



Streamline



December 2017

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

Event Calendar

December 4 - TU420 Holiday Party, Monday Eve at McNellie's. 6:30pm

December 9 - Lower Illinois River Cleanup and Fishing Day. With the 89'ers Chapter and Oklahoma River Warriors

December 16 - Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited & Oklahoma River Warriors - Arkansas River Cleanup

January 11 - TU420 General Meeting - Guest Speaker: Cam Coffin

January 27 - Roaring River Fishing event

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

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Final reminder!

This coming Monday TU420 will host our Holiday Party.

Date: Monday, December 4th

Time: Doors open at 6:30

Location: McNellie's Restaurant

409 1st St. in downtown Tulsa. (1st and Elgin)



Phil Curtis in Wyoming

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's} ,

Happy Holidays to all of our chapter/club members and friends!

On that note, you should've received an invitation to our Holiday Party. This party will replace our normal monthly meeting. Please see the section on the Holiday Party for more details.

Have you ever had the experience of getting your leader and tippet all tangled and knotted by the wind or a failed hook set? Let me answer that.... Yes. You have. We all have experienced the frustration of having that happen and then trying to figure out how to undo it. Well, I have a solution for you. Save yourself some frustration and just cut all of that stuff off and stick it in your pocket. When you get to the parking lot, look for our fishing line collection station and deposit your mess and frustration in the receptacle. We will be placing a few of them by the parking lots in key places. You will see our TU420 signage on these stations. So, as I said, place your old leaders or any other fishing line that you have collected, on the river, and place them in the collection stations. This will help us keep our river cleaner and the animals safer.

Hopefully, you have gotten the chance to wet a line in the Lower Illinois River and have been rewarded with a few trout. If not, what are you waiting on? The river is stocked and the fish are willing to play.

- Parking is free

- Full dinner with appetizers, salad, 2 entrees and a great dessert tray. (See TU420 website for menu: TU420.com)

- Cash bar

- Gift exchange optional:. Bring a small \$10 plus gift to exchange with others.

Tickets \$25/person at the door. Bankcard, cash or check. Please RSVP pat@cimtel.net with number in your party to reserve your tickets now.

Cam Coffin To Speak At The January 11th General Meeting

Our General Meeting guest speaker, Cam Coffin, will present; "*Exceptional Fly Fishing In And Around West Yellowstone, Montana*". His talk will be on Thursday, January 11th.

Cam was born and raised in West Yellowstone Montana and started fishing when he was 10 with his dad and 4 brothers. He started guiding for Craig Mathews in 1989 and has been at Blue Ribbon Flies ever since. During these past 25 years he has guided 160 days per year all throughout Yellowstone Park and famous Montana rivers such as the Madison, Yellowstone, Missouri, Beaverhead, Ruby, Big Hole, Boulder, Stillwater, and Bighorn. In 2014 he became the proud owner of Blue Ribbon Flies, which he purchased from Craig Mathews. Cam currently lives in West Yellowstone, MT with his wife Kristy and two children Sam and Izzy.

Cam will teach you about one of the best places in the world to fly fish. You'll learn about the larger concentrations of blue ribbon trout streams and still waters of the Yellowstone area. Over two thousand miles of water are within a short drive of Cam's Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone, Montana.

For over 30 years Blue Ribbon Flies has been helping outfit anglers visiting the Yellowstone area with the latest in fly fishing equipment, information on hatches, fly patterns and the world's largest selection of fly tying materials. They have the most friendly, helpful, and experienced staff and guides

I have had the most luck on #14 Pheasant Tail Nymphs with a #18 Zebra midge dropped from the eye of the hook about 8 to 10 inches. White Mega Worms have also been productive, for me. This is a good time to take a beginner and have them experience some success.

Also, be watching for an announcement about the Pond at 51st and Hudson. We will be stocking trout in the pond again this winter. There will be a few days that are for "Kids Only". Feel free to utilize the pond to take the kids for a fun day of fishing.

Sincerely,

Phil Curtis
President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

2017-2018 Conservation Issues

Oklahoma Focus:

Things are fairly quiet as legislature focuses on budget issues.

National Wildlife Federation will join our fight for minimum flow and/or water releases when needed in the Lower Illinois River including educational meetings with legislators in Oklahoma and Washington.

