



Streamline

February 2016

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

Event Calendar

February 11 - General Meeting - Fly Fest, see article below

February 27 - Outing - Lower Illinois River

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.](#)

General Meeting

Fly Fest

The February meeting on the 11th will present some of our better tyers demonstrating their skills. They will also teach you how to tie their favorites. Even if you have never tied before they will present flies that the novice can neatly and accurately finish. Materials will be on hand to complete all flies so bring you gear. Equipment will be provided if you don't have tying tools, just let [Mike](#)

Follow us Facebook

There are now **597** members on Facebook and growing. 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.](#)

Other Facebook groups our members support are:

Tulsa Fly Tyers - 57

Tulsa Area Trout In The Classroom - 44

Oklahoma River Warriors - 155

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

[Shuman](#) know you need them.

The flies being tied will be shown on the large screen in the auditorium. There will be experienced tyers on the floor to provide help as needed.

These are the tyers and the flies to be tied:

Phil Curtis - Copperhead Midge 6/0 black thread. This is Phil's most productive midge for trout.



David Games – Gold Ribbed Hares Ear
6/0 brown thread



John Sellars – John Berry's Green Butt. a White River "must have." Tied with 6/0 rusty brown thread.

Oklahoma

PHWFF

Lloyd Wicker Memorial 2 Fly Tournament
Cotter Arkansas on the White River.

June 11th 8am-4pm

Starting from Fultons Lodge

Fund raising tournament to
benefit Project Healing Waters Fly
Fishing OK

Prizes for 1 place - 3rd place
35 dollars per entry.

Questions?

Contact Chris Gorman at

phwffok@gmail.com

Directions to Fulton Lodge

From US 62 East in Flippin:

After you cross the bridge on the White River, the highway will climb a long hill. At the top of the hill turn left on County Road #1 (Denton Ferry Road). After 7 ½ miles, turn left on county road #703. 703 is a loop road near the river so it has two entrances to county road #1. The second



Mike Shuman – Bob Clouser's Suspender 3/0 white and/or red threads. Mike has caught all of the bass family on this fly as well as crappie and bream.



Dry and Wet Suspender

If you tie, bring your tools and the threads indicated (if you have them).

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.

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entrance is the shortest, and we have a sign on that corner. Lodge is about 1/4 mile on the right. If you miss the turn on to 703, county road #1 will turn to gravel within 100 feet.

Womens Initiative

Hey Ladies,

There always seems to be too few hours in the day, and yearning for the long days of summer linger in my thoughts. But this week brought good news, *Phil the Groundhog* failed to see his shadow; *wahoo* Spring's just around the corner. Ok, I know this is a silly measure and Phil's predictive skills haven't been the best in recent years but a girl can dream can't she. Getting on the water is clearly in my day dreaming so plan on joining me February 6th & March 5th at 12pm-2pm at the Herman & Kate Kaiser Library to practice our casting, talk everything fly-fishing and plan for a spring outing. Let's make those Spring Dreams happen!

Terrie

President



Hello,

My first trip to Rim Shoal was on a guided trip with Bob Berry out of Cotter Arkansas. Originally I had booked a fly casting lesson with another gentleman who unfortunately fell under the weather a few days before our lesson. Blue Ribbon offered me a full day's guided trip with Bob for half the price since my lesson got cancelled. Bob and I waded out into the water about 50 yards above the riffle and he tied on a Caddis emerger that he called the Green Butt. This fly didn't look like there was much to it, and to be honest, I was hoping to do some dry fly fishing.

Bob had me cast the fly out up river and swing it with a wide arc in my line. First cast, boom! That trout hit the fly like he was a lightning bolt with precision



Terrie Blackburn and friend

Did You Know?

By: Pat Daly

State Bill SB 777 a permanent change to the Oklahoma Constitution that could impact conservation and water quality efforts forever... forever is a long time.

This bill is really about water quality and conservation.

State Bill SB777, if enacted, might take away your legislators constitutional rights to introduce meaningful laws on behalf of Oklahoma citizens. The bill is ill worded

accuracy. Bob told me to cast 3 times and if I don't get a bite then I need to take a big step forward down river and cast again. I didn't move from my original spot from the first cast until I had netted 10 trout. The rest of that day turned out to be one of my best days on the White River and my second biggest fish to date.

When I got back to Tulsa I had about 5 Green Butt's left from my trip. Heath and I went down to the L.I.R. that Saturday and hiked up to Sellar's riffle at the crack of dawn that morning. I gave him one of the flies, to which he had the same expression I did when he saw it, unimpressed. We sat in the riffle all day till we had flies that looked like a bare hook with a piece of floss hanging up on it.

