

## General Meeting

Thursday, March 22nd, 2018  
Greensfelder Recreation Complex  
Queeny Park  
525 Weidman Road, Ballwin MO 63011  
Starting at 7:00 PM



## Brian Sloss

Brian is a fly fishing guide on the most beautiful river in the Missouri Ozarks, the Eleven Point River. Brian has been guiding clients in his drift boat since 2004 and no one has logged more guiding hours on the Eleven Point river with fly fishermen than him. He enjoys taking anyone from first time fly fishers to seasoned vets. You will love the scenery and the fishing.

The Eleven Point River runs mostly through US Forest Service land and is, therefore, largely undeveloped. You will not see cabins and resorts along the banks; just forest, bluffs, springs, wildlife and hopefully, plenty of fish. The Eleven Point river boasts some of the prettiest rainbow trout in the Ozarks, with average fish between 12-15 inches. There are plenty of 20+inch 'bows as well, though you don't catch these Eleven Point monsters every day.

The river has 20 miles of trout water, including a 5.5 mile "trophy" or blue-ribbon section. The entire river has a 15-inch minimum length, 1 fish limit on smallmouth bass, making for excellent smallie fishing. I love doing half day trips in the winter for these guys. Brian will be talking to the club about the fishing opportunities on the Eleven Point and how he fishes the river.

## Casting Tip March 2018

By: Bill Armon CCI & Jason Randall

At our annual all-day meeting, Jason Randall talked extensively about the tuck cast and its necessity for a type of nymph fishing he enjoys. This month's casting tip is an updated version of a casting tip from April of 2014. I sent him a copy of that tip and asked for his refinements. The meeting this year was well attended and the feedback has been excellent. Jason has agreed to sell his books to club members with a donation going to the club for each book sold. At the meeting, all of his books sold out with his new book, *Nymph Masters*, being the most popular. If you are interested in purchasing a book please contact me. We will be ordering the books soon so you must let us know before the March meeting.

### *The Tuck Cast*

The back cast is a constant tension or Belgium style backcast when the caster moves their arm from a sidearm position to nearly upright in an oval fashion. Don't rush through the oval transition, especially when making a long cast with lots of line or leader involved. The constant tension, oval transition avoids the 'bounce back' when casting weight with the typical firm stop in the standard backcast when the weighted flies reach the limit of the line and leader. The forecast begins smoothly without pause directing a normal loop (not too small but not an open loop) at an upward angle. Next the caster must do several things to make the cast "tuck" into the water. Stop high on the forward cast (and do not follow through too quickly) and over power the forward cast using a directly overhand stroke. These moves will cause the weighted fly (or split shot) to jump downwards at the end of the cast and tuck into the water. The fly will hit the water first and with enough force to immediately break the surface tension and sink to the "bottom" of the river well before the line and leader land. Although not a delicate presentation, this cast gets your flies to the bottom quickly, especially in fast current. Next casting tip will return to question of which of the 5 essential principles of casting is most important.

# Outings

## March 2018 Outings Report

North Fork of the White River Outing – April 20, 21, & 22, 2018 @ River Of Life Farm Resort – Dora, MO  
We will be staying in a new cabin The Cliff House a 6 bed rooms, 5.5 bathrooms with a full kitchen.

- Four bedrooms with one king bed
- One bedroom with two queen beds
- One bedroom with one queen bed

Meals to be provided will be a BBQs at the cabin Friday & Saturday night. Otherwise utilize the full kitchen with dishes, silverware, cookware, & BBQ grill with our cabin or the Falls Restaurant.

- Friday Night – BBQ Brats & Hamburgers with slaw, potatoe salad and dessert
- Saturday Night – Strip steak, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert

Cost – One bed 2 nights with 2 meals - \$250.00. Send check to me per below instructions.

Fishing and floating is available by wading, canoe or kayak rental, or guide service which I plan to arrange for you. We have guides reserved for an all day float on Saturday.

Cost is \$350 per boat plus tip and includes flies, rods, lunch and water, but you need to bring your favorite rod, flies, waders, and rain gear.

