



# Streamline



October 2019

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

## Event Calendar

October 1 and 15 - Free fly tying lessons - Backwoods at The Farm

October 2 to 6 - TU Annual Meeting - Rogers, Arkansas

October 4 to 5 - FFI Southern Council Fly Fishing Tournament

October 10th - TU General Meeting - Kit Brown & Chris Schatte, *"Everything You Need to Know About Fly Fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River"*. [Beaversbendflyshop.com](http://Beaversbendflyshop.com)

October 19th - Spavinaw Fishing Event - Below the dam at Lake Spavinaw

October 26th - Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma - Jenks Community Education 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.](#)

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## A Message from Your President

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## October General Meeting Features Kit Brown & Chris Schatte



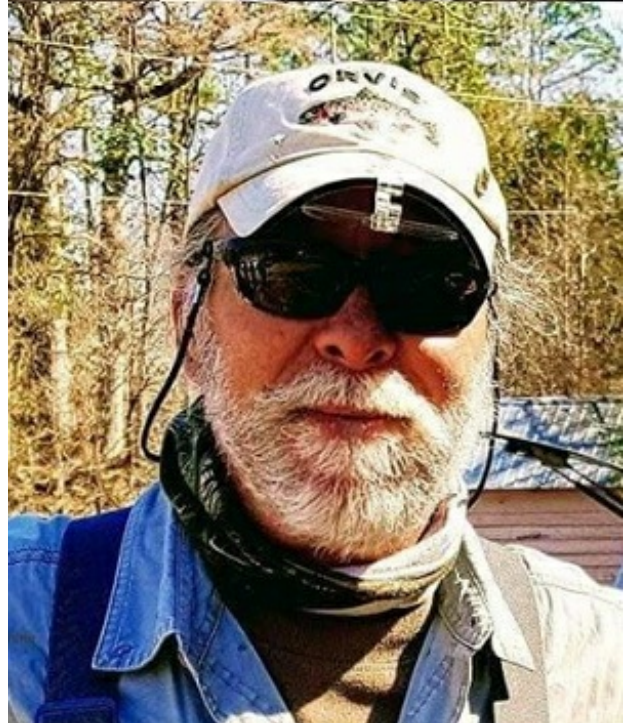
*Heath Tiefenauer*

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

Welcome to the October edition of Streamline. October brings us the official start of Autumn and although the Summer weather hasn't let up, the seasonal change will be here before we realize it. Weather will cool, foliage will change and with those changes will come some familiar changes to the rivers and lakes we all enjoy and the fishing opportunities they present.

October also signals it's time for our organization's yearly election cycle for club officers and board members. Our Secretary position will be open as well as a couple of board member positions. At our October meeting we'll be accepting nominations and voting will take place at our November meeting. We're eager to welcome some fresh faces. If you are interested please reach out to any of our current volunteers and don't miss our October meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM at Hardesty Library in Tulsa, OK.

In September we had a variety of events for our members. Our September meeting had high attendance and the speaker was very informative. The Hard Luck Fishing Tournament had a diverse turnout and true to the name, the fishing wasn't easy! Despite uncooperative fish we had an outstanding time. A big thank you to all of our participants for their fly donations, plucky persistence and good company. The 50/50 film event at Heirloom was a big hit. From this event we're excited to welcome several new TU members to our chapter. We thank our new members and



*Kit Brown (upper pic) and Chris Schatte (lower pic)*

Chris and his wife Joni are owners of Beavers Bend Fly Fishing. Their approach to fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River is to use "flies tied to the entomology of the river with the least amount of polluting materials to leave the river the way it was when they step in to fish". As local business owners, they have a stake in keeping the river ecologically sound. They discovered the LMFR in 2007 and made it their home since 2015. For more info on their shop, go to their website at: <http://www.beaversbendflyfishingguideservice.com/about/>

Kit was raised in the Catskills Mountains and fished the east coast streams extensively since the age of

our existing members for their support.

