



Streamline



January 2019
Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International

Event Calendar

Jan. 10th - 4:00 pm - Fly tying session with Donovan Clary - Carp Flies

Jan 10th - TU General Meeting - Donovan Clary - "Carp On The Fly"

Jan. 12th - Roaring River Outing

Jan 15th - Fly tying at Backwoods with Phil Curtis

Jan 21st - Kids only day at the Trout Pond at Lafortune Park

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

Donovan Clary Presents "Fly Fishing for Carp" at the January General Meeting



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello,

Happy New Year! I hope you had plenty of opportunities to spend time with friends and family over the Holiday Season. As the year ends and the hustle and bustle of the season passes it seems only natural to look back on the year, but also forward to the new year.

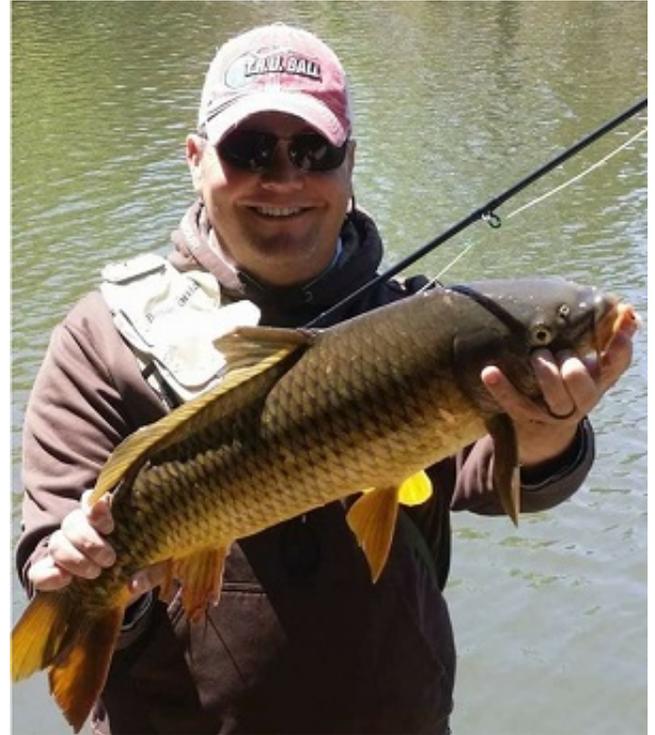
As the year begins please be sure to renew your membership to Trout Unlimited. If you're not a member now is a great time to join!

Speaking of joining, did you know Tulsa Fly Fishers officially became a charter member of the Federation of Fly Fishers in 2018? FFI is a great organization with a mission that compliments the work of Trout Unlimited. We hope you'll continue to support Trout Unlimited and now FFI as well.

2018 was another great year for our organizations, TU420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers. Our regular outings provided chances to fish different waters in the area and we look forward to continuing our outings in 2019. Our first outing is the ever-popular Roaring River, an annual tradition.

While we all love to wet a line, getting together for other activities is always fun. The Fly Fishing Film Tour was a huge success in 2018. We look forward to having the film again this year, as well as more fly tying and social events in addition to our fishing outings.

Our website, TU420.com, continues to grow. If you



Donavan Clary

Donavan started fly fishing 36 years ago at Roaring River. In 1992 he started guiding and tying seriously.

He ties commercially for The Fly Co. and ships flies around the world. Mr. Clary guides on the Lower Mountain Fork River, the Lower Illinois and the Blue River here in Oklahoma. He loves everything fly fishing and enjoys catching carp and gar just as much as trout and striper.

Join us on Thursday, January 10th to kick off our first 2019 TU/TFF monthly meeting with Donovan at Hardesty Public Library, 8316 E 93rd St Tulsa off S. Memorial and one block from the Creek Turnpike. Doors open at 6pm.

Learn about catching hard fighting Carp on the Fly.

Added bonus! Donovan will also offer a special carp fly tying session from 4 to 5:45 pm. Feel free join us and watch Donovan tie or bring your vise with tools and tie with him. Then stay for our general meeting to learn special tips and techniques to catch powerful carp on the fly. A very special raffle prize will head the list of great raffle items. You might win! We hope to see you there.

