



Streamline



February 2020

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

Event Calendar

February 4th - Free fly tying lessons at Backwoods

February 13th - Fly Tying Night at the General Meeting

February 18th - Backwoods free fly tying class

February 22nd - Mystery Fly Tournament on the LIR

February 29th - Jenks Community Ed - Fly Fishing Oklahoma

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

February 13th General Meeting: Learn To Tie Flies

The February General Meeting will be our Annual Fly Tying meeting. There will be Fly Tying, Knot Tying, and a Rod Building demonstration.

Phil Curtis and a few of our other tyers will be demonstrating some of their fly tying skills. This is a good opportunity to see some new materials and techniques and maybe a few new patterns. This will be in an informal setting and we invite you to come and learn and ask questions.

There will also be a table demonstrating rod building by Kelly Brown who published the article on rod building in previous issues of the Newsletter. Take

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's},

January and the peak of winter are behind us. I hope you've been staying warm, fishing when you can, and this issue of Streamline finds you well.

The Roaring River outing with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was a great time again this year. Temps weren't much better than last year, especially in the morning, but the fishing was better. Big thanks again this year to Joel and Karen Kantor for providing the brisket to feed the group. We're lucky to have their continued support. In February we're excited to host our 2nd Annual Mystery Fly Tournament at the Lower Illinois River. Join us Feb. 22nd for this fun event. Check the outings section of our newsletter or TU420.com for more information.

The fun continues in March. Save the date! Saturday, March 28th we'll host our TU Fundraising Banquet. We're excited to announce Bob Clouser will be a special guest at our banquet.

Our January speakers, Pat and Jeannine Blankenship from Conejos River Anglers, gave a great presentation on fly fishing the Conejos and Los Pinos Rivers. We had a great turn out and hope you'll join us for our next general meeting, Fly Tying Night on Thursday, Feb. 13th at Hardesty Library. At our February meeting you can see some of our club members tying some of their favorite flies, learn about upcoming classes, get hands on with knot tying, and see rod building basics. This casual meeting is a great chance to explore fly tying, learn about fly fishing, and socialize with other fish minded folk. Fly tying is a great way to connect with fishing when the weather or your schedule just don't allow you time on the water. Often you might discover the flies the locals use, the flies the fish can't resist, aren't in the fly shops. Fly tying suits people of all skill levels, from those who only tie a few flies to those who tie near works of art. Whether you've never tied and are curious or tie regularly, we hope to see you there.

Details of all our activities are available on our web site www.tu420.com.

some time to learn more about creating your own custom rod from an experienced rod builder.

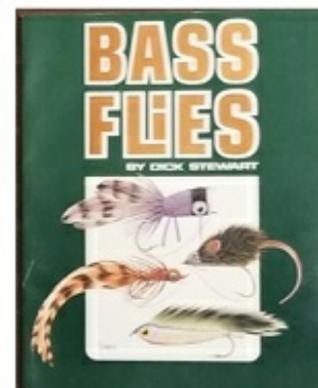
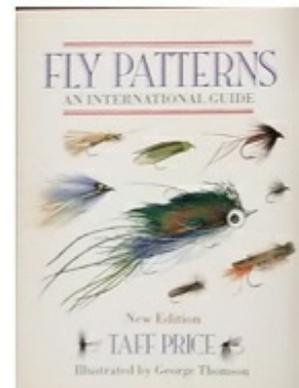
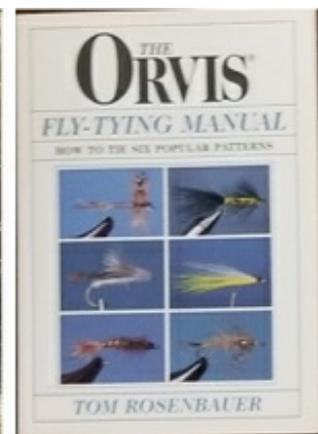
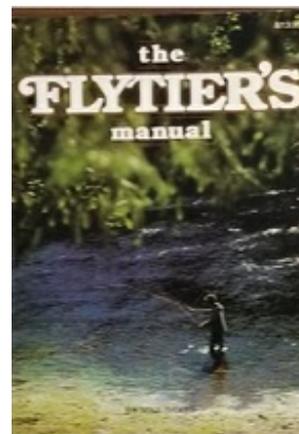
Want to know which knots are used in fly fishing and how to tie them? Jim Mathewson will have a table to demonstrate knot tying and usage from tying backing to your reel to tying fly to tippet. Come ask questions and learn some knot tying skills or practice and share you own skills.