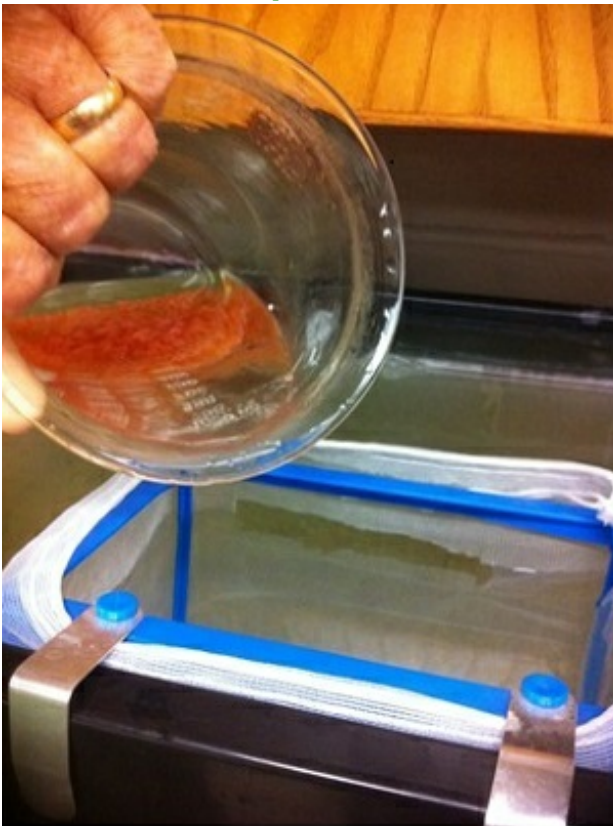
We're keeping the fun rolling in October. At our monthly meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>, our speakers Chris Schatte & Kit Brown from Beaver's Bend Outfitters and Beaver's Bend Fly Fishing Guide Service will present "Fly Fishing the Lower Mountain Fork River". TU's national meeting takes place in Rodgers, AR Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>. FFI is having their first annual Southern Council Fly Fishing Tournament Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Bull Shoals and Norfolk tailwaters. On top of all that we'll have our monthly outing on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Lake Spavinaw tailwater. Come join us for the fishing, and for lunch. We'll be serving up burgers and dogs and tall tales! Details of all our activities are available on our web site [www.tu420.com](http://www.tu420.com).

Tight Lines,

**Heath Tiefenauer**

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

## Trout In the Classroom Fall Update



*Trout Eggs Going Into Hatch Basket*

By the time you are reading this I and several of

11. He has fished most of North America and plans on finishing that task before he dies. He started tying flies at the age of 14 and has developed many patterns over the years. He currently is guiding on the LMFR with Chris. You can see some of his flies on his website: <https://tied2fly.com/>

**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.**

## Raffle Prize For October



The raffle prize for October's General Meeting will be a Sage tote bag and fishing net. Everything you need to carry supplies and land those pesky trout during your day on the water.

Give yourself a better chance of winning this prize by buying extra tickets at the door.

## Outings

**Date: October 19th - Spavinaw Fishing Event**

**Loc:** The park/camping area at Lake Spavinaw below the dam

**Time:** 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Info:** Fish until noon then join the Chapter members for lunch.

**Date: November, TBD - LIR Outing**

**Loc:** Watts parking lot

our Tank Leaders will be in the beginning stages of introduction / classroom presentations to the 12 host schools of our 13 TIC tanks. It all begins with my first presentation at our newest school Riverfield Country School, in west Tulsa on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. I will be giving the last of my presentations on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October just days before the trout eggs arrive on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. Between now and that date all the tanks will be set up and running, testing systems and arranging supplies for the start of the year.

If you care to follow along with daily and weekly posts as the year progresses please join the closed Facebook group ... TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM.

If you'd like to contribute financially to this program please send your check to:

Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
P.O. Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155.

(Each tank costs @ \$1,200 and annual upkeep around \$250 each.) If you'd like to learn more about TIC ... go to:

[WWW.TROUTINTHECLASSROOM.ORG](http://WWW.TROUTINTHECLASSROOM.ORG)

You can also follow along on Facebook by joining the closed FB group TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM.

**Scott Hood**  
**Youth Education Coordinator for OKTU420**

## Elections in November

The November 14th TU420/TFF General Meeting is election night for Officers and Board Members. Board members Pat Daly, John Sellars, Scott Hood, Ed Wampler, Maurice Wilkins and Jim Mathewson have another year remaining on their 2 year terms. The following members have been nominated by the Board of Directors:

**President:** Heath Tiefenauer  
**Vice President:** Kelly Brown  
**Secretary:** OPEN POSITION  
**Treasurer:** Phil Curtis  
**Board Members:** Frank Kohn, Russell Vaughn, Jake Miller

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Info:** See upcoming newsletter issues

**Date:** December 12 - Holiday Party

**Loc:** McNellie's Restaurant, 409 E 1st St

**Time:** Doors open at 6:30

**Tickets:** Purchase tickets online at the TU420.com website for \$25/person by bankcard.

Details will be provided in the November issue of *Streamline*.