Raffle Prizes For January

haven't seen it lately, surf over and check it out. While you may not see me there often (something I should resolve to change), our Facebook page is a lively place where you can always connect with folks who share our interests.

Trout in the Classroom remained strong in 2018 and is poised for a great 2019. Every year the program continues to grow and we can't thank our members enough for all the support given to this great educational program.

2018 was a year of uncertainty for our local cold-water fishery, the Lower Illinois River. This uncertainty will continue in 2019. The fight is not over! Water for the river has yet to be secured and now more than ever we need to make sure our voices are heard and show support for the conversation effort put forth by our clubs and other like-minded groups. Together we can protect our Homewater!

I can't speak on the past year without giving a nod to all of our great speakers at our regular meetings. We have a great lineup for the new year as well. If you are a regular face at our monthly meetings, we look forward to seeing you again. If you haven't been to one of our meetings, we'd love to meet you!

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

Trout In the Classroom Report for January 2019

The holidays at all the schools is a waiting game. When the tanks go "unattended" for days on end we really can't tell what has gone on until schools get back in session ... keep your fingers crossed that all the schools will come through the holidays without any major die-offs. (even if that happens it becomes a teaching moment for the children ... clean unpolluted water, everything is fine ... polluted water and bad things happen. Stay tuned for the February report.

January's General Meeting will have a special raffle prize of a custom built rod provided by Donavan Clary.

Youth And Adult Education

Upcoming Classes

Backwoods at The Farm - Fly Tying Lessons

- **Date:** January. 15th
- **Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Location:** The Farm at 51st & Sheridan Rd
- **Cost:** Free

2019 General Meeting Schedule

Pat Daly has confirmed the schedule of guest speakers and events for the General Meetings for 2019. If you have a topic you would like to present or would like to have presented, please contact Pat at pat@cimtel.net.

January 10th - Donavan Clary - "*Carp on the Fly*". **Bonus:** Fly tying with Donavan - Carp flies. Starts at 4:00 pm before the meeting.

February 7th - Fly tying Night. (First Thursday of Feb.

March 14th - Joel Kantor & Randy Richter - "*Fly Fishing The Amazon*"

April 11th - Bill Brennan - "*Fly Fishing Arkansas' Best Smallmouth Waters*"

May 9th - Matt Milner - "*Arkansas' Best Early Summer Fly Fishing*"

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 at 6:00 pm (open discussion/questions); meetings begin at 6:30. Meetings are open to the public and free.

The Oxley Foundation has donated \$2000 for the TIC program and another \$2000 for the Tulsa Trout Pond. We thank them for their generosity.

We have already received several requests for tanks in the fall of 2019 ... if you would like to donate in support of a tank, please send a tax deductible donation marked for 'Trout In The Classroom' to OKLAHOMA TROUT UNLIMITED # 420, P.O. Box 54108, Tulsa, OK 74155.

Anyone interested in learning more about the TIC program should look at the web site ... www.troutintheclassroom.org . Those who wish to follow along with local activities should check the closed facebook group. TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Scott Hood
OKTU420
Adult and Youth Ed Coordinator

Trout Pond for Tulsa.

The 2018-19 Trout Pond For Tulsa Is Open!

Once again and for the 10th year, the Trout Pond for Tulsa is open. This year it's back at 51st and Hudson, The Gardens Park Pond in LaFortune Park. It officially opened for Kids Only Days on December 25 to New Year's Eve just for the kiddos. As of January 1st all those with an OK fishing license can fish. (Catch and release if you like ... barbless hooks please and the take home limit is 4 trout.)

The pond is made possible by various private donations, the work of the Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited and NatureWorks. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the Tulsa County Parks Department for the use of the pond and for the signs. Kelly Bostian and the Tulsa World for their annual coverage also deserve a big thank you.

Trout are purchased from Crystal Lake Fisheries out of Ava, MO and we have 2 additional stockings coming in the future. These will occur just prior to two future Kids Only Days on January 21st and Feb. 18th.

Outings

Mark Your Calendars !

The first half of 2019 has a variety of outings and events scheduled. Be sure to watch your *Streamline* for details.

