



TU/FFI

April 2021



Streamline



Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International



Event Calendar

March 10th - April 4th - Virtual Fly-Fishing Tour

April 8th - Stephen Ruiz, Euro Nymphing Techniques for Big Trout

April 24th - Clean Up Event at the Lower Illinois River

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



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

Hello and welcome to the April edition of Streamline. Our Newsletter has lots of great content this month, thank you for subscribing.

We hope you had the opportunity to join us for one of our events in March. The virtual Fly-Fishing Film Tour, Okmulgee Lake outing, Water Quality event on the Arkansas river, a Trout in the Classroom release, or the Fly-Fishing Oklahoma class? I'm amazed and incredibly thankful to all of our Volunteer Leaders for the gift of their time and their dedication to the Organization and our Members. We truly are blessed to have such a great group of people helping to make one proud to be a card-carrying member.

You can express your appreciation at any of our events or buy joining either Trout Unlimited or FFI. Did you know we're one of the only a few dual groups in the nation? As a Charter club for FFI and a National Chapter of Trout Unlimited, our group covers all aspect of Fly Fishing and Conservation concerns for both cold and warm water. Lend your support to one or both of these fine organizations and add your voice to our cause.

In April, we continue many of our programs. TIC is in full swing and the fry releases will continue in the coming month. April is also the time we give back to our local home water, the Lower Illinois River. The fishing has been great lately and we hope you'll join us for our Clean Up event later this month. Details in this Newsletter. Join us for a fun day of giving back, a burger lunch and an afternoon of fishing.

Euro Nymphing

We are pleased to announce that Oklahoma's very own **Stephen Ruiz** will be our guest speaker. Stephen has mastered the art of a fairly new, and incredibly effective, form of nymphing called Euro Nymphing. Euro Nymphing was developed by competitive fly fishers for European events to increase their catch rates and is now used throughout the US.



Stephen Ruiz

Inspired by the long-running TV series, American Sportsman, Stephen Ruiz saved his money and purchased his first fly fishing outfit – a cheap fly rod and reel combo – when he was 13 years old. Ruiz spent years fly fishing for warm water species in farm ponds, creeks, rivers, and lakes in Oklahoma.

However, several years ago he was introduced to cold water fisheries and caught his first trout on the Uncompahgre River near Ridgway, Colorado. Stephen was hooked (literally) by the technical complexity of trout fishing. Since then, Ruiz has immersed himself in the quest to demystify the art and craft of fly fishing. In his quest to demystify fly fishing, Ruiz has become a full-time fly angler and has devoted the past 6 years to learning and practicing that form of fly fishing known as Euro nymphing.

Ruiz is a graduate of the Sweetwater Guide School and makes his home in Edmond, Oklahoma with his wife, Sarah, his "bonus daughter," Parker, and his pup, Buddy. We look forward to seeing you at this "can't miss" event.

We also have a great speaker lined up for our general meeting this month. Stephen Ruiz will present Euro Nymphing Techniques for Big Trout. With the Spring weather improving we'll have the opportunity to get together for an outdoor meeting at Hunter Park.

We're grateful to have the opportunity to get together outdoors and in person – but we've had a lot of positive feedback about how convenient the Zoom meetings have been for those of you who are too far to join us in person so we've been hard at work on the logistics of broadcasting our in person meeting virtually using the Zoom platform. Whether in person or virtually please make plans to join us!

April is a great month in Oklahoma. Now let's get out there and fish!

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer
President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

2021 GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

May 13 – Lt. Gov. Matt Pennell – Oklahoma Fishing Trail & Importance of Fishing to the OK Economy

Please provide Pat Daly, pat@cimtel.net, with any recommendations you have for winter/spring fly fishing topics and guest speaker.

Trout in the Classroom

Trout In the Classroom is wrapping up for the 2020-21 school year.

As of this writing, we have 4 scheduled trout releases to go and 1 date not yet set.

April 9th Beggs HS ... April 22nd Tulsa Street School ... April 29th Tulsa Boys Home ... May 7th Riverfield HS are set and we hope to set plans for Tulsa Met HS soon.