**Date:** January TBD - Roaring River Fishing Event with Project Healing Waters

**Loc:** Roaring River State Park

**Time:** 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

**Info:** To be provided in future issues of *Streamline*

**Contact:**

Heath Tiefenauer at [TU420outings@gmail.com](mailto:TU420outings@gmail.com)

## Youth And Adult Education

### Upcoming Classes

**Jenks Community Education - Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma**

- **Date:** October 26th
- **Time:** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- **Location:** Jenks Aquatic Center
- **Fee:** \$25

Time to get a learning lesson about fly fishing in Oklahoma? Time to get a friend or relative of yours an education in fly fishing, because you don't want to teach them yourself, this clinic can be your answer.



Saturday, Oct. 26th is OKTU420's all day-fly fishing clinic. Offered through the Jenks Community Ed center, attendees will learn about reading the water,

If you would like to nominate a TU420 member (or yourself), please contact Heath Tiefenauer, any current Board Member or officer, or nominate them from the floor at the meeting and be part of the team directing the chapter. We encourage your participation.

## The Board of Directors

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### 2019 Conservation Issues

Oklahoma Water Conservation Leaders to join Oklahoma Trout Unlimited in support of Minimum In Stream Flow requirements for the Lower Illinois River and the Scenic Rivers.

TU/TFF supports passage and enforcement of reasonable maximum nitrogen load levels in Scenic Rivers agreed upon nearly 20 years ago.

Exponential growth of mega chicken houses in Northeastern Oklahoma threaten stream water quality. Unlimited and unmetered new chicken water wells threaten aquifers and spring fed streams. An additional 50 tons per month of raw chicken feces forecast to be aerial sprayed on watersheds leading to our streams. Permits cannot, by law, be denied for any reason.

Oklahoma Water Resources Board's planned large volume water transfers from Illinois river and other NE Oklahoma watersheds pose threat to instream flows and healthy fisheries. Reportedly, waters to be wholesaled to fracking companies and new OKC waterparks for profit. Scientific studies are not allowed to be used for viable fisheries, recreation needs or instream flow requirements to maintain healthy Oklahoma rivers and revenue generated.

Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell recognizes \$800 million water based recreation and fisheries as major driver of tourism, taxes and resulting 15,000 jobs for Oklahoman's. Matt Pinnell, who fly fishes, establishes first Oklahoma Fishing Trail to encourage fishing based tourism

TU/TFF to survey members to learn their top conservation and fisheries concerns.

Trout Unlimited National opposes harmful Federal Regulations.

Recently there has been a flurry of rulemaking

the terminology of the sport, where in Oklahoma to fly fish, learn knots, see fly tying and LEARN TO CAST... ON WATER. It's rain or shine, held indoors at the Jenks High School Aquatics Center on the Olympic sized swimming pool and in a classroom. All equipment is supplied. Cost is \$25. Class size is limited so sign up now. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN JENKS, OK to participate. Please share this with those family and friends! (copy and paste and email it to them) Class is limited to 16 years or older, students 14 or older are welcome as long as they are attending with an adult over 18.

Here's where to sign up ...

[https://www.jenkscommunityed.com/class-calendar&a=view&class\\_id=365](https://www.jenkscommunityed.com/class-calendar&a=view&class_id=365)

### Backwoods at The Farm - Fly Tying Lessons

- **Date:** October 1st and 15th
- **Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Location:** The Farm at 51st & Sheridan Rd
- **Cost:** Free

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### Fall 2019 General Meeting Schedule

Pat Daly has lined up an excellent series of presenters this fall at the General Meeting

**October 10.** Chris Schatte & Kit Brown – *“Everything You Need to Know About Fly Fishing The Lower Mountain Fork River”*.

**November 14.** Fred Kirk – *“Rocky Mountain Road Trip; a 3,000 mile Fly Fishing Adventure”*. Election night.

**December 12.** Holiday Party at McNellie's Downtown. Reserve tickets at TU420.com

**January 9.** Conejos River Anglers – *“Fly Fishing New Mexico's Conejos & Los Pinos Rivers”*

**February 13.** Fly Tying Night

**March 12.** Davy Wotton - *“The Best of Fly Fishing & Tying”* and fly tying pre meeting session

**April 9.** Randy Richter – *“Fly Tying for Stripers & How to Catch Oklahoma Stripers on the Fly”*

activity by the administration that will affect regulations for agencies that oversee the conservation of natural resources. Currently, there are three rulemaking efforts TU is opposing and seeking comments from members.

