



# Streamline



Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &  
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International



## Event Calendar

**January 13th - Missouri Trout Fishing with Donovan**

**January 22nd - Roaring River Outing**

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.](#)

## A Message from Your President



*Heath Tiefenauer*

Hello {FIRST\_NAME|TU|TFFer's},

Hello and Happy New Year! I hope you had plenty of opportunities to spend time with family and friends over the Holiday season. As we leave behind the busy days associated with the Holidays, we have a lot to look forward to in the New Year.

2021, much like the previous year, continued to be an unusual year for our organization and each of us individually. I don't think any of us would have predicted we'd still be contending with the challenges which first surfaced early in 2021. With the experience we've gained we'll move forward with this new normal and keep working to adapt as best we can. In 2022, we're excited to announce our return to in person meetings at Hardesty Library. We will still offer a Zoom link for anyone unable to attend or concerned about attending a public in person event. You'll find that link in this newsletter and on our Facebook page. For our January meeting we're happy to host Donovan Clary. Donovan was our speaker for the January meeting last year and his presentations are always fresh, entertaining, and informative. We hope you'll join us. Please be mindful of your personal health. We ask you join us via Zoom if you are feeling ill in any way.

Also coming up in January is our annual, and ever popular, outing to Roaring River with our Veteran's group. This outing always gives us a chance to show appreciation to our Veterans as well as enjoy some quality catch and release fishing in one of Missouri's great trout parks. We can guarantee a warm lunch and great camaraderie – we can't guarantee the weather. We've seen cold days, wet days, and mild days. We never know what conditions we'll be fishing, but we know it's always a good time. Join us January 22<sup>nd</sup>! Full details in the Outings section of this newsletter.

## Trout Fishing in the Library?



*Donavan Clary*

On January 13th Donavan Clary will talk to us about fly fishing Missouri. He is always willing to help fellow anglers with advice, flies and locations and we are definitely in for a treat with this presentation.

During the summer months he guides on the Illinois River for smallmouth, averaging 200 trips a year. Over the winter months he moves to Missouri. His Missouri road trips have gained popularity attracting anglers from Pennsylvania, Colorado, Arizona and nearly every state in between. Including transportation and RV lodging, dutch oven meals and stories around a campfire, these trips offer something you won't find anywhere else. His stories and experiences in Missouri are legendary and something you don't want to miss.

Through these trips he provides opportunities to catch trout, wild trout and large trout, browns, and rainbows in the 10+ pound range. He will provide an overview and share techniques and locations to help you hook up with what he considers, the best trout fishing in the country.

**Date:** Thursday, January 13th

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** Hardesty Public Library

**Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers meet at Hardesty Public Library, 8316 E 93rd St Tulsa on the east side of Memorial Dr and one block north of the Creek Turnpike. Doors open at 6 pm (open discussion and questions) and admission is free. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the**

Not all things new are necessarily welcome. At the end of the 2021 year, we lost one of our great environmental champions and all-around great person, Pat Daly. I can't count the number of times Pat championed our cause as our Conversation Chair, or the number of presentations I've enjoyed because of guest speakers Pat arranged as our Event Chairperson. Pat was one of the first people to welcome me to the Tulsa Fly Fishers organization and was one of the biggest supporters over my years as a volunteer leader. He will be greatly missed, by our entire group and especially by those of us lucky enough to call him a friend. Rest well Pat, you have earned it.

We are fortunate to have many great people involved in our organization, and we'll continue the hard charging fight to protect clean water, angler's rights and responsible stewardship of the rivers, streams and lakes that bring us all together. If you are a current member of Trout Unlimited or Fly Fishers International we thank you for supporting the cause. If you are not a member, there has never been a better time to register and lend your voice to our cause. Together we can make a big impact.

Tight Lines,

**Heath Tiefenauer**  
**President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers**

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## 2022 Meeting Schedule

**February 10th** - Phil Curtis et al - Annual Fly Tying Night

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## Trout in the Classroom

### Trout In the Classroom NEVER takes a day off!

It may be the Christmas / Winter break for schools across the area, but for those teachers with a trout tank in the classroom, there is no break.

The one-hundred to two-hundred trout, all contained in a 55-gallon tanks, with no attention for days on end could spell disaster for any school, and the teachers that watch over them. They take it extremely hard when something happens to the trout during the two-week break.

Here's one example that happened over the Presidents' Day 3-day holiday several years ago at Broken Arrow High. All was well when the teacher

meeting.