Join us on Thursday, February 13th to take advantage of these lessons at the Hardesty Public Library

ROOM CHANGE: This meeting will be held in the PECAN ROOM at the library.

Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 and Tulsa Fly Fishers meet at Hardesty Public Library, 8316 E 93rd St Tulsa on the east side of Memorial Dr. and one block north of the Creek Turnpike. Doors open at 6 pm (open discussion and questions) and admission is free. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.

February Raffle Prize



Raffle winners will get, not just one of these great fly tying books, but their choice of TWO. Plus,

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer

President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers

Trout In The Classroom Update



Trout In The Classroom Program in Oklahoma

These are the months that test the student and the teachers.

Fish are growing and needing more and more food. Don't feed them enough and the numbers begin to dwindle. No, not from starvation but from cannibalism. You've heard it, only the strong survive or eat or be eaten! Teacher or a student comes in to see only the tail sticking out of a mouth. Feed them and they do what that does... pollution and that is a learning situation for the students, teachers too. Ammonia, nitrites and conversion to nitrates... all happening in only hours. Teachers learning to act quickly when students report spikes in their water chemistry test results ... always having 5 to 10 gallons of de-chlorinated water ready to exchange for polluted water. It is work and its true hands on learning.

Members... want to be part of what's to come? Late February, March, April and early May releases will begin to be planned and executed. We'll need your help on release dates. Members are needed for: 1.) To watch over and keep the kids safe from the river. Many times, of late when we go for the releases, we find high water in the Lower Illinois River, our only OWWC authorized release site. 2.) We need helpers with fly casting knowledge to do demonstrations and help the kids with some hands-on casting ... knowing just the basics is all it takes.

there will be TWO raffle prize winners. First TICKET drawn will get first choice of two books and a second TICKET drawn will get the remaining two fly tying books. These are each hard to find and out of print fly tying books.

Buy plenty of tickets and take two of them home with you. You might even get lucky and win all 4 of them!

There will also be lots of door prizes, if you are a fly tier and need anything for your tying table don't miss the February meeting.

Outings

Date: February 22, 2020 - 2nd Annual TU420 Mystery Fly Tourney

Location: Lower Illinois River Watts WMU

Time: 8:00 - noon

Info: Join us on February 22nd for our 2nd Annual Mystery Fly Tournament. This fun event will feature a fly that should fish well on our local homewater, the Lower Illinois River. We'll meet in the Watts parking lot at 8:00AM. Flies will be available for a \$5 donation. Everyone has the opportunity to purchase one fly. Once everyone has purchased a fly, if there are any left, the rest will be made available for additional \$5.00 donations. After checking in and getting your fly you do not have to stay at Watts. All legal access areas of the river are open to the tournament. Tournament scoring begins at 9:00AM and ends at Noon. Please return to Watts for lunch and to turn in your score. We'll have prizes for the most trout caught and the biggest trout caught. Lunch is provided by TU420 and will be served at 12:30 in the Watts parking lot. RSVP at [TU420](#).

Date: March 28th - TU420/FFI Banquet Fund Raiser

Location: Rucker Warehouse, 1227 S Detroit Ave

Time: 5:30 - 10:00

Tickets available online: [TU420.com](#)

Contact:

Heath Tiefenauer at TU420outings@gmail.com

2020 Annual Banquet and Fund

3.) We need one or in some cases even 2 fly tiers showing kids how we tie flies and “match” the invertebrates that live in the Lower Illinois. 4.) We always need 2 or 3 volunteers to get into the river and work to collect the invertebrates from the LIR.

Be alert and please help ... Take a day off from work or from your schedule and join the fun on a release day. Don't rely on the same volunteers to be the ones that always step up to help. Just do it once and you'll understand and you'll be back. You will be rewarded for your efforts.

If you can't help with your time please help with your donation to:

Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155.

(Each tank costs @ \$1,200 and annual upkeep around \$250 each.)

If you care to follow along with daily and weekly posts as the year progresses please join the closed Facebook group: [TIC](#). For more information on TIC in general, click on the following link ... WWW.TROUTINTHECLASSROOM.ORG.

Scott Hood
Youth Education Coordinator for OKTU420

2020 Conservation Issues

Conservation Is Our Passion

Together, we make fishing better.