Right now there are three rulemakings that each and every angler should be paying attention to: 1) the U.S. Forest Service's revision to its NEPA regulations, 2) the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed rule to implement Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and 3) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service's revisions to Endangered Species Act regulations. Learn full details and provide agencies with your input at [www.TU420.com](http://www.TU420.com).

### **Pat Daly**

Conservation Chair

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## **Volunteers Wanted**

### **Get Involved In TU420/FFI**

TU420 has several volunteer positions that they would like your support in filling. Most of the positions have volunteers currently in the position who are willing to provide mentoring during a transition period. Volunteers would need to be an active member of Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International.

**Secretary:** Responsible for agenda and minutes for Board and General Meetings and assists TU420 officers and Board members.

**Social Media Chair/Newsletter Editor:** Edits and publishes monthly newsletter and administers Instagram, forum and facebook activity.

**Membership Chair:** Maintains membership statistics and promotes membership in both TU and FFI.

**Outings Chair:** Creates and organizes monthly outing events.

**General Volunteers:** From time to time we have a need for volunteers to help with fly tying, knot tying and casting instruction. If you would like to help on

**May 14.** Scott Hood - "My Time with TU and the LIR"

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## **FFI Resources**

Sometimes I become lazy and pick up bad habits. Sometimes I am not thinking about my casting and sometimes, the correct casting technique just hasn't become 'automatic' yet. For whatever the reason, I find it helpful to refer to some of the best resources available from FFI's Learning Center. <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education/Learning-Center/Casting/Casting-Instruction>

The Casting Instruction section of the Learning Center consists of 6 modules with downloadable documentation and videos on the 'art' of casting. These modules are; Fundamentals of Casting, Change of Direction, Distance Casting, Pick Up/Lay Down Cast, False Casting and Roll Casting, all extremely helpful in refreshing your memory, understanding the cast and visually demonstrating a proper cast.

For the more advanced angler, FFI also offers a Fly Casting Challenge Program. It is meant to be a fun, voluntary way to study, practice and challenge oneself in a progressive fashion at one's own pace. It includes such challenges as: Reach mends, slack line and curve casts, accuracy from dominant and non-dominant shoulders, hauling, and casting while seated or kneeling to mention just a few.

For more information on FFI, visit their website at: <https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

Tulsa Fly Fishers is a Charter Club of FFI and all of our Officers, Board of Directors and club members are members of FFI. Please consider joining this organization that represents all aspects of fly fishing from fly tying and casting instruction to the protection of and access to fisheries around the world.

Jim Mathewson

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## **Beyond Fly Rod Weight**

those occasions, please let one of the Board members know that you could be available and are willing to participate.

If you are interested in becoming involved and being part of TU and FFI, or know someone who would be interested, please consider volunteering for any of these positions. Currently these are temporary positions until formal elections in November. For more information and details on the positions and responsibilities, please contact one of the Board members.

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## Fly Tying Contest

### Six Fly Progressive Fly Tying Contest

Fly of the Month – We will continue with Terrestrials, on Size 6 – 14 hooks. We still need one more volunteer to complete the group. Grasshoppers, Ants, Beetles, whatever your favorite pattern are accepted. Tie 12 and enter the Fly of the Month contest. You will receive a flybox with 6 flies for your effort, and you get to be the judge of what is the best pattern. Contact Kelly Brown for details on Facebook, or at [kellyfishes@msn.com](mailto:kellyfishes@msn.com).

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-Kelly

Author Kelly Brown will be directing this season's fly tying contests. Some of your contest fly submittals will be used as fund raising items, raffle items, special contest prizes and other awards for Trout Unlimited and FFI projects like Trout in the Classroom, winter trout stocking of local ponds and youth education programs.

