



Streamline



September 2013
Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- October 3rd to 5th - Fly Fishing Fair in Mountain Home AR
- October 4th to 6th - Outing on the Norfolk River
- October 9th - General Meeting. Bruce Burton will speak on "Fly Fishing for Bass."

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Event Calendar

- September 12 - Regular monthly meeting. Lori Sloas will speak on "Reading the Water"
- September 13 and 14 - Kayak Fishing Tournament at Greenleaf State Park, see the article below

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.

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A Message from Your President



Hello ,

Welcome back. I hope everyone had a chance to catch some fish this summer. I made it to the lower Illinois a few times and had good fishing.

The club had a couple of notable events at the lower Illinois in June. There was a dedication ceremony for fishery enhancements at Tenkiller

General Meeting - September June 12

This month's speaker will be Lori Sloas; Lori is one of a handful of female fly-fishing guides in the United States. Lori has an extensive background in counseling and corporate training that gives her a unique perspective that she uses in leading her popular fly-fishing classes.

Lori has spoken to us before. If you heard her speak you know she is an interesting and dynamic speaker. Her topic for September 12th is Reading the Water. The one advantage of fly fishing, compared to other methods, is we can fish the prime spots. You can do this best if you can read the water and determine where the fish are lying. Come learn how.

Notice

Two meeting days and/or dates have been changed to avoid conflicts with Tulsa City County Library functions.

Our October meeting will be on **Wednesday the 9th** instead of Thursday the 10th.

The November meeting has moved to the **first Thursday, the 7th**, instead of the usual second Thursday.

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Raffle Prize

dam that included a “low flow pipe”, a super saturated dissolved oxygen system and downstream water quality monitoring stations. These enhancements will hopefully provide the means to avoid fish kills like we experienced in the late summer of 2011. We have included in this newsletter a write-up from the Corps of Engineers giving background and details on the enhancements. Our chapter played a significant role in making this project happen and I am also proud to say we were well represented at the dedication ceremony.

Three days after the dedication ceremony, we held our annual summer stream cleanup outing on the lower Illinois in conjunction with the Oklahoma City 89ers TU chapter. We had about a dozen people from our club at that outing and an impressive number from the OKC group. We collected about 2 pickup loads of trash, had a nice cookout at Watts and then everyone caught a bunch of fish in the afternoon.

Another very notable event this summer involves Scott Hood. Scott has been nominated by TU’s National Leadership Council to be a grassroots member of TU’s Board of Trustees. The official election will be held at the TU annual meeting later this month. Once elected, Scott will be one of 10 grassroots trustees on the board from across the nation. The Board of Trustees manages the majority of the business and affairs of the Trout Unlimited national organization. Congratulations Scott!

A significant change is potentially in the works for our local Trout Pond program. For several years, we have tried to get the ODWC involved in a Tulsa area trout pond and before this year, they didn’t have funding

Don't forget, there is a **GRAND PRIZE** to be given at the end of 2013, for those entering the monthly raffle. You only need to write your name on the back of your tickets before dropping them in the basket. (If you're a guest, include a phone number.)

The tickets from each month will be saved until the November meeting. The prize(s) will be announced later.

Kayak Outing and Tournament

Here's something new for all you trout bums. OKTU/TFF and NEOKA (North East Okla Kayak Anglers) are getting together to learn from each other and have some fun fishing together. We've organized a Learn to Kayak and Fly Fish Festival and Tournament. There will be some very good prizes just for signing up to participate. You don't have to be the best fly fisher or kayaker. Awards will be given for biggest bass, sunfish, catfish and crappie.

Other prizes will be by drawing names of participants. You can win some very nice prizes including lodging on the White River and an Orvis Access 9ft 7wt fly rod. Event is scheduled for Sept 13/14 at Greenleaf State Park. More details will be posted on our web site calendar.



available. This summer, they approached us about potentially establishing a winter Trout Pond at the Veterans Park pond in Jenks just west of the aquarium. ODWC selected the Jenks pond in lieu of LaFortune simply because they wanted a larger pond with more access. The rough plan they proposed would include our TU Chapter as one of two main sponsors along with BancFirst with the sponsor funds matched through ODWC. As a result, OKTU and those that have sponsored our Trout Pond would only end up footing 25% of the overall cost compared to the 100% that we have been covering with the Lafortune Park and Leake Park ponds we have sponsored in the past. If this works out, we would be able to have larger and more frequent stockings that we have had with these other ponds.

We are currently waiting on the proposed agreement from ODWC outlining plan.

I look forward to meeting and hopefully fishing with each of you over the coming year.

David

Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair, Oct 3-5

Just a reminder for everyone in the club that in October on the 4th-6th we will be headed to the Norfolk River in Norfolk Arkansas for a great weekend of fishing while the big brownies are running the river. The annual Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair will be taking place the

Fly Tying

This fall Mike Shuman will present six intermediate skill level classes. Since he is primarily a bass fisherman and ardent fan of Bob Clouser, the classes will lean in that direction. Class dates, times and location will be announced.

He has selected the following flies:

- Clouser Floating Minnow
- Suspender (Clouser)
- Mad Tom (Clouser)
- A Modern Calcasieu Pig Boat (Tom Nixon originator)
- Diving Caddis (Davy Wotton)
- Ausable Wulff (Francis Better)

Each class is independent so you may attend only those you are interested in. The cost per class will be \$5 to cover materials.

If you are interested in attending in any session, contact Mike at okflyfisher@aol.com or 918 443 9184 so he can bring the appropriate amount of materials.

