

TU chapter 420 – Tulsa FLY FISHER'S **Streamline**

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TU 420 OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
TULSA FLY FISHERS AFFILICATE CLUB OF FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS



photo 'Relaxing with Fly Tying' by Ecuadorrebel

APRIL 14, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting (Rescheduled from February 2011 7:00PM)

Tulsa Public School Fulton Professional Development Center 8906 E 34th Street, Tulsa, OK

We are combing two previous meetings into one this year; a fly tying exposition and our annual swap meet. There will be demonstrations by some of the best tiers in the Green Country area.

Want to learn how to tie a fly for trout, bass or sunfish?
Need that special "new to you" rod, reel or waders?
Have fly-fishing gear that you don't use, but is in good condition? **Attend the 2nd Annual Fly Tying Extravaganza and Swap Meet.**

When – April 14 at 7:00 pm

Where - TPS Fulton Professional Development Center at 8906 East 34th Street.

To help people learn to tie basic flies three "Newbie" stations will be set up for those who want to try their hand at constructing a fly for:

Trout - elk hair caddis, instructor is John Johnson

Bass - olive wooly bugger, instructor is Scott Hood

Bream - bead-eye leech, instructor is Mike Shuman

Contests: See our Website for more information

All flies will be presented to **PROJECT HEALING WATERS**
www.projecthealingwaters.org

DON'T TYE? Then clean out your fly box of those flies you never use and bring to the meeting to be donated with the others. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by those VETS being served by this organization. If you have questions, or want to demonstrate, contact:

Mike Shuman
(918) 443 – 9184



Message From Your President:

Spring is here and fishing opportunities abound!

With that let's get started. Rather than going through them all I'll ask everyone to check your web site for changes in our spring outings schedule. www.tulsaflyfishers.org There have been some important EVENT schedule changes. (Don't got there just yet, there are a couple other things to check out when you go to the web site, please read on.)

Our outing to the Sow Bug in Mountain Home was awesome fun. Mike Scott and I used the opportunity to float the White River with guide Scott Branyan the Ozark Fly Flinger. Scott is a wonderful guide and a terrific oarsman. I can't think of a time when neither Mike nor I wasn't able to cast do to boat position and he knew where the fish would be. We caught numerous browns and rainbows. If you get a chance call Scott and go for a great day. (888-99 FLING)

Thanks to everyone that has written our Senators and your Congressman about the water issue on the Lower Illinois River. If you haven't written yet you need to get with it. Now is the time to move for minimum flow on that river. The letter is on your web site on the Conservation page, PLEASE take action on this. If it fails to happen at least we have done everything we can to get it accomplished. There is a lot going on and short term fixes for water in the river are in fact in the works, but it's the long term we need to focus on and this Congressional year is that time.

Beyond this LIR water issue the current budget battle in Washington, D.C. could also have great and numerous effects on our trout fishing. Both of the federal fish hatcheries we get trout from are on the chopping block in 2012. It's not too late when you read this, and it might be a good idea to get caught up on this issue and call or write our Senators and tell them how you feel about them cutting these hatcheries off from federal control. (These hatcheries actually net tax money for the federal budget.)

From what I read conservation items will be suffering the biggest budget cuts. Do something, say something, because doing nothing will not help your situation in these instances. Don't sit this one out friends, take action or suffer the consequences of your inactions. See the Conservation page on your OKTU/TFF web site and take action now. See FEDERAL FISH HATCHERIES ARE ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK. Also while you are there sign the Save Bristol Bay petition, deadline on that is April 16.

I'll end this message with a question for each of you. There is so much going on with all these items there is not enough space in this newsletter to tell you everything about all of it. The ODWC is working hard on the LIR water

issue. Believe me when I tell you, they want a year around cold water supply in the lower Illinois River as much as we all do. Your Trout Unlimited national office is working on all of these issues for us all, especially on the national issues front, but they are also helping on our own LIR water issue. Now that question; what are you doing about any of it? If you are "doing" thank you, if you aren't get going. You'll have only yourself to blame if everything goes wrong.

