

Tulsa FlyFishers StreamLines

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

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEKEND?



Free Admission

What is the Rendezvous?

The Smallmouth Rendezvous and Fly Tying Extravaganza has several purposes. First, an informal gathering of fly tiers and fly fishers to share their knowledge with each other; Second, to demonstrate the sport of fly fishing to the public; and Third, to raise funds for the Mitch Fram Memorial Scholarship for a Fisheries and Wildlife Biology major at NSU in Tahlequah, OK.

The 2008 Rendezvous

The 7th Rendezvous and Extravaganza will be held May 2 and 3, 2008 at the Community Building in Tahlequah, OK. The Doors open to the public at 8:30 AM and close at 4:00 PM. More details are available at our website www.tulsaflyfishers.org.

Club Meetings, Out- ings...Looking Ahead!

Thursday May 8, 2008

Bill Butts from Springfield, MO will be our guest speaker. His passion is fishing for strippers, hybrids, and white bass, and he travels the 4 state area in pursuit of them. He has given white bass seminars at Backcountry Outfitters in Springfield, and will also be doing a presentation at the Smallmouth Rendezvous. Mr. Butts is also recognized as a respected writer and speaker across America, when it comes to fly fishing for strippers Bill Butts is one of the best. He's been seen by many local anglers fishing the Arkansas River right here in Tulsa as it is one of his favorites for big strippers.

Meeting is held at 7:00 PM at the Martin Regional Library located 2601 South Garnett

Future Outing Schedules...

May 17, 2008 ... TFF outing to Lake Pawhuska, OK

June 21, 2008 ... Tulsa Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing Awareness Week at Leake Lake Park, Tulsa, OK

PURPOSE: To raise awareness of Tulsa Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited and begin a fund drive for a Winter Trout Pond in Tulsa in partnership with Trout Unlimited, Tulsa City Parks, and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC)

WHAT'S HAPPENING? Volunteers from Trout Unlimited will be available to help you tie your own fly, then proceed to area where you will learn to cast it and then take it to the pond to attempt to catch a fish on the fly you just tied.

Bronze-Backs On The Fly!



I've always had a love for catching Smallmouths. These fish are beautiful, a challenge and just fun to catch. On The Fly!

By: Billy Howard

I have a passion for fly-fishing. I like to talk about it, dream about it and sometimes even go do it. I think more people would enjoy the sport if they just knew a little more about the possibilities fishing with a fly-rod can present. When you talk about fly-fishing most people associate the sport with trout. That sometimes presents a problem since trout are not readily available in all places for those who might want to try flyfishing. Obviously more people would find an interest in the sport if they knew the possibilities warm water fishing presents when using the fly-rod.

My fly-fishing experience began fishing warm water streams

Billy Howard

Actually, my fly-fishing experience began fishing warm water streams such as 14 Mile Creek and the Barron Fork River. I would wade all day with my light spin gear catching Smallmouth Bass otherwise known as Bronze Backs. This type of fishing actually was helpful to me starting the natural progression into using a flyrod. The experience fishing these streams and rivers taught me how to read water and instilled a love for the sounds, sights and joy of fishing in streams, creeks and rivers.

I actually believe fishing for Smallmouths with a fly-rod is more of a challenge than fishing for trout. These fish are beautiful gamefish and they hold their own during the fight. It's one of the more satisfying fish to catch and available in just about any warm water river in Oklahoma. I would also like to mention that these fish are available in most regions of the country so if you like to travel but your destination takes you away from the trout you can always find a stream that holds Smallmouths.

Local Club & Trout Unlimited News

A Message from your FFF President – Fred Kirk

Many of you Tulsa Fly Fishers have taken advantage of the FFF's discounted rate for new members and joined the Federation. This is great because as you know the FFF has been very supportive of our conservation efforts for the Lower Illinois River. Because we had 20 TFF members join the FFF as "New" members our club has now earned a new Lefty Krey TiCR X Series TFO 08904TX (9' – 4pc – 8wt). The rod will be used to for a future fund raiser providing further support for our club. Discounted rates for FFF Memberships have been extended to June 30, 2008. Discounted rates are for **NEW MEMBERS** only. 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 "Join the Club" page. Complete the application online, print it and send with a \$15 check payable to Federation of Fly Fishers to **Tulsa Fly Fishers, PO BOX 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155**. You can also bring the completed application to our next meeting. Any questions, contact fred@tulsaflyfishers.org

Tulsa Fly Fishers Green River, Utah and Frying Pan River, Colorado

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). After fishing the Green River for a week, a group of us have a reserved a cabin for 4 days on the Frying Pan River near Basalt, Colorado. If you are interested in cabin here's the link:

www.fryingpananglers.com/lodging.htm If they are full you could also try the Green Drake Lodge www.greendrake.com/index.htm