I had no access to this new fly that I had found to put into my arsenal before my next trip to Watts. It was at that moment that I decided to learn how to tie that fly so I could always make sure I had a few on me. That one incredible experience at Rim Shoals had led me to become something I was not yet ready to delve into, a fly tyer. As with fly fishing in the beginning, I thought that I could spend a few hundred bucks and get everything I needed to begin supplying myself with this new hobby. And just like fly fishing, I was wrong about stopping at a few hundred bucks!

We are have our fly tying extravaganza

OKlahoma citizens. The bill is ill worded and fails to define critical key language

such as "in the states best interest". It fails to state who or what group would define what is in "the states best interest". It does not mention our duly elected representatives making this decision. Enforcement of existing water quality and good conservation laws might not be possible under this bill, and existing laws might even be challenged; they were not protected by the language of this bill.

Oklahoma already has good right to farm laws and our budget is strained. State Bill 777 could result in millions of our taxpayer dollars being spent on lawyers to defend seemingly endless lawsuits that might well be caused by this SB777.

TU is not against farming, and we work with farmers and ranchers across the nation on improving watersheds, but farmers and ranchers must do their fair share to follow anti-pollution rules. This bill would allow some farmers to do less than their fair share, and that is why we object to it. Clean water is essential to OK fisheries, drinking water, and water recreation, and we encourage farmers to work with Trout Unlimited and other stakeholders to clean up OK waterways.

NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?" is a feature of our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think ever member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something

for our monthly meeting this February in order to give our members who have never tied a fly the chance to get their feet wet without having to spend money on the equipment. It's a good way of getting the mechanics down and further developing your skills as a fly fisherman or fisherwoman. I hope to see you all there, and I will be giving instruction on how to tie the Green Butt that is now a fly that will never leave my fly box.

John Sellars, President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

Lower Illinois River Outing

The outing will be on Saturday, Feb. 27. A day trip to the always popular Lower Illinois River

Meet back at the Watts area parking lot for a group lunch. Hot dogs and chili and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and your fish tales to share with the group! After lunch we'll disperse again and fish until we're tired.

(the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

TFF Dues Changed

Dues for 2016, and following years, was changed by the approval of the revised bylaws at the November meeting. Fees this year are:

- Regular \$20
- Supporting \$25
- Youth \$8
- Lifetime \$150

At the meeting on January 14th you may pay by cash or check. Checks may also be sent to

Tulsa Fly Fishers
PO Box 54108
Tulsa OK 74155

Membership of the TFF may go to www.tulsaflyfishers.org to review the revised bylaws.



The ODWC will resume its normal trout stocking schedule on the Lower Illinois River **beginning next week** (several stockings will take place during the week to get trout numbers up as quickly as possible). As always, please be careful when wading the river. Recent flood events may have changed channel contour and areas you were once familiar with may look much different.

Information from the Feb. 3 ODWC "Fishing Report."

Beginners Fly Tying Class

This spring we'll offer a Beginners Fly Tying class. The class was especially designed for those who would like to learn without investing in materials and equipment. The club will provide the materials and loan you the tools to explore a variety of techniques and types of flies. The flies are examples of their fly type and the techniques are applicable to other like flies.

2016 Schedule

The Meeting room has been scheduled for 2016. Two of the dates will **NOT** be on the usual second Thursday due to library events that are held that day. However, all will be on a Thursday.

- January 14
- February 11
- March 10
- April 7 - **a week early**
- May 12
- September 15 - **the third Thursday**
- October 13
- November 10

Remember we do not meet at the library during June, July or August. The December meeting is the annual dinner meeting.

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.



The 2016 National Fly Fishing Film Tour is coming to town!

The cost is \$40 for the 8 weeks of instruction. Here's the schedule and a brief syllabus:

- 3/2 Tools use and general terminology and a basic wet fly
- 3/9 Improved Woolly Bugger - palmering and counter winding
- 3/16 Gartside's Gurgler - fun with foam
- 3/23 Clouser's Deep Minnow - bucktail handling tips
- 3/30 Pheasant Tail Nymph - a proven fish catcher
- 4/6 Elk Hair Caddis - a durable dry fly
- 4/13 Zebra midges - the most common fly used on the LIR
- 4/20 Tap's Bug - spinning deer hair

We will meet in the classroom at the Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow. From the front door it's on the second floor and back in the right hand corner; look for the restroom sign. Class starts at 6:30, but the instructor usually arrives around 6 to set up the room. Class usually ends by 8:45 and we're out of there by 9:00.