April's meeting is subject to weather due to the open design of Hunter Park Pavilion. The meeting will **NOT BE HELD** if the weather is below 50 degrees, extremely windy or rain conditions prevail. Check weather, our home page, or our Facebook page 72 hours before the meeting. Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 and FFI Chapter will be meeting at the Hunter Park Pavilion. Hunter Park is located at: 5804 E 91st St, Tulsa, OK 74137. Open air and plenty of social distancing room. Please bring chairs, though bench seating is available.

Door and raffle tickets will be available starting at 6:00 pm. The General meeting starts at 6:30 pm. The Board of Directors highly recommends adherence to the City, TU and FFI mandates of wearing masks and social distancing at this event. *Disposable paper masks will be available, no charge, at the event.*

Meeting on Zoom too

Below is the **Z o o m** link for our April General Meeting April 8th at 6:30 PM.

You should click on this link between 6:15 - 6:30 and join the meeting via your personal computer or smart phone.

[TU420 April Zoom Link](#)

Also, our **Zoom link** will be posted on our **Facebook page** and at the **TU website** (tu420.com).

April Raffle Prize



We have had a great year overall with only some minor setbacks for classrooms. Trout have been lost to water quality issues and some to chemicals sprayed to disinfect classroom for Covid-19, each are classroom learning experiences for students.

As always, the greatest part of the year comes at the end when students along with their little fingerlings are transported to the Lower Illinois where they are released. The trout into the river and the students to the outdoor world that the Lower Illinois river provides. Many students for a first-time experience. The trout release only takes a few minutes of the day. As you can expect when those little trout fingerlings hit the water, they are quick to establish themselves and go into immediate survival mode, hiding next to and as far under rocks as they can. I always marvel, that after spending months in captivity, from eggs to fingerlings, that these little fish have this "hide to survive" instinct built into their genetic makeup.



As for releasing the students, volunteers from our OKTU 420 chapter are on hand to instruct students



Scientific Anglers Hat and Guide Lanyard.

Scientific Anglers has provided the prose to describe their lanyard:

We've had this discussion before. It's a *lanyard*, not a necklace, and a fly fishing lanyard at that. Featuring a horizontal tippet carrier, floatant caddy, fly-drying chamois, accessory snaps, a shirt clip, and a comfy foam neck strap, even if it were a necklace, we'd still recommend it for a day on the water.

- Adjustable foam neck strap with breakaway feature for safety
- Tubular foam fly patch on both sides
- Bottom clip secures to shirt, vest, or pack
- Horizontal tippet carrier, floatant caddy, fly-drying chamois, and four accessory snaps

Included in the raffle prize is a Scientific Anglers hat. Total value is over \$50.

You have to be present at the meeting to win!!!

Outings

In April we'll be giving back to our Home water with a clean-up event at the **Lower Illinois River on April 24th**. April brings warmer weather and there's always plenty of trash to be picked up. OKC's 89'er chapter will join us. We'll collect trash for several hours in the morning, enjoy a freshly grilled lunch at 11:30 and spend the afternoon fishing the freshly cleaned waters of the Lower Illinois River.

Please join us at the upper parking lot of the

on fly casting, hands on, discover invertebrates (trout food) netted from the river and see them up close and under magnification and a walk through the nearby woods to witness mother nature coming alive and see our OKTU cross-vein project at the lower parking lot on the LIR.

I am already looking forward to next year when we'll have no Covid issues and more schools involved.

If you care to donate money to help more schools host a tank in the future and to also support worn out equipment replacement please go to www.tu420.com

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all those that have come out to help on release days. Too many to list here, but you know who you are, without you and the tank leaders for each school we could not do this program in our area.

Thank you.

Please contact [Scott Hood](#), if you'd like to help with the upcoming releases.

Scott Hood
Education Coordinator for TU420

Lake Okmulgee Results

In the words of our club president: "Venue was great, scenery was excellent. Fishing was nonexistent."



Best Part of the Day - Lunch

We had a light turnout, but I did see people catching fish, albeit not with a fly rod. My friend, Mark, joined me, and he, not a fly fisherman, used minnows, stink bait, and crankbaits. He got one bite.

But all was not lost. Heath had the grill humming at lunch. We were served delicious hamburgers and hot dogs. The camaraderie made up for the lonely hours of no fish.

