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# Streamline



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



## Event Calendar

May 14th - Lake Pawhuska Outing

May 19th - Bill Butts, "The Other Bass"

May 21st - Sapulpa Park Day

May 28th - 15X15 Tournament Begins

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.](#)

## A Message from Your President



*Heath Tiefenauer*

Hello {FIRST\_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

Welcome to the May edition of Streamline. We hope this edition finds you well and in good spirits.

Most of us have noticed the Lower Illinois hasn't been fishable lately due to the frequent water releases. This is an unfortunate necessity which occasionally impacts all tailwaters. Managing the level of Tenkiller lake and the maintenance needs of the dam itself take priority over angling opportunities. But we live in Oklahoma, and we're fortunate enough to have a variety of outdoor habitat hosting a variety of species to pursue on the fly. In the coming months we're excited about many of the events and activities lined up for our supporters.

May is our last general meeting before the summer break. This meeting is shifted one week from our normal date. Please join us Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Hardesty library. We're hosting a speaker that will give us a great presentation as we head into the warmer weather. Bill Butts will share his knowledge and experience with "The Other Bass" - white, hybrid and striped bass. This presentation is well timed as the weather gets warmer and we approach both the 4<sup>th</sup> annual All Fish All Oklahoma 15 species tournament and the first ever Pat Daly Invitational, an Oklahoma Bass Fly Fishing Tournament. Information on both of these events can be found at TU420.com and this newsletter.

We're hopeful we'll continue to have wonderful Spring fishing conditions and have a seasonal favorite outing planned for May. This month we'll host our May outing at Pawhuska Lake. This event

## The Other Bass



*Bill Butts*

Our guest speaker in May will be Mr. Bill Butts. This will be a timely presentation on white, hybrid, and striped bass as we move closer to our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 15x15 Challenge and the 1st Annual Pat Daly Invitational in July.

Bill Butts began his 55-year journey in the sport and arts of fly fishing on the lakes and streams of the Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks. Today, his fly-fishing focus is on the Temperate Basses – Striped, Hybrid Striped and White Bass.

From a young age, he was fortunate to become friends with many leaders in the sport and art of fly fishing that willingly mentored him in the skills of fly casting, fly tying, and photography. Though countless talented individuals have supported and encouraged his efforts, Dave Whitlock and Lefty Kreh are credited with being the most influential.

Bill has twice been a live internet radio guest on AskAboutFlyFishing.com and an ItinerantAngler.com podcast guest entitled "White Bass & Striper Master Class".

He was also a contributor to Dave and Emily Whitlock's January 2015, Fly Fisherman Magazine article, entitled "The Other Bass".

Please join us in person this month for what is sure to be a great learning opportunity.

**Date: Thursday, May 19th**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

is a great opportunity to bring the entire family out. Pawhuska has a nice population of bluegill and panfish with a ton of shore access and it is also kayak friendly. If you've never seen a young person's excitement over catching bluegill you're deeply missing out. Of course, lunch is provided! We'll be grilling crowd favorite burgers and dogs. Join us May 14<sup>th</sup>. More details later in this newsletter.

There's even more in store for our group in May! We'll be hosting a booth at Sapulpa Park's Outdoor Expo on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Kelly Lane Park in Sapulpa. We'll have some club branded items and locally tied fly selections for sale as well as fly casting and fly-tying demos. Sapulpa Parks is hosting a kid's fishing derby and is working to make this a great event. We hope you'll come out and see us and the many other booths for this event. More info at [sapulpaparks.com](http://sapulpaparks.com).

As we close out the first part of 2022, I hope all of you continue to be healthy and safe. I look forward to greeting each of you at our remaining Spring outdoor events. Until then, be well and happy fishing!

Tight Lines,

**Heath Tiefenauer**  
**President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers**

## Sapulpa Park Day

On Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> we will be part of the City of Sapulpa's Outdoor Expo. The event hours are from 10 AM to 2PM.

