

# TU chapter 420 – Tulsa FLY FISHER'S

## Streamline

OCTOBER 2011

TU 420 OKLAHOMA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
TULSA FLY FISHERS AFFILICATE CLUB OF FEDERATION OF FLY FISHERS

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### We Need Volunteers!

On Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm the Trout Unlimited Oklahoma Chapter will be selling hot dogs at the exit door of Bass Pro-Shop. We are raising money to support the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trout Pond For Tulsa**. We need cooks and cash collectors to work in two hour shifts. If you can help work a two hour shift or during the whole event please contact Scott Hood to offer your help. [Shood91849@aol.com](mailto:Shood91849@aol.com)

### MORE Helpers Needed!

Same day, same place, same times we need volunteers to help Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Tulsa with a fishing outing on the Bass Pro-Shop pond. Bring your fly rod and some flies to fish for bass and blue gill, maybe even a walleye. If you have a spare closed faced spinning rod or two please bring them in case some of the "Bigs" show up without any equipment. Bass Pro may be able to help with some but we don't want to risk some child not having something to fish with. We are offering basic fly casting on the pond also for beginners who might like to give fly fishing a try.

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**Don't forget that the **October Meeting** due to scheduling at our new meeting place will be:**

**Thursday October 6 at 6:30 pm.**

**NOTE: THIS IS THE **FIRST** THURSDAY IN OCTOBER!**

**If you can't make it quite that early, the first 30 minutes will be the business meeting and announcements and the speaker will follow that so come as soon as you can.**

Our guest speaker will be **R.L. Nunley** author and world renowned custom bamboo rod maker. Bob has been restoring and working on bamboo fly rods for 31 years, and has been making custom bamboo fly rods for 23 years. By his own admission his presentation has little if anything to do with fishing. It's more about how a full time professional rodmaker runs his shop and is a mix of true and funny stories about his life as an Okie and a fly fisher. Don't come to meet Bob if all you want to do is see a bunch of fish porn. Do come if you like to laugh and learn about fly fishing and what's special about fly fishing with bamboo. Do you have an old bamboo rod you'd like to know more about bring it to the meeting, maybe Bob can tell you more about it. Learn more about Bob Nunley at: [www.rlnunley.com](http://www.rlnunley.com)

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### October TFF Outing!

Our OKTU/TFF outing this month is to attend the Southern Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers in Mountain Home, Arkansas. The annual conclave of fly fishers from all over the region takes place October 6-8.

Because everyone is staying at different area lakes and resorts and wanting to spend as much time as possible fishing when not at conclave scheduled activities, we will get together at the happy hour and dinner at the Ramada Inn on Thursday night and if anyone is interested in going to dinner somewhere in the area on Friday night we are open to suggestions of a good restaurant in the area. Please let us know if you will be attending on Thursday night and if you

are interested in dinner on Friday night. Contact Sandi or Syd Scott at [sandi.tu420@gmail.com](mailto:sandi.tu420@gmail.com) or after Wednesday night 9-5-2011 cell phone [918-504-7268](tel:918-504-7268).

Thursday 9-6-2011

Social Hour

Cash Bar open 5:30pm-8:00pm Ramada Inn

Thursday Welcome Dinner

Time: 6:00PM - 7:30PM Ramada Inn

Everyone is invited to enjoy dinner prepared by a hard working crew from Fort Worth Fly Fishers led by Russell Husted. This a great time to meet new friends and catch up with old ones. Although there is no charge Donations are gladly accepted.

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## Want to know who's catching fish in the area or share a ride to go fishing?

Our web site [www.tulsaflyfishers.com](http://www.tulsaflyfishers.com) does not have a blog feature but our new Facebook page does. Nearly every day you will find postings there of those who, what, when and where questions that come up all the time. To become a member of this new OKTU/TFF group all you need is a Facebook page of your own. It's easy to do and Facebook is a lot more private now days than it was when it first started. Check it out, you'll be glad you did. On Facebook we are known as [Tulsa Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited Chapter 420](#) **39 members to date and growing!**

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### Save The Date!

November 4-5 in Heber Spring, AR the first ever Mid-South Regional Meeting of Trout Unlimited will be held. ALL Trout Unlimited members from OK, AR, TX, and MO will be invited. Meetings will be held all day on Saturday. The agenda is not yet set but for sure they will be educational and informative activities all day Saturday. Friday is the fishing day. Area guides for the Little Red will be available to take participants fishing. (In case you didn't know the biggest browns on the Little Red make an annual migration to spawn about that time of the year! Interested now?) There will be a \$30 fee to take part the meetings but that will include breakfast and lunch on Saturday. If you are interested in Trout Unlimited and our conservation agenda this is a day you don't want to miss. If you ever wanted to learn more about the workings of Trout Unlimited there will be staff there from the main office and from across the country. Again, ever TU member will be invited via a TU national e-mail with further details, accommodations information and a registration form. Please watch for it and sign up right away. It'll be a fun learning experience and the fishing should be great too.

(A personal note from Scott Hood on the Mid-South TU meeting: Nothing would make me prouder of my Oklahoma Chapter than to have a roomful of Oklahoma Chapter members at this meeting. Please try to find a way to be there you won't be sorry. Scott ) If you wish to share a ride and fuel costs to get there, please contact Scott Hood at [shood91849@aol.com](mailto:shood91849@aol.com)

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#### **A Message From Your President:**

I can't be sure where things will be by the time you read this message. But as of today the ODWC has ceased stocking of trout to the lower Illinois River. Not just because of the lack of water but also because of poor water quality. Low oxygen is also now a serious problem. One of these days we will all be so outraged at what is happening to this important fishery that surely someone somewhere will listen and act. Thanks to all for writing letters and sending e-mails to our Senators, your Congressman , and the various agencies involved ... it ain't over yet.

As some of you know I recently attended the Trout Unlimited National meeting in Bend, OR. It was a great trip and I got to see some wonderful conservation projects. I fished for bull trout and native red band rainbows in what is an unbelievable river, The Metolious near Black Butte, OR. This river simple bursts up from the ground and within two miles of its origin it flowing 1000 cfs with the clearest and aqua-marine colored water you have to see to believe.

But that is not what was important. While there I had numerous meetings with US Fish and Wildlife people, Department of the Interior staff as well as Trout Unlimited staff. They all agree that something is seriously wrong when a river is dried up by government entities that seem to hide behind the law instead of doing what is right. I think collectively, as conservation minded people, we would all agree that no one should ever be able to dry up a river. As I said, this ain't over yet.

Please everyone stay ready to write, call or e-mail our government officials when called upon to do so. I know that I can't win minimum flow for the lower Illinois River but together **WE** can!

FISH ON!

*Scott Hood*

**Metolious River near Bend Oregon**