Concerns about huge eastern Oklahoma Water Transfer and sale out of state.

OK TU 420 generally oppose eastern Oklahoma water transfer plans and proposal to sell our water to Texas. Tulsa Senator Rader is teaming with OWRB, Farm Bureau and possibly lobbyists from outside the state to withdraw 18 million acre feet at Webbers falls and upstream. Historically large water transfers cause substantial environmental and water quality issues and may limit growth in a region. As water is shipped out of state, and possibly doubling Tulsa's water rates, it could harm cities long term growth, degrade water quality in Scenic Rivers overall watershed and open the door to future water transfers from the Upper Illinois river and Mountain Fork. By law, no downstream impact of any kind is required for any

who all fish, tie flies, and know entomology in the area.

Blue Ribbon Flies offers the most extensive selection of fly-fishing trips in Yellowstone Country. From their daily guide service and overnight pack-trips to the April Mayfly tours, there is a unique fly-fishing experience for everyone. In addition to the Greater Yellowstone area, their guides have been exploring the waters of Belize for the last twenty winters. Blue Ribbon Flies has developed an expertise in both the varied waters of Yellowstone and the flats of Belize & Mexico.

We meet monthly on the 2nd Thursday at Hardesty Public Library. The library is located at 8316 E. 93rd Street, Tulsa, OK (N. of Creek Tpke. & E. of Memorial Dr.) All are welcome - Admission is free - Meetings begins at 6:30. Door prizes and raffles at every meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tulsa Fly Fishers Becomes a Charter Club of FFI

On November 27th, TFF's application to become a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International was approved. If you would like to become a member of Tulsa Fly Fishers, you will need to apply for a membership in FFI. The good news is that if you are a first time member of FFI you will be eligible for a discount on the first two years membership. This would mean that the first year membership will be \$20 and the second year will be \$30. Be sure to designate your club affiliation as TFF which will be applied to the Free TFO Fly Rod Program to be used at fly casting, fly fishing lessons and Trout in the Classroom events. Applications for the first time member discount are available at the General Meetings or by contacting [Scott Hood](#) or [Jim Mathewson](#).

Please visit the FFI website at:

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Default.aspx>
for more information about FFI and it's mission.

Loan & Learn Program Starts in 2018

TU420 has recently received several very generous

high volume water withdrawals instigated by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. And, once approved, water transfer can never be stopped.

Tulsa Dream Team - National Wildlife Federation OK Chapter, Oklahoma's For Responsible Water Policy, Nature Conservancy, Oklahoma Water Sports Association, OK TU and many others oppose this bad idea.

Congressional letter from Inhofe, Mullin and Langford to Corps of Engineers blocks improved water quality in the Scenic Rivers system from Arkansas pollution. States hands are tied by our own Congressmen.

TU will be following up.

TU National Conservation Focus:

Protect Waters of the United States - protect clean water and ephemeral water sources for trout, salmon, drinking water sources and future generations.

Opposition to proposed foreign owned Pebble mine. The mine threatens all rivers in this historic drainage and the billion dollar annual sustainable salmon harvest in Bristol Bay.

Public lands. Retain and protect public lands at national level. Concern 99% of states do not have funds to manage public lands and will sell off to private extraction and timber interest locking out public fishing, hunting and hiking areas.

Conservation funding. Prompting Congress to retain and enhance Federal, state and local funding for conservation, stream and fisheries improvements.

Pat Daly

Conservation Chair

Trout in the Classroom

Trout In The Classroom Moving Forward

gifts of fly fishing gear. Pat Daly is currently completing the final steps on a project that will use this equipment in a program to lend rods, reels, vests, waders, etc. to Trout Unlimited members to 'try-out' before they invest in their own equipment. Look for more information on our Facebook and the TU420 website for details in the near future.

