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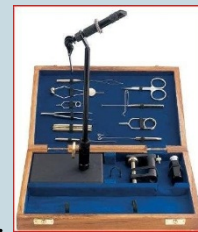


February 2012
Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Remember: Tulsa Fly Fisher dues are payable January 1, 2012

Event Calendar

- February 9th is our next meeting at Hardest Public Library in Tulsa. It's our annual Fly Tying Event and Swap Meet. Come and learn from some of the area's best fly tyers. Need to know how to attach backing to the reel, backing to fly line, fly line to leader, leader to tippet, tippet to fly, fly to fish? See Mike Shuman he can show you all but the last item. Have something you don't need any more, bring it to the swap meet. Maybe someone else's "don't need any more" is something on your wish list.



The raffle prize for the meeting is similar to the tying kit shown.

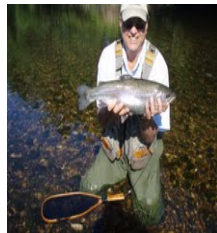
- February 11th Jenks Adult Education Day - A class on the basics of fly fishing is being presented in Jenks. There will be 33 students for the 5 hour class; a classroom presentation is scheduled for the morning. After lunch the group will be divided into three 11 person groups for casting at pool edge. Those not casting will visit fly tyers and a "rigging & knots" table. Volunteers are needed: 3 tyers, 1-2 riggers and 2-4 casters. Volunteers may contact [Scott Hood](#).
- February 14th & 15th Trout in Classroom needs helpers for a "What Makes a Trout Tick" dissection at East Central High on Feb 14th to start at 10:20, noon, and 2:10. On Feb 15th the classes start at 8:15, noon, and 2:10. Volunteers may contact any board member. See the article below.
- February 16-19 is the Mid-South Tackle and Hunt Show at the Spirit Bank Center in Bixby. We need 20 volunteers over these four days. If you can distribute brochures and promote Trout Unlimited and

Tulsa Fly Fishers you're qualified. Flipping a Fly-O or demonstrating fly tying are desirable, but not necessary skills. See the article below for more information.

- February 25th is the date for our annual trip to the Lower Mountain Fork. We'll try to get together for dinner on Friday somewhere in town. Check the web site for further details.
- February 25th is also the Pawhuska Trout Derby. Here's a [link](#) to an article in the local newspaper that describes the event, date and time, how to enter, prizes, etc.

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



Scott Hood

Hello Mike,

Where is the winter of 2012? Did we suffer twice last year and now we are getting relief? Gosh, I hope I haven't just jinxed us? But really, wow, what a great winter to get in some fly fishing! I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying this great weather while you can.

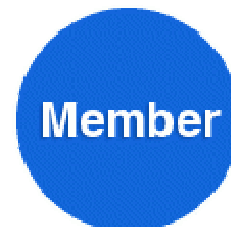
Last month's outing to Roaring River started a little cold... it was 19 degrees when we got there and one had to fight some ice in the guides but the trout were biting... some at least. Roaring River has nearly always given me trouble. But, and what I discovered late in the day was that if I calmed down, sight fishing at RR is part of

Member of the Federation?

I don't think I've heard from all Federation members so I'm leaving this up for another month. If you're a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers you'll have a membership card that looks like this.



If you are a member please press the button below. It's a link to my email. Please leave your name, enter your membership number, and click on "send."



the problem, I guess because there are so many fish that you can see. So, calm down and do what you know works, pay attention to drift and depth... and you'll catch those fish that you can't see.

On the subject of the outing to Roaring River... wonderful... that's about all I can say about Joel Kantor's famous brisket... if you missed it this year mark your calendar for next year. I BET I CAN SPEAK FOR ALL OF THE 20+ MEMBERS THAT MADE THE TRIP... IT WAS WORTH IT ... THANKS TO EVERYONE ELSE THAT BROUGHT ALL THE OTHER GOODIES TOO!