## Zoom Link

First you **must** go to the Android, Apple, or Microsoft Store and download the free Zoom App. This link will not work unless you have this App on your electronic device.

Then, click on the link at meeting time, mute your microphone, and enjoy the live TU420 General Meeting.

[January Zoom Link](#)

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## 2022 Conservation Issues

### Conservation is Our Passion

As we close out the year, I wanted to give you all a preview of some of our conservation goals and plans for 2022. It would be impossible to accomplish any of these goals without your support through phone calls, emails, and showing up for the many conservation and fishery causes across the state. Your membership also paves the way for a unified voice of hundreds of anglers, supporting clean water efforts all over Oklahoma. We couldn't do this without you.

**Upper Illinois River:** We will continue to monitor the Joint State Committee that has been meeting for several years now in hopes that they will produce tangible solutions to a growing phosphorous issue. We want to see a coordinated state effort that resolves the current lack of chicken waste disposal tracking and the lack of enforcement of limits and laws that pertain to phosphorous in a scenic river. We will continue to work side by side on this waterway with **Save The Illinois River**, an organization that has been dedicated to the preservation and betterment of the Illinois River for nearly 40 years.

**Lower Illinois River:** After years of fighting for minimum flow for one of our favorite trout streams, a huge hurdle was cleared when the WRDA Act was included in the Omnibus Bill that passed in 2020. The WRDA Act had the Lower Illinois River listed as one of the many water bodies that would receive federal funding for habitat improvement and enhancement. While this was a landmark win, it will take years before the positive effects of this victory will look like consistent water in the river. There's likely going to be studies and lots of other delays before we see the stream get minimum flow consideration. We will continue to remind the Corps of Engineers that it is their responsibility to now start moving forward with studies and eventually

shut down the classroom on Friday evening. When the school opened for class on Tuesday the entire tank was dead. All of them. But there were no signs of any problems. Lights were on, water was cool, bubbler was running just an entire floating mass of dead trout. Upon further investigation it was found that, over the weekend, some construction was happening in the science wing of the school and ALL the electricity was shut off. No cooling, no bubbling, and that spells death. Another tragedy occurred last year during the height of Covid when a crew came into a classroom and sprayed everything with disinfectant. Even though the tank was covered, the bubbler managed to pull in enough of the stuff to kill off 90 % of the sensitive little critters.

These experiences are all “live and learn” moments as students analyze and teachers anguish over what happened. For the next several weeks I’ll be holding my breath in hopes that I don’t hear any bad news from any schools.

**You can follow along as the year progresses at TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM on Facebook.**

**Scott Hood**  
Education Coordinator for TU420

## Outings Poker

We’ve started the event again, if you missed the October event you still have the rest of our 21-22 season to catch up and collect your cards.

What is Outings Poker?

Outings Poker is an event-oriented game that lasts the entire 2021-2022 season. No purchase is necessary, and everyone is welcome to play!

How to play:

- Receive 1 fly fishing themed playing card for each outing or special event you attend.
- Cards will be distributed at the start of events.
- Each card will be stamped with a letter. The location of the stamp for each event will be different.
- At the end of the season the player with the best traditional 5 card poker hand wins a prize!
- Your 5-card hand can only contain 1 card from each event. Any hands with duplicate markings will be disqualified.

allocate a certain amount of Tenkiller’s waters to the LIR.

**Arkansas River:** We’ve been working extremely hard for the last three years to try and get fishery protections and considerations within the Zink Dam project. Our goal is quite simple, to get the city to keep the dam gates down during the the most vital and productive spawn months. We have it on good report that a couple of the more concerned City Councilors will be organizing stakeholder meetings throughout this next year to try and find a path forward to solving our ecological concerns. Thanks to everyone who has shown their support already by showing up to the many Tulsa City Council meetings in 2021, I hope that your resolve will continue throughout 2022. Our river will need it.

**Jake Miller**  
Conservation Chair

## January's Raffle Prize



Handsome wooden fly box filled with a variety of popular dry, wet and nymph patterns.

Must be present to win! Raffle tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

## The Trout Pond for Tulsa 2021-22

For over 15 years now your OKTU420 Chapter and The Tulsa Fly Fishers along with NatureWorks has supported the Trout Pond for Tulsa and this year and next will be no different.

- It is not necessary to fully spell TROUT as long as there are no duplicate markings.

Cards will be available at every monthly outing and certain special events.

