



# Streamline

January 2017

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &  
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

## Event Calendar

**January 12** - General TU/TFF meeting with guest speaker Zack Matthews "How To Be An Excellent Angler All Over The World; From Iceland and Patagonia to England and Montana". Plus special tactics for striped bass on the fly.

**January 21** - OKTU/TFF & PHWFFOK outing at Roaring River

**February 9** - General TU/TFF meeting with guest speaker Scott Branyan

If you have a friend who is not a member who might be interested in this information please feel free to forward this issue to your friend. [Forward this message to a friend.](#)

## January 12th General Meeting



*Zack Matthews*

This month we brought in Zack Matthews as our guest speaker. Zack is a writer, photographer, blogger, and host of 'The Itinerant Angler Podcast' which is one of the leading fly fishing podcasts with close to 200 episodes. His articles have been published in *American Angler*, *Fly Tyer*, *Fish & Fly*, and *Fly Fisherman* to name just a few. He is an FFF certified fly casting instructor and gives presentations to TU, FFF groups, universities and clubs as well as giving casting demonstrations. When he is not fly fishing, shooting

## Follow us on Facebook

There are now **840** members on Facebook and growing. **531** are Trout Unlimited Members. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on. [Here's a quick link.](#)

## Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma

**Veteran's Services Partnership (VSP) / PHWFFOK**

pictures or writing, he is a working trial attorney with McMickle, Kurey & Branch in Atlanta Georgia. <http://www.itinerantangler.com/blog/podcasts/>

**We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive. Doors open a little after 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public and free. Raffle tickets available for prizes.**

## A Message from Your President



Hello,

Tight Lines and Happy New Year!

Fishing has been "Off the Hook" at the LIR, lately. I hope that everyone has gotten the opportunity to get down there and enjoy the river. The water is clearing up and the fish are beginning to take midges again. In murky water, I've had success with small black jigs or wooly buggers. In the clear water, I've had success with Black and Copper Zebra midges. I've heard others are having success with San Juan worms. Whatever works best for you will probably catch fish down there.

The Trout Pond, at 51st and Hudson, has been stocked with trout. Scott Hood and I had to break the ice for the stocking truck to make the first delivery before Christmas. I was, originally, worried whether or not they would survive as cold as the water was. However, I can report that they are alive and thriving in the pond. Five casts with a #10 Wooly Bugger produced three, fat and feisty, trout. Please read the signage around the pond. If you want to take fish home, 4 trout is the limit. Speak up if you notice other anglers not adhering to the restriction. This is a good pond to teach a child to fly fish. If you get the chance, be sure to share your knowledge and love of our sport with a child or anyone new to the sport.

Don't forget to renew your Oklahoma Fishing License. You can go to this link to begin the process: <https://www.wildlifedepartment.com/forget1/OnlineSales.aspx>



*Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma outing to the White River 2016!  
Join us on June 2, 2017 at Dale Fulton's Lodge for the 3rd Annual Lloyd Wicker Memorial 2-Fly Tournament and fund raiser!*

As many of you are aware, several years ago our Oklahoma TU Chapter signed on with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing in support of the Tulsa area veterans. The local program has been very successful with over 75 veterans participating in the various outreach programs we have offered including fly rod building, fly tying and fly casting clinics. However, the one thing that most of the Veterans look forward to are the outings we do with them several times each year (See Outings below). Just as everyone might expect these cost the most money to put on.

VSP / PHWFFOK.

Note: Want to help with a contribution? ... please send a check to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420 ... SUBJECT: VSP / PHWFFOK ...and mail it to PO BOX 54108 TULSA, OK 74155 . Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

If you are interested in volunteering or you are a veteran wanting to participate, please email [phwffok@gmail.com](mailto:phwffok@gmail.com) for more information or you can check out Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma on facebook for events, class times, and locations.

## 2017 General Meeting Schedule

The Meeting room has been requested for 2017. All of these dates are the second Thursday of the month.

- January 12 - Guest Speaker: Zack Matthews: "How To Be An Excellent Angler All Over The World; From Iceland and

Also, If you haven't purchased or renewed your Trout Unlimited membership, please consider doing that soon.

### **Phil Curtis**

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

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## **2017 Conservation Issues**

We're tracking issues that could impact our fisheries and conservation in 2017, including:

- Legislative proposal to sell the Grand River Dam authority
- Legislative proposals to sell and/or transfer water from our eastern Oklahoma streams
- Legislative proposals to transfer and/or sell off our National forests and public lands. Less than 1% of US lands remain public with fishing, hunting and recreation access. Over 70% of all US trout fisheries are within public lands. Over half of all our drinking water comes from your public lands.
- Governors report and action steps from the final Arkansas/Oklahoma joint study commission to keep our Scenic Rivers clean.

### **Pat Daly**

Conservation Chair

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## **Trout in the Classroom**

**Trout growth progress have been posted on the TIC Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tulsaareatroutintheclassroom/>

There are seven 55 gallon aquariums working around the clock raising over 5,000 Kamloops rainbow trout all to be released into the lower Illinois River this spring. Broken Arrow High, Catoosa High, East Central High, Jenks High, 2 in Union High and one at the 4th grade school in Okmulgee are participating in the program.

Some schools will reduce tank populations over the next several weeks but for the most part all the trout will be released in the months of March and April. Anyone interested in helping on release days should contact Scott Hood, adult and youth education coordinator for OKTU. He'll need helpers when students take up a fly rod, some for the first time in their lives, watch flies being tied, engage in stream studies to locate aquatic insects in the river and more on release days at the river. You can email Scott at [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com) to volunteer.

### **Scott Hood**

Youth and Adult Education Chair

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Patagonia to England and Montana". Plus special tactics for striped bass on the fly.