Here's a little news regarding our efforts to gain minimum flow on the Lower Illinois River... and it starts with the accomplishments of our neighbors in Arkansas. After more than a decade of struggles and hard work the White River below Bull Shoals Dam will soon be getting a minimum flow as will the Norfolk. What does that have to do with the Lower Illinois River you might ask? Well, what has been done in Arkansas can be a blueprint to follow for our efforts here in Oklahoma. As I write this I am waiting to hear news from a possible meeting between Scott Yates, Director of the TU Western Water Project and Steve Moyer, V.P. of Government Affairs for Trout Unlimited and members of Senator Jim Inhofe's office in Washington. Scott and Steve carried with them the final report of the Economic Impact of Trout Fishing on the Lower Illinois River on the Economy of Sequoyah County, Oklahoma. On the high end the total economic impacts were estimated at \$4.53 million and \$20,790 worth of sales tax generated in Sequoyah County. This is from a study performed in 2004. In today's valuations this number is over \$5 million. Proof that the loss of this year around trout fishery in Oklahoma would deal a severe blow to the

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Mid-South Tackle and Hunt Show

To be held at The Spirit Bank Center in Bixby, OK Feb. 16th - 19th. We need 20 volunteers to help staff our Trout Unlimited / Tulsa Fly Fishers space at this show. Some schedules are as short as 2 hours, none longer than 4. Thursday and Friday are good days for us retired folks to volunteer. That leaves Saturday and Sunday for you poor working stiff.

We'll have a sign up sheet at the February 9th general meeting. If you can't be there, please contact [Mike Shuman](#) if you want to help. Fly tiers are encouraged to bring your materials and tie during your session. Job skills needed are; greet and meet, hand out brochures and tell people about Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers. We need two volunteers to staff each session .

Thur. Feb 16 5pm to 9pm

5pm to 7pm... Mike Shuman &

7pm to 9pm... Mike Shuman &

Fri. Feb. 17 10am to 9pm (1/2 price Senior and Military Day 10am to 4pm)

10 am to 2pm... Mike Shuman &

2pm to 6pm...

6pm to 9pm...

Sat. Feb 18 10am to 9pm

10 am to 2pm...

economy of the area. I'll keep you posted as more information becomes available.

You should also know that, for the short term, the USACE is working on raising the storage level in Lake Tenkiller to a "seasonal pool" elevation greater than the normal "conservation pool" this extra water should help in the late summer months.

Obviously, and it is our desire that this "extra" water WILL be held in the lake until it's needed in the late summer months. Still for this to occur we need to break the drought. Pray for REGULAR rain!

There is lots' going on in February. I hope everyone comes out to enjoy the clubs Annual Swap Meet and Fly Tying Exhibition on the 9th. Bring your extra fly fishing equipment to sell or trade. We'll be stocking trout again in The Tulsa Trout Pond in mid -month with a special "Kids Only Day" on the 20th (Presidents' Day). We'll be exhibitors at the Mid-South Tackle and Hunt Show (Feb. 15-19 at the Spirit Center in Bixby, and need volunteers to help, contact [Mike Shuman](#) to help.) and a lot more. The club outing is set for the Lower Mountain Fork for Feb. 24-26 details will unfold on the web site.

All for now... Fish On my friends!
Scott Hood

What makes a trout tick?

Want to spend Valentine's Day with your first love? Do you like watching the light come on when a young person discovers something new? Then this is for you.

Our Trout in the Classroom project at East Central will be dissecting trout to learn its

2pm to 6pm... Mike Shuman &
6pm to 9pm...

Sun. Feb 19th 10am to 5pm

10am to 1pm... Randy Billington & Kathy Billington

1pm to 5pm...

Fly Tying Classes

The classes are set for each Tuesday evening in March and April (3/6 thru 4/24) at the Bass Pro Shop in BA. We'll meet in their upstairs classroom at the back of the building. We'll start at 6:30 and finish before 9:00.

There are only a few slots still open as last month's announcement generated an enthusiastic response.

You won't need to bring anything except a willingness to learn. All materials and equipment are covered by the \$40 fee for the 8 classes.

Mike Shuman will have a sign-up sheet, a handout and examples of the flies to be tied at the February 9th general meeting.

