



Streamline



December 2016

Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

December 6 - TU/TFF Holiday Party at Downtown McNellie's, 409 East 1st St., (1st and Elgin)

December 10 - Lower Illinois River Clean-up. With Oklahoma City 89'er TU Chapter

December 17 - Arkansas River Clean-up. With the Oklahoma River Warriors

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.](#)

December 6th, TU/TFF Holiday Party



Come join us for our Annual Holiday Dinner Party. Tuesday, December 6th at McNellie's Restaurant downtown Tulsa, 1st & Elgin. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$25 per person... cash, credit card or check at the door. Cash Bar. Full dinner and deserts.

Gift Exchange (optional \$10 (=/>) fly fishing item - - bring one, get one.

Follow us on Facebook

There are now **825** members on Facebook and growing. **544** are Trout Unlimited Members. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on. [Here's a quick link.](#)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma

Veteran's Services Partnership / PHWFFOK

Original art auction to support our highly successful Trout In the Classroom Project. RSVP on our Facebook page [HERE'S A QUICK LINK https://www.facebook.com/groups/189956484385848/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/189956484385848/) or if you miss that be sure to show up, we'll keep the doors open for you.

A Message from Your President



Hello,

I'm hoping that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that none of you became one of those negative statistics. You know what I'm talking about... The ones like – "Uncle Joe tried his hand at deep frying the turkey. I'd never, actually, witnessed a fire bomb until then. I tried to tell him to thaw it out first!", or this one, "The Feast was about to begin and Aunt Flo, accidentally, left the back door open. Nobody saw the squirrel come in the house except the dogs. The little Jack Russells, Bella and Billy, took off after the squirrel, all barking and gnashing of teeth. Chaos ensued, as the grown-ups and kids started trying to get the squirrel and the Jacks outside. It was during this chaos that, Prudence, the Great Dane, decided to relieve the table of the weight of the Turkey. Nobody was very thankful for the vegetarian meal that followed."

All joking aside, I'm thankful for the group of people that we count as members of our Local Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers. I have been very blessed to have met so many individuals that are as "like minded" as I am when it comes to Conservation and the sport of Fly Fishing and Fly Tying. It has been my pleasure to play an active role as a board member and officer of the TU/TFF joint boards. I am humbled to have been nominated and voted in as your new President for the next 2 years. We have some exciting things planned and we look forward to sharing more with you as things evolve.

Regarding the Conservation aspects of our club, please be mindful of the upcoming River Clean-ups that have been scheduled. In particular, the LIR Clean-up with the 89er chapter on Saturday, December 10th at 8:30am. Meet at the Powerhouse parking lot, below the Dam. Chili will be provided at 11:30am. Scott Hood will be kicking off a Stream Clean-up project on the Arkansas River as part of his Oklahoma River Warriors project. Your support will be very much appreciated at either or both of these events.

I don't know when the LIR will have clear water again. However, don't let that keep you from getting outdoors and enjoying the fun of fly fishing.



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma outing to the White River 2016!

Join us on June 2, 2017 at Dale Fulton's Lodge for the 3rd Annual Lloyd Wicker Memorial 2-Fly Tournament and fund raiser!

As many of you are aware, several years ago our Oklahoma TU Chapter signed on with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing in support of the Tulsa area veterans. The local program has been very successful with over 75 veterans participating in the various outreach programs we have offered including fly rod building, fly tying and fly casting clinics. However, the one thing that most of the Veterans look forward to are the outings we do with them several times each year. Just as everyone might expect these cost the most money to put on.

Here comes a chance for you fly tiers to get a real bargain. You can get fly tying materials at 1/2 off and more and support the VSP/PHWFFOK program. During the coming OKTU/TFF Holiday Party we will once again be offering \$10, \$20 and \$50 "grab bags" each one containing at least double the amount of value as you paid for it. (What's a grab bag... it's a sealed bag that is something like Forest Gump once described as a "box of chocolates" ... you never know what you're gon'na get.) But know that you'll get a load of good materials you can take home and start tying with. All the while knowing that what you gave helped support a program that offers a lot more back to those veteran's that gave us a lot by their service! Bring your credit card, check or cash and take home a bag of surprises.

VSP / PHWFFOK.

Note: Can't make the Christmas Party but want to help with a contribution? ... please send a check to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420 ... SUBJECT: VSP / PHWFFOK ...and mail it to PO BOX 54108 TULSA, OK 74155 . Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

If you are interested in volunteering or you are a veteran wanting to participate, please email phwffok@gmail.com for more information or you can check out Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma on facebook for events, class times, and locations.