A half day float cost is \$265.50 for Friday &/or Sunday includes all the above except lunch, full day float same as above. Be prepared to pay guides direct.

Please make your reservations by April 1, 2018.

- Resort website: [www.riveroflifefarm.com](http://www.riveroflifefarm.com)
- Tel: 417-261-7777

Send your check made out to Ozark Fly Fishers and mail to me:

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## Remaining Outings Schedule for 2018:

May 18, 19, 20; Montauk Spring Outing

July 13, 14, 15; Montauk Water Quality Monitoring Outing

September 13, 14,15, 16; Taneycomo Late Summer Outing

October 19, 20 ,21; Eleven Point Fall Outing

November 8, 9, 10, 11; Bennett Springs CNR Outing

## ***Fly of the Month March 2018:***

### ***Blue Blood Perdigon***

Perdigon flies are a product of the Euro-Nymphing community and are designed to be a slim, streamlined, and heavily weighted point fly meant to drop straight to the river bottom and stay there. I suppose you could use split shot for the same application except that these are much prettier and are far more likely to catch a fish. While they may not look like anything in particular, they could be just about anything found in the water and are most often tied as an attractor. Typically they consist of little more than a slim tail, slim, smooth tapered body, and a slightly oversized tungsten bead. They come in a rainbow of colors – sometimes all on the same fly – and most often have a black spot on the collar and bead head signifying a wing case.



Our all-day speaker, Jason Randall, spoke about the new nymphing systems, but only mentioned a couple of specific flies. I found that a bit unusual, but he also said, “The wrong fly presented properly is always better than the perfect fly presented poorly.” That being a universal truth in fly fishing, I still had to pay attention to one of his favorite flies – the Blue Blood Perdigon. Typical of perdigons, it is very easy to tie and very durable.

- Hook: Your favorite barbless Jig Hook #14-16
- Bead: Silver slotted tungsten of appropriate size
- Thread: Red 8/0
- Tail: Dark Coq de Leon Fibers
- Body: Medium Holographic Blue tinsel
- Collar: Red Tying Thread
- Spot: Black Nail Polish
- Coating: SolarEZ Bone Dry UV Cure (or your favorite thin coating)

Place bead on hook and secure in vise. Start thread behind bead and advance thread to hook bend making a very uniform layer.

Tie in 6 Coq de Leon fibers about the length in the hook shank and continue even thread wraps back to just behind the bead. Trim tail butts.

Tie in a length of the Holographic Blue tinsel just behind the bead. Wrap a very even layer of tinsel to the hook bend and then back to the bead and tie off. Trim the excess tinsel.

Using the red thread, make numerous thread wraps just behind the bead to form a narrow band for the collar. Place a dot of black nail polish on top half on the collar and half on the bead and let dry.

Follow the instructions for the SolarEZ Bone Dry coating, coat the whole body, collar, and spot and “torch” it with your UV light. Add a second coat building up a little at the collar so that it is smooth.

Honestly I have never been terribly impressed with any of the UV cure glues and coatings until I found the SolarEZ line of products. They do work very well and have a number of thicknesses for various applications. The Bone Dry is very thin and cures super clear with no hazing or tackiness, and it is available at any good fly shop. Enough sales pitching.

You can tie this fly in either the jig version or the standard nymph version, and try any color of Holographic tinsel you want. I have not fished the blue yet, but I have fished it in olive and copper with good results. As Jason stated, you may catch more fish on the dropper, but often you score with both flies throughout the day.

Mike Ott

“Coming in April”

## Capt. David Edens—Bio



Spending his early years in the mountains of North Carolina, Capt. Dave has been fly fishing and tying flies for over 50 years. When he began tying, he would “pluck” the family dog and cat for fur for streamers and rob his Mom’s sewing box for thread.

His first fly caught fish was a wild rainbow trout, caught on a variant of a Mickey Finn he had tied with fur from the family pets. He caught it from a stream near Brevard, NC to which he had ridden his bike. Ala Opey, in the “Andy Griffith Show.”