BIG WINNER

Scott Hood won the raffle prize at last months meeting. A two night stay at Jenkins Creek on the White River. The prize was provided by White River Properties LLC.

Raffle Prize Offer

Members: We were recently contacted by the

basic anatomy and what the different parts and pieces do. You don't have to know trout anatomy as the class is led by their science teacher, but she can't be at all of the work stations at once. That's where your able assistance is needed. You might even get a chance to tell a fishing tale or two.

The class meets Tuesday, Feb 14th at 10:20, noon and 2:10 and again the next day, Feb. 15th at 8:15, noon and 2:10. Volunteers are needed for five work stations at each session. As I live out of town it's difficult for me to make the 8:15, but I'll be there for the others. Can you help me? We'll have a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting on Feb 9th or contact Scott Hood shood91849@aol.com to volunteer.

Wanting to learn more, I typed "trout anatomy" on the entry line of the ever-present search engine and found 3,040,000 responses. First there were five diagrams (with more available), Wikipedia, another diagram and a NYC lesson plan for the Trout in the Classroom dissection. This last one explains what you can expect. You may want to find this last one.

Women's Fly Fishing Clinic

Several years ago the club sponsored a women only fly fishing clinic on the Lower Illinois river. That event was held at Marvel and was a huge success. The board is considering offering a similar event if there is sufficient interest. If you would like to participate please contact any board member. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the February 9th general meeting.

ADG Fly Rod company in Denver, CO about a new fly rod made with Titanium. For promoting this new product to our membership we were shipped one of the company's graphite rods as a donation. (That rod will be given as our raffle prize at our March meeting.)

Since then we received this newest offer. If any TWO club members determine to buy one of these NEW titanium rods in 2012, they will give our club a third rod to also use as a raffle item. If you should decide to purchase one of these space-age fly rods please let these people know that you are a member of OKTU/TFF so that our club will get credit.

Below is the letter from Mr. David Ahn the owner of ADG. Plus a letter from a member of the SOC of Federation of Fly Fishers.

**Dear OKTU/TFF Club Members,
I would like to share an FFF member's letter received about ADG's 2011 donated graphite rod and next year's ADG rod donation plan: ADG will donate A REVOLUTIONARY SPACE AGE TECHNOLOGY "ADG (TF) TITANIUM FLY ROD" if your club members purchase at least 2 (two) ADG TF Rods by end of year 2012. It will contribute a nice fund raising item for your club causes. Please pass along this information to your club members.
Thank You.**

**Best Regards,
David Ahn of ADG TITANIUM FLY RODS
www.adgfish.com**

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**Dear Mr. Ahn,
As I promised, I was able to find the time last Friday to put the Fly Rod you donated to the HOAFF and Southern Council through its "paces".**

I used the casts that one must do for the CCI Test - most all the requirements any

rod would need to meet and yours performed superbly in every category. I am very impressed!
Gratefully,
Mark Borserine

I contacted Mr. Ahn and learned that he plans to attend the SowBug Roundup event in Mountain Home in March.

Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- March 2nd - 4th Nature Works Art Show - Help is needed to set up and tear down. Those that help set up will get a free pass to Friday night cocktail party. Dave Whitlock is among exhibitors this year. The board urges all members to attend. Volunteers may contact any board member.
- March 23 - 25: Sow Bug in Mountain Home AR. Saturday the club is sponsoring a dinner at David Hall's rental cabin at Bull Shoals. It's about 1/4 mile upstream from Rim Shoals. Meet about 5:30. Check the web site for further details.
- April 7th - Free Fly Fishing Clinic sponsored by Tulsa Parks Dept. & ODWC will be held at the Trout Pond with a classroom presentation followed by casting at the pond. Help with casting will be needed. Contact any board member if you can help.
- April 14 - Trout pond "Fish Out"
- **June 23** - TU Stream Clean-up Day. With the washout we had last year the board decided to participate on this later national date. We'll attack the Lower Illinois River again this year. Maybe your group will find the prize winning toilet, or possibly something more memorable.

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