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# Streamline



Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited &  
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliate Club of Fly Fishers International



## Event Calendar

May 14th - "Modern Smallmouth Tactics" presented by Chance Maxville, GCFC

May 16th - May Outing at Spavinaw State Park

May 23rd - Saturday at 5 AM, 15X15 Tournament Begins

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}

Our chapter proudly bears the name of Dave Whitlock. When I think of him, it brings me back to a humble initiation into fly fishing. When my interest in fly fishing peaked, it didn't take long to find inspiration in Dave's books and his amazing artwork. I picked up a copy of "Trout and Their Food" and then "Guide to Aquatic Trout Food," which was the foundation of my fly fishing journey. Dave was a passionate advocate whose work went far beyond the vise. One of his significant achievements was the development of the Vibert Box- an in-stream egg incubator and nursery system he refined over seven years of research. This practical tool allows for planting of salmonoid eggs directly into the stream, helping to establish or enhance wild, self-sustaining fish populations with higher survival rates than traditional hatchery stockings. The system was used worldwide, including on Arkansas tailwaters that have become a world-class fishery.

Dave also worked on trout stream design and restoration projects, promoted warm water conservation, and championed the idea that healthy habitats benefit all fish species. His efforts earned him numerous awards, including the Fly Fishers' Conservation Man of the Year.

I highly recommend any of Dave's books and

## Modern Smallmouth Tactics



*Chance Maxville*

**Chance Maxville**—co-owner of Green Country Fly Company and owner/operator of Ozark River Guides—is part of a new wave of guides reshaping fly fishing in the southern plains. Instead of focusing on cold-water trout streams out West, he builds his guiding around warm-water fisheries in Oklahoma and the broader Ozarks, targeting his favorite fish: smallmouth bass.

**Start where you are, then level up.** Like many anglers here, Chance began with conventional tackle, chasing bass in local lakes and rivers. He moved into fly fishing for the technical challenge and the more immersive on-the-water experience. As he progressed, friends and other anglers began asking for advice—then asking him to take them fishing.

**Turn time on the water into a plan.** By around 2020, Chance converted that passion into a career, guiding fly fishing trips across multiple Ozark rivers. Those rivers—ranging from easy, accessible runs to more technical stretches—fit the teaching style he's known for: hands-on, patient, and adjusted to each angler's skill level, with a clear focus on how to pursue smallmouth bass.

**Build the community, not just the trip.** Through Green Country Fly Company, Chance also helps

encourage you to enjoy his artwork. This message wouldn't be complete without mentioning Dave's line-up of fly patterns, especially considering the upcoming 15x15 Species Challenge. Patterns such as the Red Fox Squirrel Nymph is a winner for trout. Dave's Hopper is always fun on ponds and creeks for sunfish. Maybe even the Sheep Minnow series when chasing predator fish on the list. I bet one could catch most of the species on the list with his patterns.

Go forth and enjoy all that nature has to offer, wherever fly fishing takes you. There is still time to sign up for the challenge, as it spans from Memorial Day to Labor Day, so there is plenty of time to undertake the challenge. For the beginners, there is no shortage of experience amongst the membership that one can gain by attending one of our Monthly Meetings. Many of us are happy to share, so don't be afraid to ask.

**Russell Vaughn**

**President**

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

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## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

### Last Report Before the Summer Break

By the time you are reading this our TIC program for the 2025-26 school year will be winding down with only one more trout release, Kellyville Elementary, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade on May 11<sup>th</sup>.



*Student Artist inspired by a visit to the LIR*

provide a home base for local fly anglers. The shop functions as more than retail: it's a place to learn, swap ideas, and connect with others—supporting a broader shift in Oklahoma's outdoor culture as fly fishing grows beyond its traditional niches.

**Fish conditions change—so should your approach.** Chance's routine stays grounded in fundamentals: spend time on the water, observe closely, and adapt as conditions and fish movement change. He also points out that smallmouth fly fishing has evolved dramatically in the last 15 years—and he's eager to give a crash course on modern approaches, including today's rods, reels, lines, flies, and how those tools translate to smallmouth in our region and beyond.

