



Streamline



May 2013
Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliated Club of the Federation of Fly Fishers

Event Calendar

- May 3rd & 4th - Smallmouth Rendezvous in Tahlequah
- May 9th - General Meeting, Steve Dally presents "Dry Flies on the White River"
- May 10th - Fly Fishing Film Tour
- May 18th - Fly Fishing 101 at The Gadget Company

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

General Meeting May 9th

Our speaker for the evening will be Steve Dally. He was raised on Australia's island state of Tasmania, in Aussie fly fishing terms the equivalent of being raised in Montana. But he'll tell you he squandered his youth in the salt, surfing, diving, and fishing for all manner of species including tunas. Finally convinced in his late 20s to grasp a fly rod, an obsession was born. He cut his teeth on the challenging wild brown trout and rainbows of Tasmania's wilderness lakes and streams before moving to the US in December 2000. A former journalist, Steve spent 3 years in the US as a traveling fly fishing writer and photographer, a job which saw him land, fly rod and camera in hand in Montana, Wyoming, Alaska twice, Baja, New York, Michigan, New Mexico, Idaho and finally Arkansas.



Summer is almost here. I wish I could report that I have been fishing a bunch lately, but that would be a lie. Unfortunately, I haven't fished since the Sowbug outing in early March. I hope to get a chance to get out some time in the next couple of weeks in order to rectify this situation.

This last weekend, we saw our first shot of low water on the lower Illinois since the beginning of April, although it was brief, and did not follow the Corps of Engineer's schedule. In following our Facebook page, it appears that a few of our members took a chance and went down to the river Saturday morning and had some excellent fishing. And then with Monday's schedule showing low water all day, some members planned a day off to fish and ended up finding two units kicked on around noon.

If any of you have fished very much on tailwaters that are primarily built for flood control and power generation, you will encounter surprises, both pleasant and unpleasant. I have had my share of experiences with the water coming on when I thought it wasn't supposed to, but have also had some pleasant surprises.

For me, one of those surprising days came two years ago on June 9. This was following the epic Easter weekend storms that sent close to 100,000CFS pouring into Lake Tenkiller at one point and took the lake from an empty flood pool to almost dangerously overflowing within days. Understandably, the Corps ran 10000+CFS through the floodgates for about a month straight. Finally, in early June, the Corps shut the floodgates and dropped the flow to "only" two generators. I was really curious to see what the affects were to the river. We had our summer club picnic on Thursday June 7 and that night, Scott Hood and I ended

After flirting with guiding, and several job offers on his travels, Steve started guiding out of the Beaver Dam store, in '04 and ran the fly fishing department, building his knowledge of the White River system from Beaver to Norfolk and a substantial and loyal guide clientele, before joining the Mountain River Fly Shop in Cotter in '07.

Despite a serious and extensive fly fishing resume, Steve's laid-back Aussie accent and attitude, sense of humor and self-deprecating wit are appreciated by beginners and experienced fly fishers alike. His mantra is that fly fishing is meant to be fun whether you are catching the biggest fish of your life, tangling around the rod tip and everything in between.



Meeting information - The meetings start at 6:30 and are held in the Fossard Auditorium at the Hardesty Public library at 8316 E. 93rd Street. It's on the south side of 93rd, about a block and a half east of Memorial Drive and two blocks south of 91st Street. It's just behind Jackie Cooper Motors. It is easily accessible from Highway 169 and the Creek Turnpike.

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There are now **201** members on Facebook and growing. An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just

up hatching a plan to hit the river Saturday morning. We went down with Mike Larson and Mike Scott with little expectations of catching fish, but just wanted to see what the river looked like. When we got there, the river was a muddy raging torrent. We started out at the rock weir downstream of the gravel lot where we knew there were some slack water edges that might be slightly fishable in the high water.

After fishing a little while, we found a slot above the weir where the fast water met slack water and that slot ended up being stacked with fish. Not only that, but they were big fish, mostly 15"-16". We ended up having a fantastic afternoon catching a bunch of fish including one very large rainbow that Scott caught. The success was so unexpected that it made that day one that I will remember for a long time.

So, just because it doesn't look like ideal water conditions, don't always let that keep you from fishing. You never know when the river will surprise you.

