



TU/FFI

April 2024



Streamline



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



Event Calendar

April 4th - Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) at Circle Cinema in Tulsa

April 11th - "Wild Trout and TU's Blue Ribbon Trout Slam Program"

April 20th - Annual Clean Up 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



Russell Vaughn

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

What a great time to be a member of this club and associated with a conservation-oriented national organization! I hope you all appreciate the efforts of the club leaders to bring relevant content, information on conservation issues with how to engage, and fun activities. The Mystery Fly Outing was one of the most well-attended events I can recall. I really want to encourage participation by our membership, please consider joining our efforts beyond just enjoying the fishing aspect.

Yes, we all love to fish but without a concerted effort to keep the water clean and flowing, fishing may not be what it is today. Without protecting our watersheds, we cannot expect fishing to exist in perpetuity. The legislative season is upon us, so Jake has his hands full sorting through a plethora of bills to digest along with trying to make sense of political posturing. So please be aware that there may be calls to action when necessary.

There are many additional opportunities to serve such as assisting Scott Hood in the Trout in the Classroom program. We really need those of you fortunate enough to be retired or have availability on weekdays to assist schools on field trips to the LIR to release the trout. This is an excellent chance to help these kids experience nature and learn about our ecosystems. It is a very rewarding endeavor so if you are so inclined, please reach out to learn the dates for trout releases.

In the leadership arena, we still need to fill the Secretary position on the Board of Directors. If you think you may possess the skills necessary for this position, please let me know.

On a final note, the end of the sandbass run is drawing near so tie your wooly buggers, cone head minnow, clouser minnows and baitfish imitations of choice. Prepare your gear. Inspect your lines for

Wild Trout

Most of us have had the following experience: you are having an exceptionally good day on the river and the highlight was a ferocious battle with the biggest freshwater fish in your life. After the miracle of landing the trout in your net, a nearby angler comments, "Not bad for a stocker." Like the mystical fur-bearing trout that populate regions of the jackalope, the native or wild trout is looked upon as a dream in the minds of anglers. This fantasy is further perpetuated around campfires with tales of youthful adventures in remote places.



Our April speakers, Chris and Amanda Miller, guides in Southwest Missouri, will reveal that the wild trout are not something spoken of in the past tense. Back in the 1880's the federal government stocked trout in the streams of Missouri. Today, you can see the fruits of that experiment.

The Missouri Department of Conservation in collaboration with Trout Unlimited has established nine Blue Ribbon Trout Streams. All trout must be 18 inches or longer to be a keeper, and only artificial lures or flies may be used. The Slam is a low-key contest with three levels of achievement (Bronze, Silver, and Gold).

Here is where you must attend our meeting to get the details necessary for success. Chris and Amanda will cover the history of the Slam, the best locations for catching, handling wild trout properly, and the genetics of these wild trout.

Chris Miller is the active president of Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers Association. Amanda is the Women's Coordinator/Communications Director for that organization.

Their most recent fly-fishing achievements are

damage. Clean and grease your lines. Be prepared with the appropriate line for the water flow of the day from floating to sinking lines. I tend to have both intermediate and 150 grain options at the ready to shoot flies in a variety of weights. Water flow in the spring can be highly variable. Many of you may have noticed a shortage of some tying materials so you may not be able to pick up exactly what you need locally.

In conclusion, we are more than just a fishing club. Most of the work is done by a small number of dedicated volunteers. There are great things to come, and you can make them happen. So please seek opportunities to volunteer as we really need your help.

All the best,

Russell Vaughn
President

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April Raffle Prizes



We have three raffle prizes to be awarded at our April General Meeting. The first (above) is a Lamson GURU II, model 2 - 5 to 6 wt, fly reel. The reel is valued at \$239.



Fishing the Collection with the American Museum of Fly Fishing, and creators of the Missouri Smallmouth Slam.

You do not want to miss it! Mark your calendar so you don't forget.

Date: Thursday, April 11th

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.

April Outing

In April we'll be giving back to our Homewater with a clean-up event at the Lower Illinois River on April 20th. We're fortunate the river's guests have been kind this season, most recent visits haven't yielded much trash to pick up on the way out.

