



Streamline



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



Event Calendar

February 10th - All About Fly Tying

February 19th - Mystery Fly Tournament at LIR

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A Message from Your President



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

Welcome to the February edition of Streamline. We've had a fairly mild winter so far, I hope you've been fishing when you can, and this issue of Streamline finds you well.

The Roaring River outing in Missouri was a great time again this year. Temperatures were cold again this year, but not quite as cold as last year! For most of us the fishing was great, the fish were very willing to take a variety of flies this year. Big thanks to everyone who braved the cold to come out this year and help make this fun annual event a success. In February we're excited to host our 4th Annual Mystery Fly Tournament at the Lower Illinois River. Join us Feb. 19th for this unique event. Check the outings section of our newsletter or [TU420](#) for more information.

In January we hosted both an in-person meeting and a Zoom meeting. Our speaker Donovan Clary did a great job sharing his thoughts, experiences and tip and tricks for fishing Missouri Trout waters. Our February meeting will be our annual fly-tying night. We'll be gathering at Hardesty Library for this meeting, our format this month won't be Zoom friendly, so we hope you'll join us. We'll have multiple fly-tying stations set up for demos, knot tying and a first aid demo as well. Join us for our February meeting at 6:30PM on Thursday, February 10th.

We never know if the last few weeks of winter will surprise us, they certainly did last winter. As we make our way thru the final month of winter, we're looking forward to a lot more fun activities and great events for our supporters this Spring and Summer. This year we'll be supporting several new events, including tournaments, outings, classes and of course our great general meetings.

All About Fly Tying*

**but were afraid to ask*



Joys of Tying Courtesy of Scott Hood

Phil Curtis and his fellow fly-tying fanatics will be displaying their skills at the February General Meeting at the library. Attendees will find this meeting a two-fold fly-tying experience. First, you will be exposed to all the paraphernalia involved in tying flies. Then, Phil and his gang will be tying the most popular and successful flies used at the Lower Illinois River. One person, the raffle winner, will be leaving our meeting with a top-notch fly-tying table to start their adventure in making their own flies.

Those not interested in doing it yourself will get a better understanding about what goes into building their favorite flies. One fly tyer told me that you really don't save any money tying your own flies, but it can keep you busy around the house and a good excuse to put off unattractive chores.

In addition to fly-tying, Nurse Binnie Jones, our Club Secretary, will be bring her resuscitation dummy to teach us CPR and first aid.

This event doesn't translate to Zoom, so we ask you to don your mask and join us at the Library.

Date: Thursday, February 10th

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 meeting.

One of our group's most important efforts is our conservation program. Conversation Chair Jake Miller has been working with several projects and as the legislative session develops and concerns emerge please lend us your support so we can make our voices heard and protect the rivers, lakes, and water ways we all enjoy. This newsletter reaches many diverse and unique people united by our common love of the outdoors and fishing. Your support makes our efforts possible. Now is a great time to renew your TU and/or FFI membership. If you are not a current member, take that first step and join us now. We count on your support now as much as ever.

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

2022 Meeting Schedule

March 10th - General Meeting, Speaker TBD

April 14th - General Meeting, Speaker TBD

Trout in the Classroom

I have heard from several schools after the Christmas break, and I can say "so far so good." I've heard of no catastrophic problems. Some trout have died, and this can be expected as the tanks are somewhat over-crowded in the beginning. This is not a bad thing. Trout in the Classroom is all about water quality and keeping the water clean and clear of nitrites and ammonia is critical. Over population is manageable but tests the students (and their teachers) and creates the learning opportunities that a crisis or two brings about.

I have started taking reserve dates for our field trips to release the fingerling trout and I hope, as those dates become confirmed that I can count on many of you reading this to volunteer some days to come with us to the Lower Illinois River and take part in the day activities. Not only do we release the trout, but we also have some fly casting lessons, invertebrate studies, fly tying demonstrations and a nature walk. I can promise that being a part of a release day is a rewarding experience.

As of this writing I have releases set for Wilson School (March 7th) and Pryor HS (April 6th). If you can spare a day on either of those days please reach out to me at j.scotthood and I will send you details. You can also watch our Facebook groups

2022 Conservation Issues

Conservation is Our Passion

The start of this year's legislative session has begun. There will likely be over 100 bills this year dealing with wildlife and water quality. I will be updating you through the newsletter and on our Facebook page over the next several months to make sure you all stay informed on interpretations and positions of the relevant bills.

We will be supporting the Wildlife Department again this year as they try to pass Senate Bill 774. This bill would give ODWC control over licensing and fees as opposed to the legislature. Look for an event coming up where we will talk about all of the positives of this bill and why we need to encourage our representatives to pass it.

