

# Tulsa FlyFishers StreamLines

SPREADING THE LOVE AND JOY OF FLY-FISHING  
THROUGHOUT NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA.

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Fishing report: Mike Scott

Lower Mountain Fork



Positives are Spillway Creek and the Evening Hole are producing nice quantities and qualities of stocker rainbows. For the fisherman willing to work the plunge pools on Spillway, the rewards are aggressive fish 8"-14". No other fisherman were working this area. The day was perfect. Patterns were weighted nymphs cast upstream.

The Evening Hole was fished late in the day. May fly hatches were constant and of several sizes. May fly nymphs in small hook sizes i.e. 18-24 were good. Best for me was a Tony Bulera pattern, which is a soft hackle in size 22 with ribbed body. Takes were both on the surface and subsurface. My companion caught rainbows with a realistic may fly adult fished upstream and dry.

Expect lots of company from other casters both fly and spin. Negatives are the main river below the park has not been stocked since the spring. The prediction is mid October will begin stockings in the main river. Until that time, native fish can be caught for the diligent/patient angler. Generally, during the week, you will have the river to yourself. Generation has been mid afternoon.

## Club Meetings, Outings...Looking Ahead!

**Thursday, October 9, 2008**

Monthly meeting 7:00PM Martin Regional Library 2601 South Garnet.

Come join us as we will have fishing guides, members & guests giving presentations on recent trips. This should be a very informative meeting on a multitude of different Fly-Fishing destinations.

## Future Outing Schedules...

**Oct 18, 2008**

TFF Outing to the Upper Illinois River  
2008 Illinois River Fest  
War Eagle Resort \_ Located 2 miles east and 5 1/2 miles north of Tahlequah, OK on Highway 10

**Nov 15, 2008**

TFF Outing Lower Mountain Fork River at Beaver's Bend State Park

**December 2008**

We will have our annual holiday dinner with Green Country Flyfishers in Bartlesville. Location and date to be determined.

**Coming Saturday March 14, 2009**

Oklahoma Chapter Trout Unlimited Banquet at [Freddie's](#) in Sapulpa Now in the planning stages. Details will be posted here when available.

# Local Club & Trout Unlimited News

## White River Fishing in Arkansas with Guide Scott Branyan and FFF/SOC Conclave Oct 2008

With all the high water this year and unlikelihood of conditions for wading Dick Waibel and I scheduled a float trip on the White River with guide Scott Branyan [www.flyflinger.com](http://www.flyflinger.com) during the FFF Southern Council Conclave. Scott met us at Rim Shoals where we had a cabin for the weekend and we launched at 7:30am. It was a little chilly and very foggy but we started catching fish right away using rubber legged hoppers. I caught the first two fish, a brown and a rainbow next to the bank in front of the cabins at Rim Shoals. Dick Waibel's first fish of the day was just below the second island on the west bank. It was a beautiful 22 inch brown trout and it really smashed his hopper. It took a few minutes to get him to the net as he kept taking out line as he swam up river in the strong current. We got the big one out of the way early as we did not catch anything close to this the rest of the day. We caught fish all along the banks and close-in to several islands. We switched to large unweighted streamers and sink tip lines in the deeper waters and continued to catch fish. This did get a little tiring after a couple of hours so we switched between streamers and hoppers several times during the day. Mostly, we fished the hoppers and 80% of the fish we caught on this day were brown trout. Henry, at Rim Shoals said this is because the browns are moving up river in preparation for next month's spawning. Our guide, Scott Branyan has a nice drift boat and he put us right where we needed to be for the best casting to prime fishing spots. We floated about 13 miles of river to the take-out at Shipps Ferry and finished close to 6pm. Scott Branyan really gave us our money's worth.

On Saturday we attended the FFF/SOC Conclave in Mountain Home, AR. We had a great year with approximately 500 in attendance and raised lots of money for conservation and education. There were lots of fly tiers demonstrating their skills and I found a few of the hard-to-get barbless hooks I like for tying wet flies and small woolly buggers. Davy Wotton [www.davywotton.com](http://www.davywotton.com) gave an excellent presentation on the entire White River System including fishing methods for high and low water. He also demonstrated different leader systems he uses for prevailing conditions. Davy is very innovative and demonstrates an in-depth knowledge of fishing in all his presentations. I have not yet fished with him but plan to do so in the near future.

Fred Kirk

## Check out our Member Fishing Reports

Lots of Tulsa Fly Fishers have gone fishing lately and you can check out their results on our web site Member Fishing Reports page [http://tulsaflyfishers.org/Fishing\\_reports.html](http://tulsaflyfishers.org/Fishing_reports.html) This is a good place to get new ideas for where to go. Dave and Ann Youngerman went to the Upper Green River in Wyoming; Von Lofland went to Rocky Mountain National Park; Charlie Campbell and Keith Yarger went to Spavinaw Creek; Joel Kantor went to the Lower Illinois River; Jason Porter went to the Roaring River. All of them sent pictures along with a fishing report on their trip. Next time you go fishing, take some pictures and send me a note about your trip so we can keep up-to-date on the latest conditions in our area or anywhere else in the world you go. It doesn't matter how many or how big the fish were. My latest outing was to Caddo Lake in Uncertain, Texas. Jerry McConnell foolishly agreed to go along and split the guide cost with me. Read about it on our web site and look at the beautiful but unusual pictures of Caddo Lake. You can email your fishing report and photos to [fred@tulsaflyfishers.org](mailto:fred@tulsaflyfishers.org)

## Gadget Company Fall Event - Saturday October 25, 2008

Several Master Bladesmiths from Oklahoma will be set-up in the parking lot and demonstrating the fine art of forging custom knives. As usual, Jerry will be providing lots of **FREE FOOD AND DRINKS!** Oh my! Also, everything in the store (except custom knives) will be 10% off! Jerry recently returned from the Fly and Tackle Show in Denver and reports that gear prices are set to increase in 2009. So, if you need anything go see him or any of our other TFF sponsors before the prices go up.

