

FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER



**Tulsa Fly Fishers FFF
Southern Council Affiliate
Trout Unlimited - Okla Chapter #420**



Photo of the many gathered at the January 2010 Roaring River Outing.

ROARING RIVER OUTING

What a great turnout for our annual Roaring River Outing on January 23, 2010. We had over forty-five fly fishing enthusiasts representing three different clubs, brave a wet, soggy weekend to enjoy a first class event.

By now, everyone knows that Syd and Sandi Scott are coordinating the meals for our monthly events and what a fantastic job they have done! Good food was certainly the highlight of the day and Joel Kantor continues his most generous tradition of providing barbeque brisket and killer dill pickles. Thanks to Art and Penelope Webb for their providing shrimp gumbo and Mark Ballew for his chili. I would also like to thank the rest of you (Unnamed Saints) who brought wonderful dishes including great desserts.

Fishing was pretty good better for some than others. Raymond Yee was one of the "others" who caught a rainbow that went 20" on Sunday morning. Too bad that wasn't the case for the rest of us.

One conspicuous absence was Vice-President, Greg Dodds, who volunteered to deliver the great flies from our January 14th Fly Tying Extravaganza to the Mountain River TYATHON in Cotter, AR. Greg also tied and represented Tulsa Fly Fishers at the fundraiser for benefit of Tiffany Johnson.

All in all, it was a great way to start a New Year with many like-minded folks getting together to share good food and fellowship. It just gets me excited for upcoming outings and spring fly fishing season. We all should look forward to sharing our fly fishing addiction.

TULSA FLY FISHERS' NEWS

Next Monthly Meeting is: Thursday, February 11, 2010, 7:00PM at the Tulsa Public School Fulton Professional Development Center 8906 E 34th Street, Tulsa, OK 74145 Phone (918) 925 1102. This meeting is our annual FLY FISHING SWAP. The public is always welcome to attend!

TULSA FLY FISHERS' NEXT OUTING: **Saturday, February 27, 2010~** This month's outing will be at Beaver's Bend State Park fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River (LMF). The LMF trout stream is currently receiving extra trout stockings to make up for the missed stockings during recent flooding. The fishing should be even better than usual. If wish to meet fish with others from the club, some TFF members will be meeting at the Three Rivers Fly Shop that day at 9:00 a.m. BYOS (bring your own sandwich) for lunch and TFF will furnish chips and drinks. TFF will meet for lunch around 12:15 p.m. at primitive camp ground across from canoe rental. For more information or directions please contact Greg Dodds at (918) 809-4629.

NEWS AROUND THE AREA

Tiffany Johnson Benefit Fund

I was fortunate to participate in a tying benefit for Tiffany Johnson at the Mountain River Fly Shop in Cotter Arkansas on January 23, 2010. The event was very well attended by some of the best tiers and guides from Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

If you don't know Tiffany, she is a vibrant young outdoors woman who is often seen with her husband Chad Johnson in the woods or on the river. Chad is a local guide who works for the Mountain River Fly Shop. Just before Thanksgiving 2009, Tiffany was diagnosed with multiple brain tumors and a syrinx at the base of her skull which extends down her spine. After a couple of surgeries, she was paralyzed from her waist down. On the day of the Tye-A-Thon, we were greeted by Tiffany and learned she had regained some mobility in her legs. She came to the fly shop smiling looking great and spoke with everyone. Tiffany and Chad were truly moved by the amount of people and support that had come together for this event.

The Fly Fishing Community is small but growing every day thanks to the efforts of people like members from the Tulsa Fly Fishers and other area clubs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members of the Tulsa Fly Fishers, Green Country Fly Fishers, Prairie Fly Fishers and all the tiers that participated in our 2010 Fly Tying Extravaganza. Special thanks go out to Dick Turnbull for organizing the event. I was proud to take two large fly boxes full of flies to Steve Dally the event organizer for the Tye-A-Thon. Steve Dally asked me to express his gratitude to the many who contributed to the donated flies. He will place them in an online auction at the end of February to further benefit Tiffany Johnson. Watch for that on Mountain River Fly Shop's website at <http://mtnriverflyshop.com/>. The auction will feature fly fishing items and trips from all over the world.

Once again to my fellow members of The Tulsa Fly Fishers and friends, YOU DID GOOD!

Greg Dodds, TFF Vice President

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am proud that our January 2010 Outing to Roaring River had a grand total of 45 people, our best ever. The fishing was just mediocre due to the high water. However, I think everyone caught fish. Some were just larger than others. It was a mild, peaceful day and being on the river was rejuvenating.

Our friends from the Bartlesville area and I were discussing the possibility of arranging a joint outing with TFF and Green Country Fly Fishers sometime in May to the Mined Lands in Kansas. The mined lands are located across the state line from Miami, OK. If you have not had the privilege of fishing this great place, you should join in the fun.

Last year I took a trip with some of my fishing buddies to find out what all the fuss was about the mined pits. I found out all right, we all caught some of the largest blue gill I have ever witnessed along with trout, catfish, and largemouth bass. I have been told that some of the mined pits are filled with walleye as well. If you wish to camp, there are some remote facilities. If you wish to stay at the Super 8 in nearby Parsons, Kansas, it is about 10 miles from the pits. Green Country Fly Fishers is proposing that we have this outing on May 22, 2010. Upon the final arrangements, we will announce the exact date. I invite all of you to bring your kayaks, canoes, john boats, etc. Some of the pits have fishing from the bank; however, it is best that you have some kind of water transportation.