A quick look at the roadsides leading to the parking areas reveals those water runoffs paths could use a little attention. Fortunately, many hands make light work, with the support of our members we'll get what trash is present picked up quickly and have the rest of the day to fish.

Of course, we'll be serving a freshly grilled lunch at noon, then get right back on the water for the afternoon.

Please join us at the upper parking lot of the Powerhouse below the dam on April 20th at 9AM. We'll provide trash bags and huddle up for a quick group picture. Afterwards, we'll disperse to for the clean-up effort. Lunch will be served at noon in the Watts Area parking lot. See you there!

Lower Illinois River – near Gore, OK
Meet at the powerhouse at 9:00 AM
Lunch at Watts area at 12:00 PM

Save The Date

There will be a special outing for the 420 Dave Whitlock Chapter of TU members in May.

The next item is readily understood by examining the above picture. The suggested uses include, but not limited to, cutting board, base for fly-tying vise, and wall mount for those who already have too many fish photos on their walls.



Above is a 420 Dave Whitlock Chapter drinking cup. Included with the cup are a metal straw and straw cleaner.

The last two items are one-of-kind articles donated by a faithful member.

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 Annual Prize Drawing in November.

Trout In The Classroom

Trout In the Classroom is now in Full Release Mode

What is involved? A cooler with a mobile battery powered bubbler mounted to the lid. Removing the fingerlings from the classroom tank! Load up the students and the tank into the bus and head to the Lower Illinois River and to the Watts WMU where the releases take place.

If you have a current membership, you are eligible to register. This outing is limited to the first fifty verified members who RSVP at our website (tu420.com).

This event takes place at the Whitlock's residence, and all the necessary information will be emailed to all who have registered.

The date is Saturday, May 11th.

Wildlife License Modernization Act Signed by Governor

The Oklahoma Wildlife License Modernization Act was signed into law March 26 by Gov. Kevin Stitt after it previously passed the state House of Representatives and Senate. The measure streamlines and simplifies hunting and fishing licenses, and will provide funding for the Wildlife Conservation Department primarily by adjusting license costs to regional averages.

The act will become effective July 1, 2024.

More than 20 years have passed since any notable changes were made to the state's fishing and hunting licenses and fee structure. This modernization plan reduces the array of licenses previously required for many activities and adjusts license fees to maintain a stable funding source for future conservation of fish and wildlife in Oklahoma.

"As an avid outdoorsman and a lifetime hunting and fishing license holder, I'm proud to sign the Wildlife License Modernization Act," Stitt said. "We're going to be top 10 in everything and give Oklahoma hunters a streamlined licensing system. This bill gets the government out of the way by combining multiple licenses, cutting red tape, and modernizing the process."

"I'm excited for hunters to take advantage of the new licenses. Oklahomans will now get more bang for their buck. Literally."

The legislation was sponsored by state Sen. David Bullard of Durant, and state Rep. Ty Burns of Watchorn.

Bullard said, "After more than 20 years, we have finally simplified our hunting and fishing licenses, and given residents more for their money. We also were able to get out-of-state licenses up to the regional average. This is a big step forward for Oklahoma outdoors person, especially residents."



Trout Fingerling eating it's last meal before being released

After spending some time at the Watts property where the trout are released and answering questions about the area, we load the students back on the bus for a short trip upriver to the lower parking lot below Tenkiller Dam. This is where volunteers from the Dave Whitlock Chapter are waiting to offer a field trip down the river to the cross-vane, some fly casting lessons, fly tying demonstrations, a little geology lesson and if the river is not too high, we get in and net out some of the invertebrates that are present and explain that these are the animals that their little fingerlings will be living on as they grow

In April we will host releases for: Owasso HS with 90 students on the 3rd, April 12th Mingo Christian School, 32 students both 3rd and 11th graders, Beggs HS on April 16th with their 20 high schoolers, April 19th is the Tulsa Boys Home release with 8 to 12 young fellows, followed by Union HS with 38 students. Then Riverfield Country School on the 26th with 18 high schoolers. Then in May, on the 2nd will host Collinsville HS and last, but not least Feliz Mendez International School 3rd graders on May 15th.

