



# Streamline



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



## Event Calendar

October 14th - Scott Hood with a TU Update and Eastern Oklahoma Fly-Fishing Tips

October 16th - Spring Creek Outing - See Article in Newsletter for Details

October 20th - Tulsa City Council Meeting, 5 PM, be there for support

October 30th - Fly-Fishing Class at Jenks Community Center

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 October edition of Streamline. Fall is officially here! We can look forward to more mild weather and the start of what many of us consider our favorite season. The scorching days of Summer will fade into mild days and the always welcome cooler, but not yet cold, temperatures for our outdoor activities.

Our September meeting was the first of the season and I want to thank all those who attended the Zoom presentation. Bridget did an excellent job with her presentation. If you missed it be sure to check out the link at our Facebook page. We're still hopeful for library meetings at some point this season, but for now, we'll be continuing to conduct our meeting online with the Zoom platform. While it's certainly not the same experience as getting together in person, we are thankful we have Zoom to carry us through what continue to be unusual circumstances.

We've also had an unexpected change in scheduled speakers, but I know we won't be disappointed. For October's Zoom meeting Scott Hood will be our speaker. Scott always has great content for us, and I hope you'll join us October 14<sup>th</sup>. You can find the link for our meeting in this newsletter and online at our Facebook page and our website, [TU420](http://TU420).

September's Hard Luck Fishing Tournament was a fun event again this year. The fishing was hit and miss. Some of our group caught plenty of fish with the flies they selected during the events, others didn't quite have the same luck. That's what is great about this event. The donated flies and the flies you could fish with can make all the

## What, When & Why of TU



*Scott Hood with Friend*

Scott Hood will be presenting a topic he admittedly said, "I've not kept my local Chapter up to date on the What, When and Why of Trout Unlimited and I'll spend a little time on that. Plus, I plan to give an overview on some of the places I've been and projects that TU has been doing in the time that I have been associated with OKTU 420 and Trout Unlimited National. I'll also work to try and toss in all I can think of about fishing for fish in the eastern part of Oklahoma."

Scott Hood is a Life Member of Trout Unlimited ... Past President, VP and Treasurer of OKTU420 / Tulsa Fly Fishers ... Current Board Member and the Youth and Adult Ed Coordinator for OKTU420/TFF ... Current Treasurer of the Oklahoma (formerly Indian Nations) Council of Trout Unlimited ... Current National Leadership Council member representing all of Oklahoma's 950 members of Trout Unlimited ... Past member of the Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited (6-year term) ... served 4-years as TU's National Youth Initiative Board of Directors member ... Member of the International Game Fish Association and currently serve on the North American Conservation Council of IGFA. Married to Cindi Hood for 44 years, two children and 2 grandchildren.

Your editor likes to call him, with all respect, "Mr. TU."

So you don't want to miss this meeting on Zoom!

**When:** Thursday, October 14th

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** Zoom Video Conferencing ( [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) )

A Zoom App is also available at the APP Store for Apple and Android

## Important Link for Zoom

Below is the **Zoom** link for our October General Meeting on the 14th at 6:30 PM.

You should click on this link between 6:15 - 6:30

difference. We did have fewer people this year, but it didn't result in any less fun – and no one leaves one of our outings hungry!

October's outing is a change of pace and a fresh patch of water. Bill Chambers has graciously agreed to host us for a day of fishing on Spring Creek. Bill's property allows us access to several miles of great fishing on Spring Creek near Peggs, Ok. Check the outings section of this newsletter for more details.

By coincidence, October is the month I renew my Trout Unlimited membership. I hope you'll join me and renew yours also. If you aren't TU member, consider joining today. We are grateful for your support and look forward to many more events in the coming months.

Tight Lines,

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

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## 2021 GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

**Thursday, October 14th** - Scott Hood speaker.

Here's your chance to learn all about the "3 W's" of Trout Unlimited National, as well as the life-long odyssey of Scott Hood with Trout Unlimited and the great contributions and programs of our local chapter, Oklahoma Trout Unlimited Chapter 420. Added bonus! Scott will also share some of his best places and flies to use for successful fall fly fishing in eastern Oklahoma. Please be sure to zoom in with the rest of us for this highly informative and fun meeting.

**Thursday, November 18th** - Missouri's Best Fall Fly Fishing. *Presented by*  
*Donavan Clary*

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## Trout in the Classroom

Teachers across the area are firing up their tanks this week getting them ready for egg arrival on the 28th of October.

This is always an exciting time. Students are being told about the program and learning the goal. Successfully raising trout from eggs to fingerlings and planning for the field trip release in the spring. Teachers are discovering what supplies they are lacking and reaching out to me for all kinds of supplies. I'm busy anticipating what all those might

and join the meeting via your personal computer or smart phone. The website is listed in the section above or you can join through the Zoom App.

Please **MUTE your Microphone**.

[October Zoom Link](#)

Also, our **Zoom link** will be posted on our **Facebook page** and at the **TU website** ([tu420.com](http://tu420.com)).

