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Streamline



Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International



Event Calendar

February 8th - Annual Fly-Tying & Rod Building Night

February 10th - Kids' Trout Derby at Broken Arrow Events Park Pond

February 17th - Mystery Fly Tournament at the Lower Illinois River

February 19th - Kids' Fishing Day at LaFortune Trout Pond (President's Day)

February 24th - Fish-Out Derby at Broken Arrow Event Park Pond

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



Russell Vaughn

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

I am pleased to be associated with such a fine group of members dedicated to the betterment of the club. With every volunteer organization, there is a churn rate where volunteers come and go for a variety of reasons. Our group is going through a transition period and your help is needed. We have VP, secretary, conservation chair, and guest speaker chair positions open on the board at this time. If your situation allows you time to serve, I would love to entertain a conversation with you about these positions. The only qualifications you need are a giving heart and willing hands.

If you missed the Roaring River Outing, you missed a good time. The day started out raining in the mid 30's with rain clearing in the afternoon. Our club was fortunate enough to host a great group of veterans again this year. I usually tie a bunch of flies to hand out but this year one of the veterans who has really gotten into tying was able to crank out enough flies for the trip. Thanks to John Fry for taking the pressure off of me.



Some of the gang at Roaring River

In closing, please give some serious consideration to one of the board positions. Shoot me a message

Fly-Tying/Rod Building Night



Courtesy of Scott Hood

Attention all members: it's class participation time.

We need a few members willing to bring some of their fly-tying equipment to the February meeting. Tables will be set up around the room and there will be demonstrations/teaching lessons by members on how they tie their favorite fly.

Rod Building

In addition, Jim Mathewson will be present illustrating such topics as why spend \$1500 on a fly rod when you can build your own, growing carbon fiber, and how to hide a bamboo tree in your spouse's garden.

He really will present some of the challenges of making your own fishing rod.

They say life is what you make it, and your participation is what will make this evening memorable. Please make plans to attend.

Date: Thursday, February 8th

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Hardesty Regional Library, Tulsa

420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited 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 6PM with the meeting commencing at 6:30. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.

and let's talk.

Russell Vaughn

President

420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers

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January Raffle Winners



Two prizes were awarded. Floyd Lewis (L) won a Fly tying Vise and assorted equipment.

Mike Hayes (R) received a special fly box full of streamers and other flies.

Attend the February meeting and that could result in your picture being displayed in the March Streamline.

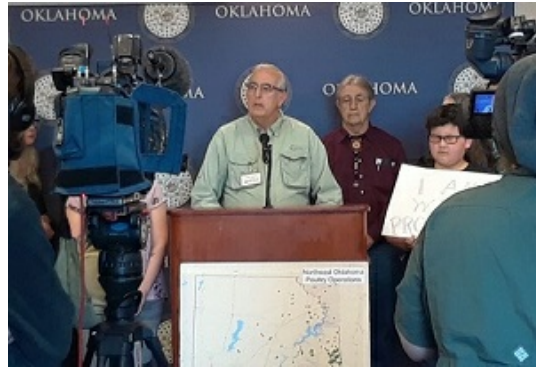
Tulsa Trout Pond

We stocked trout to the Gardens Park Pond at LaFortune Park just before Christmas. As I understand it, many kids and adults took advantage of the weather between Christmas and New Years Day to come and catch a few trout during the Kids Only days.

After that ... things changed and the pond, like many others in the area froze solid. (with the exception of the fountain in the center.)

We'll have another trout stocking day there before President's Day (also a Kids' Only Day) before we plan an outing with special attractions on March 2nd or 16th ... watch for more news of this in the March newsletter.

Pat Daly Memorial Scholarship Fund Update



The Late Pat Daly Tirelessly Campaigning for Clean Water

We have good news on the Scholarship front. Another donor has supplied us with an additional \$5000.00. Therefore, we are able to increase our scholarship fund to \$25,000.

It has been decided that the Pat Daly Memorial Scholarship will be a \$25K endowment to the Oklahoma State University (OSU). The endowment will create a lifetime annual scholarship.

We are allowed to specify three criteria for our scholarship. The actual selection of the student must be left to the University.

The criteria under review are:

- 1) Incoming Senior full-time Student
- 2) G.P.A 3.25 or 3.5
- 3) School of Agriculture Major; specific major not decided

Final details should be forthcoming. We are hoping to see our first selectee for the 2024/2025 academic year.

