



Streamline



April 2015

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

Event Calendar

April 8th - General Meeting: Fishing the URBAN Waters of the Arkansas River with a Fly Rod

April 25th - LIR Cleanup

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.](#)

Fishing the URBAN Waters of the Arkansas River with a Fly Rod

Note: Wednesday the 8th of April is a different DAY than our normally scheduled second Thursday.

Presented by Jim Scheidt and Scott Hood

This month's meeting of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Tulsa Fly Fishers will be held Wednesday, April 8th. We will meet at the HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY, 8316 E. 93rd St. on the North

Follow us Facebook

There are now **445** 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.](#)

There's also a group called Tulsa Fly Tyers with 45 members. It's a good place to get answers and tips.

side of the Creek Turnpike off Memorial Drive. The meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but the doors open a little after 6:00.

Jim Scheidt, pictured below, is an expert on the river; he sometimes fishes in a kayak as well as being a wade fly fisherman.



Scott Hood, pictured below, has researched the fish of the Arkansas River and will review the best times and places to catch them.



They will describe the public access points from Keystone Dam down to the Creek Turnpike ... where they are, how to get to them and what to watch out for.

TIC

Turn 'Em Loose

Release dates for the fingerlings have been set for the various schools. If you have free time on one of these dates, let [Scott Hood know](#) that you can help. He's looking for casters, tyers and some one to turn over rocks from the river.

- Union HS - April 15
- Jenks HS - April 21
- Beggs Middle School - May 1

Each day may be slightly different, but usually the students leave the school about 9:00 am and travel to the Watts Area to release their fish. Then it's back on the bus to the lower parking lot for casting, tying, stream life observation, and pit stop facilities.

Water is typically shut off for these events so bring your tackle and fish after the students head back to school.

PHWFF

Project Healing Water Fly Fishing is planning an outing to Broken Bow to fish the Lower Mountain Fork May 8th through the 10th. The group could use your help. If you can help, [let Chris know](#).

Outing

Our April outing will be our annual LIR Cleanup. Our cleanup has traditionally been held in June and this year we've moved it up to enjoy the milder weather

They will cover the species most often caught on a fly rod in the Arkansas River. Catching the spawning runs will increase your success ... so they will discuss what to look for and how to determine when the spawn may be happening.

They will also discuss the most popular flies used to catch these fish using a fly rod and fly on the Arkansas River.

A Message from Your President



Hello,

As the rain begins to fall and Spring brings new life to the plants and trees, we begin to venture out into nature to see what it has in store for us after a long Winter of being cooped up. And if you're an allergy sufferer like myself, you are just about ready to pack up your belongings and move to Arizona just to get some relief! But as the sun comes out to greet us, so does the beginning of the major Spring hatches that make the fish a lot more active and cause the Swifts to Kamikaze dive bomb the midges and mayflies coming off the

and fishing conditions. The cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 25th.

We will meet in the parking lot at the dam at 9:00 AM to suggest areas and distribute trash sacks. Everyone present at 9AM will receive a ticket for our participation prize, a \$50.00 gift certificate for Backwoods. Trash sacks will be collected at 11:00 AM and we'll be serving lunch around 11:30 AM at the Watts area. The winning ticket will be drawn at lunch and you must be present to win. For lunch we'll be serving burgers and brats with chips and a drink.

We will have a special guest to help us with our clean-up this year. Scott Hood has invited Congressman Markwayne Mullin, his wife Christie, their children and Markwayne's father Jim Mullin. The Lower Illinois River and Lake Tenkiller are in Markwayne's district and they wanted to help by participating and learn a little about fly fishing too. The 89'ers from OKC have been invited as well.

If you know you'll be attending, please email our outings co-ordinator Heath Tiefenauer at outings.tff@gmail.com or sign up at our next general meeting. See you there!

Womens Initiative

We had a great turnout for the Jenks Community Fly Fishing 101 class on Saturday March 28th and ladies, you did great with your casting. Plan on joining me at the annual Lower Illinois River Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday April 25th, we will cleanup and beautify the place then get some time on the water to

water.