We will be talking to a couple of the Tulsa City Councilors this week about the Zink Dam project. The goal is to get them to commit to holding stakeholder meetings that will allow us to voice our opposition to the current operations plan (or lack thereof) to the city engineers, and hopefully get them to operate the new dam in such a way that considers the ecology and fisheries of the Arkansas River.

Other than that, I hope you all are finding some winter fish throughout this manic winter weather. I'm already thinking about the Redbuds changing and the White Bass running, but I hope the trout are keeping you good company while we wait.

Jake Miller

Conservation Chair

February's Raffle Prize



when I put out volunteer requests there.

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.
- 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.

Feisty Fish/Delicious Dinner



At 8 AM the air temperature was 17 degrees. This translated into frozen eyelets on your rod.

Lone Bison Heirloom Fly Tying Table
(accessories not included)

24 holes for secure tool placement on the toolbar.
8 various sized holes on the "island toolbar" for ease of access to favorite tools.
5 magnetized recesses on the base for control of loose hooks, eyes, beads, etc.
6 solid brass rods to hold up to 18 spools and weights of thread, wire, or tinsels.
Strong base for attaching a "clamping" style vice and light and/or magnifier.
Strategically placed $\frac{3}{8}$ " hole in vice base to support "travel" style vises.
Secondary cross piece to hold glues, hardeners, floatant, or a myriad of other needed items.
8 plastic screw lid bottles are included to hold small items in a more permanent manner.
Serial number and signature on each table to ensure authenticity.
Left-handed version is available.
Slight variations in design will/could occur"

\$285.00 value. You don't want to miss a chance for this prize.

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

The Trout Pond for Tulsa 2022

I've driven by 51st and Hudson and The Gardens Park Pond several times in the past weeks and have noted that there are almost always people, young and old, children, men, and women, there fishing.

A promotional poster for 'The Trout Pond for Tulsa 2022'. The poster is blue and white with a fish logo on the left. The text reads: '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'. Below this, it says 'TU420.COM TROUT UNLIMITED'. The main event is 'KIDS ONLY DAYS! Only kids ages 7.5 & under, when accompanied by an adult, may fish on these days: December 25-January 1 Martin Luther King Day President's Day'. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & TroutWorks. Special thanks to Tulsa County Parks & Recreation and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Please report any illegal activity to the Game Warden at 918-951-5351.' There is a QR code and a 'DONATE HERE' button.

I love seeing this because I know that what is happening there is doing two things: 1.) It's making memories. All types of them, first time fishing, first fish, first trout and others like, shared time with family and friends, just sitting on the banks watching the ducks and geese come and go and the occasional grey heron dropping in to stalk the banks for a fish or two. Just taking some time being out in nature, soaking up some sun and not being inside. Some are even catching trout. 2.) This one is a bit controversial for some, but some people are going there to catch dinner, yes, they are there to fish and catch fish to eat. For some that go there, those fish become an important part

If you dressed for the weather, you could fish in relative comfort. Last year, the wind started up around 10 AM and one felt like a human icicle. This time the weather warmed up as the day progressed.

Someone once said you can't catch the fish you see in the river. I tried to prove that axiom wrong. With a light-colored mop fly, I watched the fish strike my fly several times on every cast. But I failed to hook any fish. In the afternoon, I finally hooked a nice sized trout with a brown nymph under an indicator. You know if I caught a fish, then the rest of our group landed several.

The hours went by fast, and we soon adjourned to the pavilion for lunch. The cold weather was perfect for chili, and Heath's repast warmed our insides. If you are a member of TU420 and/or Tulsa Fly Fishers and you don't partake of our outings, then you are cheating yourself out of a good time, good food, and good fishing.

Plan now to be at our next outing on Saturday, February 19th at the Lower Illinois River.

Learn To Fly-Fish 2022

THE JENKS COMMUNITY EDUCATION "FLY FISH OKLAHOMA" CLINIC FOR MARCH 5TH IS ... **SOLD OUT!**

Stay tuned for additional classes in the future.