April brings our return to the Lower Illinois River.

Powerhouse below the dam on April 24th at 9AM. We'll provide trash bags, and you can collect your Outings Poker Card for the month. Afterwards, we'll disperse to various parts of the river for the clean-up effort. Lunch will be served at 11:30 in the Watts Area parking lot. To help us plan for this event, please RSVP using the link on outings page of TU420.com. Contact [Heath Tiefenauer](#) if you need more information. See you there!

Where: Lower Illinois River at the Lake Tenkiller Powerhouse Parking lot

When: April 24th

Time: 9AM

2021 Conservation Issues

Conservation is Our Passion

News From The Front:

Last week I visited the capitol along with several other conservation group leaders to talk with senators and representatives about the anti-public lands legislation found in senate bill 776 and house bill 2214. Most of the officials that we met with admitted **not knowing** that the Wildlife Department actually pays county taxes on the properties that they purchase and have done so since the 80's (opposing sides have made the argument that public lands kill county tax revenues, but that isn't true with ODWC lands because they pay ad valorem to whatever county their land acquisition comes from), or that these bills would require property owners to list their own properties for 6 months before they could consider selling them to the Wildlife Department. Not to mention, the unconstitutionality of limiting the Wildlife Department's ability to purchase lands in any way.

The trip went great and we all left feeling optimistic that our representatives better understood the potential harm that these bills would cause to recreational and economic opportunities if they were to become law.

We also had the opportunity to speak with Senator Wagner, who is the Secretary of Energy and Environment. We spoke at length about instream flow legislation and possibilities. He repeatedly said that instream flows were not only a passion but also a priority for him while he is in office. I'm very hopeful that through him we will not only have a water advocate but also a leader within the legislature who understands and protects tailwaters.

Please plan to join us.

Bruce Brewer
Editor

Help for Website

Occasionally, you may experience a broken link on one of our web pages. This usually happens as the source provider has done some maintenance requiring a change to that link or is no longer publishing that website.

In either case, if anyone runs into this situation, it would be helpful if you could contact me at:

tu420web@gmail.com

so that link can be corrected or removed from the webpage.

Thanks for your help.

Frank Kohn
Webmaster

LaFortune Trout Pond

Another terrific year for the Trout Pond has come to a close. We had 3 stockings this year with approximately 2,100 trout going onto the pond. On numerous drive-bys, I witnessed many people enjoying the outdoors with family and friends as well as folks just out doing that thing, we all find ourselves doing when we are fishing. Just awaiting that little tug that gets the heart racing and saying out loud, even though no one is around to hear... "fish on".



Thanks again to the great folks at NatureWorks for their continues support of this great urban trout fishing program. Without them we would not be able to afford the program. Also, thanks to The Tulsa

Jake Miller
Conservation Chair

Virtual Fly-Fishing Tour

The 2021 Fly Fishing Film Tour is here, and tickets went on sale February 17th. We are proud to have partnered with the F3T to bring you the tour virtually this year. This is a great opportunity to sit back with family and friends and enjoy the Fly-Fishing Film Tour on your own time. This year's F3T has an incredible line up with everything from Arapaima in the Amazon basin, Bream and Tarpon in the same film, Smallies, Pike, Steelhead, some of the best trout footage ever captured! Did you know Dr. Martin Luther King JR had a special relationship with long time bonefish guide Ansil Saunders and the island of Bimini? All these stories and more are part of the 2021 F3T streaming virtually March 10 and tickets are on sale now.

Click the below link to purchase tickets for this year's Fly-Fishing Film Tour

[TU420 Ticketing Link](#)

As well as having access to the films you will be helping **TU420**. As part of our partnership this year \$2.00 of every ticket sold through our link will be given back to us! So, if you have friends or family that may be interested please share the link so we can work together to strengthen our fishing community. Remember the more tickets sold through the link the more money we raise!

Share the Stoke Reel on your own social channels with the links below:

Facebook: [2021 F3T Stoke Reel Facebook Post](#)

YouTube: [2021 F3T Stoke YouTube](#)

What comes with my ticket?

Full access to the 2021 F3T, from March 10th at 6:00pm EST thru April 4th.

