



TU/FFI

October 2024



# Streamline



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



## Event Calendar

October 10th - Donovan Clary, "All About The Illinois River"

October 16th - International Wader Mending Day (To avoid disappointment, purchase your repair kit in advance)

October 19th - Outing at Baron Fork

October 26th - Learn to Fly-Fish 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



**Russell Vaughn**

Hello {FIRST\_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

I ran across a study recently while searching for other information that I found fascinating. The narrative review offers strength in evidence that I should explore my passion even more. The evidence I found links an association between exposure to nature and improved cognitive function, brain activity, blood pressure, mental health, physical activity, and sleep. We can go down the rabbit hole of which activity is the best way to experience nature, but I am going to say fly fishing is hard to beat for exposure to nature. The destinations we visit to pursue our outdoor passions are what drive me to keep exploring what nature has to offer.

If you think about it, flyfishing encompasses many aspects that enhance one's exposure to nature. I am not talking about strolling through a green space in mid-town, but rather choosing an activity that takes you to places that really allow you to connect with Mother Nature. I want to encourage everyone to find that special location and enjoy it to the fullest. I could bore you to death with details of scientific studies, but the bottom line is that the pursuit of fly fishing is good for your health. There you go, add that to the list of reasons one needs to carve out that time and get in or on the water.

All the best,

**Russell Vaughn**  
**President**  
420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers  
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## Trout In The Classroom

## All About The Illinois River

In 1969 David Reuben wrote a book entitled, *Everything You Wanted To Know about Sex, But Were Afraid To Ask*. The title alone assured that it would become a best seller, and it did.

Likewise, our next meeting is **All About The Illinois River**, and that should be enough to entice you to attend.

Our presenter is a man of whom fish cringe when they hear his name. This man is modest and prefers we don't name the long list of his accomplishments. Rather, he wants you to try and stump him by asking questions that can't be answered except by those who faced and conquered the impossible.



That's Donovan Clary, of course. Look at that Rainbow! If we spoke fish, we would clearly understand the warnings that trout dish out to his compadres upon being released.

Most of us are satisfied if we don't get skunked while fishing. Donovan considers it a bad day when he only catches in the double digits.

A wide variety of fish species inhabit the Illinois River, so come and learn the different techniques needed to catch them.

You don't want to miss this meeting. Make your next day fishing at the Illinois River your best day.

**Date: Thursday, October 10th**

## Trout In the Classroom Update

When you are reading this, teachers across the region will be firing up the 55-gallon tanks in their schools and classrooms and preparing to receive their trout eggs on October 31st.

Today, in this article / update I'd like to thank those members of the Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited that have stepped up to help as Tank Leaders: Ed Wampler, Ron Reese, Bruce Burton, Joel Kantor, Bret Little, Russel Vaughn, Jim Mathewson, Brian Smith, Mark Ballew, Ken Fields, and Kelly Bostian. Without their individual help as "egg runners" on egg deliver day our program could not exist as it does.



*Trout Eggs*

Each will drop by my office and wait patiently for FEDEX to arrive with 5,000 Kamloops rainbow trout eggs. We'll divide them up equally for our 14 schools and they will head out with ice chests and eggs in hand. (some to as many as 3 different schools) Each one of these volunteers a little nervous as they know they are carrying the living key to the entire program.

When you see these people, please thank them for doing their part to make the program a success!

**Scott Hood**

**Youth and Adult Education Coordinator**

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## 2024 15X15 Award Winners

At our September General Meeting the winners of our 15X15 tournament were announced.

A drawing between all those who had completed the contest resulted in **Ebert Conner winning our \$510 prize, and the privilege of holding our traveling trophy for the next year.**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**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.**

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## November Elections Notice

Every year at the November General meeting, all current members of the Tulsa Fly Fishers (FFI) and/or the Dave Whitlock 420 chapter of Trout Unlimited are called to vote in the election of Club Officers and Board Members.

### Officers (All positions are open for election)

President – Russell Vaughn

Vice-President - ?

Treasurer – Bret Spears

Secretary – Ryan Crager

### Board Members

Bruce Brewer

Donavan Clary

Scott Hood

Bridget Kirk

Brad Richards

Ed Wampler

### Other Board Members not up for re-election are:

Phil Curtis

Frank Kohn

Lee Odom

### **Requirements:**

1. Desire to be more actively involved with your club.
2. Mandatory current membership in Fly Fishing International (Tulsa Fly Fishers chapter), and Trout Unlimited (Dave Whitlock 420 Chapter).
3. Zoom Board Meeting attendance – August through May.
4. Minimum two (2) year commitment.

All of our elected positions are not demanding, but they are also without honor or social status. Your enthusiasm will carry you through and you will make us a better club.

Please seriously consider this opportunity and let





**Ebert Conner(L) receives trophy from Matt Williams(2023 Winner)**

Another drawing was held amongst the four person teams who completed the challenge. The winning team was the **Mega Worm Mafia. The team consisted of Bridget Kirk, Donovan Clary, Scott Felzien, and Paul Lund.**

They won a float trip for four donated by Donovan Clary Fly Fishing(\$1200 value).

The final group of prizes were awarded to the longest fish in several categories.

The biggest Crappie went to Russell Herrera, Jr – 11.25 inches.

Russell won a guided trip for two on Lake Eufala donated by the S&S Guide Service(\$250 value).

The biggest Catfish went to Kelly Bostian – 28.75 inches.

Kelly won a Catfish trip on Texoma lake provided by Jason Bryant.

The biggest Largemouth Bass went to Bruce Burton – 23.75 inches.

