

JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER



Tulsa Fly Fishers
FFF - Southern Council Affiliate
Trout Unlimited - Okla Chapter #420



A photo of the many gathered at the 2010 FLY TYING EXTRAVAGANZA. ----Photo taken by Gregg Dodds

TULSA FLY FISHERS' NEWS

TULSA FLY FISHERS NEXT OUTING: [Saturday, January 23, 2010](#), Roaring River State Park, Missouri. This is one of our most attended outings. We will meet at the covered pavilion for lunch at 12 noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish of food. Joel Kantor will be bringing his famous BBQ. If you plan to attend, please contact Syd or Sandy Scott at (918) 663 3559 or sandy102@cox.net. Syd and Sandy Scott are coordinating the menu items. If you decide to come at the last minute, just bring anything and join us for some fishing fun and food!

Next Monthly Meeting is: Thursday, February 11, 2010, 7:00PM at the Tulsa Public School Fulton Professional Development Center 8906 E 34th Street, Tulsa, OK 74145 Phone (918) 925 1102. This meeting is our annual FLY FISHING SWAP. The public is always welcome to attend!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"THE GATHERING"

Our January meeting was a great success and I believe it was our best meeting ever! We had fly tyers from Green Country in Bartlesville, Prairie Fly Fishers from Oklahoma City, a local Saturday morning fly tyers club from Tulsa, and our own Tulsa Fly Fishers. An event of this magnitude does not happen without a lot of hard work and dedication. Our club owes a tremendous "**thank you**" to Dick Turnbull. Dick's vision and relentless dedication made this event so much fun. Additionally, a special thank you to Greg Dodds, Vice-President, for making sure everything went without a hitch.

A very wonderful part of the sport of fly fishing is learning to tie flies. The spirit and fellowship among fly tyers are always fun. The teaching and learning aspect of tying flies enhances everyone's level of learning. The objective of our club should be to raise the level of learning about all aspects of fly fishing. We certainly forward to more events involving fly tying.

Tulsa Fly Fishers wish to thank the following fly tyers:

Bob Cunningham;	Dennis Kidd;	Dean Reed;
Larry Johnson;	Steven Main;	Mike Shuman;
John Sherman;	Joe Mosely;	Mark Ballew;
Art Webb;	Tom Adams;	Robert Mohrmann
Dick Tenney	Jim Sheidt	Mike Spradlin;

Lastly, thanks to Kelly Bostian and the Tulsa World for the great article featuring Bob Cunningham. If you missed the article, you can visit our web page at www.tulsaflyfishers.org. Our club welcomes our new members and all who attended.

Everyone is cordially invited to our next meeting on February 11, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. where we will be having our annual fly fishing swap. There will be bargains galore. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sincerely,

Valley Branscum
President of Tulsa Fly Fishers

NEWS FROM TROUT UNLIMITED

Trout Fishing Fans!

THE TULSA TROUT POND is Open. Yes, in spite of the searing early January cold some of the trout pond has remained ice free since Dec. 26th when it opened. Thanks to the Tulsa County Parks Department for the continued operation of the ponds central fountain. (The pond is located in The Gardens Park at LaFortune Park, enter off 51st between Sheridan and Yale.)

February 15 and March 15 are designated "Kids Only Days" and TFF members are encouraged to take a kid fishing. (16 and under on those days.) However, those adults with kids fishing may fish along with them and share the fun! Saturday, March 13 is BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS DAY and I hope many of you will come to watch and help any attending that want to learn fly casting.

There have been two stockings of trout as of this date and there are two more to come. The pond will remain open for trout fishing until the last trout is caught.

Watch this newsletter for an announced "fish out" date near the end of March. (no limit, we catch'em or they die do to the warming water.)

Our thanks to NatureWorks, Inc. for their monetary support and to the Tulsa County Parks Department, and ODWC for their support of this special program. (Keeping that fountain running costs money and area game warden support.) And thanks especially to the members of Trout Unlimited, Chapter 420 for the money they give to fund this "close to home" TROUT fishing experience.

I have been reminded on several occasions that we are a fly fishing organization and to those of you who agree, I'll ask you what type of fishing rod did you FIRST start with, a spinning or bait casting rod? I believe that most of us started fishing someplace else and with some other type of fishing pole before we discovered and then fell in love with our fly rods. I encourage all of you who venture out to THE TULSA TROUT POND to share information about our Tulsa Fly Fishers group and invite those folks soaking cheese bait, corn or flinging a spinner to learn about fly fishing by coming to our free meetings. Hand them your fly rod for a minute or two and let them make a few casts. Most of us know that this little bit of "feel" that a few casts will give was all it took to get us hooked on fly fishing and maybe that little magic will work for them too.

Let's go fishing!

FISH ON!

Scott Hood

Trout Unlimited

Indian Nations Council NLC Representative

Tulsa Fly Fishers Board of Directors

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Volunteers Needed: The Annual NatureWorks Art Show is coming to Tulsa Feb.26-28. Our NatureWorks friends have asked if members of Trout Unlimited or TFF would help artists unload before the show and then help reload after the show. Volunteers are asked to help unload on Friday morning from 7:30 am until whenever Friday (completed by noon, but a few hours early will help most of all.) And then for helpers to reload Sunday, Feb.28th after 5:30 pm. ALL WHO HELP WILL RECIEVE A FREE PASS TO THE SHOW! Please contact Scott Hood at a TFF meeting or e-mail Scott at ... shood91849@aol.com if you can help.

Thank you.

Tulsa Fly Fishers 2010 ANNUAL DUES: DUE January 2010

You can send your dues to P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155 or pay at them in person at our monthly meeting. As a reminder, to be eligible to win the drawing for the Orvis rod you must be a dues paid member of Tulsa Fly Fishers. Your dues of only \$15 help insure we have available funds to bring a variety of quality speakers to our meetings throughout the year. (Membership form is on the last page.)

This is also a good time to renew you STIR membership and help protect the Illinois River <http://www.illinoisriver.org/>

WHO ARE WE? Tulsa Fly Fisher's is a fishing club, a "fly fishing" club and affiliate of the Federation of Fly Fishers - Southern Council. Membership is open to anyone in the community who shares our interest in fly fishing, conservation of natural resources and the objectives of Trout Unlimited and the Federation of Fly Fishers. Tulsa Fly Fisher's members meet jointly each month with the Okla. Chapter of Trout Unlimited. We welcome everyone, regardless of paid membership status in TFF, TU or FFF-SOC to participate in our monthly meetings, outings or volunteer events.

Tulsa Fly Fisher's membership is separate from TU and FFF-SOC and the cost is \$15 per year. TFF dues help us cover the cost of our monthly programs, affiliate membership in the FFF and giveaways such as the FREE Orvis Zero Gravity Fly Rod drawing to be held in November 2010 at our regular monthly meeting. The rod drawing is your incentive to help support Tulsa Fly Fisher's. Every time you attend a TFF meeting, outing or volunteer for a fund raising event you will be entered in the FREE Orvis Rod drawing. The more you participate, the more chances you have to win. The rod drawing rules for participation and membership form are available on our web site: http://tulsaflyfishers.org/Join_The_Club.html

Tulsa Fly Fishers Membership Form

Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please specify:

- Regular Membership (\$15.00)
- Supporting Membership (\$25.00)
- Junior Membership (under 17 years) (\$7.50)
- Membership Patch (\$6.00)

Make checks payable to:
Tulsa Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155