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# Streamline



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



## Event Calendar

September 12th - 15X15 Winners Announced at General Meeting

September 28th - Hard Luck Tournament at the LIR

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 don't know about you, but I am anxiously awaiting the chill of fall to arrive. I have enjoyed my time with warm water species this summer but will welcome the transition to seeking creatures that inhabit cooler water. As we embark on another fall, the behind-the-scenes efforts of this fishing club are underway. Discussions of outings, conservation efforts, community engagement etc. have commenced which leads me to ponder more random thoughts. What does the club mean to you? How can we serve you better?

I have heard from several of you lately that have chosen to engage with the club more. One said, "I would not be enjoying the fishing opportunities I have without the club." Another commented "I have learned so much talking to and fishing with club members." My ears are always open to hear fresh thoughts so please don't hesitate to reach out and let us know how we are doing. We certainly hope to provide educational value, conservation opportunities, outings, and social engagements that we hope you will find appealing. It will be great to see you all again soon.

All the best,

**Russell Vaughn**

**President**

**420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers**

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## Trout In The Classroom

**TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM HEADS  
INTO IT'S BIGGEST YEAR EVER!**

This year marks the biggest year our TIC program has experienced since it all began back in 2011. 18 schools and the students that attend there will experience the excitement of watching trout eggs

## 15X15 Tournament Winners!



*Traveling Individual*

**Winner's Trophy**

### 15 x 15 Tournament News!

As your September Streamline goes to press, our 15 species in 15 weeks tournament is in its final hours. The tournament ends on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at midnight.

Below are the financial details about the fund-raising efforts and the reward to our winner:

#### 2024 Tournament Details

Individual Entry Fees	34	\$ 1,020.00
Team Entry Fees	9	\$ 900.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,920.00</b>
Individual Payout		\$ 510.00
<b>Net \$ Raised</b>		<b>\$ 1,410.00</b>

All who have completed our challenge will be entered into a drawing for a \$510 prize at our September General Meeting. The teams who complete the challenge will also be entered into a drawing for a prize.

This year we have several generous donors who have provided a variety of prizes for each eligible big fish category. The winners of each big fish award will be announced at the meeting.

Finally, our Social Media Chair, accomplished angler, and former 15X15 Winner, Bridget Kirk, will have her video about this year's tournament run for the entertainment of all who attend.

So, do you know what that means? You don't want to miss the September General Meeting on the twelfth.

**Phil Curtis**

**Board Member and Tournament Master**

**Date: Thursday, September 12th**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

hatch and then grow into fingerlings under their watchful eyes.

Here is a list of the schools involved this year: Broken Arrow HS, Union HS, Jenks Freshman Academy, Jenks Middle School, Beggs HS, Weleetka HS, Kellyville Elementary, Tulsa Met HS, Mendez International Elementary, Collinsville HS, Mingo Valley Christian Elementary, Bixby HS, Tulsa Boys Home, Keifer HS, Sand Springs HS, Undercroft Montessori 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Webbers Falls HS and Riverfield Country HS.

At the beginning of each school year each teacher begins to prepare their individual tanks and their students for the arrival of the trout eggs. These eggs come from The Trout Lodge in Washington and are the trout species rainbow/ Kamloops. The eggs are set to arrive on Thursday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and at that time volunteer "tank leaders" will come to my office and patiently wait for FEDEX to arrive with the eggs. We will then divide up 5,000 eggs into equal portions. Once that's done the leaders will scramble to each school where teachers and students anxiously await their arrival.



*East Central HS students prepare egg basket and count eggs*

Typically, within a week to ten days, the eggs hatch and then the challenge of maintaining good water quality in the tank begins.

Sometime, usually at the end of February and through late May, we will host field trips to the Lower Illinois River to release the fingerlings that have survived. (Sometimes many and sometimes none make it.)

If you care to follow along with activities as the year progresses, please join the Facebook group **TULSA AREA TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**.

**Scott Hood**  
**Youth and Adult Education Coordinator**

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**Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma**

**Where: Hardesty Regional Library**

**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.**

## **Lucky Joe!**

Several years ago (2017 to be exact) a fellow by the name of Joe Vincent attended his first OKTU/TFF meeting. As is our custom we offered Joe the opportunity to buy a couple raffle tickets at that meeting.

In November that year, as is also our custom, we draw one ticket from all the gathered raffle tickets, the "loser tickets" if you want to call them that and draw one for a grand end-of-year prize. Joe was the winner that year and he won an Orvis Helios rod. Since that day we always called him "Lucky."

Well, here's 2024 and it turns out Joe continues to live up to his nickname.

You see, Joe was the winner of **The 2024 TROUT UNLIMITED NATIONAL SPRING SWEEPSTAKES**.



*Joe and Danielle Vincent*

Here's what he won:

Grand prize is: 4-Days/5-Nights Getaway for two at the Linehan Outfitting Company Yaak Valley Log Cabin ("destination"); consisting of:

- a) guided fishing, lodging, lunches on the river, non-alcoholic beverages, river shuttles, and use of any fishing gear needed;
- b) travel allowance of \$1,500 for meals on site and transportation for winner and guest to/from destination;
- c) two (2) Trout Unlimited Family Life Memberships;
- d) two (2) Orvis Helios D 9' 6-Weight Rods & Fully-Loaded Orvis Mirage LT III Reels;

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

## WANT TO LEARN TO FLY FISH OR KNOW SOMEONE THAT DOES?

As a part of the Jenks Community Education program members of the Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding a "Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma Clinic" on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

The one-day clinic attempts to answer the many questions and mysteries about the sport of fly fishing as well as the where and how to catch fish using a fly rod. Participants will learn about the equipment, fly fishing terminology, knots, fly tying as well as the basics of casting using a fly rod and reel. All equipment is supplied, however if a participant has their own fly rod, they are encouraged to bring it to learn casting skills with their own fly rod and reel.

