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Streamline



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



Event Calendar

September 10th - Matthew Pallett, "Celebrating Oklahoma's Fish Diversity"

September 11th-13th - The Pat Daly Invitational Fly Tournament

September 26th - Hard Luck Fishing Contest (Please read details below)

DIFFERENT MEETING LOCATION - THIS MEETING ONLY!

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A Message from Your President



Russell Vaughn

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

September has a way of sneaking up on us around here, but considering the hot, dry weather we've had, it will be a welcome change. Keep those cooler mornings coming. The 15 x 15 is wrapping up so plan to attend our monthly meeting on 9/10 at GCFC in Owasso. We will draw the winners' from a hat and see who has bragging rights in the big fish categories. Who won the famous/ infamous trophy tarpon? Show up and see!

We are cranking up the monthly outings as well this month, with the Hard Luck Tournament, which is always a big draw. Keep in mind, there is no shortage of fish species to catch this time of year. Hopefully, there are plenty of smallmouth with sore lips from your trips to the UIR over the summer. That is such a special river, and we are lucky to have access to such a gem.

While you are out visiting your favorite local waters, please enjoy the fishing, but also take a minute to look around and enjoy those picturesque views. I want you to think about the tug a pull going on regarding our natural resources. We don't advertise our conservation work as much as we should. I want to say a special thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I know the BOARD agrees that Jake

Celebrating Oklahoma's Fish Diversity



Matthew Pallett

Join us **Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 PM at Green Country Fly Co. in Owasso, Oklahoma** for our September chapter meeting.

Our featured speaker will be **Matthew "Matt" Pallett**, Paddlefish and Native Nongame Biologist with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, presenting:

A Rough Fish Paradigm: History, Value, and Roles of Native Nongame Fish in Oklahoma

Matt will take us beyond Oklahoma's traditional game fish for a look at the history, ecological roles, management, social perceptions, and value of our native nongame species—and celebrate the remarkable diversity found in Oklahoma waters.

The program is especially fitting as we also celebrate our **15x15 Challenge Awards** that evening. The 15x15 Challenge encourages anglers to explore Oklahoma's waters and pursue a wider variety of species, and Matt's presentation gives us an opportunity to better understand and appreciate many of the fish we encounter along the way.

Come help us recognize this year's 15x15 participants and join us for what should be a fascinating look at the fish that make Oklahoma

Miller has done an awesome job as our Conservation Chair. What you all don't know is that at certain times of the year, Jake is at the Capitol fighting the good fight of conservation weekly. I have been extremely impressed with his perspectives and strategies developed to take on the extremely difficult dance of dealing with politics and trying to keep water clean and flowing.

There will be some musical chairs in terms of Board members and chairs coming up for a vote in November. If you have ever had any interest in volunteering your time to help make this chapter do more great things, now is your chance. Always happy to have a conversation.

See you at GCFC!
All the best!

Russell Vaughn
President

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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Promises to be the Biggest Year Ever!

Schools across the Arkansas River watershed are filling back up with students, and that means another Trout in the Classroom season is about to get underway!

Tanks are being cleaned, filled, filters are starting to run, and teachers and students are getting ready for trout eggs to arrive in late October.

This year, The Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited Trout in the Classroom program continues to grow, with tanks at: Tulsa School of Arts & Science, Sapulpa Middle School, Sand Springs Page Academy, Union HS, Broken Arrow HS, Kellyville Elementary, Keifer HS, Undercroft Montessori, Collinsville HS, Webbers Falls HS, Beggs HS, Felix Menendez International, Tulsa Boys Home, Jenks Freshman Academy and Bixby HS. That's 15 schools and a record number of participating schools.

Over the coming months, students will raise trout

waters so diverse.

Please note our meeting location for our September General Meeting: Green Country Fly Company.

Here is the Google Map Link: [Green Country Fly Company](#)

See you there!

Date: Thursday, September 10th

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Green Country Fly Company, Owasso

420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers will meet this month only at the Green Country Fly Company, 314 E 5th Ave, Suite 102, Owasso, OK 74055.

Arrive at 6 PM to pick up your free door prize tickets and purchase raffle tickets. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

Special Travel Note:

Those who are traveling North out of Tulsa to the GCFC please consider an alternate route if highway 169 backs up.

Depending upon where the traffic stops moving, exit highway 169 at Pine Street, 36th St N, 46th St N, or 56th St N. Turn left and continue to Mingo. Turn right on Mingo and continue until it dead ends at 76th St N. Turn Right and drive across the railroad tracks. Turn Right on Main Street and follow it around to the Stop Sign. Turn Right and then Right again into the Shopping Center. Look for GCFC on your Right.

Conservation Alert: Keep It Roadless

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has proposed rescinding the **2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule**, potentially removing protections from more than **45 million acres of roadless National Forest lands across 37 states.**

The public comment period is open now

from eggs while learning about water quality, fisheries, aquatic ecosystems, and the Arkansas River watershed — all through a living ecosystem right in their classroom.

Then next spring, all those individual classrooms and the students travel to the Lower Illinois River to release their trout fingerlings.

For now, though, it's time to get the tanks up and running.

None of this occurs without money. We raise funds, selling raffle tickets at meetings, holding fishing clinics and contests like the 15 x 15 Fly Fishing Challenge as well as individual donations.

