



## Streamline



March 2016

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

### Event Calendar

- March 9** - East Central High School TIC fingerling release at LIR
- March 10 - General Meeting** - Brian Sloss, see article below
- March 11 & 12** - TU Mid-South Regional Meeting in Fayetteville AR
- March 22** - Catoosa High School TIC fingerling release at LIR
- March 25** - Fly Fishing Film Tour at Monterau

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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## General Meeting

### Fly Fishing the Eleven Point River

By: Brian Sloss

Brian is co-owner/operator of Eleven Point Canoe Rental, and will give us his insights on fishing this National Wild and Scenic River. (You never know, this might be a good venue for a future club outing, so pay attention folks.)

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.

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## A Message from Your President

## Follow us Facebook

There are now **628** 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.](#)

Other Facebook groups our members support are:

Tulsa Fly Tyers - 57

Tulsa Area Trout In The Classroom - 44

Oklahoma River Warriors - 155

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma

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Hello,

We have been fortunate to have been the recipients of extremely mild weather this winter which has given many of us the chance to fish more often. Although the fishing has been tough going on the L.I.R. as of lately, we are still seeing some promising reports that the river is recovering well. With the increased traffic on our Facebook page regarding fishing techniques, it seems that the variety of flies being used during these challenging months of fishing has run through the list from A to Z.

I take great joy in seeing our members share their vast wealth of knowledge with each other in regards to what has worked recently and what has not. The point of our TU and TFF chapter is to educate our members on conservation issue along with fly fishing techniques. But our hope is to help each other educate ourselves on this sport of ours and watch the knowledge spread, which in my opinion, this group exceeds at doing.

Our board of directors has been given the unique opportunity to sit down with one of our Oklahoma Congressman, Jim Bridenstine, to discuss legislative procedures that are coming up for a vote in our congress. Because of your letters that were sent out for a Call-To-Action on behalf of Trout Unlimited members, we have shown up on our state lawmakers radar and have begun the process of building a relationship to further make your voices heard.

We as board members are here to help you the members of Trout

## PHWFF

Lloyd Wicker Memorial 2 Fly Tournament  
Cotter Arkansas on the White River.

June 11th 8am-4pm

Starting from Fultons Lodge

Fund raising tournament to  
benefit Project Healing Waters Fly  
Fishing OK

Prizes for 1 place - 3rd place  
35 dollars per entry.

Questions?  
Contact Chris Gorman at

[phwffok@gmail.com](mailto:phwffok@gmail.com)

### Directions to Fulton Lodge

#### From US 62 East in Flippin:

After you cross the bridge on the White River, the highway will climb a long hill. At the top of the hill turn left on County Road #1 (Denton Ferry Road). After 7 1/2 miles, turn left on county road #703. 703 is a loop road near the river so it has two entrances to county road #1. The second entrance is the shortest, and we have a sign on that corner. Lodge is about 1/4 mile on the right. If you miss the turn on to 703, county road #1 will turn to gravel within 100 feet.

Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers have your concerns addressed when it comes to your ideals for clean, sustainable water and access to public lands. I encourage each and every one of you to approach our board members and speak up about the policies and procedures that will inevitably affect your rights as a fishing and outdoors person. And for those of you who have always wanted to get involved on a broader level, please feel free to volunteer your time and effort to supporting your local TU420 chapter and Tulsa Fly Fishers.

John Sellars, President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

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## Trout Unlimited Opposes Legislative Efforts to seize our National Forests & Parks

### All fishing, hunting and recreation threatened

Being a landowner is a right in this country. America's public lands are your lands. And it's your right as a citizen to fish its clean waters. At Trout Unlimited we are proud of that right and will fight to protect it. However, a handful of legislators want to take away your rights and take your land. Theodore Roosevelt drew a line in the sand, and we are going to hold it for ourselves and future generations.

#### Some Facts:

- Colorado, the secret of state-owned property – Colorado has over 3 million acres that were deeded to it by the Federal government, yet 2,520,000 acres are closed to fishing and hunting. Only 480,000 acres (about 16 percent) of these supposedly public lands are actually open for hunting and fishing. In fact, Colorado state-trust lands are statutorily closed to the public for any purpose without a specific lease or permit. As a result, 84 percent of the remaining state-trust acres are leased to the highest bidder; often for oil and gas, agriculture or mineral development. Some of these public lands are actually leased for private recreational use only. Only the wealthy can fish and hunt on Colorado's leased public land.
- New Mexico. State public lands are closed to all camping and off

## Did You Know?

By: Pat Daly

### LAWSUIT CHALLENGES CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE QUESTION 777

#### Coalition Alleges Amendment is Too Vague and Would Create Dangerous Roadblocks for Future Legislators

**OKLAHOMA CITY**— A coalition of Oklahomans filed suit today challenging the constitutionality of State Question 777, the "Right to Farm and Ranch Amendment." Plaintiffs in the lawsuit include Save the Illinois River, Representative Jason Dunnington, Ed Brocksmith, and John Leonard.