- February 9 - Guest Speaker: Scott Branyan - "Fishing the white River



*Scott Branyan*

Scott Branyan owns and operates the longest running driftboat fly-fishing service in northern Arkansas. He celebrated 20 years of service in 2016. His preferred practice is to guide on stretches of the Arkansas White River which are less heavily fished and which provide a variety of fishing opportunities. His aim is "to provide his clients with the best overall fly-fishing experience possible on any given day, whether they are beginners or experienced fly anglers".

Scott started fly-fishing in 1975 and since then has fished all of Arkansas White River tailwaters, as well as streams in Missouri, Wyoming, Colorado and Alaska. Scott is a native Arkansan and a freelance outdoor writer/photographer. He has guided clients from over 40 states and several international locations. In 2005, he was presented the Coy C. Kaylor Conservation Award by the Arkansas Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He supports TU and several other conservation organizations. <http://www.flyflinger.com/index.php>

- March 9 - Phil Curtis' fly tying clinic
- April 13 - Guest Speaker: Joel Kantor - Smallmouth Adventures on the Fly
- May 11 - Rob Woodruff - Entomology
- June 8 - TU/TFF Picnic

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deductable.



*Spring fingerling release*



*Kamloop fingerling*

Members interested in helping should contact Scott Hood  
Adult/Youth Education Coordinator for details ... [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com)

## The Trout Pond for Tulsa ... IT'S BACK !

And it opened to Kids' Only fishing days on December 24th and then to everyone on January 1st.

open to the public and free.

## January/February Outings

The next outing will take place on January 21 when we participate with PHWFFOK at Roaring River State Park for a day of fly fishing. Volunteers should bring a covered dish or a dessert. We will need 16 volunteers to help with this event. Please contact Chris Gorman or Heath Tiefenauer if you are available.

Let's have a good showing from our Chapter to support this event.

Plans are currently in progress for a February 18th outing at Taneycomo. Lunch will be at 11:00 at the Pavilion in the Outlet #2 parking lot. More details to follow in February newsletter.

Contact Heath for information: **Heath Tiefenauer** at [outings.tff@gmail.com](mailto:outings.tff@gmail.com) See you there!

## Women's Initiative



*Terrie Blackburn*

Campfire members were appreciative of Terrie and Chapter 420 casting and fly tying efforts last year and invited us back this year. Terrie is currently acquiring dates and improvements for this year's Campfire activities.

Chapter 420 is planning on participating in Casting for Recovery in 2017.

Watch our Facebook page for postings on future women focused events. Questions or want to

It's open again thanks to donations made to Oklahoma Trout Unlimited Chapter #420 by NATUREWORKS and by area Trout Unlimited members.

Located at LaFortune Park in the Gardens Park section (51st and Hudson) the pond will be stocked 2 more times before the end of the winter fishing season. The posted limit is 4 trout per angler, you must have a current OK fishing license if you are over 16 years of age. Please, if you plan to "catch and release" your trout use barbless hooks and wet your hands before removing the fish. (Handle with care!)

Future stockings will be coordinated to match other planned Kids' Only days, They are January 16 and February 20th. Adults may fish on Kids' Only days if they are accompanied by a child under 16. HINT ... TAKE A KID FISHING that is primarily what this local trout pond is for. If you happen to be there and see someone in violation of posted regulations call Carlos Gomez, Tulsa County Game warden ... 918-857-5557

This renewed program by OKTU #420 has had no effect on the current planned "close to home" program offered by the ODWC held at Veteran's Park Pond in Jenks, OK.

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The contribution by NatureWorks is a "match" donation they contribute \$1.00 for \$1.00 . So if you'd like to help on this project please send a contribution to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420 ... SUBJECT: TROUT POND ...and mail it to PO BOX 54108 TULSA, OK 74155. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.



*Dad and his sons share a day at the Trout pond for Tulsa. This is what it's all about. Thad, Billy and Steven Carthel*

initiate an event? Send me a text 918-704-0908.

## NEW TU/TFF LOGO



Watch Streamline, Facebook and the TU/TFF Website for the new TU420 logo and items on sale.

## This Month's Definitions

*'A DICTIONARY FOR CONSTANT ANGLERS, WEEKEND WADERS, AND ARTFUL BOBBERS'* by Henry Beard & Roy McKie

**License:** 1) Permit issued upon payment of a modest fee that allows fishermen to lose lures in a specified area.

**Lie:** 1) A place in a stream, river, or lake where fish lurk. 2) Any simple declarative statement made by an angler about the location of such a place; or the number, size, and type of fish observed there; or the circumstances under which one or more of them escaped capture.

## Did You Know ?

Trout Unlimited is America's leading coldwater conservation organization. Our hope is that clean, cold, fishable water exists for generations to come, but we can't do it without the support of committed anglers and conservationists like you. Click here to [become a new TU member](#) and see all the great



**Scott Hood**

Oklahoma Trout Unlimited  
Adult and Youth Education Coordinator

Have you got a Boy Scout Troup, Girl Scout Troup or any other youth group that you'd like to introduce fly fishing to? Contact Scott Hood at ... [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com)

benefits of membership, or click here to [renew your existing membership](#).

From the beginning, TU was guided by the principle that if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself." And that principle was grounded in science. "One of our most important objectives is to develop programs and recommendations based on the very best information and thinking available," said TU's first president, Dr. Casey E. Westell Jr. "In all matters of trout management, we want to know that we are substantially correct, both morally and biologically."

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for these coming events

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March 24 - Reserve this date for the FFFT (Fly Fishing Film Tour) at Montereau !

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June 8 - TU/TFF Picnic

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