



Tulsa Fly Fishers StreamLines

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SPREADING THE LOVE AND JOY OF FLY-FISHING
THROUGHOUT NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA.

Tulsa Fly Fishers

February Club Meeting Date Changed to 02-12-2008 at
7:00 PM due to Valentines Day.

Tulsa Fly Fishers is sponsoring a family event entitled "ONE FOR THE ILLINOIS RIVER" on March 22, 2008 on the Illinois River just below the Tenkiller Dam. The Play Day will include instruction for fly casting, tying, and fishing. Music, raffles, prizes, and prize-winning barbeque will be available. All proceeds will be donated to improve access, habitat, and water quality of the Illinois River. Everyone is invited to attend and admission is free. Please bring your own chairs. This celebration for the river is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Further information is available on the website TulsaFlyFishers.org or contact the Play Day Chairperson, Valley Branscum at troutbuzzer@Yahoo.com.

Fly Fishing legends Dave and Emily Whitlock along with other great fly fishing guides, instructors and fly tying gurus are scheduled to join together to promote the water quality of the Illinois River. Everyone is invited to join, have fun, win prizes, and learn more about enjoying and protecting our river.

The economic impact of fishing the Illinois River is astounding. However, just imagine how much more of an impact an improved river will bring to our region and throughout our state.

Don't forget to bring your old fly fishing stuff to the February 12th meeting for our annual SWAP MEET...SEE YOU THERE.

February & March Fundraiser Items...

February - C&F Design Fly Box, Model 1506/F. This compact fly box holds up to 564 flies in sizes 14-24.

March - Orvis Battenkill Mid Arbor Reel, size III for 5 and 6 weight lines.

Club Meetings, Outings...Looking Ahead!

Meeting Schedules...

February 12, 2008 (Note: this is a Tuesday Meeting as Thursday is Valentines Day)

March 13, 2008 (Thursday) Meeting

Future Outing Schedules...

February 23rd ... Blue River ... Tishimingo, Oklahoma

March 22nd ... Lower Illinois River ... Gore, Oklahoma

April 12, 2008 ... TFF Outing to the White River, Arkansas

May 10, 2008 ... TFF outing to Lake Pawhuska, OK

June 21, 2008 ... Lower Mountain Fork River, Broken Bow, OK

Jul 31-Aug 8, 2008 ... Green River, Utah

Sept. 20, 2008 ... Elk River, MO

Oct 18, 2008 ... Table Rock Tailwater (a.k.a. Taneycomo) Branson, MO

Nov 22, 2008 ... Lower Illinois River, Gore, OK

Streamer Fishing for Trophy Trout



Big Trout or Trophy Size Trout as we call them, are highly aggressive in nature and very territorial. Once Trout reach trophy potential they become the hunter and other fish become the hunted. These survivors are at the top of the food chain in our streams & rivers. The easiest way to entice these monsters is by slamming streamers aggressively in the waters they lurk.

By: Billy Howard

Of all methods of Fly-Fishing the one that consistently produces large, trophy sized Trout is Streamer Fishing. I was really turned onto this style years ago while watching Striper Fishing.

Many people fish with Streamers but to fish them effectively you have to be relentless. You must hit every deep pocket and slam the waters surface with Big Streamers. You can't be shy or worry about scaring away the fish. You literally want to JERK on the fly line when using this method. The whole idea is to present the streamer in a man-

ner that literally upsets the larger, territorial trout your after. These fish are very aggressive once they reach Trophy Size. They are no longer the hunted in the food chain. They

are now the hunter. A book I highly recommend on this subject matter is Modern Streamers for Trophy Trout. This book is written by Bob Linsenman & Kelly Gallop. The idea is that streamer fishing seduces large Trophy Trout to slam the fly uncontrollably. It triggers their territorial instinctive behavior. They do this even when not feeding. It's an amazing thrill.

Streamer Fishing Seduces Large Trophy Trout to Slam the Fly Uncontrollably. It Triggers their Territorial Instinctive behavior.
Billy Howard

Bass react in this same manner when they are holding to their spawning beds. When fished with a sink tip or sinking line this tactic is deadly. Many times the fish will strike the streamer during the count down or while the fly is sinking. I usually count down either 3, 5 or 7 seconds depending on the depth and sink rate of the sink tip I'm using. I then use hard strips. Many times you will get the strike on the first strip so be ready. Once you have hung into one of these monsters, striping streamers will forever be a part of your fishing tactics. I can honestly say that majority of the larger fish I have caught have come from fishing streamers in this fashion.