Chance promises us an evening where you will be exposed to a river barge full of tips and techniques that will enable you to hook up with a camera full of smallmouth.

You don't want to miss our last meeting of the season. After May 14<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting will not be until September.

**Date: Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Where: Scheels Tulsa, Mickey Mantle Room,  
2nd Floor.**

**420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers meet at Scheels, Woodland Hills Mall, 6929 S Memorial Dr, Tulsa, OK 74133.**

**Doors open at 6PM with the meeting commencing at 6:30. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.**

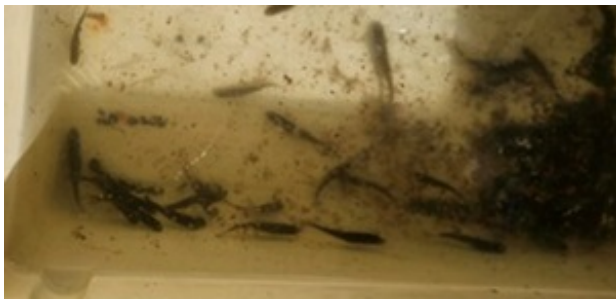
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## NEW MEETING LOCATION

Henceforth, with occasional exceptions, we will be conducting our monthly meetings at the [Scheels store](#) at the Woodland Hills Mall in Tulsa (the official address has been noted above). See also the highlighted Google Map link for assistance in finding your way.

Here is a simple guide you may find useful in

I'm delighted to report that each and every release went off without any hitches. Only one school showed up without some trout to release (name not reported to protect the innocent.) It's my opinion that each and every school and participating student deserves the final reward of the program. That's a field trip to the river where their tank raised trout will need to quickly learn to fend for themselves if they hope to survive. This, just as any redd full of 2,000 to 3,000 hatchlings must also do. Keep in mind the studies reveal that out of any wild hatch of trout, only 2 to 3 will survive to the adult breeding stage that go on build a new redd and lay and fertile eggs. It's a water scape of natural attrition and only the strong and luckiest survive.



Jenks Freshman Academy, 2.5" fingerlings

I am also happy to announce that nary a single teacher wants to give up on the program in their respective classrooms. To me, it's pretty obvious that in some cases the teachers may love the program even a little more than their students.

Looking forward to next year myself I'm happy to say that our friend to the program, Tess Maune of Channel 6 went to the classroom of Jenks Freshman Academy to interview the instructor there. Dr. David Lawrance, a TIC classroom teacher now for more than 5 years and also holding the record for the most and biggest fingerlings for every one of those years.

navigating your way to our new location:

- 1) We will be meeting in the Mickey Mantle Room on the 2nd floor.
- 2) Park at the North Main Entrance to Scheels



- 3) Enter Scheels and walk passed the cash registers and turn Right.
- 4) Look ahead - see Ginna's Cafe. Just before entering the cafe turn Right and see a hallway containing two elevators.
- 5) Enter the elevator of your choosing and ride to the 2nd floor.
- 6) On the 2nd floor turn Left ( and follow the EXIT sign before the bench). Go Through the Double Doors.
- 7) The Mikey Mantle Room will be the first room on your left. There will be a sign posted outside the room door.

**Editor's Note:** Come early and dine in Ginna's Cafe. They make a great B.L.T. on sourdough.

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## Tulsa Fly Fishers May Outing

**We will be visiting Spavinaw State Park on May 16<sup>th</sup> for our March outing.**

This will be a come and go event, with a gathering for lunch. **Lunch will be served at the day use area near tent site #2 at 12:30 PM.** Come join us for a burger and a dog and a day of fishing for multiple warmwater species.



Jim Mathewson showing invertebrate bug life

Her visit there was before their scheduled trip to the LIR. She was also able to attend the release, took pictures and video and did interviews with students. In my estimate she captured nearly an hour of video, and I can't imagine how she will ever carve it all down to 2 minutes and 30 seconds. Her segment on Channel 6 "Outdoor Oklahoma" should air sometime in May or June. Special thanks to her for taking an interest in this program and other programs our Chapter has done in the Tulsa area.