Our Conservation Approach

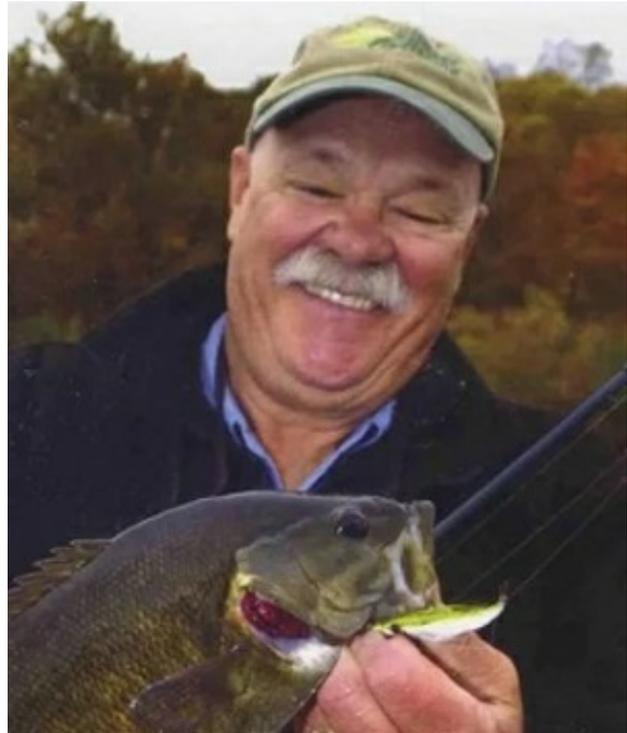
We work to protect important habitat, improve degraded waterways, restore and improve warm and cold water fish populations. The best conservation work comes from true partnerships between all stakeholders.

Oklahoma Conservation Focus:

-Gain minimum water flow in the Lower Illinois River and other streams sufficient to maintain viable fisheries and aquatic habitat. Lack of Oklahoma minimum flow requirements threatens our streams and fisheries, particularly the Lower Illinois River.

Raiser

WE HAVE BOB CLOUSER COMING!



Bob Clouser's 1980s version of the Clouser Minnow, had been used by Lefty Kreh worldwide and Lefty netted over 83 species of fish on that streamer by 1998. Bob is an author, guide, fly shop owner and fly tyer as well as an excellent casting and frequent featured guest at fly tying shows throughout the U.S.

Growing up near Middletown, Pennsylvania he has guided and fished the Susquehanna River and had designed all his flies with smallmouth bass in mind. His Clouser Minnow was fashioned to mimic escaping baitfish and has been considered one of the most effective flies ever created for both freshwater and saltwater.

We are very pleased to have Bob here at our fundraiser for a fly tying class in the morning and another in the afternoon. He will also be the guest speaker at the evening Banquet.

-Improve water quality using the best science, advanced methods, strict enforcement, legislation and collaboration to reduce all forms of pollution in our already heavily impaired streams. Sixty percent of our streams are rated heavily impaired with no foreseeable resolution or meaningful legislation.

-Monitor the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's request to shift the management of fracking fluids from the EPA to the understaffed Oklahoma DEQ. The OK DEQ has also requested that treated fracking fluid be sprayed onto OK land, roads, ditches, and dumped into surface waters, i.e. Oklahoma lakes and streams. This poses a very real threat to already heavily impaired streams and fisheries. We encourage recycling, reuse and the application of advanced technology by industry and not shifting the impossible burden of cleanup to taxpayers.

-Oppose legislation to transfer fishing and hunting license fees from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to an unspecified state general fund; this would cost the ODWC to lose its \$24 million share of federal excise taxes on sporting goods. The ODWC is a highly successful model entirely self-funded by your fishing and hunting license fees.

- Monitor bills or state board actions including; high volume river water withdrawal and sale, bills blocking purchase or lease of outdoor recreation lands, introduction of a "European" model where citizens have no public outdoor recreation land and must pay large membership fees to fish, hunt and recreate on their own lands, and bills to sell off our public recreation land. We also oppose attempts for increased control of the highly successful Department of Wildlife Conservation for political reasons vs. its successful outdoor recreation and conservation charter.

-Add meaningful representation for fishing and all outdoor recreation at the state capitol, including the Oklahoma Water Resources Board and Corporate Commission.

-View the Trout Unlimited national conservation page here <https://www.tu.org/conservation/>



Save the date! March 28th, 2020 we will host a banquet/fund raiser with the support from Project Healing Waters at Rucker Warehouse in Tulsa. This will be our primary fund raising event of the year. The film tour will still come to Tulsa, but we've listened to our Member's feedback and decided to expand the scope of our March event to include more activities, a speaker and a more well-rounded evening for everyone.