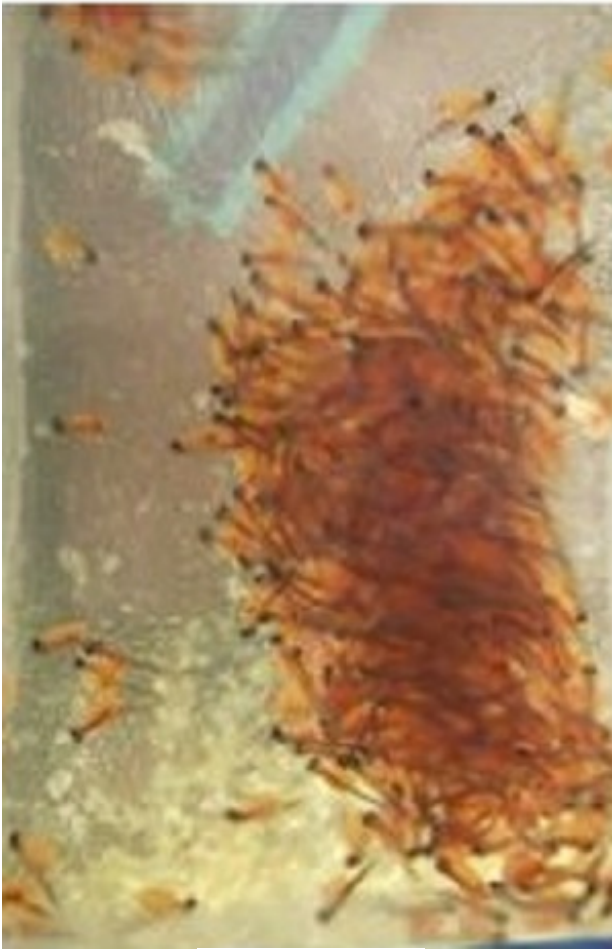
2017 Annual Meeting Grand Prize Winner



This Year's Grand Prize Winner of a brand new Winston Nexus 9 foot, 5 weight fly rod is Maurice Wilkins.



A member of Trout Unlimited since 2012, Maurice appears to have had success with this rod by the



Jenks TIC program



Okmulgee TIC.

looks of his facebook post 3 days after receiving his prize. Talk about your sweet rod!!

2018 General Meeting Schedule

The 2018 speaker season begins on Thursday, January 11 at the General Meeting. Pat Daly has hard commitments at the General Meetings on the following dates:

January 11th – Cam Coffin: *“Exceptional Fly Fishing In And Around West Yellowstone, Montana”*

February 8th - Fly Tying Event

March 8th - Cameron Cipponeri: *"Fly Fishing Colorado's Blue Ribbon Waters"*

April 12th - Joel Kantor, "Smallmouth Adventures On The Fly"

May 10th - Matt Millner: *"Fly Fishing Through the Seasons of Arkansas"*. Visit his website at: www.risingriverguides.com

The 2018 General Meeting Speakers are published in *Streamline*, on Facebook, and on the TU420 website. If any member has a topic that they would like to present, or one that they would like to hear, please contact Pat Daly at pat@cimtel.net.

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. Meetings are open to the public and free.

Outings

TU420 will continue the outings program this year, so mark your calendars to join us or volunteer to help on any upcoming events.

December 9th - Lower Illinois River Cleanup with the OK 89'ers Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Location: Upper (Powerhouse) parking lot. Below Tenkiller Dam

Time: 9:00 am

Agenda: Clean up in a.m., lunch at Watts, fish rest of day



Union TIC

The trout eggs arrived on Oct. 26th and were rushed out to all 7 participating schools with successful hatches having been recorded in 100% of the tanks. (One school did suffer a power failure in the first days of the hatching process and lost about 80% of their eggs, but the others have hatched and are doing well.)

Around the Christmas break several tank leaders and school instructors will determine how many of the hatched trout will be kept over the Christmas holiday and some will most likely be taken to the Lower Illinois River and released. Tanks with greater numbers than 100 trout have serious water quality issues; this is how the students learn about water quality and what it takes to manage the tanks for the greatest survival. We hate to lose ALL the fish, so some will be released early.

Stay tuned for announcements in the spring when we will be ready to let the rest of the trout go. At that time we will be looking for volunteers to go with the students and enjoy an outing at the Lower Illinois River when we will release the remainder of the fingerlings.

We are encouraged to learn of several more schools in the area gaining interest in hosting tanks. If you would like to help us in support of this

January 27th - Roaring River Fishing Event

Location: Roaring River State Park near Cassville, MO. Pavillion across from the Park Store.