Oklahomans are set to vote on SQ 777 on November 8. Through SQ 777, the Oklahoma Legislature, at the behest of large agricultural corporations, has asked Oklahomans to elevate an occupational choice—farming and ranching—and the use of agricultural technology to fundamental rights on par with free speech and religious liberty.

"State Question 777 amounts to a massive giveaway to corporate agriculture in a truly unprecedented way," says Save the Illinois River President Denise Deason-Toyne. "Oklahomans have a right to clean water, clean air, and food safety. This 'Right to Harm' amendment strips them of those rights in favor of an industry that cares only about its own bottom line."

The government's giveaway comes at a time when Oklahomans are noticing that corporate consolidation of traditional family farms is having a negative impact

limits to the public for most of the year.

- Utah legislators propose selling or leasing 2.4 million acres of prime public land to private interests.
- Nevada. Sold off all but 3,000 acres of over 2.7 million acres of

state lands it citizens formerly owned. There is no money left from the one-time sale.

- Idaho. State Legislators propose to close prime state land to the public; Only an exclusive pay-to-play fishing and hunting club could use public lands.

To learn more about why Trout Unlimited Opposes the seizure of our Federal lands read the full TU articles:

<http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/the-line-in-the-sand>

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## Trout in the Classroom

### Trout in The Classroom program needs volunteers!

March 9 ... East Central High School  
March 22 ... Catoosa High School  
April 6 ... Broken Arrow High School  
April 22 ... Jenks High School  
April 28 ... Union High School

The Trout in the Classroom program has students in each school raising trout in an aquarium in their classroom from eggs to fingerlings. They watch over the water monitoring water quality and water conditions that pollute the water in the trout tank. The reward for the students efforts each year is a field trip to the river to release the trout into the wild river. They see and experience the outdoor world and gain a conservationists perspective. Volunteers will help answer student questions, assist in the release, help students look for insects and invertebrates in the river and offer casting and fly tying lessons. (Very rewarding experience for volunteers .)

**For details and to volunteer please contact Scott Hood:  
Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter**

...ing ... having a negative impact on Oklahoma's economy.

According to a report published by the Oklahoma Employment Security

Commission in January, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting make up a mere 1.1 percent of the State's gross domestic product (GDP) and account for only 0.18 percent of all jobs. Conversely, before corporations were allowed to own agricultural land in 1993, agriculture contributed to 10 percent of the State's GDP and 11.9 percent of all jobs.

Yet now the corporations are asking for even more power. If SQ 777 becomes law, corporations and courts—and not Oklahoma citizens— will be responsible for defining agriculture policy in the State.

"I ran for office to improve the lives of Oklahoma citizens," says Representative Dunnington. "I voted against State Question 777 because I believe it will prevent me from doing my job to protect Oklahomans in the future. Oklahomans deserve better."

**NOTICE ALL ... "DID YOU KNOW?"** is a feature of our monthly Streamlines newsletter. Do you have something you think ever member needs to know? Just write a couple paragraphs and send them to us. (Editors Note, we reserve the right to determine whether your item is truly something everyone needs to know. Facts only please.)

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## TFF Dues Changed

Renewals are lagging behind last year's sign-up rates. **Keep TFF green;** bring money!!!

Youth Education / Education  
Coordinator

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Phil Curtis, Oklahoma TU Chapter VP overseeing Union High release  
2015



OK TU member Tammy Donaldson, Catoosa High School Tank  
leader helps a student catch her first trout.

Dues for 2016, and following years, was changed by the approval of the revised bylaws at the November meeting. Fees this year are:

- Regular \$20
- Supporting \$25
- Youth \$8
- Lifetime \$150

At the meeting on March 10th you may pay by cash or check. Checks may also be sent to

Tulsa Fly Fishers  
PO Box 54108  
Tulsa OK 74155

Membership of the TFF may go to [www.tulsaflyfishers.org](http://www.tulsaflyfishers.org) to review the revised bylaws.

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## 2016 Schedule

The Meeting room has been scheduled for 2016. Two of the dates will **NOT** be on the usual second Thursday due to library events that are held that day. However, all will be on a Thursday.