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## 2021 Conservation Issues

### *Conservation is Our Passion*

I hope that you all had a great September and that you found a way to get some Smallmouth on the end of your line during the sweltering weather.

I'm going to keep the conservation report thin and focused this month, because I think the most important conservation stand we will take this year will happen on October 20th.

We are currently trying to officially get on the Tulsa City Council meeting agenda for October 20th at 5 PM. We have 6 speakers who have prepared very concise and succinct presentations for the council to get an operations plan for the new Zink Dam that doesn't ignore fish spawning and egg passage.

The current operations plan completely disregards the 30+ native species spawning and egg passage needs, and the current River Parks Authority Director has stated on record that he has no intention of lowering the dam gates for any fishery related purposes.

**We need you to show up.** You won't have to say anything, and there will be no record of your presence there. We are simply trying to make a very visual statement to the City Council that a whole bunch of people care deeply about this watershed. If you have ever fished the Arkansas River and felt your drag engage with some of the most formidable fish in the region, you have a duty to participate with this issue.

There are miles of open waterways that have not yet been dammed which are responsible for giving us such a productive fishery, and they are depending on you to maintain their viability. Please feel free to directly reach out to me with any questions that you might have, and we hope to see you there.

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

be. Water test kits, water conditioner, filter replacement parts and more. With 12 tanks across the region and the last-minute realizations it can get a little daunting. I couldn't get it all done without the support of my tank leader volunteers. Thanks to each of them.

If you would like to follow along with the progress, see [Tulsa Area Trout in the Classroom](#) on Facebook. If you'd like to donate to help support the local program you can do it on our [TU420.COM](http://TU420.COM) web site.

**Scott Hood**  
Education Coordinator for TU420

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## Outings Poker

Our outings Poker event for last year is over, but you still have time to submit your winning 5 card poker hand. Last minute entries must be received by mail before our October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Mail your cards to: TU 420, PO Box 54108, Tulsa OK 74155.**

We've started the event again, if you missed the September 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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**Hard Luck Only for Some**

## October Fly Fishing Clinic Offered



For over 6 years the OKTU420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers has been offering a semi-annual fly-fishing clinic. In those 12 clinics a small group of volunteers have educated over 350 individuals on the many aspects of fly fishing. During each 5-hour clinic participants in the program learn a lot. We talk about the terminology of fly fishing, explain line and leader types, rods and reels, types of flies and what they are supposed to represent to the fish, where to fish in Oklahoma for both warm and cold-water fish, fish identification, where fish feed and reading water, fly tying demonstrations, hands on knots and knot tying and fly casting. (In-doors and on water.)



This year the FLY FISH OKLAHOMA clinic will be held on October 30 from 9am until 2 pm at our usual location, the Jenks High School Aquatic Center. The program is hosted by the Jenks Community Education program and sign-ups are now open. The cost to attend is \$30 and all proceeds go direct to OKTU420/TFF programs. You must be 16 years of age and seating is limited so be sure to sign-up soon or let that person who's been asking you to teach them how to fly fish know where to sign-up. Few people like to teach others how to fly fish, we love it.

Here is a link to sign-up:

[Jenks Community Center](#)

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**Third Annual All Fish All  
Oklahoma Fly Fishing**



The picture above was taken moments before participants were paired most experienced-least experienced. These twosomes then chose their flies from amongst those provided by each angler.

Then the fun began as the teams left the Watts parking lot in search of fish. The luck ran from plentiful to none. Adam Chastain caught the most fish(28) and won best fly. He picked his own fly and proved it was a winner.

Brett Wimer, for the second year in a row, won largest fish with a Buffalo Carp. Scott Hood won smallest fish when he wrestled in a tiny striper.

The hard luck story for the day went to Ray Marks. He led his team in catching the first fish with a tournament fly. The team failed to catch anymore with their chosen flies, so they switched to non-tournament flies to make the day more enjoyable. While crossing the river, Ray developed a cramp in his leg and fell down. Ker-splash!

Ray's added touch about the cramp made him a sure winner of Hard Luck on the LIR.

See what you miss(besides the good food) when you don't attend our outings!

## Annual Elections

At the November 18th General Meeting, we will hold our annual elections.

All our Officers and Board Members are elected to two year terms.

Up for election this year are:

Officers -

Vice-President - Russell Vaughn

Treasurer - **Position Open**

Board Members:

Jake Miller

Frank Kohn

Chris Queen

If you would like to run for an Officer or Board

## Challenge



15X15 Winner's Trophy

**Seventy individuals** and seventeen four member teams entered the 15X15 Fly-Fishing Challenge.

**The names of all those individuals** who completed the challenge were entered into a random electronic drawing. And the winner is...



**Brett Wimer**, on your left, receiving a check for \$875.00 as winner of the Challenge. He, also, has the privilege of holding and displaying the Trophy for one year.

**This could be you next year!** Mark your calendar to read up on the 2022 15X15 Challenge in the May 2022 Streamline.

## Outings

**Date:** October 16th

**Location:** Spring Creek – Peggs, OK

**Time:** 8:00AM – 4:00PM (Lunch 12:00-12:30)

Member position, please contact [Heath Tiefenauer](#) or one of our other Officers or Board members.

