



Streamline



March 2020 Oklahoma Chapter 420 of Trout Unlimited & Tulsa Fly Fishers a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International

Event Calendar

- March 3rd - Free fly tying lessons at Backwoods
- March 3rd - Wilson HS Trout In the Classroom fingerling release
- March 5th - Water Lobby Day at the State Capitol Rotunda 2nd Floor
- March 6th - East Central HS Trout In the Classroom fingerling release
- March 7 & 8th - NatureWorks Art Show and Sale
- March 10th - Catoosa HS Trout In the Classroom fingerling release
- March 11th - Jenks Freshman Academy Trout In the Classroom fingerling release
- March 12th - General Meeting - Davy Wotton - "How to Tie and Fish the Wet Fly". Bonus: Learn to tie flies with Davy before the meeting
- March 17th - Backwoods free fly tying class
- March 26th - Owasso HS Trout In the Classroom fingerling release
- March 28th - TU/TFF Banquet and Fund Raiser
- March 31st - Pryor 3rd Grade Trout In the Classroom fingerling release

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



Heath Tiefenauer

Hello Fly Fishers International,

March 12th General Meeting: Guest Speaker Davy Wotton

The March General Meeting will feature Davy Wotton who will be presenting "How to Tie and Fish the Wet Fly". Don't miss this presentation!

Welcome to the March edition of Streamline. March is an exciting month in Oklahoma. Spring is almost here and many of us look forward to this season of change. Trees, grass and flowers will soon begin to transform the dreary brown landscape of the past few months. Tulsa Fly Fishers is also growing, with the continued support of such great members we're working to expand our activities and bring even more to our supporters.

One of the most exciting changes this year is our annual fundraising event. The volunteer leaders of Tulsa Fly Fishers have been working diligently to organize the 2020 Spring Banquet, with special guest Bob Clouser. This will be our biggest fundraising event of the year and we have a lot in store for this event. We've lined up a great venue, dinner menu and entertainment options. Thanks to generous support of partners and sponsors we have a growing list of prizes and auction items. When you attend this event, you'll have the opportunity to help support the many programs we are involved with and expand our ability to have an even bigger positive impact on our community. More information and a sneak peek at some of our prizes and auction items is available at our web site, www.tu420.com. Tickets for the event are available at the TU420 [store](#). The Banquet isn't all we have planned for the coming month.

Trout in the Classroom has been hugely successful and grown significantly. This youth program introduces young people to the importance of conservation, clean water and a balanced environment by providing an opportunity to witness the life cycle of trout from egg to fry. We now sponsor programs in more schools than ever before and with several releases planned in March helpers are needed. If you can volunteer your time, please contact Scott Hood for more information.

Conservation is another important focus of our group and March brings us a new legislative session. As always there is a lot to track and follow. Our conservation team, headed by Pat Daly, works diligently with other conservation-oriented groups to bring awareness and education to our members. I'm always grateful for the time he spends learning and sharing the details of proposed changes, good and bad, facing our state and nation. We hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to form an opinion and support the conservation of water quality and our outdoor resources. Details on current conservation concerns are available in the [conservation](#) area of our website.

Don't forget our general meeting! Our meeting this month is Thursday, March 12th at Hardesty Library. We're happy to host a presentation from Davy Wotton, we hope to see you there.

Details of all our activities are available on our web site www.tu420.com.

Tight Lines,

Heath Tiefenauer
President of Oklahoma Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers



Davy Wotton was introduced to fly fishing in western UK by a Scottish schoolmaster in the 1950s. By the late 1970s he had developed and manufactured fly tying (SLF dubbing) and fly fishing products. He is known for quality products, innovative flies, TV appearances, fishing and tying videos, over 300 publications and is an accomplished writer, photographer, entomologist, casting instructor and guide.

Davy brought home gold and silver medals as the International Team Coach for the Youth Fly Fishing Team USA in their first year of competition, has been Managing Director of the American International School of Fly Fishing, was the USFW Director of Fisheries for outstanding voluntary services toward Fisheries and Conservations as well as having fished many times for the Welsh International Fly Fishing Team.

Davy now resides in Arkansas, in the White River System, and has founded the Friends of the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery. Davy has credit for: 25 lb. 6 oz. Brown, 6 lb., 4 oz. Cutthroat, 8 lb., 2 oz. Rainbow, and 2 lb. 12 oz. Brook on the White River. Little known fact: Davy is an internationally known professional bluegrass banjo picker. If you are not familiar with Davy, you might know him from his creation 'The Davy Knot'. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet and learn from this entrepreneur, visionary and seasoned angler.

Join us on Thursday, March 12th to take advantage of the lessons provided by Davy and come early to watch his fly tying demonstrations.