## Worst Day Fishing Beats...



The Friday before was seventy degrees in temperature. On Saturday morning, the air temperature had dropped to thirty-eight degrees. This sudden change in the weather doesn't bode well for fishing. Unfortunately, no known deterrent to littering has been found. Within an hour, all participants were able to fill their thirty plus gallon plastic trash bag with empty liquid containers, discarded paper, and assorted junk found along the banks of the Lower Illinois River.



The bright point of the day was Heath's delicious chili. After depositing our full trash bags at the collection point at Watts, we commenced a hot lunch. Conversation began with TU420 business, and then settled in for the important stuff: fishing tales.

The repast complete after several helpings, we adjourned to the River to see if the fish were as

**Welcome to THE TROUT POND FOR TULSA!**  
 OK fishing license req'd / Limit 3 trout per day/per angler / No culling Under 16 years old, no license req'd / One fishing rod per angler

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**TROUT UNLIMITED**

**KIDS ONLY DAYS!**  
 Only kids ages 15 & under, when accompanied by an adult, may fish on these days:  
 December 25-January 1  
 Martin Luther King Day  
 President's Day

Sponsored by: Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & TroutWorks  
 Section Header: Tulsa County Parks & Recreation and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation  
 Please report any violations to the Game Warden at 918-851-9352

Trout will, once again, be stocked at The Gardens Park Pond at LaFortune Park (corner of Hudson and 51<sup>st</sup> Street) late in December and just in time for a week-long period called KIDS ONLY DAYS. The pond will be closed to fishing after the first stocking and opened on Christmas Day until January 1<sup>st</sup> but then, only to kids under 16-years old. (Adults may fish with the children if the children are also fishing.)

Additional stockings will occur just days before Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and these 2 national holidays will also be designated as **Kids Only Days**.



*700 Trout being stocked in December*

Members of OKTU420 and TFF are encouraged to drop by the pond, any day, to watch over it for violations of the 3 fish per day limit or for adults fishing on kids only days, with out the kids, to help others with fishing and of course, to fish. (If you see a 3 fish limit violation, call the game warden. He has already reached out to offer his help in that situation.) If you see someone fishing on a kid only day ... offer a gentle reminder for them to "please read the sign" and to please come back on a day

hungry as we had been. It was not to be. Some fish were caught and released, but most fishers came up empty. Nevertheless, the good company and being at the river far outweighs most choices available to today's angler. Please join us at our next outing at Roaring River.

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## Learn To Fly-Fish 2022

### Jenks Adult Education Has Set the Spring 'LEARN TO FLY FISH OKLAHOMA' Date

Twice each year OKTU420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers offer a basic course in fly fishing. This clinic is a one-day course that covers many aspects of fishing and has been attended by literally hundreds of newcomers to the sport over the past 6 years.

Members who have been asked by someone in their family "please teach me to fly fish" should consider getting that person enrolled into this class BEFORE you try to teach them yourself. ( It will save you tons of grief.)

Cost of the clinic is \$30. Held at the Jenks High School Aquatics Center on **Saturday, March 5th from 9am to 2pm**. No equipment is needed to attend however anyone with their own fly rod and reel is encouraged to bring it with them. There is a short break for quick snack at the midpoint of the meeting. (BYO)

Class is limited to 20 and will fill up so be sure to sign up early.

Here is a direct link to sign up today:

[TU420/TFF Fly-Fishing Class](#)

**Scott Hood**  
**OKTU420 Youth and Adult Education Coordinator**

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## Sowbug Fly Tying Contest

Rules have been kept to a minimum. The entrant must tie the fly submitted for judging. Each entry must include the name, address, phone number and email address along with two flies for each pattern submitted (they must be exactly the same size, color, etc.). You need to include the recipe for the fly, instructions on how to fish it and the category you wish to have it judged in. There are eleven categories, nymph, dry fly, wet fly, smallmouth bass, bass, warm water, salmon/steelhead, salt water and tenkara. In

set aside for anyone. There are a lot more of those days than there are set aside just for the kids.

Thank you.

**Scott Hood**  
**Youth and Adult Education Coordinator**

If you'd like to donate to either the TIC program or The Trout Pond for Tulsa please do. You're your contribution is Tax Deductible. You can mail a check to: TROUT UNLIMITED OKLAHOMA CHAPTER PO Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155 Designate in the subject area which area you'd like your donation to go. Thank You.