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## Kelly's Korner

### Best Weight Fly Rod?

All of us have seen fly fishing videos of fantastic fish landed in faraway places, maybe with crazy Spey casting and in-the-air knot tying. A few of us old school fishers may have read a few trout fishing classics from the likes of Joe Brooks scuba diving

Rod materials and tapers have evolved significantly and many entry-level rods likely are more versatile and cast better than premier offerings of 10-20 years ago. Tippet materials have similarly evolved. Not only do we have choices of fluorocarbon versus nylon, but the knot strength and pull weights have improved considerably. For example, my first spool of 6X tippet tested near 1.5 lbs. After a frustrating day, hooking and losing large fish, I gave it up. Now a 6X tippet (0.005") can test over 3.5 pounds and is more than capable of bringing a 5-pound trout quickly to hand when coupled with a good rod and fighting technique. Still not Striper worthy, but that has more to do with the size of the flies than the fish.

A good rule of thumb for trout-sized files is to take the size hook and divide by 3 for a proper tippet selection. A close estimate will do, with specific conditions determining whether you round up or down on this number. In still clear waters with picky trout, a size 14 pheasant tail will work well with 5X tippet (5 lb, 0.006"). In rough fast water, 4X (6.4 lb, 0.007"), would be recommended. In really heavy water, lots of lead and big fish, a 3X tippet (8.2 lb, 0.08") might even be a better choice. So, what about trout rods? For trout, you will benefit with a rod soft enough to protect the lightest tippet you will be fishing. While that depends on skill level, I find my success with size 18 – 24 flies on 6X tippet is greatly enhanced with the soft or mid action rods in the 2 to 4 weight range. I mend these rods better and have improved accuracy at short distances. Those same rods are poorly equipped to cast heavily weighted rigs in fast water. If you have never fished a girdle bug under an indicator in heavy water, you are missing out on some fantastic hard strikes. This is not the circumstance to go light with tippet. A longer 5 or 6 weight will help control the line on the water and give good casting distance.

Take heart, there is no need to memorize X's and inches and rod sizes if you learn to balance three facts; (1) is the line supple enough that the fly acts naturally in the water, especially when dead drifting and (2) is the tippet strong and durable enough to handle a hard strike and (3) is the fly line heavy enough to turn over your heaviest fly. If you can settle on a rod that can do all 3 then it's time to consider bass and striper on the fly.

A good quality 10 lb tippet still supple enough to

Yellowstone, James Leisenring learning to swing wet flies, and Vince Mariano picking on spring creek trout. These classics speak chapters about flies and techniques and not much about rod choices. How do you plan for a trout/striper trip? How do you even decide what weight rod to use?

Even experienced fishers may not know how to approach a fishing day when trout, panfish, bass and striper are a real possibility. Yet here we are, the Lower Illinois River has been offering that possibility all summer long, along with plentiful Buffalo and Carp. What's a 5-weight to do? The answer seems clear to me, one needs a better rod!



So how should you choose a second fly rod? If you see my rod collection, you know I have lost this argument many times over. For several years I did not have a 5 weight rod, but this summer has seen me throwing a fast taper 5/6 weight rod with a shooting head and carrying a short soft fiberglass 5 weight rod with a floating line. The high modulus rod can send a large fly to the powerhouse wall but is handicapped for anything but straight line retrieving a streamer. The short soft fiberglass rod handles small flies, bobbers, mends well and has no problem landing a 21" striper, but is miserable with anything larger than a Size 8 weighted wooly bugger. At one point I grabbed a Randy Richter EP fiber fly and became a one-man casting hazard with my 5/6 weight shooting head combo. At that moment I had an "ah-ha" moment, that rod choices are best dictated by fly selection and water conditions rather than by a targeted fish species, favorite author or fly destination video. I began to think seriously about a better 8 weight rod.

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allow a double barrel popper to wiggle and shake. That same fly has a size 4 hook and casts nicely with anything from a 5 weight to an 8 weight. Similar to trout, low clear water likely fishes better with the lighter rods.



For striper, strip setting a heavy fly with 10 pound tippet could be dicey, especially if the strike as right at the end of the rod. In this case a 15 or 20 lb tippet would work better and have the advantage of helping turn a 6-inch fly over at the end of the cast. If you are fishing a half a chicken or one of those 10-dollar articulated pony rides, you probably need at least an 8 weight line to get the fly to its destination, which is where I have settled as the heaviest rod I likely need in Oklahoma. Of course, I might be under-gunned if I go to Alaska!

As with all things fly fishing, what rod you choose depends on many factors. Taking account of the fly sizes and style will help narrow that selection down considerably.

Tight Lines,

-Kelly

*Author Kelly Brown will be documenting his general thoughts on fly fishing in the coming months. If you see him at the next General Meeting, be sure to thank him for putting this project together.*



## Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

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