We will have a "booth" shore side at a city park pond in Sapulpa and we need helpers. If you can be a reasonable teacher at casting a fly rod we need you. If you can tie a fly or oversee a child tying a fly, we need your help.

If you can man the booth and offer information about our OK Chapter of TU or Tulsa Fly Fishers **we need your help with a 2-hour stint or all-day commitment.** Please email [Scott Hood for details.](mailto:Scott.Hood@oktu.org)

The park address is:

Kelly Lane Park  
1151 S Park Street  
Sapulpa, OK 74066

[Google Map Location](#)

We hope to see you there!

**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. (Masks will be available and plenty of room for social distancing)**

## April Raffle Prize Winner



Tom Duncan is our April Raffle Prize winner. He won a White River chest pack and a Montana Duffel Bag.

Don't miss our May General Meeting for your chance to win another great prize!

## 2022 Conservation Issues

### Conservation is Our Passion

#### Legislative Update 2022

This will be the last legislative update for this session, and I'm pleased that it comes with good news.

SB1585 has *unanimously* passed the House Floor and should be on the way to the Governor to sign.

## 2022 Meeting Schedule

September 8th - TBD

### 4th Annual All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge

#### 15 Species in 15 Weeks On the Fly!

The 2022 Challenge runs from 4am Saturday, May 28th until midnight Sept. 5, Labor Day 2022!

The Individual Challenge Entry Fee is \$30.

The Winner of the Individual Challenge gets 1/2 the pot, a traveling trophy, that must be returned the following year, and bragging rights. OKTU420 Chapter retains the other 1/2 of the pot. See the RULES for winner determination.

Awards and prizes will be presented at the September 8th OKTU/TFF meeting.

#### Species are:

1. Rainbow Trout
2. Smallmouth Bass
3. Largemouth Bass
4. Kentucky Bass
5. Striped Bass
6. Sand Bass a.k.a White Bass
7. Hybrid Striper/Sand Bass
8. Crappie
9. Bluegill
10. Green Sunfish
11. Redear Sunfish
12. Longear Sunfish
13. Channel Catfish
14. Drum
15. Wild Card Fish is any fish, not listed above, and caught in Oklahoma on a fly rod and fly.

**RULES:** All species must be caught with a fly rod and fly in Oklahoma.

All fish species and the largest fish species must be caught in public access waters only.

All Participants must sign up at [15X15 Tournament](#)  
We may have more than one active tournament going on.

So, make sure that you are signing up for the **4 th Annual All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge**. Same logic applies when paying your Entry Fee.

This piece of legislation prohibits the OWRB from permitting the damming of the Glover River and will allow it to remain one of the last free-flowing rivers in the State of Oklahoma.

TU sent out a letter of support to all of the members of Oklahoma House of Representative prior to this vote and we received numerous "Thank You" comments from a number of our representatives.

We feel it is important to not only fight poor legislation but to also promote and send support to legislation we feel is positive.

The amendment made today changed the name of the legislation to the "Mitch McDaniel Act." Mr. McDaniel was the owner of the Hochatown Distillery who unexpectedly passed away very recently.

We would encourage each of you to send a letter of thanks to your local legislators and thank them for passing this meaningful legislation.

This bill is the first legislative precedent in Oklahoma for protecting a river to this extent. I hope that we can utilize this example and apply it to other Oklahoma rivers in the future. It also is a legislative clean water win, which I haven't seen happen in the state in years.

I'm very grateful for our conservation partners at the Conservation Coalition of Oklahoma that collaborated aggressively with us to get this bill passed. We couldn't have done it without them.

**Jake Miller**  
**Conservation Chair**

### May Meeting Raffle Prize



**All Participants must pay the \$30 Entry Fee.**

**Team Participants must pay the \$100 Entry Fee.**

To Post pictures of your catch, all participants **must Join** the **Facebook group Tournament Page** with the name: All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge and follow all page rules.