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## Outings

**When: January 22nd**

**Where: Roaring River State Park, Cassville, MO**

**Time: 8:30 AM**

Join us on January 22<sup>nd</sup> for our annual outing to Roaring River. We will host our Veteran's group again this year for a day of fishing and camaraderie. We'll kick off the event at 8:30 in front of the park store and fish the morning then gather for lunch in the pavilion across from the park store at 12:30. A chili lunch will be prepared on site and served by your Tulsa Fly Fishers volunteer staff, taking all the precautions needed.

Outings Poker cards will be available during the lunch session. Please do not bring food to share with the group, we'll have all the fixings provided, you only need to bring your appetite. After lunch fishing resumes until the park closes at 4:30PM. Be mindful of the whistle!

Veterans desiring a fishing buddy or those willing to help as a fishing buddy, please visit the contacts page of [TU420.com](#) and send use the link to send an email to Russell Vaughn.

Please make sure you have your Missouri fishing license, unless exempt.

**Note:** The Park Store will be closed, please get your license in advance(see below).

Porous-soled waders(felt soles) are prohibited at Roaring River. But there are plenty of places to fish from the shore, and wading is only allowed in a portion of Zone 2, of the 3 available fishing zones.

[Fishing at the Roaring River](#)

addition, there is a best in show award.

This year we are adding an additional category, Dave Whitlock pattern. This is homage to Dave, our guest of honor. You may tie any published Dave Whitlock pattern.

You may submit as many patterns for as many categories as you want. You can win a maximum of three categories (best in show is considered a category). All flies submitted will become the property of the contest and will not be returned. Any fly that contains insect parts (legs wings, etc.) will be eliminated from competition. Commercially tied patterns will not be accepted. The decision of the judges is final. Committee members and judges are not eligible to participate in the contest.

To participate, all you must do is send your flies, recipes, and fishing instructions to John Berry, at 408 Combs Ave. Cotter, Arkansas 72626 by Wednesday February 7, 2022. **The winners will be announced on Friday March 25, 2022, at the Sowbug Roundup Shindig which will be held at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church.**

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## Help for Website

Occasionally, you may experience a broken link on one of our web pages. This usually happens as the source provider has done some maintenance requiring a change to that link or is no longer publishing that website.

In either case, if anyone runs into this situation, it would be helpful if you could contact me at:

[tu420web@gmail.com](mailto:tu420web@gmail.com)

So that link can be corrected or removed from the webpage.

Thanks for your help.

**Frank Kohn**  
**Webmaster**

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## Tulsa Fly Fishers

Trout Unlimited is an organization without parallel in the preservation of it's namesake. But many who are members of TU420 are also card-carrying members of **Tulsa Fly Fishers(TFF)**. TFF's parent organization is Fly Fishing International(FFI).

While TU concentrates on Trout, FFI supports Fly Fishing in all it's forms. This universal approach helps you to be successful fly fishing in ponds,

[Roaring River Fishing Regulations](#)

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## Before You Leave Department

You can purchase your necessary Missouri Fishing permits for our upcoming **Roaring Water Outing** before you leave home. Just click on the following link:

[www.mdc.mo.gov/buypermits](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/buypermits)

For Non-Missouri residents, you will need a One Day Fishing Permit - \$8.00.

A Trout Permit will also be required - \$10.00

You will be able to print your permit at home or for an additional \$2.00, the purchase of a Missouri Conservation Card will contain all your permit information. Please allow 2-3 weeks delivery for the Conservation Card, so order today.

Hope to see you at the Roaring River Park!

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## LIR Safety Tips

Gore Police Department: 918-489-5963 or 911

Local Game Wardens – 918-431-2550 or 918-431-2544

(to report fishing/hunting violations)

Gore response time is approximately 5 minutes.

If cardiac, call for help, start hands only CPR, pushing downward 2 inches on center of chest to the beat of "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gee's. If possible, please note time when CPR is initiated. Landmarks to assist emergency response: The Dam, Lower parking lot, Watts, and MarVal's. Also, let them know which side of the river you're on. Accurate information will allow for quicker response time.

If it is a swift water rescue, call 911, or Gore Police Dept, and they will respond in addition to Sequoyah County team.

If a medical transfer is needed, they will LifeFlight from the baseball field in Gore to either Muskogee or Sallisaw hospital.

Always a good idea to carry baby aspirin and Benadryl in your fishing gear. Also, a first aid kit, provided by Trout Unlimited, is located on the back side of the restroom at Watts.