As we plan for our event we are also looking for donations to be raffled or auctioned. New or very gently used fly fishing related items are always appreciated. Gifts of goods, and services in the local area would also be very helpful. Our membership is very diverse, we do more than just fish! If you own or work with a company which could donate materials or services and are interested in helping our fund raising efforts please contact Heath, Kelly or Russell. We welcome all donation inquiries.

Buy your Banquet tickets and book your reservations for the fly tying classes here: [Banquet](#) Please watch for additional information as the date of the event approaches by going to the website at: TU420.com. A list of activities, auction items, auction sponsors, games and menu will also be available on the website in the future..

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Kelly Brown at: kellyfishes@msn.com

Russell Vaughn: Rvaughn33@cox.net

Youth And Adult Education

Upcoming Classes

Did You Know ?

- Did you know that fishing is one of the top businesses in Oklahoma? Oklahoma has 1,377,763 anglers with \$1,778,533,721 of annual retail purchases affecting 15,432 jobs, and generates \$148,216,301 in Federal tax revenues and \$99,623,056 in State and local tax revenue? It deserves a seat at the table on all key committees and decision making boards at the state capitol.

- Did you know that in 2012 a study by the EPA mapped 15,022 miles of linear rivers and streams in Oklahoma with 77% classified as intermittent or ephemeral flow? (Compare this to Texas with 1,589,190 miles of rivers and only 29% ephemeral.)

- Did you know that the census bureau calculated land area vs water area for all states and found Oklahoma to rank 35th with 1.9% water and 98.1% land. We have precious little surface water to squander.

- Did you know that FFI has a 'Guides & Outfitters Association Search' page on their website? You can look up Guides in ten countries, including the most states in the U.S. by clicking on this link: [Guides](#)

Trout Pond for Tulsa

Backwoods at The Farm - Fly Tying Lessons

- Fly tying lessons for February 18th
- Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Location: The Farm at 51st & Sheridan Rd
- Cost: Free

Jenks Community Ed – Fly Fishing Oklahoma



- Date: Feb. 29th, 2020,
 - Time: 9am to 2pm
Loc: Jenks Aquatic Center
 - Cost: \$25
 - Signup at: jenkscommunityed.com
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2020 General Meeting Presentation Schedule

We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Hardesty Regional Library. Doors open at 6pm and the meeting starts at 6:30. Come join our free meetings and bring a friend.

The following are the dates and subjects for the spring presentations:

February 13. Fly Tying Night

March 12. Davy Wotton presents “How to Tie and Fish the Wet Fly”. Bonus special fly tying with Davy session before the meeting.

April 9. Randy Richter – “Fly Tying for Stripers & How to Catch Oklahoma Stripers on the Fly”

May 14. Scott Hood - “My Time with TU and the Lower Illinois River”.

Please provide Pat Daly, pat@cimtel.net, with any



The Winter 2020 Trout Pond

January was mild but not so much on Kids Only Day ... the days before were in the 50s and then on MLK Day temps fell into the mid-30's. By all reports, only a few kids were there with parents or grandparents to take advantage of the 600 or so trout still remaining the pond after the stocking on the Thursday before the holiday.

Next up, we have Presidents Day our next Kids Only Day. Do you have kids or grandkids out of school on that day? They'll be trout in the pond again, more of them. Keep in mind, the reason the pond is there. Even if it's a little cold or there's a chilly breeze blowing ... a couple hours on the pond with some hot chocolate waiting in the car to warm up on after will create memories that can last a life time and bring a kid into a sport he or she may come to treasure as much as you do and for the rest of their lives.

And by the way ... please don't forget to attend the NatureWorks Art Show ... our partners that make the Trout Pond a reality with us. And, if you'd like to help out with a contribution to help with next year's Trout Pond For Tulsa be sure to attend the OKTU420 / TFF Banquet and Fund Raiser on March 28th. Bring your dollars and buy those raffle

recommendations you have for fall fly fishing topics and guest speakers.