Scott Hood
OKTU420 Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

Sowbug Fly Tying Contest

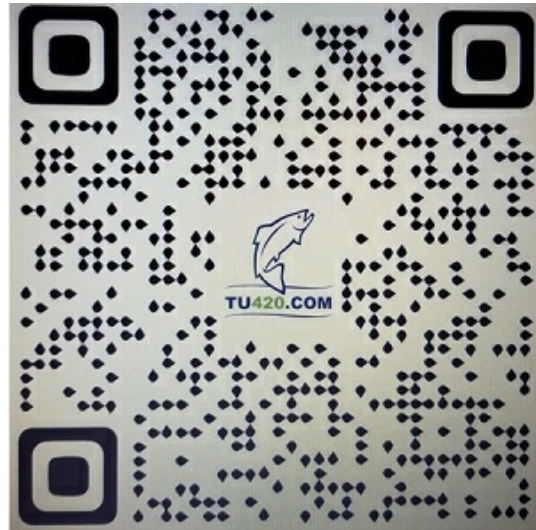
Rules have been kept to a minimum. The entrant must tie the fly submitted for judging. Each entry must include the name, address, phone number and email address along with two flies for each pattern submitted (they must be exactly the same size, color, etc.). You need to include the recipe for the fly, 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 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

of their weekly meal plan. For me, this too is worth the investment our Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fisher members and NatureWorks make to our area and its residents.

I appreciate the second one but lean heavily on all the things that the number one reason for doing it provides. I always will reflect back to a day over a decade ago when the Trout Pond for Tulsa was located at Leake Park pond behind Sunshine Furniture at 71st and Memorial. A day when I stopped by early on a VERY COLD Saturday morning and spotted a young father with his 7-year-old son. The youngster had his warm coveralls on and was dressed for the cold. I visited some with his father and when I turned to walk away the young boy said magic words to me, he said... "You know, there are trout in here?" I responded accordingly, "Yes I know, are you going to catch one?" He said ... "I hope so!" Friends, that's why we do this, and I hope our Chapter continues to support this effort for another decade.



QR Code to Donate at TU420

You can donate to help keep this program going by scanning this QR code to your phone. It will take you right to the donation portal on our web site. Please be generous so some youngster can say ... "You know, there are trout in here!" and then catch one!

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. 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.

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

Thanks for your help.

Frank Kohn
Webmaster

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, 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](http://tu420.com)) and click on the link:

Join TFF/FYI

Outings

Join us on February 19th for our 4th Annual Mystery Fly Tournament. This fun event will feature a fly that should fish well on our local home water, the Lower Illinois River. We'll meet in the Watts parking lot at 8:00AM. Flies will be available for a \$5 donation. Everyone has the opportunity to purchase one fly. Once everyone has purchased a fly, if there are any left, the rest will be made available for additional \$5.00 donations.

After checking in and getting your fly you do not have to stay at Watts. All legal access areas of the river are open to the tournament. Tournament scoring begins at 9:00AM and ends at Noon. Please return to Watts for lunch and to turn in your score. We'll have prizes for the most trout caught, and the biggest trout caught. Lunch is provided by TU420 and will be served at 12:30 in the Watts parking lot.

4th Annual TU420 Mystery Fly Tournament
Watts WMA, Lower Illinois River

8:00AM Sign Up @ Watts Area
\$5 donation per fly

9:00AM Scoring Begins

12:00PM Scoring Ends

12:30PM Results and Lunch @ Watts Area

RSVP at in the Outings section of TU420.com. See you there!

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

Kelly's Korner

Not Every Trout Is Hard To Catch

There is no such thing as a single magic fly and not every fish is hard to catch. That doesn't keep me from standing in the middle of the stream wondering what to tie on next because everything tried so far is a bust. You don't need an exhaustive collection of special patterns or deep understanding of etymology to be a successful Flyfisher. Fish don't care what we collectively think on Facebook, generally eat what they find and come with personalities as varied as the Sunday funnies. Still, somedays seems like I have thrown the entire box at them though when I should have stuck with Yellow Powerbait.

Adams and Ants, Bivisibles and Buggers, Comparaduns, Chironomids, Mop Flies, Megaworms, March Brown Soft Hackles, Eggstacy Eggs, Ham and Eggs, and Egg Sucking Leaches, each of these dastardly creations holds a special place in my flyfishing heart. Right or wrong, I sometimes feel the day will not be a complete success without the right fly. Mental lists such as these are as common to Fishers as fleas to hound dogs.

Don't think that this is silly superstition either. I have shared a number of "hot flies" to fellow stream citizens who were pretty much able to ramp up their catch rate to exceed mine and have been similarly blessed on occasion by friends and strangers sharing their secret patterns. Sharing a "hot fly" is one aspect of flyfishing that sets it apart from other types of tight-line fishing. I am a big fan of the better presentation pattern concept. As a Flyfishing grownup, I want to be that tough guy that can catch every fish on a single pattern, but an accounting of my actual experience suggests having the "right" fly for a circumstance is hard to beat. Besides that, it's more fun to look for a new fly than practice casting in the back yard.