You can watch it as many times as you would like from the original device used to play the movies. (Only 1 device can be used per ticket)

RAFFLES!!!!

A chance to enter the Trout Unlimited COSTA 5 Rivers Conservation Sweepstakes, found on the event page. All proceeds go to those chapters at college campuses nationwide, promoting the sport and conservation to the next generation of anglers.

F3T Grand Prize worth \$85,000. Go to flyfilmtour.com/win to sign up! Have the chance to

County Parks Department for providing the signs and manpower to place and remove them at the beginning and end of the year.

If you care to donate money to help host the Tulsa Trout Pond in the future please go to www.tu420.com

On a side note, I'd also like to thank the area OWDC game warden, Josey Branch for keeping an eye on the pond. Your Board of Directors of OKTU420 is aware of several "ticket writing events" that took place over this past year. One for having over the limit and several for having no valid fishing license. Also, a thank you several chapter volunteer that helped on stocking days ... one of which occurred while Tulsa was in the "deep freezer" and we had to cut a hole in the ice to get the trout into the pond. All of us were chilled to the bone that day.

Thank you.

Scott Hood
Adult and Youth Education Coordinator TU420

Fly-Fishing Oklahoma

This first of two annual Fly Fish Oklahoma clinics has just concluded. We had a sold-out class of 15 this past weekend and all went away with new found "hands on" skills in casting, knot tying and eyes on how to tie flies.



Thanks to Jake Miller (casting) ... Randy Billington (fly tying) and Jim Mathewson (knot and rigging) for helping on this program.

win a trip to Australia, Mexico, Bahamas, Russia, and the Seychelles! As well there is an incredible list of gear and merchandise from the F3T sponsors! BY FAR THE BIGGEST GIVEAWAY EVER ASSOCIATED WITH THE F3T!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE! [TU420 Ticketing Link](#)

Outings Poker



Outings Poker is a new outing and event-oriented game for the 2020-2021 season. No purchase is necessary, and everyone is welcome to play!

How to play:

Receive 1 fly fishing themed playing card for each outing or special event you attend.

No purchase is necessary. Cards will be distributed at the start of events.

Each card will be specially stamped and the stamp for each event will be different.

At the end of the season the player with the best traditional 5 card poker hand will win a new fly rod!

Your 5-card hand can only contain 1 card from each event. Any hands with duplicate markings will be disqualified.

It is not necessary to fully spell TROUT if there are no duplicate markings.

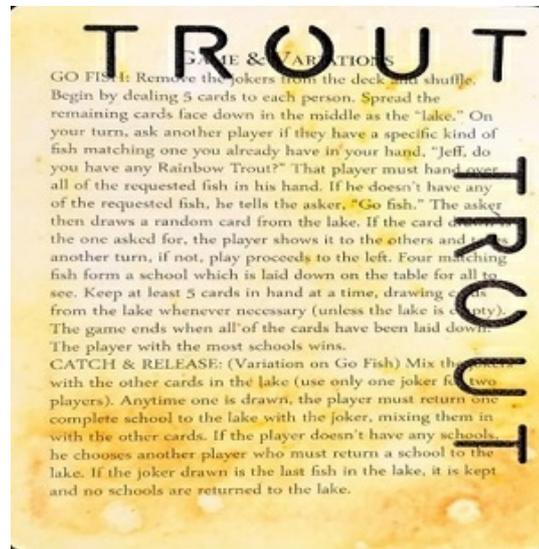
Cards will be available at every monthly outing and certain special events.

Attend every event and collect 10 cards total. Double the chance for a winning hand!

Each event card will feature only one of the stamped letters shown below:



The next planned Jenks Adult Ed program will occur in the fall. However, because of class size there have already been several requests for an additional program before then. Anyone interested in attending a clinic before summer is upon us is encouraged to reach out to [Scott Hood](#). There will be a \$25 TU420 donation required for attendance. We will set a date and place if there is enough interest.



Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

May 13th - Lt. Gov. Matt Pennell, " Oklahoma Fishing Trail"

May 15th - Family Fishing Day at Lake Pawhuska

May 29th - September 6th - All Fish, All Oklahoma Fishing Challenge

June 12th - End of the Year Picnic at Hunter Park

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