We have 10 sets of tools to loan, you are welcome to bring your own, but class size is limited to 12 participants as a lot of one-on-one assistance is usually needed by beginners. If you would like to participate contact Mike Shuman at okflyfisher@aol.com or 918-443-

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Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly
Fishers.](#)**

This popular event will be held Friday, March 25th in the Coterie Theater at Montereau, [6800 S Granite Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136](#)

Doors open at 6:30pm and the show will begin at 7:00
All proceeds go to our Oklahoma Chapter 420 Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers for education, fly fishing instruction, stream restoration and conservation efforts.

This is a major fundraiser for our Trout Unlimited & TFF chapter. Please support it.

Tickets are \$15 each in advance (cash or check only) beginning mid February at [Backwoods Tulsa](#) 6508 E 51st St, Tulsa. [918-664-7850](tel:918-664-7850) and [The Gadget Company](#) at 104 E 15th St, Tulsa, OK. [918 749-9963](tel:918-749-9963)

Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event. Bring your friends! You don't have to be a member to see this great show.

Come early to meet up with your fishing buddies and get your tickets for the door

Streamline Needs a New Editor



Add this skill to your resume, "Edited and published the club newsletter for ___ years using a Graphic Users Interface from Vertical Response. Emended submitted text, found and integrated photos with text, and wrote articles. Maintained the mailing list data base."

We're looking for someone to take over this function. It involves about 4 hours a month actually editing the paper. You'll need to attend board meetings which will add another hour or two to keep abreast of planned events and activities. Mike Shuman will show you everything you need to know to perform this task. If you're interested contact [Mike](#) before he leaves for North Carolina.

and raffle prizes.

This year's GRAND PRIZE is a guided trip on the famous Green River in Utah with Western Rivers Guides.

Bring your wallet for our big fundraiser!

For more information on this event go to <http://www.tulsaflyfishers.org> or contact Pat Daly, pat@cimtel.net

Trout in the Classroom

Culminates in LIR Release

Release dates for both East Central High School (March 9) and Jenks High School (April 22) have already been set. Members of OKTU and TFF are encouraged to volunteer to help at release outings.

These field trips to the Lower Illinois River are the exciting culmination of the program and are fun to be a part of. Release dates for Union High School and Broken Arrow High have not yet been determined.

Members interested in helping on release dates should contact OKTU's Youth Education Coordinator [Scott Hood](mailto:shood91849@aol.com).
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Scott Hood

OKTU Youth Activities Coordinator

Members, if you have a youth group that you would like to expose to Fly Fishing, fly casting, or fly tying please contact me at shood91849@aol.com .

Two "Summer on the Fly"

Programs are Scheduled

In conjunction with the national Trout Unlimited Headwaters Youth Education Initiative, Scott Hood has announced dates for two "Summer on the Fly" programs for local area youth.

In cooperation with the Jenks Community Education program the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be host to this first ever local program on June 17th and 18th. This "youth only" (10 to 15 yrs old) program will be offered similar to the regular adult fly fishing clinic with a couple additions.



This Summer on the Fly program will be offered at no charge for the participants thanks in part to the local help of NatureWorks. Also, a second day of real fishing will be offer on Sunday afternoon when participants are encouraged to bring parents out to show and share with them what they learned during the clinic. (The location of this outing has not yet been determined.)

Class size on this is limited to 40 and sign-ups are not being taken yet. Check the TULSAFLYFISHERS.ORG web site every so often, Facebook or in this newsletter for the announcement of open sign-up.)

The second Summer of the Fly program will be held in conjunction with Camp Fire's Summer Camp held at Lake Fort Gibson. A single day of the week long summer camp will be dedicated to teaching fly fishing and conservation ethics to those attending the camp and interested in water sports. That day is July 7th.

Volunteers will be needed for the "hands on" fly casting clinic. Camp Fire Summer Camp youth sign-ups begin in the spring. Anyone interested in helping should contact [Scott Hood](mailto:shood91849@aol.com).
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Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- **March 10 - General Meeting - Brian Sloss - Fly Fishing the Eleven Point River in Missouri**
- **March 25 - Fly Fishing Film Tour**
- **March - Outing - TBA**
- **April 7 - General Meeting - TBA**
- **April 14 -16 - Sowbug Roundup Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home AR**

- May 12 - General Meeting - TBA
- May 13 & 14 - Smallmouth Rendezvous at First Baptist Church in Tahlequah OK

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