Our 2021 Officers are:

President - Heath Tiefenauer  
Vice-President - Russell Vaughn  
Treasurer - Phil Curtis  
Secretary - Binnie Jones

Besides our Officers, the 2021 Board Members are Frank Kohn, Jake Miller, Scott Hood, Phil Curtis, Ed Wampler, John Sellars, Kelly Bostian, Bruce Brewer.

We encourage all members of TU420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers to become actively involved in their club. Please step up and run for office!

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## Jake's Maine Adventure

The Tournament starts at 5 AM tomorrow. We all know those first two low-light hours in the morning will tip the scales to somebody's favor, but we're all asking ourselves where we should be fishing. The peripheral edges of Hurricane Larry hit Maine's coast two days ago, ruining our Stripers in the salt pans. The swells on Maine's beaches are anywhere from 7-11 feet, making surfcasting a fool's errand. Are the rivers already blown out? Will there be any visibility on the flats in Casco Bay? Should we chase Smallmouth or Brookies further inland? We drink more beers and ask more questions. My team finally decides on driving to Newcastle tonight, and fishing Higgins and few secret spots along Maine's midcoast. The clock inches past midnight, and I wonder if I'll ever find sleep the night before a long day on the water.

All our alarm's crescendo at once, and a bunch of grown men try to find their way out of sleeping bags and to their feet before first light. We're driving to the coast by 4:15 AM and rigging up a few minutes later. Even at this protected beach, the swell is in the 3-4-foot range. Currents and tides converge on each other, and before I even step foot into the water, I know that it's going to be a challenge to stay upright today. Dawn brings some much-appreciated light, and I can see bait getting chased 150 feet from shore. I'm waist deep in frothy turbulence, and each wave that passes separates my feet from the brackish bottom. My cast has finally woken up. I can't reach the main school, but I'm covering serious water and things are feeling fishy. My friend Cash finally lands a schoolie, but we accept defeat after a few hours of unproductive fishing. We fish for 8 more hours at different beaches and river mouths, catching only the algae

**Where:** 4100 N 430 Road, Peggs OK 74452  
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Our group outing in October will feature a visit to a new patch of water. Bill Chambers has graciously agreed to host us for the day at his property in Peggs, OK where we'll have access to several miles of private land on **Spring Creek** and the wonderful fishing it provides.

Please join us October 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet up at 8:00 to begin fishing. Lunch will be served at noon. Outings Poker cards will be available from 7:30 to 8:00 in the morning and during the lunch break, 12:00-12:30.

[4100 N 430 Road, Peggs OK 74452](#) – Google Maps will get you really close using this address!

The entrance is at the intersection of E 620 Road and S 443 Road in Peggs. Look for the TU420 sign at the entrance.

From Tulsa: Take 412 East towards Chouteau. After 27 miles merge onto Cherokee Turnpike East and keep right on Cherokee Turnpike East towards Siloam Springs. Take exit 6 onto SH-82 towards Tahlequah. After 5.4 miles turn left onto E 620 Road. Enter the property at the junction of E 620 Road and S 443 Road. **Look for the TU420 signs!** After entering drive down the paved road until it ends at Bill Chambers house, our host on Spring Creek.

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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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**Etc....**

After reading Jake's adventure, you might be

that Larry has stirred up. We watch as the water becomes murkier with each passing hour. We try to console ourselves with good wine and Thai fried chicken in Portland, but all we can think about is the noon deadline tomorrow for getting fish on the board.



We're in a Boston Whaler motoring into Back Bay. The sun is climbing over the horizon and promising a cloudless, bright morning. We have a short window to get this done. We pass under the bay bridge into the furthest pocket of the bay. There are birds everywhere, and they're diving. I throw an EP baitfish into the nervous water and immediately hook into a 24" fish. We spend all morning motoring to different commotion and landing over 40 fish in 90 minutes. My biggest is 29", which ends up being just enough to take third place in the Striper category. Ben Whalley, one of the best fly tyers in the country, takes second with a 31" fish, and Jake, the owner of the local fly shop, takes 1st with a 35" beauty. Jake goes on to take best fish in the landlocked salmon and smallmouth categories as well, along with landing 11 different species in 36 hours. A feat that treads closely to miraculous considering the conditions.



We gather for the award ceremony in a beer garden in Oxford, Maine. My hands are cut and bleeding from strip-setting and fish landing for the last several days. The 800 mg of Ibuprofen barely puts a dent into the post-casting 11 wt. shoulder

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](mailto:rbbrewer1@live.com)

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trauma that's setting in.

My flight leaves at 5 PM tomorrow evening. I subconsciously begin thinking through how I can get another morning session on the water. I wrap the open grooves on the bottom of my fingers with hockey tape before I go to sleep. I set the alarm one more time for 4 AM, eager for a final taste of the salt.

**Jake Miller**  
**TU420 Conservation Chair**

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## Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

November 18th - Missouri's Best Fall Fly Fishing - Annual Meeting and Elections

December 9th - Christmas Party (Save the Date)

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