2017 General Meeting Schedule

Whether it's on the LIR, the La Fortune pond after the trout have been stocked in December, fishing the Ozark rivers and streams or hitting the catch and release season at Roaring River, get out and wet your lines. Have fun. Be safe and don't become a statistic! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Phil Curtis

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

2017 Conservation Issues

- Arkansas/Oklahoma Joint Study commission (aka keep chicken poop out of our rivers) meeting is December 2nd. Arkansas is wrangling to allow "nutrient loads" over OK Scenic Rivers legal limits 50% of the time, while Oklahoma water quality representatives are holding firm on the approved mdl nutrient load as the absolute maximum, thus protecting our water quality. Recommendations will go to the Governor and Attorney General for review. We'll report on this and ask for your support in contacting the powers that be in Oklahoma City to save our LIR home waters and the entire Scenic Rivers drainage.

- Trout Unlimited opposes the short sighted effort to transfer our National Forests and other lands to ill prepared states. Our sport and way of life is threatened by this land grab effort. Seventy percent of all cold water trout fishing in the United States is on our Federal lands and half of all clean drinking water comes from them. Studies indicate that 80 percent of our public fly fishing waters will be posted "no trespassing" if not stopped.

- OK Water wars. Eight water transfer bills are looming on the horizon from ill informed Oklahoma legislators. Preliminary bills cover diverting major flows in the Mountain Fork and Illinois watershed for pumping to western Oklahoma and even the outright sale of our water to Texas at our expense.

We're tracking these and will keep you posted. You may need to contact your legislators throughout the year to protect our fisheries.

Pat Daly

Conservation Chair

Trout in the Classroom

Trout growth progress have been posted on the TIC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tulsaareatroutintheclassroom/>

At last report (11/29) from our teachers all seems to be going well in our 7 tanks. Some of the smaller fingerlings have died due to population challenges that happen in an overcrowded tank. However, this is part of the learning curve for the students. (Consider that each 55 gallon tank is our own world and what could happen in our 55 gallon tank, known as earth suffered with a population boom.)

So everyone is aware, our OKTU chapter has had a number of requests for more trout tanks in 2017. To accommodate these wishes and accomplish that we need to raise some money. (Each tank costs about \$1,200 to open and maintain for a few years.) Now, here's how you can help! At the Christmas party I will be bringing a dozen or so pieces of framed original artwork all of which was created by the students at Union High School. PLEASE, bring your credit card, check book or cash and an open heart for this project and all it means to the students who have participate in it and those who will get to participate in it next year, due to your support. To "sweeten the pot" to this benefit art sale we will also be offering one piece

The Meeting room has been requested for 2017. All of these dates are the second Thursday of the month.

- January 12 - Guest Speaker: Zack Matthews:



Zack Matthews

Zack Matthews is a writer, photographer, blogger, and host of 'The Itinerant Angler Podcast' which is one of the leading fly fishing podcasts with close to 200 episodes. His articles have been published in *American Angler*, *Fly Tyer*, *Fish & Fly*, and *Fly Fisherman* to name just a few. He is an FFF certified fly casting instructor and gives presentations to TU, FFF groups, universities and clubs as well as giving casting demonstrations. When he is not fly fishing, shooting pictures or writing, he is a working trial attorney with McMickle, Kurey & Branch in Atlanta Georgia. <http://www.itinerantangler.com/blog/podcasts/>

- February 9 - Guest Speaker: Scott Branyan - Bio in next *Streamline*
- March 9 - Phil Curtis' fly tying clinic

We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive. Doors open a little after 6:00 pm. Meetings are open to the public and free.

December Outings

The next outing will take place on December 10 when we participate with the Oklahoma City 89'er TU Chapter in a Lower Illinois River clean-up. We will meet in the powerhouse parking lot, below the dam, at 8:30am and start around 9:00am. We will work our way down to the Watts area and Greg Mann will have Chili ready around 11:30am. A request has been submitted to SWPA for no generation from 7:00am to 3:00pm. Let's have a good showing from our chapter to support this event. .

Please note that the Oklahoma River Warriors group has invited us to help with an Arkansas River clean-up for December 17th. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this worthwhile project. Please visit their Facebook for details. <https://www.facebook.com/oklahomariverwarriors/>

Contact Heath for information: **Heath**

of art donated by Dave and Emily Whitlock.