Roaring River Outing

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

Date/Time: January 12th, 9:00 am - noon

Agenda: Fishing with lunch served at noon then fish until the park closes at 4 p.m.

Contact: Heath or Scott Hood for information:

Heath

Tiefenauer at TU420outings@gmail.com **Scott Hood:** [Scott](#)

2019 Conservation Issues

Water for the Lower Illinois River. Gaining minimum flows to support our trout fishery in the Lower Illinois River is our key focus. All water has been "allocated" with none for the river and there is no more water to "borrow" to sustain our fishery during key periods. We continue to work with and educate state representatives, Congressmen, Southwest Power, ODWC and other conservation groups to gain water for the LIR. Scott Hood continues to lead our focus on this issue, meeting with departments, the legislator and Congressmen in Washington DC. An act of Congress is required to obtain minimum flows and change water allocations.

- Water quality improvement, minimum river flows, reduce phosphorus loads from upstream poultry, cattle operations and sewage plants in our Scenic Rivers and throughout Oklahoma are a focus item. While there has been some minor reduction in phosphorus loads, this 20 year effort continues. Over 200 new very large poultry operations that will aerial spray thousands of tons of new poultry waste yearly in NE Oklahoma add to new water quality concerns. Sixty percent of Oklahoma rivers and lakes are already rated with "impaired water quality"

Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to help OKTU420 continue this great program, please send your check to OKLAHOMA TROUT UNLIMITED #420 P O Box 54108 Tulsa, OK

POSTED RULES AND REGULATIONS for the TULSA TROUT POND

1. All anglers over 16 must have a valid Oklahoma Fishing License.
2. One rod and one reel per angler.
3. Cast nets or dip nets to catch trout are strictly prohibited.
4. Four trout limit per angler, per day. No culling.
5. Stringers and or baskets must be labeled with the individual angler's name and license number.
6. Violators of these regulations will be ticketed and prosecuted.

If you see a violation, please contact the Tulsa County Sheriff's office at 918-596-5601 or contact the Tulsa area Game Warden at 918-857-5557.

Scott Hood Adult and Youth Ed Coordinator for OKTU420

Kelly's Korner

Conservation and Fly Fishing

Fly fishing is an outdoor activity, making a game of tricking small cold-blooded animals into eating artificial flies. It also involves long whippy sticks, difficult to tie knots and the occasional use of fancified 3-syllable words and acronyms that are seldom explained. If I am teaching someone to fish, I try to keep the language simple and if I fished for food, it would be power-bait or dynamite.

Conservation is an indoor activity, seeking to modify the behavior of a bunch of hot blooded self-adsorbed large-brained mammals. The goal is to create respect and protection for our outdoor

and virtually all water sources are at a tipping point.

Legislative education and outreach. TU/TFF conservation leaders will meet with new and

existing OK Legislators to educate them on the importance and large financial impact of outdoor recreation and clean flowing rivers in our state.

Legislative Tracking. All bills and riders that could have an impact on water and related conservation issues will be tracked. Those that required concerned citizen feedback will be reported to you via facebook, *Streamline* and, if warranted, special Action Alerts.

TU/TFF Members Get Involved to Save Our Rivers!!

As a conservation organization we ask that all OK TU/TFF *members get involved and take action* when needed by contacting your legislators and elected officials. New e-mail alerts, phone lists for you to call (most powerful), talking points and Facebook alerts will be developed to make it easier for you to make your opinion heard. It could be your call that make the difference.

Pat Daly
Conservation Chair

Follow Us on Facebook and Join TU420 and FFI

There are now **1318** members on Facebook ([Here's a quick link.](#)) and growing. **441** are paid Trout Unlimited Members. We are currently encouraging 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. 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.

Fly Tying Contest

Six Fly Progressive Fly Tying Contest /

playgrounds so they are in better condition for creatures that make outdoors their home. Incidentally that includes trout and all the little creatures needed for a healthy cold-water ecosystem. Conservation is also a source for use of arcane language. By that I don't mean swearing.

