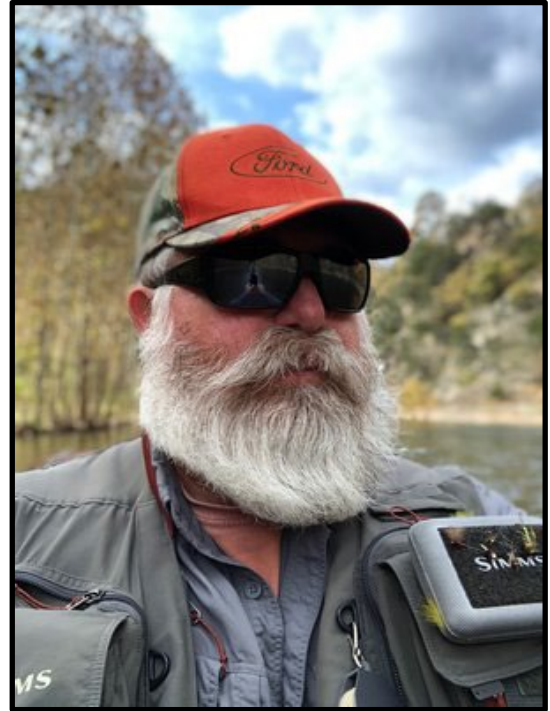
Thursday, January 27, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Guest Speaker: Bart Lombardo

Bart Lombardo is the creator of Panfish on The Fly. Bart has been fly fishing and fly tying for over forty years. Although he travels the country to fish for trout and salmon and chases fish in the salt, his true passion is fly fishing for bass, panfish, and other warm-water species.

Bart enjoys teaching others about fly fishing and the art of fly tying. He is fly fishing guide for Shannons Fly Shop in Califon NJ and is on staff as fly fishing and fly tying instructor for Orvis in Princeton, NJ. He regularly conducts classes and presentations for organizations like Trout Unlimited and participates in various fly tying shows on the east coast.

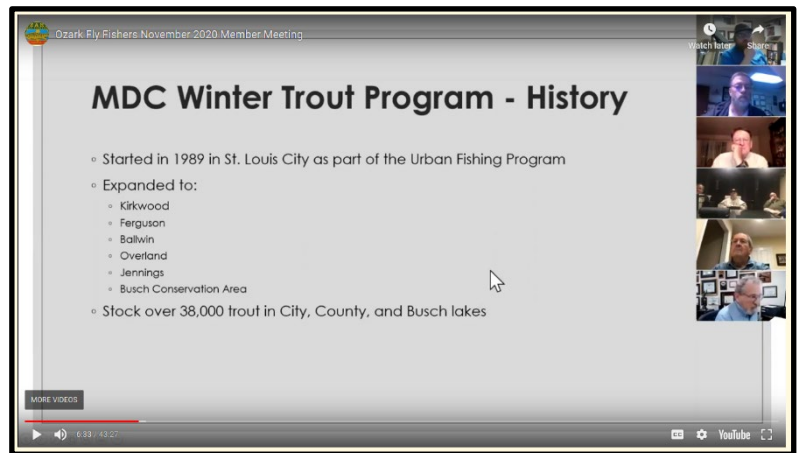
Bart is an avid fly tier whose passion is developing new patterns to target panfish, bass, and other warm-water species. He is a member of several pro-staffs in the fly tying industry, including Regal Vise, Semperfli, Solarez, Ewing Hackle, and Flymen Fishing Company



OFF Zoom Meetings

Come Zoom with Ozark Fly Fishers. On Thursday, January 27, 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.)

Outings Report – January 2022

Tentatively, and due to COVID-19, outings for 2022 will not be club sponsored. Members are welcome to utilize the Club's existing reservation slots and make their own private bookings.

Innsbrook Outing – January 30, 2022

A day trip to the Innsbrook Resort, will be on Sunday January 30, at 10:00 am. The address is 596 Aspen Way, but it is right on Highway F, heading south from the exit at Wright City. We will need fly tyers, probably five or more. The plan is to tie for a couple hours, and then head out to their stocked lakes and do a combination casting instruction and fishing. They have a beautiful lodge and a fishing club they have started. We will probably car pool, and **contact Dan Rasch to commit** your bad self to this event.