Private donations can be made to The Dave Whitlock Chapter and mailed to PO Box #471859 Tulsa, OK 74147

Scott Hood

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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.

through September 21. Trout Unlimited is opposing the repeal and is asking anglers, hunters, and conservationists to make their voices heard.

Take Action Now

1. Submit a public comment to USDA.

Trout Unlimited has made this easy through its Roadless Rule Action Center:

Submit Your Roadless Rule Comment Through Trout Unlimited

<https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vvsrsrc=%2FCampaigns%2F139299%2FRespond>

Including a short personal comment explaining why clean water, fish, and wildlife habitat, hunting and fishing, or our public lands matter to you can make a difference. (Not Recommended)

2. Contact our elected representatives and ask them to support continued protections for roadless public lands. (Best Choice)

Sen. James Lankford

Tulsa Office: **918-581-7651**

Website: <https://www.lankford.senate.gov>

Email/Contact

Form: <https://www.lankford.senate.gov/contact/>

Sen. Alan Armstrong

Tulsa Office: **918-921-8520**

Website: <https://www.armstrong.senate.gov>

Email/Contact

Form: <https://www.armstrong.senate.gov/contact/>

Rep. Kevin Hern — Oklahoma 1st Congressional District

For Tulsa-area residents in Oklahoma's 1st Congressional District

Tulsa Office: **918-935-3222**

Website: <https://hern.house.gov>

Email/Contact

Form: <https://hern.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/>

Outside Oklahoma's 1st Congressional District?

Find your U.S. Representative by entering your ZIP code at:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Editor's Note: I recommend contacting our elected representatives directly through the

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**.

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

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Another Tip

included links. From my past experience our representatives reject any emails sent through a third party like TU.

What Is the Roadless Rule?

The Roadless Rule has protected portions of our National Forests from new road construction and industrial logging for 25 years while still allowing **hunting, fishing, camping, grazing, habitat restoration, fuels reduction, and other forest-management activities.**

For anglers, these protections are particularly important. Roadless landscapes contain some of the cleanest, coldest, and most connected waters remaining in the country, and nearly **70% of public lands within roadless areas provide habitat for native trout and salmon.**

This is not about closing public lands. It is about protecting intact watersheds and fish and wildlife habitat while continuing to allow responsible public use and management.

Please take a few minutes to speak up before September 21. Our public lands and waters need our voices.

Daniel Scott
Conservation Chair

September Outing

September 26th - Hard Luck Fly Fishing Contest

Location: TBD - We will update Facebook and via email

Time: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per fly

The Hard Luck Fly Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 26th. We're watching the Lower Illinois for improved fishing conditions and may shift the outings to Spavinaw if dissolved oxygen on the LIR remains very low. Hard luck is expected this time of year, but we're also mindful that really low dissolved oxygen could mean no

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Fly Fish Oklahoma / Learn to Fly Fish Clinic is Coming



Twice each year our Dave Whitlock Chapter offers this "hands on" one day only, fly fishing clinic.

Offered through the Jenks Community Education this is a one-of-a-kind, indoor and on the water program. Learning to cast ON water is a critical part of learning the mechanic of the cast. Along with casting, participants will learn how to read water to locate fish, how to tie the main fly-fishing knots, see how flies are tied and learn the vocabulary of fly fishing.

Held at Jenks High School Aquatic Center and scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 17th** from 9am to 2pm. The cost is \$60 and offered to those over 15-years of age. Younger than 15 is OK as long as the youngster, over 12 years of age, is also

luck.

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 between 8:00am to 8:30am and will donate at least 2 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. Each participant will purchase at least 2 flies (at \$5.00 per fly) to use during the tournament. Only tournament purchased flies can be used to score fish for the competition.
5. Tournament will officially begin at 9:00am and end at 12:00 noon.
6. 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.
7. Lunch will be provided at noon. We'll swap stories, share tactics and Tournament results will be announced.
8. Contestants can fish for any species.
9. The venue will be limited to public areas of the chosen fishery.

See You There!

The Pat Daly Invitational Fly Tournament

Dates: September 11-13

Official Sponsor: Green Country Fly Company

For more details and how to register, please call them (918) 516-2006

Or email them at shop@greencountryflyco.com

accompanied by a participating adult.

Do you want to learn to fly fish or just be a better fly caster? Do you know someone that wants to learn to fly fish, but you don't want to be the teacher? If so, then this clinic is perfect for you or them.

To sign up ... call Jenks Community Education, 9am to 5pm weekdays at 918-298-0340.

Link to Class:

<https://jenksps.ce.eleyo.com/course/2520/fall-2026/fly-fish-oklahoma-ages-15-adult>

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September Raffle Prize



You have to show up to enter and win the raffle prize, right? So, if it remains a mystery until you arrive, is that really something to worry about? Of course not, so please plan to be at our September meeting and discover with the rest of us what you're going to have a chance to win.

Tickets are \$1 With price break beginning with 6 tickets for \$5.

Please remember to bring your cash.

After the drawing, you may enter your losing tickets into our Annual Prize drawing that will be held in November.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

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

October 17th - Learn to Fly-Fish Oklahoma (Register today)

November 12th - General meeting at Sheels

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

January 14th - Davy Wotton. speaker extraordinaire

January - Outing to Roaring River

February 11th - Ryan Walker, " Ozark Smallmouth" (You don't want to miss this one, either)

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