While matching wits with a fish with a pea-sized brain, I win infrequently enough to keep me coming back. By my wits alone, I have little chance to positively influence the human culture of conservation. However working with Trout Unlimited gives me a change to join a talented group of like-minded individuals and win at the game of conservation and human behavior modification.

Our local Trout Unlimited group provides a great opportunity for me to indulge in two things I care deeply about, Fly Fishing and Conservation. The TU420 group has good success with state-level conservation "wins" and has considerably improved my fly-fishing. I like winning and believe our TU chapter success will be well served by enrolling and listening to more female members, especially as it comes to the finer points of understanding and influencing conservation culture. A current issue, where our legislators need persuasion, is providing a minimum constant cold-water flow for the LIR, and other rivers. That alone is a good enough reason to get as many men and women involved in conservation as possible.

This leads me to the curious question of why fewer women than men fly-fish. I asked some of my favorite Pescadoras and here is some of what I learned.

Pescadoras

My wife, the person most credited with making me a better people-person tells me fly fishing has a significant enough learning curve that any beginner is prone to look foolish and silly and that women are less inclined to look foolish than men. Hard for me to argue that point as my casting and knot tying still occasionally makes me the fool after 50 years of practice. There is this one particular well-decorated branch over the water at Roaring River just above the catch and release area that has several hand-tied contributions of my own. I have spent some time stretched out over the water there, as far as I can reach, with my only success is that I have not yet fallen in. If any of you ladies are worried about looking foolish fly-fishing, just stand next to me and I promise I will make you look better.

Six Fly Progressive Fly Tying Contest / TU 420 Fly Tying Fundraiser

January - Contest Continues

Soft Hackle Fly

The January Fly of the Month for the Progressive Fly Tying Contest is the Soft Hackle fly. Soft Hackles are arguably some of the prettiest flies tied and are a great fly to match the recent abundance of Caddis nymphs on the LIR. Soft Hackles are not only for Caddis matches, Scott Hood's string thing is a very simple grizzly hackled black body fly that fishes well in a midge hatch. My all-time favorite searching nymph pattern is a size 12 March Brown Bead Head soft hackle which works equally well with an upstream dead drift cast as it does with a downstream swing.

Participants tie 1-dozen of their best and send it to me. For your efforts, you will receive a fly box with 6 flies and scoring instructions. Send the scored results to me and keep the fly box and flies. To date, nearly 300 flies have been submitted in the contest. The extra flies tied go into boxes we use for TU420 fundraising.

You can reach me at kellyfishes@msn.com or at many of our local TU fly tying activities and outings. A number of club members and myself will be tying at the Fly Tying extravaganza on January 19th, at the Creek County Fairgrounds.

New Member Discounts

Officers and Board members will be available at the January General Meeting to take applications for Trout Unlimited (TU) and/or Fly Fishers International (FFI) membership. We will help you process and submit your application.

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. If you prefer to apply online, 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 designation under 90K - Indian Nations Council (Oklahoma) or make note of the 420 Chapter on your checks.

I asked two young ladies in my work group, both who fish with their families, why they don't fly-fish. They both told me "too much of this", and raised their hands over the heads waving them wildly. I

suppose the underlying point is a lot of movement and hand-eye coordination involved. Both these ladies are skilled lab techs who can better run chemical analysis than I can, so I don't buy that fly-fishing mastery is beyond them. But they do have a point in that fly-fishing is a focused and mechanically challenging activity not necessarily compatible with managing a husband, kids, a picnic lunch and a tan on the side of the lake. I don't fly-fish in those circumstances either. Even on dedicated fishing trips, if my fishing partners don't specifically ask to fly-fish, I hand them a spinner. This next year I resolve to challenge myself and partners to fly-fish more often and to string-up the guest fly-rods frequently.

Getting started takes a lot of equipment! This is very true, not the least of which is getting any new fisher suited up in an appropriate pair of waders. There are a couple of solutions here though. Fish in places not requiring wading, or participate in our TU420 Loaner program, which has great rods and reels and some selection of waders appropriate for most sizes. TU members can contact Pat Daly for details about this program.