Time: TBD

Agenda: Fishing with Project Healing Waters

Contact Heath for information: **Heath Tiefenauer** at outings.tff@gmail.com See you there!

It's Coming To a Pond Near You!

Talking about the annual TROUT POND FOR TULSA !

Stocking of the 51st and Hudson pond at LaFortune Park in Tulsa will occur just before the Christmas Holiday. Fishing in the first week will be **KIDS ONLY DAYS!** (Dec. 25th to Dec. 31st) Adults may fish **ONLY** if they are accompanied by a youth who is also fishing!



There will be several stockings of trout and 2 additional "KIDS ONLY DAYS" on February 19th and March 17th. The posted limit is 4 trout per day. Releasing fish is OK, if the trout are caught on barbless hooks and then carefully returned to the pond.

great program we invite you to send donations specifically earmarked for "Trout In the Classroom" to Oklahoma Trout Unlimited PO Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155. (Businesses and individuals may specifically sponsor a tank if they would like. Each tank and chilling system costs about \$1,100 to start and \$250 annually to operate. Your donation is 100% tax deductible

Scott Hood

Youth and Adult Education Chair

Fly of the Month

Local Tiers, Local Patterns

This past month our TU 420 club was fortunate to host Terry and Roxanne Wilson who gave a very entertaining talk on catching Bluegills in farm ponds on the fly and demonstrated several patterns to the those of us able to arrive early. In addition to their year-round fishing habit, they publish a blog on warmwater fishing, operate an internet flyshop and are the editors for an on-line magazine that covers our area, Southern Trout Ozark, on the web at www.southerntrout.com. This year Terry and Roxanne recieved the Dr. James Henshall Award recognizing their contributions to fishery conservation from Fly Fishers International.



Terry Wilson – Bully's Bluegill Spider

This month's pattern is the Bluegill Bully as tied by Terry. The flies tied that evening were catching fish in and around Tulsa the next week by several of our club members, myself included. This fly fishes nicely on 3-4-5 weight rods with floating lines in still



This "urban" trout fishing experience is made possible by contributions from the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited #420, NatureWorks, The YOT Foundation, The Tulsa County Parks department and specific donations for various individual contributors. If you would like to help in support of this great program we invite you to send donations specifically earmarked for The Trout Pond for Tulsa to: Oklahoma Trout Unlimited PO Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155

Scott Hood

Youth and Adult Ed Coordinator OKTU/TFF

This Month's Definitions

'A Dictionary For Constant Anglers, Weekend Waders, And Artful Bobbers'

by Henry Beard & Roy McKie

Map: Handy, schematic representation of all the various roads in a given area that you are not currently on.

Natural: Type of organic bait rejected by a finicky fish because it is too large or too small, or because

water, especially around woody cover or overhanging trees.



An important aspect of the Bluegill Bully is the positioning of the weight and rubber legs in the fly so it drops vertically and provides moderate slow sink rate giving a Bluegill time to inspect the fly. The typical bite is as the fly drops or after the first few small strips. My bet is this will also be a killer fly for crappie under willow trees this spring. Roxanne says her favorite color for stained water is definitely purple.

Size 10 Hook, Medium Lead Wire, Ultrathread 140, Medium Chenille and Round Rubber Legs

Terry starts the fly on a size 8 – 10 – 12 hook with a base of a thinner thread like Ultrathread 140 to wrap a base on the hook. Colors can be anything, with Yellow, Chartreuse, and Black with a Red Butt being most popular. Terry adds 3 wraps of medium lead wire (0.020) at the base of the hook and 1 or 2 wraps loosely forward, and covers the wire with thread to secure.



A robust body is built with medium chenille, wrapping forward to about 3/4 the length of the hook shank and tied off with a half hitch to hold it in place.

it has the wrong shape, bears the wrong coloration or makes the wrong motion in the water. See *Artificial*

SAVE THESE DATES

Local area river and stream clean-ups will be happening on Dec. 9th and the 16th.

The 89'er Chapter and the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited along with the Oklahoma River Warriors will focus efforts on both the Lower Illinois River below Tenkiller Dam and a section of the Arkansas River in Tulsa this December.



