



Streamline



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

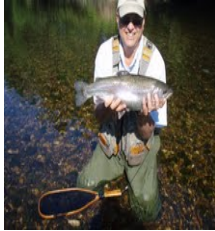
Event Calendar

- March 3rd & 4th Nature Works Art Show - Our own TFF member Dave Whitlock is among the exhibitors this year. The board urges all members to attend. Renaissance Hotel on Highway 169 at 71st in Tulsa. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 4. Tickets are \$5, and one ticket is good for both days.
- March 8th - General meeting at the Hardesty Public Library. The guest speaker is Larry Babin of Mountain Home AR. Larry grew up in southern Louisiana surrounded by some of the best salt and fresh water fishing in the country. Reds and specs were favorites but bass, crappie, and smallies were also readily available. Larry attended the second ever Orvis Guide School at Hubbard's Yellowstone Lodge in Montana and knew then he did not want to do anything else but guide. Larry's passion for fly fishing and teaching the sport is ongoing. Bring a note pad!  
The Meeting Fund Raiser is a brand new **Ultimate IMPTX** 9 foot 5 wgt. fly rod donated by ADG Fly Rods, makers of the revolutionary ADG Titanium Fly Rod ([www.adgfish.com](http://www.adgfish.com)). For every two of these new rods our club members purchase they will give us one free as a donation. You can see ADG at the Sowbug Roundup this month.
- March 11th: We will be at the Bass Pro Shop offering fly tying demonstrations in the store and casting instruction on the Bass Pro pond. Big Brothers and Sisters will be there as well as a group of Cub Scouts working on their Conservation Badges. These are our future members. Come support these children and our club - VOLUNTEER. Contact a board member if you want to tie or help.
- March 14th: Field trip with the East Central General Biology classes to release the kamloop fingerlings into the LIR at the Watts property area.
- March X: Just before the TPS spring break the trout pond will be stocked for the last time this year. Contact Scott Hood for date and time if you would like to watch. It's a secret!
- March 23 - 25: Sowbug Roundup Our outing this month is in Mountain Home AR. We will have a cookout on Saturday night 6:15 PM at David Hall's house on the White River. The house is located upstream from Rim Shoals. To get there, drive to Rim Shoals, when you cross over the RR tracks at the fly shop turn right and go down the gravel road marked "private." Last house on the left. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish to share and notify Fred Kirk at [fkirk@yahoo.com](mailto:fkirk@yahoo.com) so he knows how many to expect. If you decide to drop by at the last minute it's Okay, but don't all of you do that! Come early and you can help cook! Tulsa Fly Fishers will provide the burgers and brats.

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,

We've been busy these past weeks since our last newsletter. Members of your OKTU/TFF Board of Directors and members of both Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers showed up to help at the Tulsa Trout Pond stocking trout; the Jenks Adult Education Fly Fishing Clinic teaching casting, rigging, and fly tying; dissecting trout for the Trout in the Classroom project; manning our booth at the Mid-south Tackle and Hunt Show; and coming to the outing at the Lower Mountain Fork. **BIG THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED AND HELPED, YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!**

March looks to be just as busy, check the event schedule above, and I hope even more of you will step up to give a little back to the sport we love. Contact any board member and just say, "I'd like to help." And I can't wait to tell you about everything that's coming in April.

Positive things are happening regarding the Lower Illinois River water quality and quantity. I feel real progress is being made. However, the news of the Obama budget cuts is not so good. We have prepared a letter for a letter writing campaign that we hope EVERYONE will join in. There is a link on the web site Home Page, or click on the "Write Now!" button on this page.

**Write Now!**

### **Think Trout are Forever?**

The proposed 2013 budget ends funding for the National Fish Hatcheries at Greers Ferry and Norfolk over in Arkansas. We in Oklahoma get almost all of our trout from there.

Clicking on the **BIG RED** button above will provide letters to our Senators and Representative Sullivan, just add your name and address to the bottom of the letters, print, sign them and send them via USPS.

If you don't live in District 1 you have to do more by replacing John Sullivan's name and address with one of the following:

District 2: Dan Boren at 216 Cannon House Office Building  
District 3: Frank Lucas, 2311 Rayburn House Office Building  
District 4: Tom Cole, 2458 Rayburn House Office Building  
District 5: James Lankford, 509 Cannon House Office Building  
All are in Washington D.C. with a zip of 20515.

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That's it for now friends, fish on!

Scott Hood

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### **Women's Fly Fishing Clinic**

To date three women have expressed an interest in attending a women only fly fishing clinic on the Lower Illinois river. A similar event was held several years ago at Marvel and was a huge success. If you would like to participate please contact any board member. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the March 8th general meeting.

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### **Missouri Felt Soles Ban**

Waders with a felt cloth sole will not be allowed in Missouri's trout parks after March 1 because they can spread the algae, *Didymosphenia geminata*, commonly known as didymo or "rock snot." Didymo is an invasive alga that thrives in cold water streams, and it smothers the smaller species that the trout eat.

So far the nearest case of didymo found has been in Arkansas, but the Department of Conservation wants to be proactive since trout fishing is not only a huge recreational activity in Missouri; it's also a large part of Missouri's economy.

I suggest you go to [www.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/regulations/sport-fish-regulations/trout-regulations-and-permits/felt-soled-wader-ban](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/fishing/regulations/sport-fish-regulations/trout-regulations-and-permits/felt-soled-wader-ban) for complete information as more streams than those in the fishing parks are affected. I found it by typing "Missouri felt soled boots law" into my ever present browser.

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There are now 100 members on Facebook and growing. 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.](#)

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### **Mid-South Tackle and Hunt Show a Success**

These volunteers, in the order of their appearance, made the show a success for the club:

Mike Shuman, George Margalski, Ed and Sue Kessey, Steve Brinkley, Pat Daly, Jerry McConnel, Ed Wampler, Scott Hood, Frank Kohn, Bob Andrews, David Games, Randy and Kathy Billington and Bill Andrews.

During the show we had 13 adults and one junior join Tulsa Fly Fishers and two renewed their memberships. Another 45 people left their e-mail addresses so they could receive this newsletter.

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### **Fun for All**

Excited, interested teens from East Central dissected trout in Diane Nunez General Biology classes February 14th and 15th with volunteers from our clubs and beyond. Ask any of the following about their experience: Scott Hood, Mike Shuman, George Margalski, Dick Faurot, Brenda Priegel or Ken Lyon. You may want to get involved the next time. Several teachers at other schools have asked Diane about the project.

The classes are scheduled to release the Kamloops strain of rainbows they have been raising from fertilized eggs on March 14th. All students with a "C" or above get to attend this field trip. Maybe some of you could be fishing Watts that day? The buses should arrive around 11 AM.

## Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- 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" and Fund Raiser (More on this as it develops.)
- **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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