Since those early years, Capt. Dave has fly fished for trout, Steelhead, Stripers, Salmon, False Albacore, Bonefish, Permit, Tarpon, Red Fish, Triple Tail, Sea Trout, Bream, Carp, Bass and anything else that would take a fly from Alaska to the Bahamas, from Vermont to California and many of the states in between.

After being “downsized” during the Great Recession, he realized one of the few things he did well was fly fishing and teaching fly fishing. He and his wife were married in St. Simons over 40 years before, and they have owned a condo there since 2000.



After getting over the initial shock of being laid off, he told his wife he was spending the summer at the beach. He hooked his HPX-V to his truck, and went to SSI. His family followed that Fall, and the rest is history.

He has been guiding there since late 2009. He is an Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide. He is a Fly Fishers International Certified Casting Instructor and a member of the FFI Professional Guides Association.

He has been building custom fly, spinning and casting rods for over twenty years under Blue Ridge Rods and has been certified by the Rod Guild as a Professional Rod Builder.

Capt. David Edens is the owner of Fly Cast Charters and Outfitters, LLC in St. Simons, GA. The tag line of the charter service is “Hunting Fish in the Marshes of Glynn.” He specializes in sight fishing for red fish, and is available for fly and light tackle charters for all of the other species and around St. Simons Island, Sapelo Island, Sea Island, Cumberland Island and Jekyll Island, Ga.

## Tying with the Renegade

### Preparing Calf Hair

Calf hair is a very important ingredient for tying the Wulff fly pattern as well as parachute and other patterns. As with most natural tying materials, all calf hair is not the same. Some tiers believe that calf tail floats better than calf body hair. My experience using both materials supports that belief. Although, both materials make excellent fly patterns. A couple of tips to help make it easier to tie with calf hair

Calf body hair is sold in a patch (Unless you harvest your own hair.) and comes clean and tanned. When purchasing calf body hair things to look for are: hair should be straight; hair that is long enough for the fly that you are tying; and, be sure there are no broken ends. Mixing the calf body hair with a light dusting of baby or talcum powder will help make it easier to even the tips in a hair stacker.

Calf tail hairs are usually not tanned and may be a bit dirtier than calf body hair. Rinse the tail in a solution of water and Woolite. Hang the tail to dry for a couple of days. While still wet, comb the tail from the base to the tip to get out any kinks. After the calf tail is dry, dust baby powder or talcum into the tail. The calf tail is not ready to use.



..... Ugly flies catch fish, pretty flies catch fisherman and well tied flies catch both. Renegade...

# Communications

## Ozark Newsletter

Want to become more involved, have a knack for writing and would like to share information, tips or likewise subjects on fly fishing with the rest of the club. Another benefit of **membership** is our monthly newsletter. Newsletter articles are due for consideration on the 1st Thursday of each month. As space in the newsletter fills up fast. Please limit your proof read articles to **500 words or less** in 10 pt Times New Roman.

If interested please contact John Tymony at Cell: (314)303-3012 or submit your article for consideration to:  
[ozarknewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:ozarknewsletter@gmail.com)



## Yahoo Group

One of the benefits of being a **member** of the Ozark Fly Fishers is the Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo group. The Yahoo Group is a direct line of communication with all who choose to join. Like any other club function, the more members participating the better. The OFF Yahoo group is reserved for **Current Members Only** to keep spam and other issues that go hand and hand with the internet under control. The Yahoo group is a great avenue to receive or post fishing reports, big and little fish pictures or thoughts and ideas on club functions as well as to seek advice from a vast wealth of knowledge on just about anything fly fishing. To become an Ozark Fly Fishers Yahoo member is easy.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact **Mike Swederska** Cell: (314)-799-1998 Office: (314)-645-5440. Email [shur-way@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shur-way@sbcglobal.net)

## 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](mailto: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!

-Jake Voss

## O.F.F on the Web

by Mark Thalhammer

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*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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