We are always looking for volunteers to help at the releases. At present these dates are firm, however some may change if the weather gets too crazy. (We may postpone with severe thunderstorms in the forecast.) Typically, buses will arrive at the Watts WMU around 9:30am and you will be on your way home by 1 or 1:30. (or stay to fish if the river is low.)

If you are available and can volunteer on any of these dates, please email Scott Hood at tu420edu@gmail.com

Thank You.

Scott Hood Youth and Adult Education

Burns said, "For the past four years, we have been working on this piece of legislation during my tenure as chairperson of the Wildlife Committee. Oklahoma's fees and license prices have been lower than those of surrounding states, putting pressure on state hunters and resources. With the approval of this legislation, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation will receive much-needed funding to perform its duties and provide a pay raise for game wardens."

Some highlights in the act:

- Consolidation of more than 50 current hunting and fishing licenses into 15.
- Defining all "youth" as anyone younger than 18, whether resident or nonresident.
- Creation of a single "youth super license" that will take the place of about 15 different types of youth hunting licenses.
- Providing resident deer hunters one license for all deer they are allowed to harvest in a season, which previously was only offered to nonresidents.
- Increasing license costs for nonresidents hunting deer and waterfowl in Oklahoma.
- Adding the black bear hunting license to the privileges granted with the lifetime hunting and lifetime combination licenses.

"Restructuring Oklahoma's cumbersome and outdated licensing structure has been the No. 1 priority the past several years for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission," said Wade Free, Interim Director of the Wildlife Conservation Department. "We are grateful for the sponsorship of Senate Bill 941 by Sen. Bullard and Rep. Burns during this legislative session. And we want to express our deepest thanks to the more than 15 conservation-minded partner groups who threw their support behind ODWC and this measure because they understand how crucial it is to the future of Oklahoma's natural resources."

The act adjusts license costs to reflect the cost of wildlife conservation activities more realistically at present. ODWC has struggled to maintain operations during this time with no appreciable increase in license fees and stagnant revenues.

This act also brings Oklahoma's fees more in line to those of other surrounding states. In some cases, the license cost will increase, and in others the cost will decrease. For example, a resident deer archery hunter who wanted to

Fly Fishing Tour Film at the Circle



The Fly-Fishing Film Tour (F3T) was founded in 2006 and has run for 18 consecutive seasons predominantly in the USA & Canada. In 2023 the F3T merged with the Rise Fly Fishing Film Festival which has been operating in Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Argentina, and other countries since the mid-2000s. The combined Fly-Fishing Film Tour now visits more than 14 countries, putting on 300+ shows annually and making it the biggest community fly fishing event in the world.

-Order of Events- (Tickets are \$15 per person)

5:30pm - Reception:

Join us in the lobby for live music, raffles and prizes from The Gadget Company, new beer from Heirloom Rustic Ales, and a food truck on-site.

(Disclaimer: Food and beverage sold separately and not included with ticket price. More information on reception entertainment coming soon.)

7:00pm - Film Fest Begins:

After the reception we will head into the theater to see the best new fly-fishing themed films from around the world.

Ticket order link:

[FT3 Circle Cinema](#)

Breaking News From The ODWC

White Bass

The state fish of Oklahoma is a fan favorite of

harvest all six deer allowed for last year's season had to have a \$32 annual hunting license and a \$20 deer license for each animal taken, at a total cost of \$152. Under the new fee structure, that same hunter will now pay a total of \$72 (annual hunting license at \$36, and full-limit deer archery season license for \$36).

By restructuring into fewer licenses and assigning more realistic prices, the act is expected to generate as much as \$10 million in additional revenue to fund fish and wildlife conservation in Oklahoma. The funding will enhance fish and wildlife habitat improvements, address infrastructure and deferred maintenance needs, and can be used to access federal Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration funds at a rate of \$3 for every state license dollar. The Wildlife Department is a user-funded agency that is solely supported by hunting and fishing license sales and receives no state tax appropriations.