Local Events

NatureWorks Art Show & Sale



Date: March 7 - 8, 2020

Location: Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Broken Arrow

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

At the annual NatureWorks Art Show and Sale, art lovers can browse paintings, sculptures and wooden carvings by the top wildlife, western and landscape artists across the United States. For more information go to [NatureWorks](#)

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Approached with the right attitude, these are fun fish. They easily transmit their disapproval by their movements and location. People passing by is quite common, so if you quit throwing rocks, lines, flies or bobbers at them, they go back to their preferred positions in a few minutes. If you believe practice make perfect, I tied a few perfect knots cycling through fly changes. If a successful character is built from failure, my character had a serious building session. And if you believe God does not tolerate fools or charlatans, then those trout are pretty darn godly. I spent about 5 hours with them to land about the same number and had an absolute blast. I might have caught more fish in other places, but the day with these persnickety trout was as fun as any I have had in a while. While I am no hatchery fish expert or Roaring River guide, I believe the lessons handed to me cover quite of fishing in our local and crowded waters.

Tips for Fooling a Difficult Hatchery Fish

First - While trout in crowded waters are accustomed to people walking by and throwing things at them, there is still plenty enough wild in

tickets and bid on those auction items, that's how you can help make it possible. Can't make it to the banquet? Please consider and make a tax-deductible donation to Oklahoma Trout Unlimited / subject: Trout Pond and send it to:

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P.O. Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155

Schedule and Rules

Please review the posted signs at the pond and our website [TU](#) for the Rules and Regulations for fishing at the Trout Pond.

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

Dry Creek Confluence

Thanks to Dry Hollow Creek and a wet winter, the first big pool in the Fly Fishing only section at Roaring River currently has gin clear water even on a day when the rest of the river is deep green. Recent floods have pushed fresh gravel into the river, creating a gentle bend in the flow with a gentle lift to the water. The resulting upwelling provides a convex surface to the water that magnifies the light tan bottom gravel about 5 feet deep. The surface also magnifies the trout, two dozen or better, lazing about in the current, only occasionally nipping each other or breaking out of formation to grab something only they can see. If you are looking to brag about your numbers or document a generous handful of grip and grin, these are not your fish.

them that they don't like it much. At least in a gentle stream, trout have no problem hearing footsteps in gravel, so if you are going to walk up to them, take your time and don't get in any hurry to start throwing stuff. Fewer movements and lighter footsteps help keep the trout more comfortable and willing.

Second – The pattern matters less than the presentation. Hatchery fish are curious, and they will eat just about anything, anything that is drifting naturally through the water at least. The fish jury judging me were not eating much, so passing just another bug in the hatch in front of them was not an option. Just about any fly going by at the same speed as the current, or bouncing on the bottom in front of them would get their attention - usually exactly one time. I caught a fish on a Mop Fly, Blue Wing Olive, Size 18 emerger, Orange Caddis, and two fish back to back on the first two casts of a bunny bugger, I must have found dumb and dumber of the trout club with the streamers, but they wised up quickly.

Third - Trout in clear water are especially wary of anything overhead, Kingfishers and Turkey Vultures, waving Orvis fly poles, fly lines from tan to turquoise, and yes, especially fluorescent bobbers. You will have to lengthen your tippet, maybe ditch the indicator, and take care where your fly line lands if you are going to fish there.

A final important tip for beginners - if you make a poor cast, don't immediately pick it up and cast again. Be patient and fish it through and behind the fish before you pick it up. Most of the time when I make a less than perfect cast and pick the fly line up again, the cast goes back to almost the same place again. This is like announcing to the trout that you are a particularly bad fly caster by slapping the water a few times before you pass the fly in front of them. You might as well throw rocks at them before your next cast. I make this beginner mistake all too frequently myself.

If you were not able to make the Roaring River club outing, there are still two more weekends of the Missouri Catch and Release season for Trout Parks. The park is in Southwester Missouri, just over 3 hours from Tulsa. The out of state license fee is \$7/day. While the fish in this corner of Missouri can be tough, they are entertaining and



The Dry Creek Confluence is close to the parking lot so a lot of foot traffic passes by. The river was crowded this past Sunday and every time I thought to go find easier fish, there would be someone above or below me. So, with only a few breaks, I spent the afternoon with these difficult fish. If you stand back a bit to watch, you will see the fish tense up with the sound of crunching gravel underfoot, and drift closer together nearer the deep edge, out near the faster water of the far bank. I watched a good number of spinning rods and fly poles cast to the visible dirty dozen. The response was a universal "No Thank You Very Much" for the casual passer-by. The trout seem to understand that in five minutes or so the two-legged disturbance would move on and their life lounging about in the clear water could go back to normal.

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this particular hollow is as pretty as you could want any trout stream to be. Happy trout hunting and I hope to see you on a trout stream soon.

-Kelly

Author Kelly Brown will be documenting his general thoughts in the coming months. If you see him at the next General Meeting, be sure to thank him for putting these projects together.

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