While we are on the subject of the lower Illinois River, we have scheduled our annual river cleanup day for Saturday June 22. Please put that on your calendar now. We would like to see a big turnout from our club. This is part of TU's national river cleanup program. In the past, our club has received awards in this program from TU for the most unusual items found (a toilet). This event is being scheduled in conjunction with the OKC 89ers TU chapter. We will send out more details closer to the event, but plan on having a couple hours of river cleanup, a club provided lunch and then an afternoon of fishing.

Finally, don't forget about the Fly Fishing Film Tour showing scheduled for Friday, May 10. The films are well worth the \$15 ticket price and this also gets you entered into a drawing for a bunch of cool fishing related items. To top it off, the proceeds are going to support our club's Project Healing Waters Fly-Fishing program.

I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting next Thursday and the film tour Friday night.

David Games

Fly Fishing Film Tour

The film tour will be held May 10th at 7:00 pm. Doors

keep up with what's going on. [Here's a quick link.](#)

Did You Know?

By: Mike Shuman

The 12th annual Smallmouth Rendezvous & Fly Tying Extravaganza is May 3rd and 4th.

Admission is free. The event runs from 9 am to 4 pm daily at the First Baptist Church, 201 Commercial Road in Tahlequah. (That's northeast of Ross Street and US Hwy 62.)

See fly tying demonstrations; learn fly fishing skills.

NOTICE ALL ... DID YOU KNOW? is new feature to 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.)

Raffle Prize

Don't forget, there is a **GRAND PRIZE** to be given at the end of 2013, for those entering the monthly raffle. You only need to write your name on the back of your tickets before dropping them in the basket. (If you're a guest, include a phone number.)

The tickets from each month will be saved until the November meeting. The prize(s) will be announced later.

will open at 6:45.

Location: Montereau, 6800 South Granite Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74136

Directions: Montereau is between Yale Ave. and Sheridan Ave. just north of 71st St. From 71st St., turn north on Granite Ave. (There is a stoplight at Granite Ave. and St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church is on the corner.) At the end of Granite Ave., turn right into the Montereau entrance.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available soon at Backwoods and the Gadget Company. Get them early as seating is limited.

Ticket sales profits and donations will be used to support PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING OKLAHOMA. All trips, equipment, including rods and reels, boots, and more are provided to the veteran participants FREE of charge. Every participant receives a complete fly rod building kit and is welcomed and encouraged to build their personal fly rod in hosted fly rod building classes. Fly tying classes are also provided during the semi-monthly get-togethers. All sessions conclude with a hosted trip to an area fly fishing destination, again at no cost to the veteran participants.

Drawings will be held for a number of fly rods and reels, plus 10 sets of Orvis's 20 most popular flies as well as numerous other door prizes. There will also be a national registration drawing for a Tropical Fly Fishing trip for two or a new Helios fly rod and reel combo from Orvis.

PHWFF

Rod building began March 5th and will continue weekly until the rods are completed. Work is being done at the Jack Graves BSA camp. After that it's a fishing trip.

The "first ever" outing is scheduled for June 1st at Roaring River State Park. Cabins are being held in reserve. Check the PHWFF FaceBook page for detailed information.

Kayak Outing and Tournament

Here's something new for all you trout bums. OKTU/TFF and NEOKA (North East Okla Kayak Anglers) are getting together to learn from each other and have some fun fishing together. We've organized a Learn to Kayak and Fly Fish Festival and Tournament. There will be some very good prizes just for signing up to participate. You don't have to be the best fly fisher or kayaker. Awards will be given for biggest bass, sunfish, catfish and crappie. Other prizes will be by drawing names of participants. You can win some very nice prizes including lodging on the White River and an Orvis Access 9ft 7wt fly rod. Watch for more details in the coming months. Event scheduled for Sept 13/14 at Greenleaf State Park. More details will be posted on our web site calendar.



Find more information about Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing on FaceBook at PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING OKLAHOMA.

Fly Fishing 101

The Gadget Company is sponsoring the Orvis program "Fly Fishing 101" again this year. The board has agreed to help, as all participants become trial members of Trout Unlimited.

Saturday, May 18th is the event date. We need volunteers to teach fly casting, rod rigging and to demonstrate fly tying. Contact any board member if you want to help.

Mark Your Calendar for these coming events

- June 1st - PHWFF outing to Roaring River; be part of the "first ever" for this group
- June 13th - Annual picnic at a local pond
- June 22nd - Clean-up Day on the LIR with 89'ers

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