Which is located in Basalt, CO. Fred Kirk will help you coordinate your stay with other club members if you wish. To date, 7 people are planning to make the trip and I have others looking to form a carpool. If you are interested in sharing a ride with other TFF friends, please contact Fred fred@tulsaflyfishers.org or call (918) 625 4277 for contact information. For additional information, please refer to the Event Calendar page on our web site. <http://tulsaflyfishers.org/calendar.html>

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



It's spring in Oklahoma and that means that if you want to fly fish you better know someone with a farm pond, because everything else is flooding. Not completely true, but at my last check, all the rivers are bank full and the lakes all overfull, so a lot of fly fishing opportunity is closed. I'm fortunate enough to have a family member with a farm pond, so I've been able to get out and I've managed a couple days with a what I call, a trifecta, that's bass, bluegill and crappie all on the same outing.

Speaking on the warm water fly-fishing at our April TFF meeting we were all treated to a great presentation by Terry and Roxanne Wilson. They gave us a ton of information about blue gill fly- fishing and showed us some easy flies to tie to catch them with. And let me tell you those little buggers work! That little tail down sinker, the BULLY BLUE GILL SPIDER, is a winner. I caught about 20-blue gill just this morning using it. Very easy to tie and I believe there is a receipt for it on the Wilson's web site, www.thebluegillpond.com check it out. Thanks Roxanne and Terry for a great presentation and thanks to our guest speaker committee for getting the Wilson's to our meeting.

At this writing our next speakers name is Bill Butts from Springfield, MO. I can tell all those who are hungry for more about the warm water fly fishing experiences, this next meeting will be a must ... STRIPERS! Bill's passion is fishing for stripers, hybrids, and white bass, and he travels the 4-state area in pursuit of them. Mark your calendar and be there, May 8th.

Our May outing to Lake Pawhuska, Saturday the 17th, probably won't get canceled because of high water. That lake never really gets to be to full to fish, as it has an overflow spillway that relieves itself without government supervision. (Makes me wonder about the other lakes, those that seem to not do so well with our government's oversight? That's another subject.) I expect a bunch of us will be trying some of the tactics we learned from Terry and Roxanne. My recent experiences on area farm ponds gets me thinking that Pawhuska should be ripe for some BIG blue gill that weekend.

There's lot's going on between now and our June meeting and I hope everyone will be in a volunteering spirit. We've changed our fund raising sights from the lower Illinois River improvement projects for a while as those begin to get underway. Now, hoping to bring some additional attention to fly fishing opportunities within the Tulsa area, we are working with the Tulsa Parks Department to host a *Fly Fishing Awareness Day* at Leake Park Lake on June 21st. Our purpose will be to bring some attention to our club, to fly fishing in the area, and to raise money for a Trout Pond in Tulsa next winter. Oklahoma City has a similar project and it has been very successful for the past seven years running. We'll need lots of helpers and fly casters there on that Saturday. You won't need to bring anything but your fly rod and/or a helping spirit. Although you might want to not bring your Orvis bamboo, because we hope you'll be willing to let a total stranger take a few casts with your rod and with your aiding assistance of course. Your club is also helping with a Bass ProShops fly-fishing weekend May 31 and June 1. Watch these pages for more information on both of these events and please volunteer to help when asked, it will be good for your club and you might find yourself fishing for some big rainbows next winter, right here in T-town!

FISH ON!

Scott Hood
President
Trout Unlimited, Tulsa Fly Fishers

Texas Hill Country Fishing with Austin Fly Fishers



With the recent heavy rains and resulting high water around Oklahoma this spring I decided to look south for a place to go fishing. I've fished the Llano River around Mason, Texas a couple of times and really enjoyed the early warm weather in April so I started looking for a place for camping. In Texas, public access is very limited so I started with a Google search and found **Llano River Campground** <http://www.llanorivercamping.com/index.html> I called to reserve a spot and Kim informed me a group of fly fishers from Austin, TX were coming for the weekend and they were completely full. So, I checked the calendar on the **Austin Fly Fishers** web site <http://www.austinflyfishers.com/> and found Vern Harris was coordinating their outing. I called Vern and ask if they had room for one more and was welcomed to join them. I booked a flight and rental car, called a friend in Austin to borrow camping gear and was on my way Friday morning.

I arrived around 1:00pm picked up the rental car and camping gear and was headed to Junction, Texas by 2:30pm. It's a beautiful 3 hour drive through the Texas Hill Country east of Austin on Hwy 290. I arrived about 5:30pm just in time for happy hour and plenty of daylight left for setting up my tent. I met Vern Harris and a dozen other Austin Fly Fishers all of whose names I can't recall. They were all very friendly and easy going and made me feel right at home. We sat around the campfire told stories and enjoyed the starry night.