Weather is not an issue as the clinic is held indoors at the Jenks High School's Aquatics Center swimming pool on the Jenks Trojan High School campus. The morning session begins at 9:00am in a classroom setting and lasts until noon. After a quick 30-minute break for a sack-lunch or snack the 2<sup>nd</sup> portion begins with knot tying, fly tying and the "hands one" casting clinic. This portion is held on the water in the swimming pool arena.

Advanced registration is required, and the cost of the clinic is \$30.00. The class is limited to 25 and participants must be 15 years of age or older. Sign up on-line at: or by calling the Jenks Community Education office at 918-298-0340.

Don't delay, this clinic sells out nearly every year.

[Jenks Community Center Registration](#)

**Scott Hood**  
**Youth and Adult 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.

e) two (2) TU-Edition Orvis Bags Bundles; and

f) two (2) Limited-Edition Dave Whitlock & Wading Collections.

By his own admission when he told me about this he said, "Guess you can call me Really Lucky!" Next time you see Joe, you may also call him Really Lucky!

He also said, and we agree, "I figured it was for a good cause even if I didn't win!"

Maybe, next time you get a chance to buy a couple raffle tickets at one of your Dave Whitlock Chapter meetings we hope you'll buy a few and maybe even some in next year's Trout Unlimited Spring Sweepstakes, you could become REALLY LUCKY TOO!

## September Outing

### September 28th - Hard Luck Fly Fishing Contest

**Location:** Lower Illinois River - Watts WMU

**Time:** 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Entry Fee:** \$5.00 per fly

**Agenda:** Meet at Watts parking lot where flies will be distributed/purchased.

The Hard Luck Fly Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 28th at the Watts Area on the Lower Illinois River. We will meet in the Parking Lot between 8:00am and 8:30am. The Tournament will begin at 9:00am and will end at 12:00 noon. A burger and dog lunch will be provided.

There will be five categories of competition: 1) most fish caught, 2) longest fish caught, 3) shortest fish caught, 4) for the person who provided the fly that caught the longest fish, and 5) best hard luck story. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

**The Rules are as follows:**

1. All participants will arrive at Watts WMU between 8:00am to 8:30am and will donate at least two flies to the contest. No restrictions apply to the type of flies to be donated.
2. Additional flies can be purchased from the remaining flies after all participants have collected their two flies.
3. If you have a favorite fly you may want to bring several to contribute. Flies may be commercially purchased, or hand made.
4. Anglers will be paired to make a team of two.
5. Each participant will purchase at least two flies (at \$5.00 per fly) to use during the tournament. Team members may consult in making their fly selection. Only tournament purchased flies can be used to score fish for the competition.

**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:rbrewer1@live.com), [rbrewer1@live.com](mailto:rbrewer1@live.com)

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### November 2024 Grand Prize



**Duane Hada**, who came to us in January this year as a

6. Tournament will officially begin at 9:00am and end at 12:00 noon.

7. Awards will be presented for 1) shortest fish, 2) longest fish, 3) most fish, 4) the person who provided the fly that caught the largest fish and 5) best hard luck story.

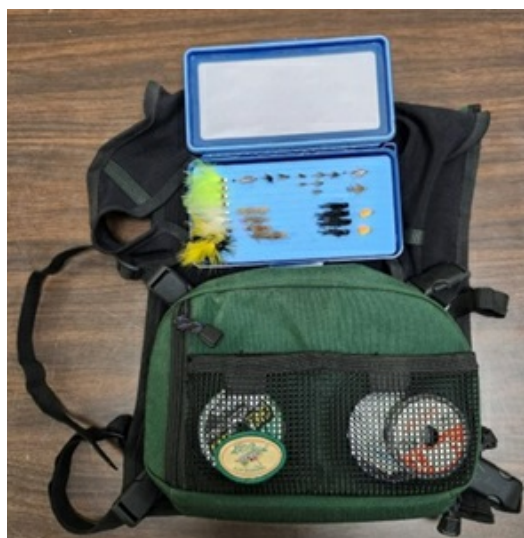
8. String will be provided to participants to record their catches or a photograph with a scale can be used as a record.

9. Lunch will be provided at noon. We'll swap stories, share tactics and Tournament results will be announced.

10. Contestants can fish for any species.

11. The venue will be limited to public areas of the LIR area from Tenkiller dam to just below the Watts cable.

### September Raffle Prize



The September Raffle Prize consists of a LL Bean Chest Pack, and a Tacky Fly box with an assortment of jigs, hoppers and crickets.

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

You must be present to win and all tickets that don't win can be left to be eligible for a Grand 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.

speaker who shared his angling knowledge, has provided us with an artwork from his hand to our lucky Grand Prize winner.

At our General Meetings starting in January through November, all attendees have the opportunity to buy a raffle ticket for the monthly prize. If they don't win, they can put their name and phone number on the back of the losing ticket and toss it in the container. The tickets in this plastic jar are held until our November General Meeting. Then, at the end of the meeting, one ticket is drawn and the name called.

This person is our Grand Prize winner. Since their name is on the ticket, the owner of the winning ticket doesn't have to be present to win our Grand Prize. But you must have bought at least one losing Raffle ticket and submitted it to the Grand Prize drawing.

Three General Meetings remain on our Dave Whitlock Chapter 2024 yearly calendar, so plan on attending these meetings for the increasing of your fishing skills, fellowship, and the opportunity to purchase some raffle tickets.

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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**.

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### Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

October 10th - General Meeting at the Library

October 26th - Learn to Fly Fish Oklahoma Class

November 14th - General Meeting at the Library

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

"Streamline" is published on the first of the month about a week before the next general meeting.

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