Trout Unlimited Chapter 420 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 6 pm (open discussion and questions) and admission is free. Raffle and door prizes are presented at the end of the meeting.

March Raffle Prize

Trout In The Classroom



Trout In The Classroom Program in Oklahoma: An Update

The End is in Sight for the 2019/2020 Tulsa area Trout In the Classroom Program!

It's been another exciting year in our local Trout In the Classroom program. We added several new schools and new tank leaders. We've had only one catastrophic incident where all the trout were lost. This due to a bio-chemical spray to disinfect the classroom without notice to the teacher. We had several reported power failure incidents, one was avoidable, the other two natural caused power failures, but none of them created a total wipe out of the trout. We live and learn each year as this program progresses and each incident, although heartbreaking for the students, is a learning situation for students, teachers, tank leaders and me.

Now we start the countdown to the conclusion of the year and quite frankly the most exciting and fun part. The field trip releases fingerlings on the Lower Illinois River. Between March 3rd and May 8th (see the release schedule under Events Calendar) before and after the newsletter text) we will have released 100s and 100s of Kamloops rainbow trout into the river and I will have logged 12 round trips to the Watts WMU. Plus, our volunteers will have logged 100s of volunteer hours towards the national Trout Unlimited annual volunteer report card. Friends, these releases never get old. There are always excited, enthusiastic, inquisitive and energetic kids at every release, many asking questions about everything under the sun, keeping in mind, some students on these field trips seldom, if ever, get far from Tulsa.

Want to be part of what's to come? We'll need volunteer helpers on all of these release dates. Help is needed to: 1.) Watch over and keep the kids safe from the river. Often times we find high water in the Lower Illinois River, our only ODWC authorized release site. 2.) We need helpers with fly casting knowledge to do demonstrations and help the kids with some hands-on casting ... knowing just the basics is all it takes. 3.) We need one or in some cases even 2 fly tiers showing kids how we tie flies and "match" the invertebrates that live in the Lower Illinois. 4.) We always need 2 or 3 volunteers to get into the river and work to collect the invertebrates.

Please help if you can. Take a day off from work or from your schedule and join the fun on



The raffle prize for March's General Meeting will be an 8' 6" 6 weight L.L. Bean Fly Rod Combo Outfit. Everything you need to take out of the package and start fishing (except a few flies). A \$149.00 value. (See Link: LL Bean)

Give yourself a better chance of winning these prizes by buying extra tickets at the door.

Outings

Date: March 28th - TU420/FFI Banquet Fund Raiser

Location: Rucker Warehouse, 1227 S Detroit Ave

Time: 5:30 - 10:00

Tickets available online: TU420.com

Contact:

Heath

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2020 Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser

WE HAVE BOB CLOUSER COMING!

a release day. Don't rely on the same volunteers to be the ones that always step up to help. Just do it once and you'll understand and you'll be back. You will be rewarded for your efforts. Contact me, Scott Hood at jscotthood@gmail.com to volunteer or if you need more information.

If you can't help with your time please help with your donation to:

Oklahoma Chapter of Trout Unlimited
P.O. Box 54108 Tulsa, OK 74155.

(Each tank costs @ \$1,200 and annual upkeep around \$250 each.)

If you care to follow along with daily and weekly posts as the year progresses please join the closed Facebook group: [TIC](#). For more information on TIC in general, click on the following link ...
WWW.TROUTINTHECLASSROOM.ORG.

Scott Hood
Youth Education Coordinator for OKTU420

2020 Conservation Issues

Conservation Is Our Passion
Together, we make fishing better.

Our Conservation Approach

We work to protect important habitat, improve degraded waterways, restore and improve warm and cold water fish populations. The best conservation work comes from true partnerships between all stakeholders.

Oklahoma Conservation Focus:

It has been a sad month for reasonable conservation bills. Nearly all meaningful water quality and fisheries improvement bills have been blocked by the head of the OK Senate and House. The tone that is being set is for industrial self-regulation, self-policing, along with water protection roll-backs and no new regulations allowed for water or fisheries protection.

Several important bills have been blocked and will not be allowed to be voted on, including:

- **Instream Flow** Bill Blocked. Five years in the making. Powerful Senator Kim David will not allow House Bill HB1403, the Instream Flow bill out of committee to be heard on the Senate floor or voted on. The House passed this Instream Flow and called it critical to the long term water planning for our state.. HB1403 calls for scientific water flow monitoring and sets minimum reasonable levels to maintain healthy river ecosystems, including fisheries. Rivers can be dried without this protection.

- **Industrial Poultry** Farm/Waste Setback bill Blocked again.