Saturday morning we had a quick breakfast of muffins, fruit, orange juice and coffee before heading out on the water. The Llano River Campground does not provide canoes or kayaks so all the AFFs brought their own crafts. Since I didn't have a boat, I had planned on renting a craft from **SOUTH LLANO RIVER CANOES-(325) 446-2220**. They provided me with a kayak and shuttle service on the South Llano River. The South Llano River is the headwaters of the Llano River and is spring fed with cool clear water year round. I fished this upper section while the AFFs fished the main Llano River section. I had a great day floating the South Llano River wet wading and fishing the good holes. The Llano is generally shallow, runs around 130 cfs and can be wet waded in April. The sun was shining and fishing was good with temperatures in the upper 80s. I caught lots of nice sized fish including Bluegills, Longears and Guadalupe Bass on woolly buggers, madam Xs, clousers, and Turks tarantulas. I returned to the campground and met up with the AFFs around 5:30pm (just in time for happy hour). Vern Harris was in charge of the food and had prepared for a great cookout. Everyone brought their own meat and Vern brought extra Filet Mignon for me! Wow, those Texans really know how to do a cookout. We had jalapeno sausages for an appetizer, corn-on-the-cob, and a host of other foods for dinner. Again, we sat around the campfire and enjoyed the starry night.

Sunday morning we had another breakfast. Some people floated again while others wade fished the river near our campground and most people were packed up and gone by noon. I wade fished until about 1:00pm then decided to look for more comfortable quarters for the night. I had previously stayed at a really nice bed and breakfast near Mason, TX which caters to fly fishers **Raye Carrington on the Llano River**. <http://www.llanoriver.com/> I called and booked a room for the night then drove there and was fishing again by 3:00pm. This section is further down river on the main Llano River. The fishing was considerably better here. I caught many of the same fish but they tended to be a little bigger. I also caught two large catfish on back to back casts with a small jig I had purchased at Rim Shoals for high water trout fishing conditions! Wow, both fish took me close to my backing. I turned in and enjoyed a nice comfortable bed for the night.

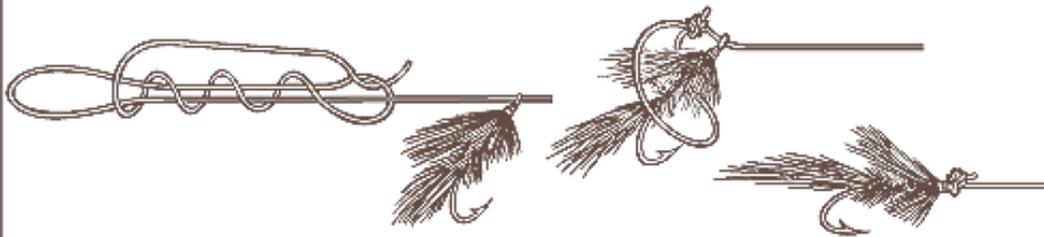
Monday morning I had a great breakfast fixed just for me as I was the lone resident for Sunday night. I wade fished about a mile of river right in front of the B&B and had the best day of all. It was very warm and overcast all day and I did not see another person on the river. It was nice to get away from the 10,000 cfs they've been running on the Lower Illinois River!

Fred Kirk

Slide Show: <http://picasaweb.google.com/tulsaflyfisher/LlanoRiver042008>

Specialist Fly Knot

The Specialist fly knot is used to attach the fly to leader.



1. Place leader through fly eyelet and slide fly up the leader out of the way before beginning knot.

2. Make an oval loop and hold each end while wrapping the leader around the loop center 3 or 4 times.

3. Stick end of leader through loop closest to fly and cinch knot snug.

4. Trim tag end then place the fly through the loop and pull snug.

On the RISE, TU's TV Program

TU's new television show, **On the Rise** begins its first season on the **Outdoor Channel** on **Friday's at 7 p.m.**

Hosted by Frank Smethurst, an accomplished Telluride fly-fishing guide, the show takes viewers on a tour of some of the best fly-fishing locations around the country and highlights places where Trout Unlimited's conservation work has made a difference.

From the first episode where Smethurst drives his trout-patterned Airstream trailer to Montana's Madison River, to the season's final episode where he stalks winter steelhead in Ohio, *On the Rise* is a 30-minute weekly adventure for people who appreciate fly-fishing and the beautiful places it takes them. The show is produced by Barrett Productions, the country's leading outdoor adventure television production company.

The show airs weekly on [the Outdoor Channel](#) on **Friday nights at 7 p.m.**, with encore airings of each episode on **Saturday at 2 p.m.** and **Sunday at 7:30 a.m.** Check with your local cable provider to see if it carries the Outdoor Channel.

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 _____ ____ renewal ____ Same address as on file	Regular membership \$15 _____
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.