



# Streamline



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



## Event Calendar

September 9th - All Oklahoma Fly-Fishing 15 Species Challenge Winner, Bridget Norris Kirk

September 25th - LIR Outing: Hard Luck Tournament

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},

Welcome to our first issue of Streamline for the 2021-2022 season.

We're excited to begin the new season for our group! We plan to bring a great experience to all of our supporters this year as we continue our monthly meetings, monthly outings, adult and youth education and community programs.

I spoke last year in this newsletter about a lesson we could borrow from the behavior of fish, a lesson of perseverance. Low water, high water – keeping feeding, keep swimming. When I shared that I didn't expect we'd still be dealing with the ongoing health circumstances more than a year later. But the unfortunate reality is that we must continue to be mindful of the ever-changing situation currently before us. With that in mind the Board has decided that our September meeting would best serve and protect our members if we continue to use the online format, we introduced last year. **Our September meeting will be a Zoom meeting.** We've learned a lot about how to manage these online meetings and look forward to sharing some great content and speakers. The link for our meeting is in this newsletter and will be available on our Facebook page as well. While our September meeting will be online, we are hoping to use the outdoor space at Hunter Park when weather is milder and with some luck and positive developments perhaps return to Hardesty Library later in the season. We wouldn't have such a great organization without you and we hope you'll join us throughout the season.

We're lining up some great Outings for the upcoming season. Many of them will be familiar staples and but we hope to mix in some new experiences as well. We'll kick off our outings with our Annual Hard Luck Tournament on September

## Challenge Winner Speaks!



Bridget Norris Kirk receives Challenge Trophy from Kelly Brown

Learn how Bridget won the 15 species in 15 weeks Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge using only a fly rod and flies. Bridget, who's fairly new to fly fishing, will cover her overall strategy, how she targeted different fish species, areas she fished, what rods and flies she used to win of the 15 by 15 challenge.

Be sure and join us at this "can't miss" meeting and expand your knowledge of targeting Oklahoma fish species on the fly.

Biography: (In her own words)

- Currently lives in Durant, OK/Lake Texoma – originally from Texas
- Graphic Designer since 1998 – currently work full time for a design shop in Durant
- Okie Fly Gal – freelance side hustle...STICKERS ANYONE?
- Grew up fishing with my grandfather (tanks, creeks, catfish, perch)
- 2/14/18 – caught my First Trout @ Blue River on a white Rooster Tail (became interested in fly fishing at this time from my friend Jason Bryant)
- 8/06/19 – bought first fly rod, learned to roll cast by watching YouTube videos and practiced for first time at Catfish Bay on

Lake Texoma

- 8/28/19 – caught my first fish on a fly (bass & sunfish) @ Post Oak Creek in Sherman, TX
- 11/23/19 – First trout on fly at Blue River using power bait on a hook on a fly rod (hahaha)
- 2/21/20 – Solo trip to Beavers Bend: met a guide and caught my first fish on euro rod and had my first river baptism at *Bridget Falls*

Coronavirus hits...I fish for 6 months straight! Reluctantly decide to enter the 15-species challenge not expecting to do that great as a rookie. Had the absolute best time and finished!

25<sup>th</sup>. This tournament always results in some great fish stories and some entertaining hard luck experiences as well. Warm up your favorite flies and we'll see you there! Visit our outings section of this newsletter for full details.

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to all of our Trout Unlimited and FFI registered members. Every person who supports our group is appreciated, but especially those who support our expanding group by starting or renewing your membership. Please consider becoming a TU member or renewing your TU membership. Now as much as ever, we need a united voice to help protect the waters and species which feed our love of fly fishing.

Tight Lines,

**Heath Tiefenauer**

**President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers**

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## 2021 GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

**Thursday, September 9th** - All Oklahoma Fly Fishing 15 species Challenge. *Presented by Bridget Norris Kirk.*

How to target multiple fish species, select regional waters, fly selection, and how to trick them with a fly rod!

**Also:** 15 Species Summer Tournament Award Night. Join us to see who won.

**Thursday, October 14th** - Bluegill Diaries seminar & Fly-Tying Bluegill Flies *Presented by national speakers & authors Terry & Roxanne Wilson.*

The Bluegill Diaries seminar covers every aspect of how you can catch this great gamefish on the fly. Autographed editions of their new national best seller, *The Bluegill Diaries*, will be included in the raffle, along with several bluegill fly selections. In addition, they will do a mini blue gill fly tying session just prior to the main meeting. This is going to be a great meeting and you'll be able to learn from two of the nation's leading fly-fishing experts.

Click on their programs and seminars at:

[Blue Gill Pond](#)

**Thursday, November 18th** - Missouri's Best Fall Fly Fishing. *Presented by Donovan Clary*

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## Trout in the Classroom

And WON!

**When:** Thursday, September 9th

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Where:** Zoom Video Conferencing ([zoom.us](https://zoom.us))

A Zoom App is also available at the APP Store for Apple and Android

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## Important Link for Zoom

Below is the **Zoom** link for our September General Meeting on the 9th 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. The website is listed in the section above or you can join through the Zoom App.