Tenkiller Lake Downstream Trout Fisheries

The board of directors has received the following document from the Corps of Engineers and wanted to share it with all members. I could not successfully cut and paste or link to the original document, but typed it in its entirety. Thus spelling errors and other typos are mine; the editor.

Background

Tenkiller Lake was congressionally authorized for flood control, water supply, hydropower, recreation, and fish and wildlife in 1938. The normal pool - the conservation pool - includes storage for water supply and for hydropower. All of Tenkiller Lake's water supply storage has been contracted for and committed to various municipal and industrial water users, including communities, rural water districts, and others. In addition, Southwestern Power Administration utilizes the hydropower storage for hydropower generation. There is no storage allocated for the project purpose of recreation and fish and wildlife.

- During the summer 2011 drought, low dissolved oxygen levels and high water temperatures resulted in a fish kill of both non-native trout and native species of fish. Should similar conditions occur, it could cause another fish kill further adversely impacting the popular trout fishery below Tenkiller dam.
- Some releases from the dam are controlled by sluice gates. The seals in those gates deteriorated over time, causing leakage downstream. This provided a fresh flow of water that benefited the dissolved oxygen levels, however, that leak was repaired in 2010.
- Although one of the congressionally authorized purposes of Tenkiller Lake is for fish and wildlife, there is no water allocated in the lake for that purpose and all water storage is contracted to other users. The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and Conservation relies on limited donated storage to release water for the fishery.
- Donated water of a little more than 12,000 cubic acres from Sequoyah County Fuels' water supply allocation allowed ODWC to release

same weekend on Oct. 3-5 in Mountain Home Arkansas which is just a stone's throw away from the Norfolk River. The fair will have a lot of activities for you to check out like fly tying demonstrations, casting lessons, and all the latest goodies from some of the top vendors in the fly fishing industry. For more information check out their website at www.southerncouncilfff.org

We will be staying at the Norfolk River Resort which has access to the river right from your front porch <http://www.norforkriverresort.com/>. Saturday night we will have a get together dinner for everyone coming to the outing on the large wooden deck outside that overlooks the Norfolk River at the lodge at 8:30 pm which is one hour after sunset. The club will be providing hamburgers for the dinner but we encourage anyone who wants to please bring a dish or a side item of their choosing! If this time ends up being too late for some then we can surely start it earlier.

Sunday morning we will be having a fish together day on the river before everyone leaves to head back home. We will meet at the handicap access area around 7:30am and head out on the river as a formidable group representing the Tulsa Fly Fishers in a true motley crew style!

For more information about the October outing message me with any questions you have.

Thanks, Tight Loops and Tight Lines, John Sellars - Outings Coordinator

water for the fishery. During the 2011 drought, that donated water was exhausted.

- As an interim measure, ODWC decided to stop stocking trout and Southwestern Power Administration, which manages hydropower generation at Tenkiller, began to do a little more generation than they had previously.
- The donated water storage from Sequoyah County Fuels is now no longer available as the company has relinquished their rights to the water. Other entities with contracted water storage have donated water to ODWC for the fishery.
- The Corps worked with state, federal, and other entities to explore possible solutions, resulting in an Interim Solution for the Tenkiller Downstream Trout Fishery Enhancement project until a more permanent solution can be found.

Interim Solution for the Tenkiller Downstream Trout Fishery Enhancement

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- The interim solution is a two part mechanical approach that allows ODWC to better utilize its donated water for the benefit of the fishery.
- The first part is a Supersaturated Dissolved Oxygen System that will target the stilling basin where the 2011 fish kill occurred. ODWC can operate the system when the dissolved oxygen level reaches critical lows in that area.
- The second part is a low flow pipe system that transports water from the surge tank at the hydropower plant to the stilling basin.
- Prior to the low flow pipe, there was one mechanism to release water for the trout fishery, and it had a minimum release of 150 cubic feet per second. At certain times, this was more water than ODWC wanted released. The low flow pipe allows ODWC to conserve the donated water by releasing as little as 50 cubic feet per second.
- In the past, when the gates were used for releases late in the day, the releases needed to continue until personnel arrived in the morning to close the gates. The low flow pipe will be controlled from the Fort Gibson powerhouse so releases can be changed around the clock.
- Several federal, state and local agencies, water supply entities, and private organizations were involved in this endeavor.

Other Efforts Underway

- Partnership efforts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, ODWC, SWPA, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are underway to ensure the trout fishery remains a vital part of the local economy.
- The four agencies will devise and implement a plan to monitor conditions throughout the fishery downstream of the dam. The program will provide consistently measured data to allow for better decisions in managing the donated water available. ODWC has installed 13 monitors at various locations downstream of the dam and data is being gathered and analyzed.
- Temporary deviations that raise the conservation pool to allow for additional water are possible dependent upon the feasibility of such

actions.

- A long-term solution would potentially involve a permanent reallocation of storage in the lake. The primary purpose of Tenkiller Lake is for flood control, so part of the storage space is designated, or allocated, for this use. Water storage space is designated for other uses as well. Within the conservation pool, there may be specific use allocations for other authorized purposes of that lake such as water supply and hydropower. At Tenkiller, although one of the authorized purposes is fish and wildlife, all of the water storage is allocated for other authorized uses. A reallocation could change the amount of water designated for certain uses and designate it for fish and wildlife. This action would require congressional authorization and funding, and would require a series of studies prior to execution.