- April 7 - **a week early**
- May 12
- September 15 - **the third Thursday**
- October 13
- November 10

Remember we do not meet at the library during June, July or August. The December meeting is the annual dinner meeting.

We meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the north side of the Creek Turnpike, east of Memorial Drive.



Students do in-stream invertebrate studies and come up with some unique stream occupants. Do you know what this nymph with become?

*Scott Hood*

*OKTU Youth Activities Coordinator*

Members, if you have a youth group that you would like to expose to Fly Fishing, fly casting, or fly tying please contact me at [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com).

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**YOUTH "SUMMER ON THE FLY" IS COMING TO THE TULSA AREA!**

Doors open a little after 6:00 pm.



**The 2016 National Fly Fishing Film Tour is coming to town!**

Brought to you by your local [Oklahoma Chapter 420 Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers](#).

Our big Spring fundraiser and fly fishing show is Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Coterie Theater at Montereau, [6800 S Granite Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136](#)

Doors open at 6:30pm and the show's at 7:00pm

All proceeds from this event will go to the Oklahoma Chapter 420 Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers for education, fly fishing instruction, stream restoration and conservation efforts.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available in advance (cash or check only) at: [Backwoods Tulsa](#) – 6508 E 51st St, Tulsa and [The Gadget Company](#) at 104 E 15th St, Tulsa, OK.

Tickets will also be available at the show.

The Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be host to a two-day national TU Youth Initiative Project called Summer On The Fly, June 18 and 19th. This program is designed to get more youth interested in the conservation efforts of Trout Unlimited through fly fishing.

The program will be set up through the Jenks Community Education program but will not be limited to Jenks area youth only. Open to boys and girls age 10 to 15 only. The cost to participate will be \$5.00 per participant. The balance of the normal JCE \$15 fee will be paid by the National TU Youth Initiative Program.

However ... signing up early will be critical to being part of the program. There is limited space for 40 youth and those first 40 spots will most likely go quickly. People may call 918-298-0340 as of March 9th to register a student into the program. (Open to boys and girls age 10 to 15 only.)

The first day will be held from 10am until 3:30pm at the Jenks Aquatics Center on the campus of Jenks High School. It is designed to give each student an introduction to fly fishing. In a classroom setting, the morning session will be all about the terminology of fly fishing, equipment, fish identification, fishing etiquette, casting a fly rod and more. Day one's afternoon session will be hands on fly rod casting lessons, fly tying and how to rig up a fly rod including learning the basic fly fishing knots every fly fisher should know.

Day two is an actual fishing afternoon as students will be invited back and asked to bring their parents, or grandparents to an afternoon of private fishing in the Zebco Pond at the Jenks Aquarium. This day is not required attendance but all the students will be encouraged to attend this Fathers' Day outing from 1pm to 3:30pm. No equipment is required for either day.

Oklahoma Youth Education Coordinator: Scott Hood  
Contact Scott Hood at [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com) if you have questions.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the event. Credit cards, cash or check at the door.

Come early and get your raffle tickets!

This year's great prizes are:

- Your choice of a TFO fly rod
- A guided trip on the famous Green River in Utah with Western Rivers
- A float trip for two on the White River

with the OZARK FLY FLINGER and Guide Scott Branyon

-Other fly fishing gear.

For more information on this event go to <http://www.tulsaflyfishers.org> or our Facebook page.

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## March Outing

### Virtual Fly Fishing

Considering Spring Break, Holidays and the other time demands March brings with it, March is a busy month for many of us. In lieu of a traditional outing on the water the March outing will be the Fly Fishing Film Tour. The Film Tour is a great event and we have some great prizes lined up.

Please join us for the Film Tour on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Full details on the Film Tour and the prizes are available above and at [tulsaflyfishers.org](http://tulsaflyfishers.org). If you need to fish, volunteer to help with the TIC releases this month. Most of the volunteers stick around and put some time on the river after the students leave.

In April we'll get back on the water. Keep

your ears open for the April outing announcement. We'll be conducting our yearly Lower Illinois River Cleanup in conjunction with the 89'er chapter from Oklahoma City.

## Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- April 7 - General Meeting - Nathanael Ferguson - "Fly Fishing the Norfolk Tailwaters"
- April 14 -16 - Sowbug Roundup Baxter County Fairgrounds in Mountain Home AR
- May 12 - General Meeting - TBA
- May 13 & 14 - Smallmouth Rendezvous at First Baptist Church in Tahlequah OK
- June 11 - Lolyd Wicker Memorial 2-Fly Tournament

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