Have you ever wondered why a particular pattern works so well? What goes on inside a fish brain may be unknowable, but that does not keep me from my own inner argument about what fish think while on the water. Does the fly should match the water type and am I keeping it moving the right speed? Patterns spun with natural materials that Wiggle-a-Bit in the water rate favorably in the "how to fool a fish" mental dialog.

Wiggle-a-bit, a technical fly-tying term, is the swimming motion of a soft hackle swung across a

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 Jones, our TU420 Secretary.](#)

Etc...

Don't Touch That Dial Department

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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](mailto:Bruce_Brewer_rbbrewer1@live.com), rbbrewer1@live.com

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Kelly's Korner Continued

It's not too big a stretch to say other predatory fish may use their lateral line sense to chase down

riffle or the movement of marabou or rabbit strips as a bugger pauses between strips. Rubber legs on a frog popper qualify as well. The smaller the pattern, the less wiggle required. The smallest patterns represent prey that has no swimming motion and is quietly drifting along at the same speed as the water. Small hooks tied with wire or thread bodies and no possible wiggle work well for the size 20 and over crowd.

Wiggly-a-Bit elbows and other anatomical parts work especially well for Bass. Most bites seem to come between stripping movements while the fly is still moving according to its design. For the Smallmouth fly box, a "dive to the bottom" fly pattern is requirement. Even better is a pattern that subtly waves once it gets there. Stripers and Sandies seem to prefer chasing down dinner and flies that capture the overall profile of a minnow or a shad works for me.

But what about the other senses? Fish have another sensory tool that can come to play with fly design which is what a fish "feels" with its lateral line. I have Randy Billington to thank for my upgrading my thinking about Woolly Buggers. The first time I was blessed with the chance to learn from Randy we were sitting shoulder to shoulder tying flies for the Orvis 101 event at the Gadget Company. As we talked through flies that morning, he tied a Woolly Buzzer with a hackle stiff enough for the finest dry fly. Randy claims the stiffer hackle is noisy in the water. Stiff hackled flies sometimes generate strikes as you slowly crawl them across the bottom of slow water. I thought of "Vortices" (mini- tornado's). Scientist have shown that carp can sense the movement of prey in the water from the micro-vortices left behind as the prey swims to get away, giving them a sixth sense not available to us smarties with opposable thumbs. They are able to sense and follow the vortices left behind from prey swimming away from them. Next fly on the table was a Crackleback, a signature pattern for Randy that brings the same principles to top water.



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prey. My experience with catching fish in double dirty chocolate water on occasion seems to support the idea of fish being able to chase down prey in brown-out conditions. My favorite dirty water pattern is a large dark colored Woolly Buzzer size 4 on a 6X hook, hackle twice as big as the hook gap. I go through a lot of them. The underwater noise a big, heavily weighted, metal head bugger makes is a big part of the fish attraction.

Carp are the experts in sensitivity when it comes to detecting vibrations. It's damn near impossible to wade up on a carp in still water over gravel but I can usually get close enough for a cast when they are feeding in mud or in a noisy riffle. One secret location where I can use my best deer hunting stealth walk to sneak up to rod's distance to an unsuspecting Carp are the retention ponds along the Kilpatrick Turnpike in OKC. This proves the point that I am quieter than a 70 MPH Soccer Mom in a Suburban and even with Carp, not every fish is difficult to catch.

Seriously though, it's easy to walk up behind a trout in "noisy" moving water, but the same approach does sends trout fleeing in the tail-end of a pool where the outflow is gentle. A good strategy is to consider the ambient underwater noise when looking for that magic pattern. Choose larger and noisier flies for loud water and smaller flies and delicate approaches for quiet water. I am all for catching dumb trout first, but not scaring the wits out of the trout in quiet water is always a sound strategy for a good day.



If chasing carp seems overly fussy or testosterone driven for you, consider targeting Buffalo in clear shallow riffles. Like a trout in a freestone river, you can walk up behind a buffalo within casting distance, especially if you can keep your feet off the loose gravel. Since the natural feeding habitat for buffalo are broad shoals in naturally noisy freestone rivers, they may be a bit hard of hearing. Buffalo eat nymphs and smaller Woolly Buggers readily, but you do have to get the fly within a few inches of their mouth to get a take.

Next time you approach the river or your tying bench, consider sound and vibrations as factors

that make a good fly great in the right circumstance. Good luck with your next fishing trip, and if you have a magic fly, please share it with me!

Kelly Brown

Former Tulsan, now living in Oregon

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

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

March 5th - Learn To Fly-Fish Class(sold out)

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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