



TU/FFI
2021

December



Streamline



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



Event Calendar

December 9th - Holiday Party at McNellies

December 11th - Clean Up and Fishing Day at The Lower 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.](#)

A Message from Your President



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

Welcome to the December edition of Streamline. We hope you had a happy Thanksgiving, with plenty of time with friends and family.

As the year ends, I'm thankful for the support of our organization, and the opportunity to serve another year. I especially appreciate the support of the other volunteer leaders in our group. We really are fortunate to have such an excellent group of people supporting our group, it's mission and our activities.

Our group wouldn't be what it is without the volunteer leaders, but it wouldn't be at all without the support of the members. This past year has been a different year, but a momentous year for many of our programs and we owe it all to the material, physical and financial support of every one of you. Thank you. Thank you for joining us on Zoom, for attending our outings and events, coming out to clean up events, supporting our Facebook group, and for helping us continue with our conservation efforts. We look forward to bringing you many more of these events. Thank you, especially, to our Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishing International registered members, new and old. If you aren't a member of TU/FFI, please consider joining today.

With the hectic nature of the season time always seems to run in short supply during December. We don't have a general meeting this month, but we hope you'll take time to join us for our December events. December 9th we're having our improvised Group dinner at McNellie's South. [See our website for details and to RSVP.](#) December 11th we will have a Clean Up event on the Lower Illinois River. Come out and join us for a morning of giving back to our Habitat, a shore lunch and an afternoon

Holiday Party!



Our Holiday Party won't be a ticketed event this year. With social distancing and different perspectives on public gathering, we've decided to change our Holiday event. We will not be selling tickets for a catered event.

But we will be reserving several tables in the side room for anyone who'd like to get together and enjoy the food and drinks from McNellie's menu. [Visit our website, TU420.com](http://TU420.com) to RSVP and [let us know you'll be joining in.](#)

James E. McNellie's South City Public House

7031 S Zurich Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74136
(Behind Charleston's, off Yale Ave)

Thursday, December 9th

6:30PM

2021 Conservation Issues

Conservation is Our Passion

We made a lot of progress at our last City Council meeting, regarding the Zink Dam Project. Our Regional Fisheries Biologist for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, Josh

Johnson, was called to the table. Josh gave a compelling case for why the dam gates would need to be lowered all the way down every single day for 3 months a year. If the gates oscillated between up and down on a daily or weekly basis, how it could even be possible for some of the successful spawners from the lower population of fish (below the Zink Dam) to get above the dam during one of the days where the gates are down, only to have their eggs hit the dam on a day when the gates are up. He was particular about pointing out that this very event could lead to another Oklahoma river losing the Shovelnose Sturgeon forever.

Another valuable insight that he alluded to, that's important for us to remember when making

to our Homewater, a snore lunch and an afternoon of fishing. Details in this newsletter and at TU420.com.

I hope this Holiday season brings you and your family and friends many opportunities to share time and make memories. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a happy New Year!

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer
President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

2022 Meeting Schedule

January 13th - Donovan Clary, "Missouri Fly Fishing"

February 10th - Phil Curtis et al - Annual Fly Tying Night

Trout in the Classroom

Projects in Full Swing

All 12 of our local area Trout In the Classroom projects are successfully underway. After volunteers from our membership transported over 4,000 Kamloops rainbow trout eggs to the area schools on October 28th. It only took five days for the first school to report that they had eggs hatching. Within three more days most of the schools had reported successful hatches.



The eggs hatch at different times after they are placed in the tanks because of various temperatures in the tanks. The cooler the water the longer it takes for the eggs to fully incubate.