## Trout in the Classroom

As you are reading this your OKTU Chapter will most likely have wrapped up the final release of all of the TIC trout for the year with the last release, Beggs High School held on May the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

With that final release, students from across the Tulsa area will have released about 1,500 Kamloops rainbow fingerlings into the Lower Illinois River. This is a pretty successful ratio of eggs to fingerlings considering the original egg count was about 5,000. Keeping that many little fingerlings alive in each of the twelve 55-gallon environments is a heavy lift. Teachers and students that keep the water cold and pure for their little "canaries in a coal mine" life is commendable as they require nearly daily attention from the day the eggs are placed in the tanks until the day those that survived are dipped out and transported to the river for release.



*LIR Fish Food*

I'd like to thank all the TU member volunteers that make this program possible by giving their time and treasure to the program. There are far too many to list each one by name and you know who you are ... THANK YOU to each and everyone of you.

At the present time we already have several more schools and teachers that have raised their hand saying that they also wish to host a tank in their school next year and we won't be saying no to any of them. That means there will be costs. Each tank runs about \$1200 to kick off and about \$250 annually to maintain and even more when a chiller

The prize is a Redington Fly Vest, fly box, and a Baker's Dozen assorted poppers.

We have two sizes available for the vest: XL and Small. The winner will choose the size.

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



On Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> our OKTU420 Chapter will be host to a STREAM GIRLS program with the Eastern Oklahoma Girl Scouts of America. This program will be held on Spring Creek near Peggs, OK and will take up a whole day.

I need fly caster teachers, fly tiers to help young girls accomplish the many goals it takes to graduate as a "STREAM GIRL." I also need pure and simple "helpers" to watch over the girls while they are near the stream and helpers with organization skills.

Details continue to unfold on this but if you think you'll have the time that day to help please contact me and I'll give you all that I have at the time. Please don't take a "wait and see" on this one. I need committed volunteers to step up on this one, now and in advance of the day. You'll get a free lunch and a ton of gratification if you can help. Women who can help are especially encouraged to PLEASE step forward.

[Email me if you want to help.](#)

**Scott Hood**  
TU420 Education Coordinator

## Tulsa Fly Fishers May Outing

Tulsa Fly Fishers May Outing – Lake Pawhuska,  
May 14, 2022

fails. (They run about \$650 each and some are nearing the end of their life expectancy.) With that, comes my plea for help.

Do you own a company that would like to host a tank in totality? \$1,200 gets is done. Want to help some, we'd be grateful for that help also. Individuals that wish to help can also make a tax-deductible donation on our web site at TU420.com. Or you can mail your check to Oklahoma Trout Unlimited PO BOX 54108 Tulsa OK 74155 ... place in the subject area TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM and your entire donation will go towards this worthy program.

Thank you.

**You can follow along as the year progresses at TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM on Facebook.**

**Scott Hood**  
**Education Coordinator for TU420**

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## 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.

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Join us Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> for a fun filled day of fishing at Lake Pawhuska. Lake Pawhuska is a great venue for crappie and sunfish. With over three miles of shoreline, Lake Pawhuska has the distinction of being the second-best sunfish lake in the entire state, promising the perfect opportunity to introduce your little anglers to the joys of fishing.

We're encouraging everyone to bring the entire family for this fun filled Family Style fishing day. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy catching sunfish. For their size, the bite and fight will amaze you! We will a grilled lunch with burgers, dogs, snacks, and drinks at the picnic tables near the boat ramp at 11:30. There is plenty of shore access around the lake including a fishing access trail around most of the lake. There are also several nature trails to enjoy, and the lake is also kayak friendly.

Lake Pawhuska is located 2 miles west of Pawhuska on Highway 60. Headed west out of Pawhuska you'll turn left onto 5205 Road and it's a short drive the lake. This event is all day with no specific start time. Come out and enjoy one of Oklahoma's top rated sunfish lakes, we look forward to seeing you!

**Editor's Note:** The ODWC has established Lake Pawhuska as a trophy sunfish fishery. Brush Piles have been put in the lake as fish habitats.