Please **MUTE** your Microphone.

[September ZOOM Link](#)

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

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## 2021 Conservation Issues

### *Conservation is Our Passion*

I hope you all have had a great summer break. I'm looking forward to hearing about all the fish that have been caught over the last few months whenever we gather again.

Northeastern Oklahoma Field Guide: Over the summer, we sponsored a very cool initiative by the Tulsa Artist Fellowship. They will be developing a true field guide specific to the northeastern region of the state. Tulsa artists will be illustrating some of our favorite fish to catch, and the guide will also tell readers what urban fisheries to explore to find each fish. The idea behind this field guide is to give Tulsa kids and teenagers an interactive and sensory dynamic introduction to local wildlife and tell them (and their parents) an exact location within 15 minutes of the Tulsa metro area where they can find and see (or catch!) said wildlife. The guide will be released in several schools and classrooms, but we will also have our own sponsored release at The Gadget Company this spring.

Arkansas River: Several of you came to the special speaker meetings we had over the summer addressing concerns with the new Zink Dam project. Most of you that did attend were left asking the question, 'what can I do about this?'. Well, the time has finally come. We will be planning to pack the City Council meeting on October 20th of this year. It takes place at 5 PM. There will be 8

## TIC Ten Years and Counting

That's how long your OKTU420 Chapter has been supporting Trout in the Classroom programs across our region. The 2021-22 school year will be no different. Despite Covid-19 the program will live on. This year, at press time we have 13 area schools preparing to receive live trout eggs. Once placed in the 55-gallon tanks the students and teachers in these classrooms will be host to a mini-hatchery.



*Trout Eggs*

It's not an easy task. Trout are known as an "indicator species" and the water quality in a tank full of growing baby trout can be difficult to manage. Spikes in ammonia, rises in nitrite levels and such can happen overnight, sometimes in a matter of hours. Keeping in mind these tanks are operated over both the Thanksgiving and the Christmas breaks. Teachers who take on the task of hosting the tanks in their class undertake a huge responsibility but they each also understand that if fish do die and they will, sometimes all of them, that each death is a learning experience. How and why questions are asked on each occasion. Water Quality and maintaining it is the essence of the program.

This year we will host TIC tanks at the following schools: Coweta Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Wilson Schools HS, Jenks Freshman Academy, Catoosa HS, Tulsa Boys Home, Pryor HS, Tulsa Met HS, Broken Arrow HS, Riverfield Country HS, Sand Springs HS, Beggs HS, Owasso HS and Collinsville HS.



appointed people speaking to the issues regarding the current operations plan. You don't have to speak, but we need you to show up! The idea is to show the City Council that there is a large audience that cares about this watershed and that they need to finally address the many raised questions about the operations of the new dam. There will be more information about this at the September meeting and in the October newsletter, so keep your eyes peeled.

Herb Beattie's Death: I'd never forgive myself if I didn't mention that conservationist Herb Beattie passed away on August 25th. Herb Beattie essentially pioneered conservation in Oklahoma. He was saving rivers and sacred places before doing that even had a name here. The Tulsa World released a great piece covering his many deeds and actions, and you should absolutely go look it up. His last project, vision, and wish was seeing fish migration and egg passage protected within the operations plan of the new Zink Dam. Our chapter will be using every resource and energy to see that legacy through.

**Jake Miller**  
**Conservation Chair**

## October Fly Fishing Clinic Offered



For over 6 years the OKTU420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers has been offering a semi-annual fly-fishing clinic. In those 12 clinics a small group of volunteers have educated over 350 individuals on the many aspects of fly fishing. During each 5-hour clinic participants in the program learn a lot. We talk about the terminology of fly fishing, explain line and leader types, rods and reels, types of flies and what they are supposed to represent to the fish, where to fish in Oklahoma for both warm and cold-water fish, fish identification, where fish feed and reading water, fly tying demonstrations, hands on knots and knot tying and fly casting. (In-doors and on water.)



Each of these tanks has a volunteer leader from our Chapter to help support me as well as each of the teachers. There are a lot of moving parts in the program. Each TIC tank includes a 55-gallon tank, a chiller (water temps must be maintained at or near 55 degrees), aerifier, filter and water pump (both must run 24/7 during the program), water test kits, net, and a host of water chemistry stabilizers. The initial cost of each tank is about \$1,200 each with an average annual cost to maintain each at about \$250. I'd like to take an opportunity to thank each of those volunteers for stepping up to help. I'll do this over the next several months as I report on tank progress in these monthly newsletters.

If you'd like to follow daily or weekly and are on Facebook, you can look in on the group @ TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM. If you'd like to donate to help in support of the program, please mail your check to: Oklahoma Trout Unlimited, PO Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155, subject "TIC"

**Scott Hood**  
Education Coordinator for TU420

## Outings Poker

**Please read:**

**Our September 25th outing** marks the end of the 2020-2021 Poker Game. The final card will be distributed at Hard Luck Tournament.