Mystery Fly Tournament

Join us on February 17th for our 6th Annual Mystery Fly Tournament. This fun event will feature a fly that should fish well on our local home water, the Lower Illinois River. We'll meet in the Watts parking lot at 8:00AM. Flies will be available for a \$5 donation.

Initially, 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 an 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



A thanks to all who have made a special effort to donate to this program this year and past years. I am proud of this program, one that started over 15 years ago, when we first stocked trout to Leake Park Pond near 71st and Memorial. I have vivid memories of us deciding to line the cement ditch leading into that pond so we could watch the trout swim down to the pond. We learned that day the trout will always swim up-stream ... even if all that is upstream is a truck quickly running out of flowing water. We hastily had to jump into the ditch to push a couple hundred trout down to the pond. It was quite a spectacle!

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

You can do your share as a Conservationist by promotion of Trout Regulations while visiting the Pond. "The daily limit is three (3) trout.

All trout caught and placed on a stringer or otherwise held in possession cannot be released later (no culling).

All Trout in possession must be kept on a stringer marked with the angler's name and customer ID number. All anglers must have their own stringer."

Rules quoted from Oklahoma Trout Regulations.

Example: If you see two anglers tossing caught trout into a bucket, this is illegal.

Trout In The Classroom

As of this writing I am happy to report that I have heard of no catastrophic problems over the holidays. These long periods of time, this year longer than others because of weather causing school closings, often cause die-offs in the tanks. So Far So Good ... yelled the man falling from 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.

6th Annual TU420 Mystery Fly Tournament

Watts WMA, Lower Illinois River

8:00AM Sign Up @ Watts Area

\$5 donation per fly

9:00AM Scoring Begins

12:00PM Scoring Ends

12:30PM Results and Lunch @ Watts Area

See you there!

February Raffle Prize



February's raffle prize is a Loon Outdoors Fly-Tying Kit. Also included is a 48 piece set of Fly-Rite Extra Fine Poly, Tool holding spindle, 60 position thread rack with 24 various threads, wire, tinsel, and a container of 12 rolls of various chenille and wire.

The prize is for the beginning fly-tyer and the most experienced who is always grasping for something they are always without.

Tickets are \$1 each with the price break beginning at 6 tickets for \$5.

You must be present to win. After the drawing, losing tickets go in the tub to be eligible for our

90th floor of the Empire State building!

Our next challenges begin at the end of February when schools and classes line-up to take their field trips to the lower Illinois River to release their fingerlings.



Trout Fingerling Release at the LIR

Beginning February 27th and nearly every week in March and April and into May we will be hosting schools at the Lower Illinois for special activities beyond just dumping their trout into the river.

This is my plea for help. Some schools will only have 10 to 15 students on the trip ... other schools with larger classes may have upwards of 70 to 80 on the trip. For those releases I need helpers. At each of the field trips our volunteers offer students a chance to learn to cast a fly rod, see flies being tied, wade into the river to collect insect samples, walk into woods to discover "real" nature and more. To accomplish those goals for each school I need helpers. You don't have to be a "certified fly-casting instructor to teach basic fly casting ... you don't have to be a master fly tyer to tie a couple zebra midges or a mayfly nymph, and you don't need to be a naturalist to point out a tree trunk cut down by a beaver or identify a bald eagle, heron or vulture and point them out to the students.

Please consider now if you are willing to give up a personal day or 2 in March or April to help out with one of our releases.

In my next column I will give additional dates of the releases including the ones where I could really use some extra hands and helpers. We will have fourth and fifth graders from Kellyville, OK on our release on the 27th.

Our releases start at the Watts WMU parking lot. Usually, schools arrive by 9:30 to 10 am. We release the fingerlings there then load back on the

Annual Prize Drawing in November.

LIR Safety Tips

Gore Police Department: 918-489-5963 or 911

Local Game Wardens – 918-431-2550 or 918-431-2544

(to report fishing/hunting violations)

Gore response time is approximately 5 minutes.

If cardiac, call for help, start hands only CPR, pushing downward 2 inches on center of chest to the beat of "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gee's. If possible, please note time when CPR is initiated. Landmarks to assist emergency response: The Dam, Lower parking lot, Watts, and MarVal's. Also, let them know which side of the river you're on. Accurate information will allow for quicker response time.

If it is a swift water rescue, call 911, or Gore Police Dept, and they will respond in addition to Sequoyah County team.