Local Club & Trout Unlimited News

A Message from your FFF President – Fred Kirk

For the second year in a row the Federation of Fly Fishers Southern Council has awarded a conservation grant to Tulsa Fly Fishers for Lower Illinois River stream improvements. The check for \$1,000 will be donated to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation specifically for improvements on the LIR at Watt's property. The FFF has been very supportive of our conservation efforts in Oklahoma and I encourage all members of Tulsa Fly Fishers who are not members of the FFF to join now. The FFF has extended their discounted rates for **NEW MEMBERS** through April 15, 2008. A one year individual membership is \$15.00 (normally \$35) but you have to be a dues paid member of Tulsa Fly Fishers to get this rate. The application is available on our web site home page www.tulsaflyfishers.org Complete the application online, print it and send with a \$15 check payable to Federation of Fly Fishers to Fred Kirk 3413 S Columbia PL Tulsa, OK 74105. Any questions, contact fred@tulsaflyfishers.org

Fly Fishing Education – Volunteers Needed

Okmulgee and Dripping Springs State Park will be sponsoring a Fly Fishing Educational Workshop on Saturday April 22, 2008. Together, Tulsa Fly Fishers and Green Country Fly Fishers will provide instruction for this event. We are looking for volunteers who can work with individuals to develop and improve there fly fishing skills. Dripping Springs Lake was designated Oklahoma's first "trophy bass lake".

If you have not seen this place you're missing out on some great bass fishing. Please email fred@tulsaflyfishers.org or call Fred Kirk (918) 625 4277 if you can help with this event.

Tulsa Fly Fishers Green River, Utah Trip

Our club trip for summer 2008 will be to the Green River in Utah July 31 – August 8. We have filled one 4 bedroom suite at the Flaming Gorge Resort for August 3-8 (Sunday-Friday). There are still rooms available at this resort as well as other lodging choices in the area. Individuals are responsible for their own lodging and travel arrangements however Fred Kirk will help you coordinate your stay with other club members if you wish. If interested, please notify Fred (918) 625 4277 or fred@tulsaflyfishers.org For additional information, please refer to the Event Calendar page on our web site. <http://tulsaflyfishers.org/calendar.html> So far, 7 people are planning to go of which 4 have reserved lodging.

SPECIAL NOTICE - Any TFF member interested to going to Kodiak, AK this summer on a "two for the price of one" 6-day 6-night fishing experience of a life time should contact Scott Hood at once ... first come first served... normal trip for two cost is \$4800. This offer is two for \$2400! July 27 to Aug. 2 only see web site www.salterylake.com ... but you must contact Scott for "the deal." It's a good one, someone should take it! If there is no interest in it by Feb. TFF meeting it goes back to them.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



If you missed the clubs Fly Tying event in January you missed a real treat. All the guest tiers had a crowd around their respective tables all night. There was a terrific opportunity to visit with each of them as well as a great opportunity to just get to know each other better. Thanks to all those tiers who gave of their time and experience. Every one really enjoyed it!

And, you ain't seen anything yet. Our February meeting (Remember it's on Tuesday, Feb. 12th not the 14th... as that's Valentines Day, hint hint!) will be our clubs return of THE SWAP MEET! We all own a few items we can do without and we all want something someone else has ... maybe your paths will cross! Just bring items to the meeting and get ready to trade them or sell them. Your club will also have a table set up that you can just donate your item or items and let the club sell them for you, keeping the money collected for future TFF club projects. It should be real fun and another great time to just schmooze with other club members... BRING MONEY TO BUY STUFF TOO!

The Roar River Outing was another great success. Thanks once again to Joel Kantor for supplying that tasty brisket! Joel it was wonderful and we appreciated it way too much! At least I did! Fishing was a bit tough for me at least, I hate it when you can see the fish and they keep looking at your fly and not just eating the darn thing... very frustrating. But a couple heart stopping moments always seems to bring us back to The Roaring River... I saw one fish, it had to be 24 to 25 inches take a swipe at a woolly bugger I was throwing and it took my breath away. Wow was it BIG!

Bounty Offered... not really, but the State Wildlife Department is on the hunt for baby trout on the lower Illinois. If you catch a fingerling, a trout smaller than your index finger, please let me know... Also take a picture of it, if you have a camera, a close-up... if you don't have a camera just remember where you caught it, what day and time and let me know. I'll forward your information to the fish biologist. The state wants to know if natural reproduction is happening on the LIR, it's important! ... **"We will take seriously any information that can lead us to verifying trout reproduction in the lower Illinois River."** Chris Whisenhunt OWDC Fisheries Biologist. If you catch one let us know.

See you all on the 12th of February!