This month TU #420 is hosting my favorite outing of the year, our annual Lower Illinois River Spring Cleanup for Trout Unlimited National on Saturday, April 25th. To me, keeping our home water clean and beautiful is one of the most important things we as conservation minded sportsman can do to repay the river which has given us so much in return. The hope is that while we are out there cleaning up the trash and junk that other people have left behind, we can also help change the mindset of the other anglers at the river who see how much effort we put into keeping their environment clean and litter free for them and their children to enjoy. The 89'er chapter from OKC will be joining us to help double our efforts in cleaning up the river that we all call our home water.

Last month we held our first ever Spring Cast Off Swap Meet which was intended to help raise funds for Project Healing Waters. We had a great turnout of members who showed their support by buying and trading their fly fishing and tying supplies at this event and Chris Gorman was able to raise over a thousand dollars to help support this program for our veterans. So I want to personally thank everyone involved who made this event a success, especially Heath Tiefenauer who donated the event space and worked tirelessly to get it setup and cook all the food we sold for lunch.

As a reminder, our monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th instead of the usual Thursday meeting day. This month's speaker is Scott Hood who will be doing a presentation on Urban Fly Fishing in the Arkansas River. Scott always brings a wealth of knowledge on whichever topic he is presenting and usually fills the room, so we hope to see you all out there!

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

further practice your new skills and maybe catch a fish or two. Details on the website.

Ladies mark your calendar for the following upcoming activities:

Saturday, April 25th - LIR Cleanup in the morning and fishing in the afternoon

Saturday, May 2nd - ORVIS 101 at The Gadget Company

Saturday, May 9th 10 am- 12pm - Ladies Casting Clinic at LaFortune Park Library

Questions - email me at OK420.TUWomen@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing everyone, Terrie



ORVIS 101 FLY FISHING IS COMING... MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... MAY 2ND!

Got a friend or relative that wants to learn fly fishing? (But you don't want to be the one to teach them.) Call **The Gadget Co. 918-749-9963** and get them signed up for the 2015 Orvis 101 Fly Fishing Clinic to be held on May 2nd. First callers get the best class times. Not only will they learn a lot about fly fishing that day, they'll also get some great deals on Orvis name brand clothing and equipment.

This is the 4th year that the Tulsa Fly Fishers and Oklahoma Trout Unlimited have hosted this event with The Gadget Co. and it gets bigger every year. Even if you already know all you think you need to know about fly fishing come anyway, there's free food, fly tying exhibitions, good equipment deals, get your knife sharpened and see some friends and make some new ones!

See you there!

Annual Raffle Prize

Did you know that at every OKTU/TFF meeting we offer a great raffle prize? We do and you can read about this month's raffle prize elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

But, what you really need to know this month is that once again this year we will collect all the sold raffle tickets after each meeting and place them all in a single jar and keep them until next November's meeting. Then, just like we did this year one lucky raffle ticket will

Terrie Blackburn and friend

April Raffle Prize

BRAND NEW, NEVER BEEN USED
POWELL SWITCH ROD.
3 PIECE ... 9FT. COBALT BLUE ... WITH
SOCK AND TUBE.

Raffle to support Trout Unlimited
Oklahoma Chapter and PROJECT
HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING
OKLAHOMA equally.



Although the Powell Co. no longer make this rod I was told by a representative of the company that they fetched around \$500 when sold new.

be drawn.

Last year we failed to mention that all along we planned to award a wonderful travel fly tying kit ... valued at over \$350. Shame on us for not making that known to everyone earlier in the year!

NOT THIS YEAR ... PAY ATTENTION NOW BECAUSE THIS YEARS END-OF-YEAR SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE IS A *BRAND NEW ORVIS HELIOS2 5 WGT FLY ROD* ... NOW, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WAIT TIL NOVEMBER TO WIN IT YOU CAN SHELL OUT ABOUT \$800 FOR IT AND BUY IT RIGHT NOW.

 **HELIOS**



Check it out for yourself

... <http://www.orvis.com/p/helios-2-5-weight-9-fly-rod-mid-flex/7a8c> Suggest you never miss a meeting and

you never miss a chance to buy a few raffle tickets. \$5 for 5 tickets and \$10 will buy you 12 .

Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

- May 2nd - Orvis FLY Fishing 101 at The Gadget Company
- May 9th - Ladies Casting Clinic at LaFortune Park Library
- May 14th - General Meeting

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