Frank Kohn illustrating the art of fly tying

Finally, it takes a village to do this program each year. More than 20 volunteers have showed up from time to time at our on the river releases some to them at ALL of the releases. (I myself had to miss one for being out of town.) I can't list you all, you know who you are, THANK YOU. Also, thanks to all those who donate items to sell and raffle at

## Spavinaw State Park

555 S Main Street

Spavinaw, OK 74366

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - Lunch 12:30**

Google Maps -

[Spavinaw State Park](#)

We hope to see you at event!

## The 2026 All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge

**(A.K.A. The 15 x 15)**

**Type of Tournament:** Fly Fishing ONLY – Individual or 4 Person Team

**Tournament Entry Fee:** Individual Entry - \$30. Team Entry - \$100

**Tournament Begins:** Saturday, May 23rd, 2026, at 5am (Memorial Day Weekend)

**Tournament Ends:** Monday, September 7th, 2026 at Midnight (Labor Day)

**Tournament FB page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1128624580682057>

**Tournament Sponsor:** Green Country Fly Company (GCFC)

### Awards:

Awards program to be held at the GCFC Fly Shop, in Owasso, on the Second Thursday in September. This year, awards will be distributed as follows:

### Individual Challenge Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$500 guaranteed minimum or 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total of the Individual Entry Fees, whichever is greater.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$250 valued Prize Package from GCFC

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$150 valued Prize Package from GCFC

### Team Challenge Winners

GCFC Guided trip to the winning 4 person Team. Trip

our meetings. Without fund raising the program would be short lived. Keep buying those raffle tickets, by \$10, \$20 a \$100 knowing that your money is providing to a program that teaches water conservation along with a new understanding of nature and the outdoors to young minds with each trip to the Lower Illinois River.

**Scott Hood**

**Youth and Adult Education Coordinator**

**Dave Whitlock Chapter #420 Trout Unlimited**

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## LIR Safety Tips

### Carry This Email With You

Gore Police Department: [918-489-5963](tel:918-489-5963) or 911

Local Game Wardens – [918-431-2550](tel:918-431-2550) or [918-431-2544](tel: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.

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date TBD later but will be on a Sunday or Monday.

#### **Rules:**

This is a Fly Fishing Challenge. All fish must be caught using a Fly Rod and Fly and released back into the water. This is also a multi-species tournament, and you will have 15 weeks to catch 15 different Species of fish, in the state of Oklahoma. The Catch of each Species will be confirmed and logged or rejected by one of the Judges. All Judge rulings are final.

The Species are:

1. Rainbow Trout
2. Smallmouth Bass
3. Largemouth Bass
4. Kentucky Bass aka Spotted Bass
5. Striped Bass
6. Sand Bass aka White Bass
7. Hybrid Striper/Sand Bass
8. Crappie
9. Bluegill
10. Longear Sunfish
11. Green Sunfish
12. Redear Sunfish
13. Channel Catfish
14. Drum
15. Wild Card Fish is any fish species not on the list above (all other rules apply)

#### **Species Submission Qualifications:**

1. You must submit the photo to the FB Tournament page (All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge)
  - a. Search FB for All Fish All Oklahoma Fly Fishing Challenge private page and request membership, if you don’t already have access.
2. The Photo must be a Selfie with you and the Fish Or a Photo of the Fish and the 2026 Challenge Badge with Your Name on the Badge.

## Etc

### Scribblers Unite!

"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 riffle."

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

### Concerning Your Address

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### Another Tip

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Those using those addresses may not receive their Streamline. You can complain to your email provider or you can provide us with a gmail or yahoo address. Please consider this, if you are not receiving your Streamline, and we have your correct email. **Remember the first place to look, if you don't see your Streamline in your inbox, is in your Junk Mail.**

3. The FB Post must contain the following:

- a. Photo
- b. Species
- c. Date Caught
- d. Body of Water that the fish was caught in.
  - i. Examples: LIR, Arkansas River, Owasso Neighborhood Pond, etc..