If you can't attend the outing, please send your cards and two box tops from any General Mills cereal(**just kidding**) to:

**Tulsa Fly Fishers**  
PO BOX 54108  
Tulsa, OK 74155

**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:**



This year the FLY FISH OKLAHOMA clinic will be held on October 30 from 9am until 2 pm at our usual location, the Jenks High School Aquatic Center. The program is hosted by the Jenks Community Education program and sign-ups are now open. The cost to attend is \$30 and all proceeds go direct to OKTU420/TFF programs. You must be 16 years of age and seating is limited so be sure to sign-up soon or let that person who's been asking you to teach them how to fly fish know where to sign-up. Few people like to teach others how to fly fish, we love it.

Here is a link to sign-up:

[Jenks Community Center](#)

## Third Annual All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge



15X15 Winner's Trophy

Winners to be announced at the September 9th General Meeting.

All of have completed the 15 Species tournament will have their name entered into a electronic random spinner.

The winner will receive \$875 and the right to hold the traveling Trophy until next year.

Please note September 9th on your calendar and be present on the Zoom meeting to find out who will

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!

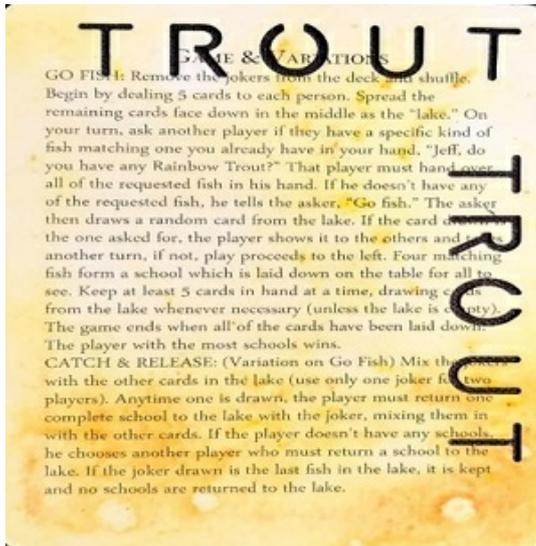
Your 5-card hand can only contain 1 card from each event. Any hands with duplicate markings will be disqualified.

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:



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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.

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[tu420web@gmail.com](mailto:tu420web@gmail.com)

so that link can be corrected or removed from the webpage

win!

## Outings

**September 25th** - Hard Luck Fly Fishing Contest

**Location:** Lower Illinois River - Watts WMU

**Time:** 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Entry Fee:** \$5.00 per fly

**Agenda:** Meet at Watts parking lot where flies will be distributed/purchased.

**The Hard Luck Fly Tournament** will be held on Saturday, September 25th at the Watts Area on the Lower Illinois River. We will meet in the Parking Lot between 8:00am and 8:30am. The Tournament will begin at 9:00am and will end at 12:00 noon. Burger and dog lunch will be provided.

There will be five categories of competition: 1) most fish caught, 2) longest fish caught, 3) shortest fish caught, 4) for the person who provided the fly that caught the longest fish, and 5) best hard luck story. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The Rules are as follows:

1. All participants will arrive at Watts WMU between 8:00am to 8:30am and will donate at least 2 flies to the contest and collect their poker card for the event. No restrictions apply to the type of flies to be donated.
2. Additional flies can be purchased from the remaining flies after all participants have collected their two flies.
3. If you have a favorite fly you may want to bring several to contribute. Flies may be commercially purchased or hand made.
4. Anglers will be paired by most experienced with least experienced to make a team of two.
5. Each participant will purchase at least 2 flies (at \$5.00 per fly) to use during the tournament. Team members may consult in making their fly selection. Only tournament purchased flies can be used.
6. Tournament will officially begin at 9:00am and end at 12:00 noon.
7. Awards will be presented for 1) shortest fish, 2) longest fish, 3) most fish, 4) the person who provided the fly that caught the largest fish and 5) best hard luck story.
8. String will be provided to participants to record their catches or a photograph with a scale can be

message.

Thanks for your help.

**Frank Kohn**  
**Webmaster**

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used as a record.

9. Snacks and drinks will be provided at noon. We'll swap stories, share results and Tournament results will be announced.

10. Contestants can fish for any species.

11. The venue will be limited to public area of the LIR area from Tenkiller dam to just below the Watts cable.

**Editor's Note:** This is one of the highest contested and outrageously fun events on our calendar.

**Don't miss this one!**

## Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

October 14th - Bluegill Diaries

October 20th - Tulsa City Council Meeting, 5PM, Arkansas River Dam (BE there for support)

October 30th - Fall Fly-Fishing Clinic

November 18th - Missouri's Best Fall Fly Fishing - Annual Meeting and Elections

December 9th - Christmas Party (Save the Date)

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