



Streamline



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

Event Calendar

- May 4th and 5th is the Smallmouth Rendezvous in Tahlequah. Free admission to seminars and fly tying exhibitors. Excellent meals are provided by the Native Women Fly Fishers club. [Directions and agenda](#) can be found on our web site.
- May 10th is our General Meeting. The guest speaker is Mr. Jim Burroughs of the ODWC who will give a brief update and answer your questions concerning the Lower Illinois River. A video of "Trout Lies" will also be presented. Come, gain a new perspective on trout fishing and habitat.
- May 12th is the monthly outing. This month we'll meet at Lake Pawhuska and show the bass and red ear sunfish who's the boss. You may even catch a few hold-over trout. Whichever you catch, we always have a good time. Bring a side-dish, chips & dips, or dessert. The club is providing hotdogs, chili and drinks.
- May 19th is Kids' Fishing Day at Bass Pro Shop. We're looking for volunteers to help the kids with general and fly fishing techniques. And also show the club banner to collect donations for Oklahoma Watershed Habitat Improvements from 10 until 2. Board members Randy and Kathy Billington, Jason Groves and Pat Daly have stepped up. How about you? Contact any board member if you're free to help at some time during these hours.

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



Write Now!

Think Trout are Forever?
The proposed 2013 budget ends funding for the

Scott Hood

Hello Fellow Member,

Read a local fishing blog, check out OKTU/TFF Facebook page and you can't help seeing that spring fly fishing season is underway and wow it has been good. Lots of pond fishing, float fishing, and trout fishing is going on with lots of fish being reported! Isn't it great to live in Oklahoma!

There have been some major breakthroughs on the lower Illinois water quality and quantity issues. Everyone should be at our next OKTU/TFF meeting to hear from Jim Burroughs, the East Central Fisheries Chief with the ODWC. Mr. Burroughs is very "in the know" regarding past and present and I expect his presentation to be informative and enlightening. Our challenge on the LIR isn't over but things are progressing in a positive direction.

We also have planned a very informative and must see program... Trout Lies. Dubbed "the most important trout video ever made" it's a must see for any trout angler.

The trout fish out club outing and fund raiser for next year's Trout Pond for Tulsa was a success. Nearly \$800 was raised and all those attending had a great time. We have not yet heard from the Guinness people about our world record Simultaneous Fly Casting record. I believe there was something like 39. It was quite a sight, especially for any drivers heading down Hudson, no telling what they were thinking, all those anglers, all in a line and all casting at the same time. (No one was injured in the course of our attempt.) Thank you everyone for attending and a special

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.

Follow us Facebook

There are now 107 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.](#)

Big Winner

Mike Shuman was the winner of the engraved fly box donated by Ed and Sue Kessey.

Webmaster Wanted

thanks to all those who donated to the raffle. (A [list of donors and winners](#) is posted on our website.)

Our outing to Lake Pawhuska is up next. The water is pretty warm this year and we might very well expect that the bluegill and redear may be on their beds or gearing up. I have witnessed bluegill in some area ponds and they are on beds now. We need a head count so if you plan to attend please let Kathy Billington know at our meeting on May 10th or send her an e-mail at rkbillington@sbcglobal.net.

Now, if you know someone that wants to learn fly casting, knot tying it's time to sign up at the Gadget Co. because it's ORVIS 101 time. Planned for Saturday, June 9th this is a perfect opportunity for someone else to teach your spouse, father, mother, whomever to cast a fly, so you don't have to. Call them now for first choices at appointments.

Finally, June 23rd is Trout Unlimited National stream clean-up day. Watch the web site for details. Oklahoma Chapter is hosting and the 89'er Chapter plans to be there to help. There seems always to be plenty of trash to cleanup on that river, I hope everyone comes down to give a little back to our best nearest and dearest trout fishery. See you at a meeting, there, or on the water someplace.

Scott Hood

PS. It's nomination time for next years' Board of Directors. Those of you who have some time to give... **NOW IS THE TIME TO STEP UP.** The old saying "if it is to be, it's up to me" comes to mind, and that "me" doesn't mean Scott Hood. I've lead 4 years out of the last 6. Now, it's time for

Want to be the next webmaster of OKTU/TFF? I'm looking to hand off this responsibility to the next generation of fly fishers. I built the website about six + years ago and have been maintaining it ever since. Before building the site, I had no experience with web sites other than surfing them. I did have a background in accounting and information technology with IBM and am very comfortable working with computers and associated files and software programs but very little programing experience.

You do not need to be a programmer to build and maintain a web site. If you are a member of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers, an enthusiastic supporter of OKTU/TFF values and goals and have an interest in this role, please contact Scott Hood and let him know you want to do this!

Qualifications:

- Candidate should be an **active member** of TU and TFF and enthusiastically supportive of their goals
- needs to own a good quality personal computer (MACs are great but the web software options are very limited)
- no need for a programing background but should be comfortable working with computers and associated files and programs
- no need for experience building web sites - the hard work is already done - all you have to do is maintain it
- routine maintenance of the web site takes less than 3 hours per month and you can do it all from the comfort of your home or on the road if you have a laptop.
- though it doesn't require a huge time commitment, you should be committed to performing this role for at least two years
- the web site is hosted by Yahoo and was built and is maintained with Yahoo SiteBuilder software
- Yahoo SiteBuilder is easy to use and if you have a problem you can call their 800 number

YOU to come forward and be part of what Trout Unlimited and The Tulsa Fly Fishers is all about. Ask me or any board member for information about what it takes and how you can become involved. Thank you.

"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."
-Henry David Thoreau
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One for the Trout Pond

On April 14th Tulsa Fly Fishers and Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited hosted our "fish out Saturday" and ONE FOR THE TULSA TROUT POND fundraiser. The event was held at the LaFortune Park Trout pond in Tulsa at the corner of 51st and Hudson. Activities began at 10 am.

Some of the major raffle items won by:

Cabela's 7-N-1 grill - Jim Gray
Fish Pond Travel Flytying Case - Mike Shuman
L. L. Bean rod and reel - Susan Shalk
Guided trip with W & F Outdoors - Gary Raasch
Guided trip on Lake Keystone - John Johnson
Gadget Co. gift basket - Charlie Campbell

The [complete list](#) of winners can be seen at our web site. Thanks Ed and Sue for keeping track of all the winners.

An excellent lunch of home-made Brats or Hot Dogs, chips and drink was provided by Fassler Hall. Thanks guys, for coming out

24/7 and an experienced professional with help you with anything you need. They will tell you how to do everything! They will walk you through every step!

- I will sit down with the person who takes over the web site and show them how everything works.

Fred Kirk
OKTU/TFF Webmaster

World Record Attempt

Thanks to the remarkable work of Charlie Campbell and Cindi Hood we have pictures that truly captured the spirit of this event. Although the day was cloudy and windy we didn't have rain and everyone had a good time. Here's a quick link to the [pictures](#).

and helping make this event a success.

Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- **June 9th** - Orvis' Fly Fishing 101 Day. The Gadget Company will sponsor this event again this year. Want to get your SO or children involved in fly fishing without the drama of teaching someone close to you. Here's your chance. Also a great way to get a friend to be a new fishing partner.
- **June 23rd** - 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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