4. FB Post must be made within 1 week of the catch

5. No submissions will be accepted after the Close of the Tournament.

### Individual Challenge

To complete the Individual Challenge and get your name entered into the Individual Winners Drawing, you must pay the \$30 Individual Entry Fee and Catch and Release all 15 species in the Tournament duration time and submit the species via the Tournament FB page in accordance with the Species Submission Qualifications above. Species may be caught in Public or Private waters.

The "Big Fish Challenge" is part of the Individual Challenge. (*See the additional qualifications below*) A Team submission cannot also be used for the Big Fish Challenge.

### Team Challenge

To complete the Team Challenge and get your team entered into the Team Winners Drawing, your team must pay the \$100 Team Entry Fee and Catch and Release all 15 species in the Tournament duration time and submit the species via the Tournament FB Page. Additionally, each Team Member must catch 3 unique species. Example: 3 members catch the same 3 species, and 1 member catches the rest, does not qualify. Species may be caught in Public or Private waters.

### Strategies:

You may enter the Individual Challenge as many times as you like. However, you cannot resubmit catches from previous entries.

You may be a member on as many Teams as you

## May Raffle Prize



The lenses and frame of this sunglass are covered by a simple, no questions-asked, lifetime warranty. If you scratch a lens, break the frame, or damage the sunglass in any way, just send the sunglasses back to us with a \$15.00 check (for each pair sent back) for shipping and handling, and we will send you either a completely repaired or brand new sunglass. If we no longer stock the sunglass that is sent back, we will send you the closest match. Please send your sunglasses (do not send your sunglass case) to:

Prato Eyewear. 2709 Monthaven Drive. Arlington, TX 76001  
[www.pratoeyewear.com](http://www.pratoeyewear.com)  
972.985.7878

The one who holds the winning ticket for our May Raffle Prize will have a choice from several styles of Prato Sunglasses. They are valued at \$60 to \$150.

This prize is courtesy of board member Ed Wampler. These are polarizing sunglasses that help you see the fish before they spot you.

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

All losing tickets with their owner's name and phone scribbled on it can be entered in our Annual Prize. Our yearly prize is something of great value and given out at our November General Meeting.

You must be present to win our monthly Raffle Prizes.

## April Raffle Prize Winner

like. However, you cannot resubmit catches from previous entries.

You may be a Team Challenge participant and an Individual Challenge participant, also. However, you cannot resubmit catches from previous entries.

## Big Fish Challenge

This is the Challenge within the Challenge.

**NOTE: You can only participate in this portion of the Challenge if you have paid an Individual Entry Fee. You must follow the same rules for Species Submission Qualifications along with these other qualifications:**

1. The 2026 Challenge Badge with Your Name on it must be visible in the picture.
2. Use a Bump Board or Tape measure with the measurements clearly visible.
3. Big Fish Species must be caught in public waters.

## Big Fish Species List

1. Rainbow Trout
2. Smallmouth Bass
3. Largemouth Bass
4. Striped Bass
5. White Bass
6. Channel Catfish
7. Redear Sunfish
8. Bluegill

## 2026 Challenge Badge



## Hot Flash from the ODWC



**Bill Welch was our April Raffle Winner.** He won the following:

Fishpond Thunderhead roll-top dry bag.

Gadget Company Magnetic fly patch, Atollas micro box , and an Atollas fly caddy.

Bundle retail value is \$115.

Join us at our May meeting for another raffle. You could be seen in our June Streamline.



We have confirmed the first invasive black carp in Oklahoma. These invasive fish are a major threat to our native mussels and fish.

Anyone who catches a fish they believe is a black carp should humanely dispatch the fish, keep it on ice and report it to fisheries staff.

Black carp look similar to native fish, and so anglers are encouraged to know the difference before taking any action.

### Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

September 7th - End of 15X15 Tournament

September 10th - Davy Wooton at GCFC, Tournament Winners announced

October 8th - Cheryl Cheadle, Blue Thumb and Tulsa Streams

November 12th - General meeting at Scheels

December 10th - Holiday Party at McNellies Pub in South Tulsa (Save the date)

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