We are in the midst of trying to make our monthly newsletter more informative and interesting. We would like to announce that we are having a writing contest commencing in September 1, 2010 and ending October 1, 2010. The article should have 500 words or less, the subject should be about fly fishing, and there should be at least some element of truth. My co-editor, Greg Dodds and I will choose the winner. The winning story will be published in our newsletter and the writer will receive a Tulsa Fly Fishers fishing cap. Come on and write about some of your adventures or mis-adventures as the case may be. The art of good story writing is always in demand.

Some of the members of our club are in the process of setting up a fly tying class at D&B Outfitters. D&B is a long time supporter of our club and is willing to help. If you are interested, please contact either Dick Turnbull at (918) 698-0726 or Greg Dodds at (918) 809-4629. Watch for the exciting event. Fly tying is one of the greatest aspects of fly fishing.

Our next outing in February is scheduled for the Lower Mountain Fork River. I believe this will be a good time to go before all the kids and parents are on Spring Break from Texas and Oklahoma. I think it will be fun and we can only hope and pray it is not in the middle of an ice storm. We will be announcing a date for the outing soon. Hope to see you on the river.

Valley Branscum, President of Tulsa Fly Fishers



NEWS FROM TROUT UNLIMITED

Update on THE TULSA TROUT POND: Please take a kid or a grandkid fishing.

February 15 and March 15 are designated "Kids Only Days" and TFF / TU members are encouraged to take a kid fishing. (16 and under on those days.) However, those adults with kids fishing may fish along with them and share the fun! The Trout Pond was stocked on February 1st and we saw a number of fish go in the pond that would top a scale at 2+ lbs. Plus, for some added fun our friends at Crystal Lake tossed in a few of their famous **GOLDEN RAINBOWS!** Catch one of those and you'll want to make sure that you brought your camera along.

Date Change: Do to a conflict there has been a date change in the Big Brothers & Big Sisters outing to the Tulsa Trout Pond. Now Saturday, March 6th from 10 am to 2 pm. All TFF/TU members are invited to come and to help with those that may want to learn to cast a fly and to just help out with your general fishing knowledge. Bring your fly rod and show'em how it's done.

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Volunteers Needed: The Annual NatureWorks Art Show is coming to Tulsa Feb.26-28. Our NatureWorks friends have asked if members of Trout Unlimited or TFF would help artists unload before the show and then help reload after the show. Volunteers are asked to help unload on Friday morning from 7:30 am until whenever Friday (completed by noon, but a few hours early will help most of all.) And then for helpers to reload Sunday, Feb.28th after 5:30 pm. ALL WHO HELP WILL RECIEVE A FREE PASS TO THE SHOW!

Please contact Scott Hood at a TFF meeting or e-mail Scott at ... shood91849@aol.com if you can help.

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Members of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited are invited:

The 89er Chapter of Trout Unlimited's **15th Annual Banquet and Auction** will be held **Saturday, March 6, 2010** at Sportsman's Country Club, 4001 NW 39th Street, OKC. Preview of all auction items starts at 5:30 pm. Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm.

Tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 for all tickets picked up or purchased at the door. See the 89'er web site for more information. www.89ertu.org. Anyone interested in sharing a ride should contact Scott Hood... shood91849@aol.com

FISH ON!

Scott Hood

Trout Unlimited
Indian Nations Council NLC Representative

Tulsa Fly Fishers 2010 ANNUAL DUES: DUE January 2010

You can send your dues to P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155 or pay at them in person at our monthly meeting. As a reminder, to be eligible to win the drawing for the Orvis rod you must be a dues paid member of Tulsa Fly Fishers. Your dues of only \$15 help insure we have available funds to bring a variety of quality speakers to our meetings throughout the year. (Membership form is on the last page.)

This is also a good time to renew you STIR membership and help protect the Illinois River <http://www.illinoisriver.org/>

WHO ARE WE? Tulsa Fly Fisher's is a fishing club, a "fly fishing" club and affiliate of the Federation of Fly Fishers - Southern Council. Membership is open to anyone in the community who shares our interest in fly fishing, conservation of natural resources and the objectives of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers. Tulsa Fly Fisher's members meet jointly each month with the Okla. Chapter of Trout Unlimited. We welcome everyone, regardless of paid membership status in TFF, TU or FFF-SOC to participate in our monthly meetings, outings or volunteer events.

Tulsa Fly Fisher's membership is separate from TU and FFF-SOC and the cost is \$15 per year. TFF dues help us cover the cost of our monthly programs, affiliate membership in the FFF and giveaways such as the FREE Orvis Zero Gravity Fly Rod drawing to be held in November 2010 at our regular monthly meeting. The rod drawing is your incentive to help support Tulsa Fly Fisher's. Every time you attend a TFF meeting, outing or volunteer for a fund raising event you will be entered in the FREE Orvis Rod drawing. The more you participate, the more chances you have to win. The rod drawing rules for participation and membership form are available on our web site: http://tulsafllyfishers.org/Join_The_Club.html

MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW



Tulsa Fly Fishers Membership Form

Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please specify:

- Regular Membership (\$15.00)
- Supporting Membership (\$25.00)
- Junior Membership (under 17 years) (\$7.50)
- Membership Patch (\$6.00)

Make checks payable to:

Tulsa Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155