If a medical transfer is needed, they will LifeFlight from the baseball field in Gore to either Muskogee or Sallisaw hospital.

Always a good idea to carry baby aspirin and Benadryl in your fishing gear. Also, a first aid kit in your vehicle shows that you think ahead.

Let's help keep our fellow angler's safe.

Life saving instructions courtesy Nurse **Binnie Jones**.

Tulsa Fly Fishers

Trout Unlimited 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. For FFI members, their website offers many videos on casting and fly tying. At an addition of \$15 a year, you can subscribe to their informative magazine. Member benefits also includes discounts in car rentals and hotel stays; auto, home and health insurance; and shopping discounts.

bus(s) for a short trip to the lower parking lot at the dam for the other activities. You will usually be on your way back home by 1 to 1:30 pm ... unless the water is down, and you choose to stay and fish! Please email me at tu420edu@gmail.com if you can help.

Scott Hood
Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

Saturday, March 9, 2024

That is the name of our Dave Whitlock TU Chapter's fly-fishing education program offered via the Jenks Community Education Program.

Our motto has become ... "If you want to learn to fly fish or know someone that wants to learn to fly fish and you don't want to teach them yourself, send them or come to us, we teach fly fishing."

This all-in-one, single day course on fly fishing covers the basics of many things in fly fishing. Terminology, when, where and how to catch a variety of Oklahoma's many species, recognizing these species, covers fly tying, learning the most important fly-fishing knots and how to tie them and finally, how to cast a fly using a fly rod.

The clinic is offered at the Jenks High School Aquatics Center on the campus of Jenks High Schools where we can teach casting technique on the water. Offered indoors, rain or shine for a fee of only \$35, it is a course many, now seasoned fly casters, have taken. All proceeds go to your Chapter for other programs.

Seating is limited and classes do sell out So please sign up today.

Sign-up on the [Jenks Community Education](#) web site. Registration is also available by calling 918-299-4415, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Etc

It's that time of the year - Time to renew your Fishing Licenses. Remember, all licenses, including lifetime, do not include a Paddlefish Permit. The good news is that they are free. Download the **Go Outdoors Oklahoma App** for your digital device and take care of all your licensing needs there

Input Wanted!

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. When you sign up, please select Tulsa Fly Fishers as your local chapter. Just go our website ([tu420](#)) and click on the link:

Join TFF/FFI

Breaking News From the ODWC

Wishing You an Enjoyable & Successful 2024!

Turning the calendar to another January, I wonder what this year is going to bring. Exciting fishing trips, heart-racing hunts, and making memories with my family come to mind. Well, we here at the [Wildlife Department](#) also have some things on the Outdoor Oklahoma radar that we want to share with you.

We're working with legislators to modernize, consolidate, and update **hunting and fishing licenses**. Currently, there are more than 100 offerings, and we want to simplify that to fewer than 20. As an example, we're proposing a "youth super license" for anyone younger than 18 that would cost \$25 for residents and \$100 for nonresidents. This license would replace all other hunting licenses for them; they could hunt any species or season that's open.

As part of our continued effort to expand and improve boating and fishing access for our constituents, we have 12 **boating and fishing access projects** that will be completed, started, or awarded in 2024.

We continue to monitor and **manage the fisheries** at our amazing lakes, rivers, and streams, and will again stock about 15 million fish statewide.

Oklahoma again will host the **Bassmaster Classic** on March 22-24 at Grand Lake, with weigh-ins at the BOK Center in Tulsa.

Our **Game Wardens** are often a first point of contact with the public. Here's a handy link to their phone numbers: wildlifedepartment.com/law/game-warden-directory. Please help them help all of us by letting them know if you see anything that doesn't look right out there in the woods or on the water.

And lastly, please check out our **Wildlife Conservation Foundation** (okwildlifefoundation.org). Its sole purpose is to

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** (JPEG) to: [Bruce Brewer](mailto:rbbrewer1@live.com), rbbrewer1@live.com

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provide financial support for the Wildlife Department, and you can see a list of projects it has funded online: okwildlifefoundation.org/projects.

I look forward to working with our amazing staff to provide the very best fish and wildlife resources our state can offer, and I wish you a great 2024!

*Wade Free,
Interim Director,
Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
Conservation (edited)*

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

March 9th - Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma at Jenks Community Education

March 14th - General Meeting at the Library

April 11th - General Meeting at the Library

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