



Streamline

May 2016

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

Event Calendar

May 12 - General Meeting - Bill Butts - "Fly Fishing for the Temperate Basses"

May 14 - Float Trip on Upper 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.

General Meeting

Fly Fishing for the Temperate Basses

By: Bill Butts

When most fishermen hear of a family of fish known as "Temperate" or "True" Basses, it probably brings to mind the popular largemouth and smallmouth bass species. However, the reality is that the Temperate Basses are the family of gamefish that primarily include Striped, Hybrid Striped and White Bass. And, another great reality is that

Follow us Facebook

There are now 676 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 - 46 Oklahoma River Warriors - 163 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Oklahoma these fish are pound for pound the hardest striking and fighting gamefish that inhabit freshwater in the US.

Available knowledge and information, along with the ability to network with other fishermen, is at our virtual fingertips. Still, information is relatively limited on Temperate Basses unless you are fortunate to have an accomplished fisherman mentor your efforts to become successful finding and catching these great fish.

The efforts of exploring, researching, networking and seeking Striped, Hybrid Striped and White Bass do have their rewards. These fish offer the opportunity to catch tackle straining predators on fly tackle as light as a 5 weight and up to saltwater class 9-10 weight rods.

"Fly Fishing for the Temperate Basses" is my "work-in-progress" that shares the history, biology, fishing opportunities, tackle and flies for pursuing the greatest family of freshwater gamefish.

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.

A Message from Your President

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

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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 ½ 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.

Hello,

I hope you all were able to make it to our Fly Fishing Film Festival this year at Monterau. This was by far our best showing we've had and we were able to raise a lot of money for our projects like Trout in the Classroom and our brand new project that is about to get underway at Watts.

What's the Watts project you ask? We are teaming up with the 89'er chapter in OKC and the ODWC to bring you a brand new bathroom at the Watts access area. I know I know, it's going to be odd not going to the bathroom in the bushes off of the hiking trail but we all have to make adjustments.

OKTU420 & TFF are able to make these kinds of improvements to the L.I.R. because of the incredible support of our membership by either making donations or attending our fundraiser events. We hope to continue being able to make major improvements to our home

Did You Know?

By: Pat Daly



A nice photo of TU member Jon Wood recognizing Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Ed Fite's huge contribution to our Scenic Rivers.

Jon presented a shadowbox of custom tied flies and a custom canoe paddle. Note, this was Jon's contribution not TU's but it's still a good story.

waters in the future but it's going to take a team of volunteers lending their free time and helping us support these projects.

If you're interested in getting more involved with OKTU420, TFF or our Veterans programs I encourage you to step up and ask a board member how you can get involved.

Thank you again for making our chapter goals more attainable through your support!

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

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 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.)

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.

- 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. Doors open a litle after 6:00 pm.

May Outing

UIR Float Trip

Float trip on the Upper Illinois River Saturday, May 14th.

Federal government, yet <u>2,520,000</u> 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 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

We'll meet at Arrowhead Resort between 8:00 and 8:30. Hope to be on the water by 9:00. Canoes and kayaks are available from Arrowhead, reservations are required before Memorial Day (1-800-749-1140 or 918-456-1140).

Someone will be on site at Round Hollow if you wish to drop off your canoe/kayak and take the shuttle from Arrowhead.

Bring snacks, drinks and lunch.

The float will be from Round Hollow back down to the resort. That's a 4.8 river mile trip that will take about 5 hours when well fished. Contact Heath for information.

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

Arkansas 514 and Oklahoma 420 Joint Outing

Our chapter has been invited to participate in a joint outing with the Arkansas 514 Chapter this June. Arkansas Chapter 514 will be planting Vibert boxes full of trout eggs at the Beaver tailwater and has invited us to join them. The event is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in June, June 4, but is subject to change depending on the hatchery schedule, egg health, and lake levels.

Trout in the Classroom

Trout in the Classroom Culminated at LIR with Releases

Members of OKTU and TFF are encouraged to volunteer to help at release outings next year. These field trips to the Lower Illinois River are the exciting culmination of the program and are fun to be a part of.



We offer fly casting clinics, fly tying exhibitions, bug collections from the river, and our knowledge of the river and it's inhabitants to the students.



Planting Vibert boxes is something our group doesn't have an opportunity to do at our local tailwater and should be very interesting. Food and soft drinks will be provided by the host chapter and planting day will have no generation so the wade fishing after the event should be great! Beaver tailwater is below Beaver Lake near Eureka Springs and can be a day trip.

There is plenty of lodging in Eureka Springs and the lake offers several campgrounds for anyone wishing to make a weekend out of it. Signing up for this event in advance is appreciated. Chapter 514 will be firming up plans in the next two weeks and more information and requests for signing up will be provided in the May newsletter.

May 12th General Meeting



Members interested in helping should contact Scott Hood Youth Education Coordinator for details

... shood91849@aol.com

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.



The raffle prize for the May12th meeting is this Tongass waterproof waist pack bag from Umpqua. Retails for \$170.

SUMMER ON THE FLY PROGRAM OFFERED

If you are reading this and you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews under the age of 16 and over 10 years old and they want to learn how to fly fish ... PLEASE keep reading.

Last year I received a special grant from NatureWorks here in Tulsa to promote fly fishing and conservation ethics to local area youth ... this is one of the programs we are offering.

Through the Jenks Community Education program we will be holding a 2 -Day Fly Fishing Clinic for area kids ... boys and girls.

Cost is only \$5. Clinic is most of the day on Saturday June 18th and held at the Jenks Aquatics Center on the High School campus in Jenks. The second day, which is not mandatory, is a 1/2 day fishing outing at the Jenks Aquarium outdoor fishing pond. No equipment is needed for either day. (Sunday the 19th Father's Day and all members of each participants families will be welcome at this afternoon of fishing.)

Check out all the details and sign-up your kiddos at www.jenkscommunityed.com look under**youth** classes ... sports and fitness.

Thank you.

Scott Hood
Oklahoma Trout Unlimited
Adult and Youth Education Coordinator

Have you got a Boy Scout Trout, Girl Scout Troup or any other youth group that you'd like to introduce fly fishing to? Contact Scott Hood at

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Mark Your Calendar

for these coming events

• June 4 - Joint Outing with Arkansas TU Chapter 514 (tentative date)

June 11 - Lolyd Wicker Memorial 2-Fly Tournament

June 18 - 19 - Jenks Community Ed Fly Fishing Clinic

- July 7 Camp Fire Youth Education Fly Fishing Clinic
- August 13 Gun Club Youth Expo

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