Bruce won a Brian Edwards' Custom Knife donated by Brian Edwards(\$350 value).

The biggest Rainbow Trout went to Scott Hood – 19.25 inches

Chris Schatte of Beavers Bend Fly Fishing has donated a two-person guided trip for Scott on the Lower Mountain Fork(\$375 value).

Bruce Burton won again with the biggest Bluegill – 8.5 inches.

He won a season pass to the SparrowHawk Resort provided by the resort(\$500 value).

Randy Gradwohl's first big fish award went for the biggest Striper – 31 inches.

He won a guided trip for four persons on Lake Texoma donated Kekoa Outdoors(\$600 value).

us know if you want your name added to our ballot. Contact our President Russell Vaughn ([rvaughn33@cox.net](mailto:rvaughn33@cox.net)).

## Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

**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 on" 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**

## October Raffle Prize

The biggest Smallmouth Bass goes to Adam Beauchamp – 17.75 inches.  
Donavan Clary Fly Fishing donated assorted Smallmouth Flies and Boxes(\$125 value).

Russell Herrera Jr's second biggest fish was a Sandbass – 14.24 inches  
He won a \$100 gift card from Bass Pro.

The biggest Redear went to Jason Bryant -10.75 inches.  
He won a \$100 Bass Pro gift card.

Randy Gradwohl won his second biggest fish award with the longest Hybrid Striped Bass – 26.25 inches.  
He won a \$100 gift card from Bass Pro.

Congratulations to all our winners and participants.  
A special thanks goes to all the individuals and companies who donated prizes for the 15X15 challenge.

Maybe next year your name will be listed amongst our winners. Please plan now to participate.

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## Etc

### Calling All Wordsmiths!

"As a streak of daylight crests the horizon, the lonesome cry of the jackalope breaks the silence of the fisherman wading surreptitiously into the river. Quickly, he casts his homemade fly(designed to imitate the mating dance of the crusted zwieback) into the awaiting ripple."

Our readers are a dedicated bunch of anglers, and they don't want to read about how you came to love fishing despite the relentless beatings you endured each time your father caught you with his fly rod. Your stories must start with a bang. You must cut right to the chase, so to speak.

**Please** 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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Orvis describes their Sling Pack as follows:

"The best-selling Orvis fly-fishing Sling Pack has been updated and improved not only for durability, but with innovative new convenience features as well. The 100% recycled CORDURA® re/cor™ platform is designed to store, organize, and offer easy, intuitive accessibility while staying completely out of your way when fishing. New features include the patented Tippet Whippet recessed docking station with tippet bar included for instant, fixed, and fumble-free access for up to six spools.

"Main compartment has zippered security pocket with key fob and stretch mesh pockets for small sort storage. Front drop-down has zippered pocket with elastic mesh slip pockets. Lo-pro zinger/nipper pass-through, easy swing handle, and water bottle holder with retainer. Front strap "dashboard" offers multiple docking stations for forceps and small tools as well as sliding adjustment for sternum strap. Left shoulder design frees up casting arm and shoulder."

The Sling Pack is valued at around \$100.

A careful reading of the description reveals that it was designed to go over your "left" shoulder. Consequently, all left handed casters would be handicapped by this Sling Pack. Raffle ticket buyer beware!

Nothings perfect, right?

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.

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## November 2024 Grand Prize



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

Two General Meetings remain on our Dave Whitlock

## 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.

## October Outing

### Saturday, October 19th

**The October outing will be the Baron Fork River, near Proctor Oklahoma.** The Baron Fork River offers several access points. For our outing we'll explore Bamberger MA access. Bamberger offers great wade in access for warm water species. We'll have lunch available at 12:30 at the end of the parking area closest to the river. Basic directions for the access are provided below, we'll have more details directions with maps on our Facebook and website. Watch for TU signs.

Open Fishing Event

Baron Fork River @ Bamberger WMA Access

8AM - 4PM

Lunch @ 12:30

Follow I-244 E and US-412 E to OK-82 S/State

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.

## FISHNET

“DUM--de-DUM-DUM” The article you are about to read is true, but the names of those who donated to receive rewards have been omitted.

In the county of Tulsa, city of Tulsa at Heirloom Rustic Ales on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, a garage sale was held. In a moment, the results of that sale.

Over the years many kind and thoughtful anglers have donated various fly-fishing paraphernalia to our club. These items weren't serving any useful purpose in our store rooms, so we decided to make it all available to local fly fishers for a donation. Jake Miller, proprietor of Heirloom Rustic Ales, made his establishment our site for the sale.

The sales total of donated materials was \$2,250.00.

We like to thank Scott Hood, Doug Haskins (sorting, pricing and set up), and those who helped in carting it to Heirloom and setting it up – Russell Vaughn, Jim Mathewson, and Frank Kohn.

Jake has committed Heirloom to another garage sale on February 7, 2025.

Yes, we still have more stuff.

Hwy 82 S in Mayes County.  
Take exit 6 from US-412 E

Follow OK-82 S/State Hwy 82 S to US-62 E in Cherokee County

Follow US-62 E to S 4626 Rd/N4616 Rd in Adair County

Turn right onto S 4626 Rd/N4616 Rd

Google Maps Link:

[Baron Fork@Bamberger WMA access](#)

## September Raffle Winner



The September Raffle winner was **Kevin Carey**. He won a LL Bean Chest Pack and a Tacky Fly Box loaded with an assortment of jigs, hoppers, and crickets.

Could your fifteen minutes of fame include your picture in the November Streamline? You must be a member to find out.

### Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

November 14th - General Meeting at the Library and Elections of Officers and Board Members

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

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