FISH ON!
 Scott Hood
 President
 Tulsa Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited
 Trout Unlimited Indian Nations Council Chair

City of Sapulpa, Pretty Water Lake
 Stocking Schedule
 2007-2008 Trout Season



918.227.5151

DATE	POUNDS	APPROX. # OF FISH
10/31	1100	2,420
11/12	1000	2,245
12/3	1000	2,245
12/17	850	1,870
1/2	1000	2,245
1/14	850	1,870
1/28	850	1,870
2/11	650	1,430
2/25	650	1,430
3/27	650	1,430
TOTALS	8,600	19,055



FLYFISHING AND LIFE RULES TO LIVE BY

Fly fishing always seemed so complicated. I had always wanted to learn to fly fish; however, I did not think I could become proficient in casting, hooking and catching fish. When my physician told me that I needed a hobby and a life style change, I decided that I was going to learn to fly fish.

A few years ago, I learned so much about fly fishing from a guide at the famous Madison River in Ennis, Montana. This old guide appeared with his drift boat at the fly shop. His clothes were disheveled with floatant all over his clothes and his hands visibly shaking from what appeared to have been an overnight drinking spree. My first thought was “this was going to be a long, miserable day”. I have never been so wrong about first impressions. This guide knew the river, the hatches and where the fish were located.

After we were on the river, the guide asked me what are the most important questions to ascertain while fishing on any river. He explained that the acronym was POPA.

- ✦ “P” PREPARATION—You must prepare with the right equipment to match the fish you are pursuing. Additionally, having the right flies are equally important.
- ✦ “O” OBSERVATION—Upon arriving at any river, you must observe the flow of the river, the most likely spots which hold fish, and how the fish are feeding.
- ✦ “P”—PRESENTATION—This ability is the most important trait one can attain. You can have the right fly and the right equipment and never catch a fish without the proper presentation. Presentation includes certain rules such as mend upstream, except in an eddy. A natural free drift will allow you to catch more fish.
- ✦ “A” ADAPTATION—Adaptation is one of the most underrated abilities one can acquire in fishing. Each day at the river is a new puzzle. The ability to change the way you fish will allow you to catch more fish more often.

In fact, if you really think about it, all of the above is a really great way to fish as well as a great way to live your life.

Provided by: Valley Branscum

Palomar Knot

The Palomar Knot is a general-purpose connection used in joining fishing line to swivels, snaps, hooks and artificial lures. The double wrap of line through the eyelet provides a protective cushion for added knot strength.



1. Double the line and form a loop three to four inches long. Pass the end of the loop through hook's eye.

2. Holding standing line between thumb and finger, grasp loop with free hand and form a simple over-hand knot.

3. Pass hook through loop and draw line while guiding loop over top of eyelet.

4. Pull tag end of line to tighten knot snugly and trim tag end to about 1/4".

Volunteers Needed

With preparations under way for a great time on the Lower Illinois outing 'One for the River' March 22, We are looking for volunteers to help with food service. We will be selling BBQ sandwiches and need as many helpers as we can get for 1/2 to 1 hour shifts between 11am and 2pm. We don't want you to miss out on the fun with you families so we are hoping to limit the time to 1/2 hour increments. Since we still have lots of time we will do sign up closer to the time, but just wanted to start everyone thinking about when they could help. The invitation is not limited to club members, we would appreciate anyone that volunteers.

Thanks in advance as we know everyone is always willing to pitch in.

Sandi Scott & Ed Kessey

MEMBER NOTICE!

To all members of Tulsa Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 & FFF: Make sure you have your email junk filters set to accept email from brhoward@cibtulsa.com so you can receive the monthly Tulsa Fly Fishers, Streamlines newsletter without interruption. If your filter is not set to allow email and attachments from my email you may not receive pertinent club news & information.

Tulsa FlyFishers 2008 Membership

Name _____	Regular membership \$15 _____
_____ renewal _____ Same address as on file	
Address _____	Supporting membership \$25 _____
City _____	Junior membership (under 17) \$7.50 _____
State _____ Zip _____	
Home phone _____ Work _____	Membership patch \$6 _____
Spouse name _____	
	Total _____
E-Mail Address _____	

Make checks payable to Tulsa FlyFishers, P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155

Tulsa Flyfishers and the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet the SECOND THURSDAY of each month except July, August and December at the MARTIN REGIONAL LIBRARY, 2601 South Garnett, at 7 p.m.

Fly of the Month



SCUD

Things needed:

Hook - Partridge Flashpoint SHR (Barbless) or Mustad Signature C49S. Sizes 12 - 20.

Thread - 8/0 Gray.

Body - Wapsi Gray Rabbit Dubbing.

Scud Back - Clear plastic of your choice.

Rib - Small Copper Wire.

Head - Tungsten Bead (optional).