Hope to see you all at the OKTU/TFF Christmas party.

Scott Hood

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Baby trout from Jenks HS, 7 week old.



Sometimes, when they get really hungry, well, a picture is worth a thousand words! Students learn about survival of the fittest.

Members interested in helping should contact Scott Hood Adult/Youth Education Coordinator for details ... shood91849@aol.com

The Tulsa Trout Pond Is Back !

Thanks to a generous contribution from NatureWorks and the full support of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited the trout pond at The Gardens Park Pond at LaFortune Park is back for the winter season 12/2016 until 3/2017.

Tiefenauer at outings.tff@gmail.com See you there!

Election Results - Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs

Elections for the TU Board and Committee Chairs were held on November 10th at the General Meeting. The following are the new and current Officers, Board Members and Chairs

President - Phil Curtis
VP - Heath Tiefenauer
Treasurer - Scott Hood until replacement found - still need a volunteer
Secretary - Jim Mathewson
Outings - Open Position - still need a volunteer
TIC/Youth/Adult Education - Scott Hood
Women's Initiative - Terrie Blackburn
Website - Frank Kohn
Conservation - Pat Daly
New Board member - Kelly Brown

Please contact one of the current Board members to volunteer or with your recommendations.

Women's Initiative



Terrie Blackburn

Watch our Facebook page for postings on future women focused events. Questions or want to initiate an event? Send me a text 918-704-0908.

NEW TU/TFF LOGO

There will be 3 planned stocking of trout beginning near the end of December and continuing until Mid February. (stocking dates will be announced closer to the actual dates.) Daily limits will be set at 4 trout per angler, no culling. One rod per person only and each angler must have a single stringer with their name on it, if that angler is keeping fish. Those that plan to catch and release fish should practice "keep'em wet" release tactics and the use of barbless hooks is suggested.

There will be set dates for "Kids Only Days" where only children under the age of 16 may fish. Adult may fish on those days only if they are accompanied by a child angler that is also fishing. These dates are Dec. 26th to 31st 2016. January 16th and February 20th 2017.

This renewed program by OKTU #420 has had no effect on the current planned "close to home" program offered by the ODWC held at Veteran's Park Pond in Jenks, OK.

Board of Directors
Oklahoma Chapter #420 Trout Unlimited

The contribution by NatureWorks is a "match" donation they contribute \$1.00 for \$1.00 . So if you'd like to help on this project please send a contribution to OKLAHOMA CHAPTER #420 ... SUBJECT: TROUT POND ...and mail it to PO BOX 54108 TULSA, OK 74155. Your contribution is 100% tax deductible.



Dad and his sons share a day at the Trout pond for Tulsa. This is what it's all about. Thad, Billy and Steven Carthel

Scott Hood

Oklahoma Trout Unlimited
Adult and Youth Education Coordinator

Have you got a Boy Scout Troup, Girl Scout Troup or any other youth group that you'd like to introduce fly fishing to? Contact Scott Hood at ... shood91849@aol.com



Watch Streamline, Facebook and the TU/TFF Website for the new TU420 logo and items on sale.

This Month's Definitions

*'A DICTIONARY FOR CONSTANT ANGLERS,
WEEKEND WADERS, AND ARTFUL BOBBERS'* by
Henry Beard & Roy McKie

Catch-and-Release: 1) Term for stretch of public stream where fish caught must be released alive. 2) Term for stretch of private stream where trespassers caught are released after a lecture, a series of threats, and a brief introduction to a large dog.

Club: 1) Long bar of wood used to render a fish senseless. 2) Place with a long bar of wood where fishermen go to render themselves senseless.

Help for Website, Please

I have been advised of a broken link on one of our web pages. This happens occasionally 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: fakohn@yahoo.com , and that link will be corrected or removed from the page. Thanks for your help.

Frank Kohn, Website Chair

Did You Know ?

Preliminary reports from [Trout Unlimited](#) chapter's and council's FY16 activity indicates volunteers contributed approximately 725,000 volunteer hours last year. That's more than ever before in TU history!

Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- January 12 - General TU/TFF meeting with guest speaker Zack Matthews "How To Be An Excellent Angler All Over The World; From Iceland and Patagonia to England and Montana". Plus special tactics for striped bass on the fly.

February 9 - General TU/TFF meeting with guest speaker Scott Branyan

March 9 - General TU/TFF meeting with fly tying instruction by Phil Curtis

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