My sister called me before Christmas and asked me about buying fly rod kits for our grand-nephews. I asked her about why not the grand-nieces. She told me I had a good point, something I have not heard all that often. It's easy to fall with cultural norms of buying nephews' balls, bats and fishing poles and nieces' ribbons, dollies and EZ-bake ovens.

Unfortunately by the time a child is old enough to begin to learn the mechanics of fly-casting they are plenty practiced with cultural norms. Changing the EZ-bake and ball bat mentality will take more than buying a young girl a fly-pole. Fly-fishing takes mentoring and attention, especially with young fishers. My advice is that if you have an opportunity, commit to taking and teaching young fishers fly casting. I first learned at five and girls this age may have an advantage over boys with both physical coordination and attention span. My sister gifted Orvis Encounter kits to each family group with the promise that her brother would provide lessons and flies to everyone interested. Thanks Molly! No, really!

Fly Fishers International (FFI) renewal memberships are \$35. Discounts are available for 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. [FFI membership forms](#)

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

New TU Member Incentive

If you join the Trout Unlimited #420 Chapter for the first time at the meeting on January 10th you will receive this group of flies, tied by members of the OKTU420 Chapter, specific for the Lower Illinois River. **FREE**



FFI/TU420 Notes

- Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. They represent all aspects of fly fishing - from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries

The most disturbing reason I heard was feeling threatened in a group of strangers outdoors - I really do get this one as one of my all-time favorite activities is to go fish in the wilderness alone. Twice in my life I have had guns pointed at me in the

middle of "no-where". We live in a culture with shifting and sometimes conflicting cultural norms. While the number of women fly fishing has grown dramatically over my lifetime, women are usually the minority. If you are uncomfortable with your safety or "fitting in", try fishing at a quality water section where the fishers are generally polite and considerate or joining up with a women fisher group. My wife tells me we should have women-specific fishing outings for TU420. I agree, but me as the organizer might be a bit goofy. Any women volunteers for this?

So why the rant and rave about women and fly fishing? I believe our club will become a better conservation force with a mix of men and women. If you don't already, please consider joining our meetings, contributing to our fundraising events, conservation, youth education and veteran's outreach programs. Anyone who takes children fishing is a Saint by my books, please consider adding fly-fishing to the program. For those club members that take the time to talk to other fisher-folks, please help by spreading the word that TU420 sponsors a number of fly-fish learning events. Most of club members would gladly volunteer time, advice and usually a handful of flies to anyone interested enough to ask about fly fishing. There is room at the board level for more women volunteers as well.

I hope to see all of you on the water AND at conservation activities this year.

-Kelly

Tight Lines,

Author Kelly Brown will be documenting the basics of fly tying and his general thoughts on fly fishing in the coming months. If you see him at the next General Meeting, be sure to thank him for putting this project together.

and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, their mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on conservation, education and a sense of community. For more information go to their website [FFI](#) and

take advantage of the information and resources they have to offer.

- The FFI Learning Center is a new initiative that brings together FFI's expertise in Fly Casting, Fly Tying, Fly Fishing Skills, and Conservation Education for the benefit of FFI members and the fly fishing community. It focuses on educational and instructional programs for all fly fishers at all skill levels. The Inaugural Launch occurred at the Boise Fair in August 2018. For great documented instructions and videos on casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills and conservation, visit the FFI Learning center at: <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Education>

- TU420 has reserved the Fly Fishing Film Tour again for 2019. Watch upcoming *Streamline*, TU420.com and our facebook page for details.

- TU is a national organization with about 300,000 members and supporters organized into over 400 chapters and councils from Maine to Montana to Alaska. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices nationwide. These conservation professionals ensure that TU is at the forefront of fisheries restoration work at the local, state and national levels.

The TU Mission: To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

For more TU information and resources, visit: [TU](#)

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

February Outing - Swap Meet

February 7th - TU420 General Meeting - An evening of fly tying

March - Fly Fishing Film Tour

April 11th - TU420 General Meeting - Bill Brennan, "Fly Fishing Arkansas' Best Smallmouth Waters"

May Outing - Pawhuska fishing event

May 9th - TU420 General Meeting - Matt Milner - " Arkansas Best Early Summer Fly Fishing"

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