Please click on the link below to find out more about Lake Pawhuska and the location of brush piles.

[Lake Pawhuska ODWC](#)

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## 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.

## Bonus Feature

# How to Succeed in the 15X15 Challenge

Success isn't measured by how much you know or how much experience you have. Success comes from preparation, planning and persistence. This holds true to many things in life as well as fishing. These are the steps I took to succeed in the All Fish All Oklahoma 15x15 Species Challenge.



First off you need to prepare. Familiarize yourself with the waters you plan to fish. Learn new waters - go scouting. When you find a location that is promising, drop a pin on your maps. Choose flies wisely. Find out what has worked in the past for others. If you don't know, get out and practice with several options. Know your species! There will be instances where you need to know the difference between sand bass, striper, and hybrid, same with the numerous sunfish species. Do a bit of research and it will help avoid confusion and frustration at tournament time.

Next comes the planning phase. Before heading out have a solid game plan. Map out your day and/or weekend. Focus on specific species and know which locations they can be typically found. Pack drinks and lunch - you may end up in backwoods locations and need to refuel. Utilize technology to find specific fish or new bodies of water. **One particular app that I found extremely helpful was FishBrain.** It's a free cell phone app that lets you search a map area to find catches, see pictures, and what techniques were used. If anything, just open the maps on your phone and find a body of water and go explore it!

If it is a swift water rescue, call 911, or Gore Police Dept, and they will respond in addition to Sequoyah 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.

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## Etc...

### Who? Me?

Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat after dreaming about TU420? Where do they get these ideas, you ask yourself? What bonehead thought of this, you shake your head?

Now, those troubling thoughts and others you were afraid to even think can be answered. How? Join us at the May Board Meeting and find out how your club's frankenstein(made up from different parts), develops and organizes our many events and functions.

Yes, we want you to consider joining our board. Take a chance(with better odds than any casino) and email [Heath Tiefenauer](#). He will set you up to attend our May board meeting on Zoom.

## 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](#).



Other anglers can be key to your success as well. There are endless ways to get involved. Join Facebook groups and share tips. Okie on the Fly is an excellent FG group that provides information on any and every topic pertaining to fly fishing. Participate in monthly Trout Unlimited meetings. Find your local chapter and get connected. You will gain a wealth of knowledge and make priceless connections with experienced anglers. Book a guide trip with someone experienced with the different species and areas you want to fish. I would suggest Donavan Clary; even if you don't book a trip he is always more than happy to answer questions and provide priceless insight. There are also numerous hands-on clinics available throughout the year including Illinois River Rendezvous & Blue River Rendezvous.



*15X15 Traveling Trophy*

Finally, be persistent! You will likely get hung up on one particular species that may seem unattainable at times. If something isn't working, switch it up - try a different technique, speed, depth, color, or location. Don't give up.

And if none of these tips help you catch a fish, simply enjoy the beauty of nature and the privilege to create new memories.

**Bridget Norris Kirk**  
**Okie Fly Gal**

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## Another Tip

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Those using those addresses may not receive their Streamline. You can complain to your email provider or you can provide us with a gmail or yahoo address. Please consider this, if you are not receiving your Streamline, and we have your correct email.

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## 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)) and click on the link:

Join TFF/FYI

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## Help for Website

Occasionally, you may experience a broken link on one of our web pages. This usually happens as the source provider has done some maintenance requiring a change to that link or is no longer publishing that website.



In either case, if anyone runs into this situation, it would be helpful if you could contact me at:

[tu420web@gmail.com](mailto:tu420web@gmail.com)

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

Thanks for your help.

**Frank Kohn**  
**Webmaster**

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### Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

May 28th to September 5th - 15X15 Summer Tournament

June 9th - Thursday Dinner Cookout at Hunter Park

June 18th - Stream Girls Program

July 15-17 - Pay Daly Invitational Fly Tournament (more details next month)

September 8th - First Fall General Meeting

December 8th - Holiday Party - Save the Date!

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