The eggs are placed in a small net basket on the side of the tanks. The tanks are fully enclosed in insulation materials to help keep the tanks cool and dark. A small window in the side of the tank next to the egg basket allows the student to peek in on the eggs. Once they begin to hatch the front cover on the tank can be removed. The young fry then

important to be remembered when making arguments for a dam that's operated around the spawning season, is that most of the river still very much functions as a prairie stream. For that to stay intact, we need all of the native species' populations to stay bountiful and healthy. In other words, while we selfishly want big populations of the game fish we love to catch, those same protections would also lead to big populations of all of the other fish that keep the natural cycles and ecosystem balanced.

During the meeting, two of the City Councilors voiced support for creating stakeholder meetings, where we would be allowed to discuss our concerns with the current operations plan. I will continue to dialogue with these Councilors and let you all know when those meetings will be taking place. When they are put on the calendar, we will need you to show up. If we can't convince them that a significant amount of their constituents are concerned with this issue, there will be no incentive for them to stick their necks out to participate in this project.

I hope you all are getting on some fish and enjoying the incredible fall weather!

Jake Miller
Conservation Chair

The Trout Pond for Tulsa 2021-22

For over 15 years now your OKTU420 Chapter and The Tulsa Fly Fishers along with NatureWorks has supported the Trout Pond for Tulsa and this year and next will be no different.



the tank can be removed. The young fry will bounce about the bottom of the egg basket until the yoke sac is depleted and then the young trout are released to the tank. At this time, they begin the search for food and students will witness what is referred to as "swim-up" and this is the signal to begin feeding.



Once feeding begins the real work of water quality monitoring must begin. The more the trout are feed the more they pollute their environment. Water quality testing must take place at regular intervals and a watchful eye for spikes in nitrites and ammonia gases is required to keep water quality at below harmful levels.

You can follow along as the year progresses at **TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM** on **Facebook**.

Scott Hood
Education Coordinator for TU420

Outings Poker

We've started the event again, if you missed the October event you still have the rest of our 21-22 season to catch up and collect your cards.

What is Outings Poker?

Outings Poker is an event-oriented game that lasts the entire 2021-2022 season. No purchase is necessary, and everyone is welcome to play!

How to play:

- Receive 1 fly fishing themed playing card for each outing or special event you attend.
- Cards will be distributed at the start of events.
- Each card will be stamped with a letter. The location of the stamp for each event will be different.
- At the end of the season the player with the best traditional 5 card poker hand wins a



Trout will, once again, be stocked at The Gardens Park Pond at LaFortune Park (corner of Hudson and 51st Street) late in December and just in time for a week-long period called **KIDS ONLY DAYS**. The pond will be closed to fishing after the first stocking and opened on Christmas Day until January 1st but then, only to kids under 16-years old. (Adults may fish with the children if the children are also fishing.)

Additional stockings will occur just days before Jan. 17th and Feb. 21st and these 2 national holidays will also be designated as **Kids Only Days**.



Members of OKTU420 and TFF are encouraged to drop by the pond, any day, to watch over it for violations of the 3 fish per day limit or for adults fishing on kids only days, with out the kids, to help others with fishing and of course, to fish. (If you see a 3 fish limit violation, call the game warden. He has already reached out to offer his help in that situation.) If you see someone fishing on a kid only day ... offer a gentle reminder for them to "please read the sign" and to please come back on a day set aside for anyone. There are a lot more of those days than there are set aside just for the kids.

Thank you.

prize!

- 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 as long as there are no duplicate markings.
- Cards will be available at every monthly outing and certain special events.

Sowbug Fly Tying Contest

Rules have been kept to a minimum. The entrant must tie the fly submitted for judging. Each entry must include the name, address, phone number and email address along with two flies for each pattern submitted (they must be exactly the same size, color, etc.). You need to include the recipe for the fly, instructions on how to fish it and the category you wish to have it judged in. There are eleven categories, nymph, dry fly, wet fly, smallmouth bass, bass, warm water, salmon/steelhead, salt water and tenkara. In addition, there is a best in show award.

This year we are adding an additional category, Dave Whitlock pattern. This is homage to Dave, our guest of honor. You may tie any published Dave Whitlock pattern.