FishOn,

Scott Hood

P.S. The TU 89'er Chapter in OKC has offered to host this year's river clean day on the lower Illinois River on Saturday April 30 that is a date change and I won't be able to make it as I have a business meeting away that weekend. Please make me proud and show up ... and besides that, they are buying lunch. Go help clean up, meet some nice people from the 89'er Chapter and then catch some fish for me.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS. For more information on these and other events check out our website at <http://tulsaflyfishers.org>

Outing Saturday, April 16th

***** NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PRINTED LOCATION*****

New location Spavinaw Creek, Spavinaw, OK

Details will be available at the meeting and then posted on the website.

Event April 29 & 30

Smallmouth Rendezvous and Fly Tying Extravaganza in Tahlequah, OK.

Sponsored by the

Northeastern Oklahoma Fly Fishing Club. Also the Red Fern Festival will be going on this weekend in Tahlequah.

Outing April 30

THE LOWER ILLINOIS RIVER CLEAN-UP

By Invitation, the 89'er Chapter of Trout Unlimited has offered to host this spring's Lower Illinois River Clean-up on Saturday April 30th. Details of when and where to meet will be posted to this page as they come in. For now ... Please mark your calendar to be there at 8:00am for a morning clean-up, some lunch and some fishing after.

MAY

Thurs May 12th

General Meeting... Spreakers **Terry and Roxanne Wilson** presenting "Largemouth Bass: Beyond the Basics"

Outing Saturday, May 14th

Lake Pawhuska, Pawhuska, OK



**MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER AND
MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRMAN**

DELL MOORE

I bought my first fly fishing outfit in 1963, a Southbend fiberglass 6-weight rod and Pflueger reel when I was stationed at the Navy Nuclear Prototype site in Ballston Spa New York and was living with a farm family a couple of miles from the site. The state had secured public access to the small stream that flowed behind the barn and house. I quickly learned that the native brookies preferred garden hackle to the Japanese flies that I found at the local hardware store.

Leaving the Navy after my six year commitment, I was employed by General Electric in the San Francisco Bay area as a reactor operator. Fortunately, my shift engineer was a fly fisherman. His dad was with California Fish and Game and my friend was raised in the Sierras. I learned a lot from Mike as we fished the pocket waters of the mountain streams.

I later joined GE's Nuclear Training Department and spent thirty years traveling the country on different training assignments. Everywhere I went; new fly fishing venues were opened, had opportunities to learn from some of the "names" in fly fishing, and made lifelong friendships. Now that I'm retired I have time to devote to club activities. I am an avid smallmouth fisherman, but willing and ready to try for anything that swims. Drop me an e-mail okflyfiser@aol.com.

FEDERAL FISH (TROUT) HATCHERIES ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK!

We heard about this issue while at the Sow Bug and if the cuts happen it WILL hit us in Oklahoma. It's The National Fish Hatchery Closures that the FY2012 Budget Request has demanded.

Here are some links for sources of information as well as an Action link:

All 70 National Fish Hatcheries can be found here: <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/nfhs/offices.html>

The maps of the 9 Regions found at this link: <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/nfhs/map.html>

The link to the National Online Petition is here: (If you do anything do this!)

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/save-National-Fish-Hatcheries/>

For generic letters that can be downloaded and individually mailed to your Legislators you can get those at: www.norforkhatcheryfriends.org (Take a few minutes and a couple of stamps and make your position on this known!)

OKTU members and TFF members alike ... if you fish for trout in OK, MO, or AR this will hurt you if it happens. Do something by signing the petition and send in letters to your Congressman and Oklahoma Senators. (PLEASE: send written letters and sign them... the respect given to a US Postage paid letter outweighs that of an e-mail a 100 to 1.)

It's OK to sit on the sidelines on this ... if all you like fishing for is Bluegill !!! **Take ACTION and do it NOW!**

Scott Hood
OKTU & TFF
President

(Information here was compiled by Teresa VanWinkle and Dave Wooten, Thanks to them for the heads up!)

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