Let's help keep our fellow angler's safe.

[Life saving instructions courtesy Nurse Binnie](#)

lakes, streams, rivers, and oceans.

All of our Officers and Board Members are required to be active members of both TU and FFI, but you can join today without pressure. Just go our website ([tu420](#)) and click on the link:

Join TFF/FYI

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## New Black Bass Rules Proposed for 2022

This year, the Wildlife Department's Fisheries Division proposed a rule change that would allow anglers to keep smaller, more abundant largemouth and smallmouth bass. The proposal aims to remove the 14-inch minimum length limit from lakes and reservoirs, and would allow anglers to keep only one bass greater than 16 inches daily. If approved, biologists anticipate a positive impact on the overall quality of Oklahoma's black bass populations. In addition to the proposed rule change, the Fisheries Division has also requested a black bass tournament exemption, which will be free to obtain. *See the full details [here](#).*

The public comment period for this proposed regulation change and others will open the first week of December. Details will be posted on the Department's website. The public can make comments on the Department's website or through written comments mailed to the Department.

*(Copy provided by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation)*

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### Bonus Feature

## Kelly's Korner

### Winter Fishing on the LIR

I have had a lot to be thankful for this past year and holiday season, but I certainly miss fishing with my Okie friends. January and February are my favorite months for trout on the LIR, and with good reason. The Winter trout season comes with clear water, icy conditions, and mercifully short days making it easy to fish low light conditions twice a day even on bright clear days that make it easier to fool trout. Most days go without crowds, and when there are quite a few fishers on the water, nearly everyone to a name will be friendly and courteous. I have had more than one Super Bowl Sunday to myself at Watts with too many fish come to hand to count.

[Jones](#), our TU420 Secretary.

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## Etc...

It's that time of the year again - Time to renew your Fishing Licenses. Remember, all licenses, including lifetime, do not include a Paddlefish Permit. The good news is that they are free. Download the **Go Outdoors Oklahoma App** for your digital device and take care of all your licensing needs there!

## Input Wanted!

You may not be Gadabout Gaddis, the flying fisherman, but you might be saying to yourself, I could talk for hours spinning tales about my fishing adventures.

We don't need an encyclopedia of anglers antics in the wild, but we are in search of a few tales or tips for our readers to enjoy.

Please don't hesitate to take a firm grasp of the keyboard and reveal to us your experiences or fishing tips (like how to tie a siamese silver beetle bug).

Forward your completed works in Word format and don't forget your pictures to: [Bruce Brewer](#), [rbbrewer1@live.com](mailto:rbbrewer1@live.com)

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## Kelly's Korner Continued

Wild and hatchery trout both like the same water conditions, buggy things to eat and dead drift nymphs. All trout dislike being exposed on bright sunny days, big splashes or shadows, especially multiple false casts essentially the heavily weighted bobber rig on top of their heads. Save the bobber rigs for the deeper water and take care to fish out every cast and the hatchery trout will stay around you all day long. If you are fishing water less 2 or 3 feet deep, you should seriously consider using a tight line method instead. If you are using a bobber, consider a size 16 or 18 zebra midge under the smallest white indicator you can find. I find the trout moving out of the way for yellow or orange floats in shallow water where they let the white bobber float by without moving.



You can expect a few larger fish in the Winter and Spring months. There is a good reason due to the fish growing cycle at hatcheries and a little bit of strangeness in the stocked trout funding. Fish can be stocked from Federal or private fish farms. The state agencies initially fill their trout quotas from Federal hatcheries as these come without direct charges to the Wildlife department. The fish from the Federal hatcheries tend to be quite similar to one another, and typically in the 10-12" range.

When the Federal commitment is filled, stocking trucks are supplemented with fish from private farms. These fish include larger fish and some brood stock veterans. Winter trout fishing in Oklahoma provides the best chance to hook a fish to make you wish you carried a bigger net. The fight potential of 14-16" fish is easily twice of their 12" kin. Fish over 20" are possible, and if you don't believe me, ask Ed Jones, make him show you a pic of Big Betty.

When planning your strategy for the day, it's useful to understand Okie trout are practically all raised in a Hatchery. The fantastic abundance of trout in a particular area on the LIR has more to do with the hatchery schedule than natural factors. While hatchery and wild trout are more alike than different, understanding those differences is key to improving your catch, especially if you fish both stocked and wild trout waters.