The Gadget Company 104 E 15th Street, Tulsa, OK 74119 (918)-749-9963

## Changes to upcoming Outings

### October 18 Upper Illinois River

Due to continued high water conditions our outing to Taneycomo has been changed to the Upper Illinois River. The Oklahoma Scenic Rivers Commission is sponsoring the Illinois River Fest. There will be food, fun, fishing, fly tying, casting, music, booths (including Tulsa Fly Fishers). The event will be held at War Eagle Resort <http://www.wareagleresort.com/> located 2 miles east and 5 ½ miles north of Tahlequah, Oklahoma on Hwy 10.

### November 15 Lower Mountain Fork River

The trout tournament has been cancelled for the lower Illinois River. We will be going to Beavers Bend State Park to fish the lower Mountain Fork River. Recent fishing reports have been very good.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



My apologies for missing the September TFF meeting. I'm very pleased to hear that the ODWC outlined plan for habitat improvements for the Watts property on the Lower Illinois River presented at that meeting was well received.

I was absent attending the Annual Trout Unlimited Meeting at the Snowbird Resort in Utah. We fished one day on the Provo River near Park City and traveled another day to view a number of stream restoration and fish habitat improvements as far away as Idaho. During the business days of the meetings The Board of Trustees for your TU hammered out and approved a new and aggressive strategy for growing over the next several years (2009-2012). You will be reading much about the Conservation Success Index (SCI) over the next few months and years in your Trout magazine. Also, I invite everyone to do some in-depth looking at your organizations improved web site TU.ORG as there is much to learn on that web site.

To Protect, Reconnect, Restore and Sustain the nation's cold water resources are the organizations goal. Since we have no "native" cold water resources in Oklahoma, I see our main mission as a TU Chapter is that of helping TU grow. Yes, we'll work on our own in-state pet projects of our own interests but we should also focus on sustaining TU. As outlined in the plan this just isn't about sustaining the cold water resources but is also about member growth and I hope that you, the Oklahoma membership in TU, will help us accomplish this. More members' means more potential donors and more donors to the TU mission will help protect, reconnect, and restore "native" cold water resources for us all to enjoy, now and for our future generations in all states where these special waters flow.

This letter marks the very near end of my two year term as your President and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your willing support of the programs and fund raising plans I and your Board of Directors have asked you to be involved in. Together we have accomplished much. Also, I accepted this position for a somewhat selfish reason, I took it to help myself become a better public speaker, by simply being forced out in front and I thank all of you for helping me down that road as well.

I know I am leaving my position as your President in very capable hands and look forward to the places where Valley Brancums' new leadership will take the Tulsa Fly Fisher organization. Presently, I find myself now as your TU Indian Nations Council Chair a position which allows for the better coordination between your Oklahoma Chapter, the 89'er Chapter in Oklahoma City as well as joint activities to connect us more closely to TU National and our Arkansas and Missouri neighbor TU chapters and I look forward to this challenge.

Thanks again for all your support, see you on the River.

FISH ON!

Scott Hood

"Lamb Duck" President, Tulsa Fly Fishers

## THE NEW FLY FISHER

The New Fly Fisher is a unique television series that is all about Education. Each season there are 26 new episodes covering everything from smallstream trout strategies to steelhead nymphing techniques. Like the Federation's mandate, this show is focused on teaching young and old, novice or veteran, all about fly fishing. Each season the themes will be equally split between Saltwater, Warmwater, and Coldwater fly fishing. We want to provide fly fishers throughout the USA and Canada with a balanced mix of educational episodes that will help them become better fly fishers for all species, all waters and in all conditions.

To learn more about this co-production of the Federation of Fly Fishers, go to our website at <http://www.thenewflyfisher.com>

## On the RISE, TU's TV Program

Trout Unlimited's television program "On the Rise" airs on the Outdoor Channel each week. Hosted by Telluride, Colorado fly fishing guide, Frank Smethurst, the show features some of the best fly fishing around the country. Traveling in an Airstream trailer painted in trout patterns, Frank travels to rivers and streams where TU has made a difference and takes the viewer on a fish-filled journey across America.

Find out if the Outdoor Channel is offered by your local cable television provider: [www.outdoorchannel.com](http://www.outdoorchannel.com)  
The show airs weekly on [the Outdoor Channel](#) on **Friday nights at 7 p.m.**, with encore airings of each episode on **Saturday at 2 p.m.** and **Sunday at 7:30 a.m.** Check with your local cable provider to see if it carries the Outdoor Channel.

## MEMBER NOTICE!

To all members of Tulsa Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 & FFF: Make sure you have your email junk filters set to accept email from [brhoward@cibtulsa.com](mailto:brhoward@cibtulsa.com) so you can receive the monthly Tulsa Fly Fishers, Streamlines newsletter without interruption. If your filter is not set to allow email and attachments from my email you may not receive pertinent club news & information.

### Tulsa FlyFishers 2008 - 2009 Membership

Name _____ ____ renewal ____ Same address as on file	Regular membership \$15	_____
Address _____	Supporting membership \$25	_____
City _____	Junior membership (under 17) \$7.50	_____
State _____ Zip _____		
Home phone _____ Work _____	Membership patch \$6	_____
Spouse name _____		
	Total	_____
E-Mail Address _____		

Make checks payable to Tulsa FlyFishers, P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155

Tulsa Flyfishers and the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet the SECOND THURSDAY of each month except July, August and December at the MARTIN REGIONAL LIBRARY, 2601 South Garnett, at 7 p.m.