You may submit as many patterns for as many categories as you want. You can win a maximum of three categories (best in show is considered a category). All flies submitted will become the property of the contest and will not be returned. Any fly that contains insect parts (legs wings, etc.) will be eliminated from competition. Commercially tied patterns will not be accepted. The decision of the judges is final. Committee members and judges are not eligible to participate in the contest.

To participate, all you must do is send your flies, recipes, and fishing instructions to John Berry, at 408 Combs Ave. Cotter, Arkansas 72626 by Wednesday February 7, 2022. The winners will be announced on Friday March 25, 2022, at the Sowbug Roundup Shindig which will be held at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church.

Help for Website

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.

In either case, if anyone runs into this situation, it

Scott Hood

Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

If you'd like to donate to either the TIC program or The Trout Pond for Tulsa please do. You're your contribution is Tax Deductible. You can mail a check to: TROUT UNLIMITED OKLAHOMA CHAPTER PO Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155 Designate in the subject area which area you'd like your donation to go. Thank You.

Outings



Rorschach Test for Anglers (What do you see?)

When: Saturday, December 11th

Where: Lower Illinois River at the Powerhouse

Time: 9 AM

In December we'll be giving back to our Homewater with a clean-up event at the Lower Illinois River on Saturday, December 11th. We'll collect trash for several hours in the morning, enjoy a fresh shore lunch at 11:30 and spend the afternoon fishing the freshly cleaned waters of the Lower Illinois River. Please join us at the upper parking lot of the Powerhouse below the dam on December 11th at 9AM.

We'll provide trash bags, and you can collect your Outings Poker Card for the month. Afterwards, we'll disperse to various parts of the river for the clean-up effort. Lunch will be served at 11:30 in the Watts Area parking lot. See you there!

Annual Elections Results

The final tallies of our November elections are in. Here are the lucky volunteers who will carry out their elected positions in the coming year:

Vice-President - Russell Vaughn

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tu420web@gmail.com

So that link can be corrected or removed from the webpage.

Thanks for your help.

Frank Kohn

Webmaster

Tulsa Fly Fishers

Trout **U**nlimited is an organization without parallel in the preservation of it's namesake. But many who are members of TU420 are also card-carrying members of **Tulsa Fly Fishers**(TFF). TFF's parent organization is Fly Fishing International(FFI).

While TU concentrates on Trout, FFI supports Fly Fishing in all it's forms. This universal approach helps you to be successful fly fishing in ponds, lakes, streams, rivers, and oceans.

All of our Officers and Board Members are required to be active members of both TU and FFI, but you can join today without pressure. Just go our website (tu420) and click on the link:

Join TFF/FYI

Treasurer - Ray Marks

Board Members:

Jake Miller

Frank Kohn

Chris Queen

Our 2022 Officers are:

President - Heath Tiefenauer

Vice-President - Russell Vaughn

Treasurer - Ray Marks

Secretary - Binnie Jones

The rest of our 2022 Board Members are Frank Kohn, Jake Miller, Scott Hood, Phil Curtis, Ed Wampler, John Sellars, Kelly Bostian, AP Fletcher, Bruce Brewer.

Etc...

You may not be Gadabout Gaddis, the flying fisherman, but you might be saying to yourself, I could talk for hours spinning tales about my fishing adventures.

We don't need an encyclopedia of anglers antics in the wild, but we are in search of a few tales or tips for our readers to enjoy.

Please don't hesitate to take a firm grasp of the keyboard and reveal to us your experiences or fishing tips (like how to tie a siamese silver beetle bug).

Forward your completed works in Word format and don't forget your pictures to: [Bruce Brewer](mailto:Bruce_Brewer_rbbrewer1@live.com), rbbrewer1@live.com

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Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

January 13th - Missouri's Best Fly Fishing

January 22nd - Roaring River Outing

February 10th - Annual Fly Tying Night

March 24th - 26th - Sowbug Roundup

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