Think of hatchery trout as the aggressive school yard bully version of a wild trout. Maybe I should describe this more like a scientist. Even starting from the same batch of eggs, trout that grow up in the wild have quite a bit challenge than those growing up in a hatchery. Individual trout in a hatchery that survive and thrive are those best able to out-compete their classmates for food. Trout bullies bring their aggressive attitude and living habits with them when they arrive at the stream.

In the wild, a baby trout aggressively darting to the middle of the stream or toward disturbances is most likely to end up a trout snack for a heron or other predator. Successful wild fish are the ones who can manage to balance their desire to eat with a serious note of caution, taking cover and staying



Hatchery fish are willing to try most anything once. They will eat, or sometimes bump with their nose, items coming to them in the current they don't recognize. Keep in mind that apparent "takes" or thrown hooks may be because the trout took your fly out of curiosity, rather than as a feeding response. You may be getting curiosity pokes if you are missing strikes or having a lot of fish come "unzipped" before the net. In this case, you are fishing in the right places but probably need a different fly.

Flies retrieved with long casts and steady short strips can offer a full day of catching. Think of the Fly That Catches Everything in this instance, although a size 12 March Brown Wet is one of my favorites for this technique. If the fish are really rising to eat flies of the surface, then short strips of a Size 16 or smaller nothing fly on a fine leader stripped across the surface will generally catch fish. I feel like the fly is getting curiosity strikes, but the direct connection to your rod improves the hookups. Point your rod straight at the fly for the retrieve.

When the really cold weather of the year arrives, start looking for dead baby shad in the water. This is the best match the hatch opportunity on the LIR, with white wooly buggers and jig flies providing a close enough imitation to a dead or stunned shad coming down the river. The trout remember the shad a few weeks after they are gone, and a white wooly bugger or bunny bugger can provide for some exciting days on the water.

Egg patterns have been a regular fly for me for winter conditions for both wild and stocked trout. If I only have a short time to fish in the winter, this is the fly I will be using. They have only gotten better when tied with Eggstacy materials and tungsten bead heads and are what I generally use for the attractor fly with a 2-fly rig.

there long enough for danger to pass. The fish that grow to say 16" have already had plenty of chances to "take a risk," and many of those that do don't make it.

Fishing hatchery trout can provide a big advantage for the fisher in the form of many more opportunities. First, you are more likely to find a place with a lot of fish to begin with. Hatchery fish readily acclimate to silly people waving sticks at them, standing in a row with their buddies telling lies and counting how many they land. It usually does not work that way with wild fish! When a hatchery fish spooks, nearby brethren are less likely to bolt compared to wild fish.

The fresh stockers are not attached to one area of a stream and most swim away from the obvious catch and keep areas after a few days. They naturally congregate in the areas with the best habitat, preferring to hang with the group. If you are a wading fisher and find a pod of fish, there is a better than even chance you will find fish in the same location on the next trip. If you are not catching fish, don't be afraid to explore a little. Keep an eye out for that one trout that seems to rise for no reason. He could be part of a pod of dozens, and those rises are part of an aggressive response of hatchery trout in a group.

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San Juan Worms, Eggstacy Worms and Squirmy Worms and mop flies should find a place in your Winter LIR fly box. A few years back, Phil Curtis tied enough Squirmy Wormys to account for several hundred trout caught in a single morning during a club tournament. The bully trout that always ask for the supersize menu are especially found of white or tan megaworms. If in doubt about using a piece of yarn for a fly pattern, look up Tim Flagler's new video on a double mop as a crane fly imitation.

One hatchery fish behavior you may find surprising is selectivity. If there is an extended period with the same food pattern, hatchery fish can become even more selective to pattern matching than wild trout. I think this may be that for those fish, food came as the same round and brown pellet for most of their lives, so they quickly adapt to a single food diet when one food is readily available.

I hope you are able to make it to the LIR this Winter, and if you are not catching fish, don't be shy and ask around. There are lots of good fishers on the water this time of year and most of them are quite willing to share advice, and maybe a killer fly.

**Kelly Brown**

**Former Tulsan, now living in Oregon**

*(where you can still fish, but you can't pump your own gas)*

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### Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

**February 10th - Annual Fly Tying Night**

**March 5th - Learn To Fly-Fish Class**

**March 10th - General Meeting at Hardesty Library**

**March 24th - 26th - Sowbug Roundup**

"Streamline" is published on the first of the month about a week before the next general meeting.

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