Montauk F.Y.A.O. Outing – February 11, 12, and 13, 2022

RSVP Due: February 2, 2021

Rooms are available to OFF members for reservation for the nights of Friday, February 11 and Saturday February 12. Members are responsible for their own meals. Montauk's dining room will be open, although members are encouraged to abide by COVID guidelines. Rooms will run around \$122 a night for two.

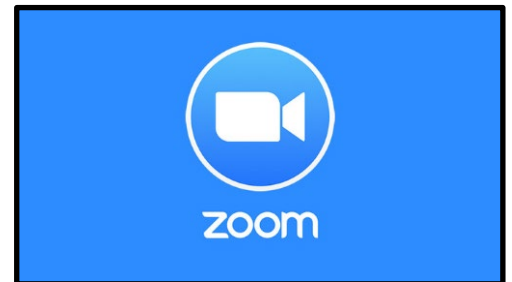
Please make your reservations by **February 1, 2022** directly with Montauk for \$122 each for two for the weekend.



Tie Flies with OFF on Zoom

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table have made the best of a bad situation. Mike and the guys have set up a weekly group tying Zoom call.

If you are looking for something to do while you're at home, and you don't tie flies yourself, but are just needing to be entertained, the FTOLT has been successful in holding Zoom meeting tying session. The sessions are free for anybody wanting to participate. All you need to do is download the Zoom app and let us know that you want to participate.



Email Mike Swederska at shur-way@sbcglobal.net or post that you'd like to join in the Ozark Fly Fishers Facebook page or GroupsIO page. You'll be provided with a link and can join in on the fun using your laptop, smartphone, or tablet.

The tying sessions are 5:30 on Wednesday nights.

Questions about 2021 Outings?

Contact the OFF Outings Chair

Richard Bable

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Fly of the Month – January 2022

Thin Mint Wooley Bugger

They say there is no wrong way to fish a wooley bugger, or wrong color to tie one. I've also been told you can tie it any color you want as long as it has peacock in it. This one has everything a proper bugger needs with the added bonus of color contrasts from a layered marabout tail of olive, brown, and black. As with any bugger, it can be tied from size 4 down to a 10 and unweighted all the way to a tungsten cone head versions – even jigged versions.

Tying Materials

- Hook: Standard Streamer Hook #4 - #10
- Bead: Appropriately-Sized Tungsten in Gold or Black
- Weight: .020 Lead Wire
- Thread: 8/0 Black
- Tail: Olive, Brown, and Black Marabou
- Flash: Rootbeer Crystal Flash
- Ribbing: Small Copper Wire
- Body: Peacock Herl
- Hackle: Brown or Brown Dyed Grizzly Saddle Hackle Feather



Tying Steps

1. Place bead on hook and secure hook in vise. Add 6 -10 wraps of lead wire to hook and shove up against the bead.
2. Start the thread just behind the lead wraps and wrap thread to the bead and back to secure the lead wraps. Advance thread to the hook bend.
3. Make a tail using the three colors of marabou with the olive on the bottom, brown in the middle, and the black on top. The length should be the length of the hook shank. Use the marabou butts to build a level underbody up to the lead wraps.
4. Tie in two lengths of crystal flash on each side of the tail and trim to just longer than the marabou.
5. Tie in a section of copper wire and 3-5 peacock herl stems leaving the thread at the hook bend.
6. Twist the thread and peacock together to form a rope and wrap the peacock rope to the bead and tie off with thread wraps. Trim the peacock ends.
7. Prepare a saddle hackle feather by stripping off the non-usable fluff and web from the shaft. Tie hackle feather in by the base just behind the bead. Wrap the hackle in evenly spaced spiral to the base of the tail. Using the wire, make 2 wraps across the tip of the hackle to secure the end then spiral wrap the wire through the hackle fibers to just behind the bead and secure with thread wraps.
8. Apply cement to thread and whip finish.

I fish this by casting upstream and across letting it sink like a nymph, and then swinging it across and down stream at the end of the drift. I have seen it fished as a nymph under an indicator and tied on a jig hook and fished as the heavy point fly on a Euronymph rig. It fishes equally well for a variety of fish from trout to bluegill to smallmouth bass. Like any bugger, you cannot fish it wrong.

Mike Ott, Fly-Tying Chair, Ozark Fly Fishers

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



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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.

Fly Tiers of the Long Table

The Fly Tiers of the Long Table newtying 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

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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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