"The license restructuring provides simplification, and is a big boost for conservation in Oklahoma, and it will be a significant improvement for everyone who hunts and fishes in the state," Free said.

News article courtesy of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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.

springtime anglers. These prolific spawning fish make their annual migration runs in the thousands, giving anglers the opportunity to catch fish in bulk. White bass require very basic fishing equipment and a wide range of bait and lures, making them an easy target for anglers of all experience levels!

So seize the opportunity to escape into nature, cast your line under the inviting sun, and reel in some white bass!

[ODWC White Bass Guide](#)

Help Stop Invaders!



Be a Part of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Program.

It's National Invasive Species Week! Join in the awareness by remembering these three simple tips when hitting the water this year:

- CLEAN
- DRAIN
- DRY

Keep Oklahoma's waterways free of invasive plants and animals by pressure washing your boats, trailers and equipment with hot water; draining the bilge, live wells, and coolers; and letting boats dry out for at least five days if a pressure washer isn't available. Be sure to clean ANYTHING that came in contact with the water. For more information on Oklahoma's aquatic nuisance species, click below.

[Aquatic Invaders Guide](#)

Paddlefish Research Center

The Paddlefish Research Center's fish cleaning and caviar program has ended. Paddlefish research and management will continue statewide, with expansion in staffing and efforts on additional native nongame species such as shovelnose sturgeon and American eel. Thank you to all paddlefish anglers who have been vital to this program's success from 2008-2023. For more information visit the link below.

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.

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

March Outing Review

TROUT POND FOR TULSA, THAT'S A WRAP

The Trout Pond For Tulsa at the Gardens Park in Tulsa closed with a bit with a whimper on Saturday, March 16th. Your DWTU Chapter concluded the winter trout season with an outing for members and local anglers that was not met with much excitement. As I counted heads, we had only a couple handfuls of our members that showed up. And, even after an appearance on The CW TV channel by yours truly with host, Tess Maune to promote the last official day of the Trout Pond, we only had about 15 people show up. All children who attended received a

Everyone Loves A Mystery



Walt's Worm, size 16

This is definitely where the homo sapiens differ from the animal kingdom because only a fish can appreciate the subtlety of the mystery fly's design.

Not everyone was successful in catching fish with Walt's Worm, but the winner for "Most Fish" was Donovan Clary with Forty-One.

The biggest fish would have been at the top of almost any tournament with its nineteen and one-half inch length. The proud angler of that catch was Chris King.

Some people will go to great lengths to go fishing and Brandon Bates proved it by driving from Denver to join us.

Our winners received either one of two \$42 gift cards from Amazon and BassPro, or a selection of hand tied worm patterns.

We had forty-four participants and most of them made it into our group photo.



Due to the big turnout, we had a difficult time squeezing the photo into our newsletter. This task is a problem we hope to see in all future events.

Heath provided his signature chili for lunch. One thing you are guaranteed at all our events is a quality lunch.

So come to our next event for the opportunity to fish with like minded people, and stay for the lunch. Food always tastes better in the outdoors.

free TU420 tee shirt.



Eddy Lasco with his son Oliver

However, I am delighted to say, on the brighter side of things, those that did show up had a great time, caught some trout, and enjoyed a wonderful free lunch provided by our favorite cook and outings coordinator Heath Tiefenauer. A special thanks to Heath from me as I know it's a lot of work to prepare for any chapter outing and I hope many more of you will plan to attend future programs your chapter provides for you.



Thanks go out to local donors that helped make the Trout Pond possible and especially to NatureWorks for their significant and important supporting contribution.

It should be noted ... there are still quite a few trout still in the pond ... swing by, catch a few and take them home to eat... before the catfish get 'em in May.

Scott Hood
Dave Whitlock Youth and Education
Coordinator

Etc

Input Wanted!

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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Congratulations!

Your act of diligence and persistence to know everything that's happening is hereby rewarded. You have reached the tail end of the April 2024 Streamline.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

May 9th - ODWC Stream Team speaking on "Species in the Arkansas River Below Keystone"

May 26th - Start of the 15X15 Tournament

June - Picnic in the Park

December 12th - Holiday Party at McNellies South (SAVE THE DATE!)

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