On Dec. 9th the 89'er Chapter out of OKC will host the Lower Illinois River clean-up. Participants should arrive at the power plant parking lot below Tenkiller Dam a little before 9am. Trash bags will be provided for everyone and a limited number of trash pickers will be available. Lunch will be prepared by the 89'er's around 11 am at the Watts WMU parking lot. Everyone is encouraged to stay and fish after lunch.



On Dec. 16th the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited, along with the Oklahoma River Warriors will gather at the Helmerich Park volleyball courts on Riverside Drive in Tulsa to clean-up a section of the Arkansas River between Joe Creek and the 71st Street Bridge. This is a section of the AR River adopted by the Oklahoma Chapter as part of the City of Tulsa's 'ADOPT A STREAM' program.



Terry uses 2 double strands of round rubber legs, for the legs. He starts with 2 strands stacked on top of each other and held in the same direction as the hook. Terry places 3 very soft wraps around the legs just ahead of the Chenille as a temporary holder. Then with both hands, Terry grabs the legs, pulls them sideways and backwards, and holds them in place on both sides of the fly with a pinch of his thumb and forefinger. With the legs in place, he builds a tight thread base in front of, and slightly over the rubber legs to hold them in place.



Don't be afraid to firmly pull on the legs to reposition them evenly across the front of the fly. Finish the fly with a whip finish and Sally Hansen's Hard-as-Nails.



Author Kelly Brown will be interviewing and documenting local fly tiers on their favorite flies as well as some of the flies he ties in the coming months. If you see him at the next General Meeting, be sure to thank him for putting this project together.

Clean-up is from 9 am to 11 am ... trash bags and pickers will be available.

In both instances everyone is advised to "dress for the weather of the day", wear gloves, boots and please be careful.

Scott Hood

Adult and Youth Education Coordinator. OKTU/TFF

Follow us on Facebook and Join TU and FFI

There are now **999** members on Facebook ([Here's a quick link.](#)) and growing. **452** are paid Trout Unlimited Members. We are currently reviewing options to increase membership in both Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International. You can help us by bringing a friend to the meetings or providing them with membership applications. 45% of the Facebook members and 41% of the *Streamline* recipients are members of Trout Unlimited and far less are members of FFI. The Officers and Board are hoping that you will take the opportunity to become a member of either or both of these organizations and take advantage of all the benefits that TU and FFI provide.

For membership information and applications, visit our website, TU420.com, pick up an application at the General/Annual meetings or talk to an officer or Board member.

An easy way to find someone to go fishing with, brag about your success, or just keep up with what's going on.

New Member Discount !

If you are planning to apply for membership to Trout Unlimited (TU) you should be aware that there is a discount available to new members. TU offers a 50% discount (\$17.50) to new individual members of which our chapter will receive a \$15 rebate. If you pay the full price, we do not get a rebate. Follow the link to submit your application and receive the 50% discount and support our chapter. [New TU Member Discount](#) Please remember to select the 420 - Oklahoma Chapter

Women's Initiative



Terrie Blackburn

Our first TU420 Lady Anglers Book Social held at McNellies in November was a successful and fun time!

Join us December 12th 6:30pm - 9pm for our next Social! This is a great chance to get to know each other, share interest and feed our fishy passion with like-minded women. We reviewed several books and decided to start with Izaak Walton's 1653 classic "The Complete Angler". It's a short read, fascinating and a bit challenging...happy hour is likely to bring out a lively discussion on the merits of our first selection!! Location hasn't been selected yet so stay tuned to our facebook page or email me at tu420womens@gmail.com and I will personally email you the location once it's decided. Hope to see you there!

designation under 90K - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma) or make note of the 420 Chapter on your checks.

Fly Fishers International (FFI) renewal memberships are \$35. Discounts are available for New Members (\$20 membership the first Year), Multi-year memberships, Students, Veterans and Seniors. For every 12 new members, TFF earns fishing equipment which will be used for fly fishing classes, demonstrations, TIC and various other chapter events. For more information, or to apply for a membership, visit the [FFI website](#), pick up an application at the General Meetings, or visit with Jim Mathewson at the meeting and he can help you with the online application at the meeting..

If you have questions, please see a Board member or pick up an application at the monthly General Meeting.

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