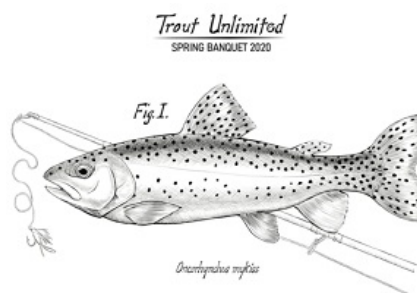
Rep Dell Kerbs, Chair of the powerful House Agricultural Committee, has blocked House Bill 2534. House Bill HB2534, authored by Representative Meloyde Blancett of Tulsa, provided responsible setbacks for industrial poultry operations to protect watersheds, wells and homes. Reasonable setbacks provide



Bob Clouser's 1984 version of the Clouser Minnow, had been used by Lefty Kreh worldwide and he had netted over 83 species of fish on that streamer within 2.5 years of its creation. Bob is an author, guide, fly shop owner and fly tyer as well as an excellent casting instructor and frequent featured guest at fly tying shows throughout the U.S.

Growing up near Middletown, Pennsylvania he has guided and fished the Susquehanna River and had designed all his flies with smallmouth bass in mind. His Clouser Minnow was fashioned to mimic escaping baitfish and has been considered one of the most effective flies ever created for both freshwater and saltwater. Lefty Kreh and Bob had been long time friends when Lefty created the Lefty's Deceiver and when they came together the Half & Half was born...half Clouser Minnow and half Deceiver.

We are very pleased to have Bob here at our fundraiser for a fly tying class in the morning and another in the afternoon. He will also be the guest speaker at the evening Banquet. Sign up for Bob's classes now, seating is limited, at the [TU420 store](#).



It's almost here! On March 28th, 2020 we will host a banquet/fundraiser with the support of Project Healing Waters at Rucker Warehouse in Tulsa. This will be our primary fund raising event of the year.

We currently have over 80 auction items for this event and more on the way. These items include:

- Guided fly fishing trips to Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arkansas, Oklahoma &

buffers which help protect our rivers from phosphorus rich chicken feces and litter runoff, which depletes the oxygen in our waters killing fish, adds pathogens, is harmful to invertebrates and humans. TU's calls and letters fell on deaf ears.

- Of the 2,000 bills at the state capitol we are watching bills and agency actions in these general categories for you and our fish: Industrial waste into waters; Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's request to shift the management of fracking fluids from the EPA to the understaffed Oklahoma DEQ. The OK DEQ has also requested that treated fracking fluid be sprayed onto OK land, roads, ditches, and dumped into surface waters, i.e. Oklahoma lakes and streams. This poses a very real threat to already heavily impaired streams and fisheries. We encourage recycling, reuse and the application of advanced technology by industry and not shifting the impossible burden of cleanup to taxpayers.

- We monitor 30 new bills or state board actions including; high volume river water withdrawal and sale, bills blocking purchase or lease of outdoor recreation lands, introduction of a "European" pay-to-play fishing and hunting model, also several bills to sell off our public recreation land and limit or eliminate any public input.

Join us March 5th at Water Day at the State Capitol. We'll be manning our Trout Unlimited/FFI table from 1 to 5 pm. Meet your Legislator at 4 pm.

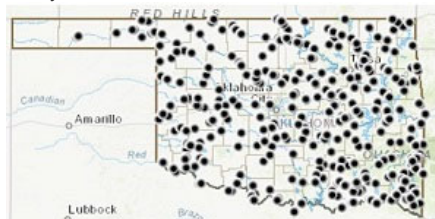
-View the Trout Unlimited national conservation page here <https://www.tu.org/conservation/>

Pat Daly
Conservation Chair

Did You Know ?

-Did you know that FFI has a [glossary](#) of Fly Fishing terminology with easy to understand definitions.

-Did you know that the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) provides an interactive [Fish Monitoring Site](#) map which shows the variety of fish caught by the OWRB Monitoring Program by seining or electrofishing equipment from 2003 to 2016 in nearly 400 streams.



Ladies-Only Fly Fishing Workshop

Missouri.

- Fly Rods - fiberglass and graphite from major rod companies and hand crafted rods
 - Fishing accessories such as reels, fly lines, fish nets, packs, etc.
 - Fly tying supplies, equipment, tying kits, hooks and apparel
 - Flies from Bob Clouser, Landon Mayer, and specialty flies tied by TU420 members
 - Fly fishing books and magazine subscriptions
 - Artwork from local angler artists
 - Passes to whisky tasting events
 - Dinners at local restaurants
 - Donated items from FFI and TU National.
- For a complete list of items, please follow the link to TU420.com.

As we finalize plans for our event we are also looking for donations to be raffled or auctioned. New or very gently used fly fishing related items are always appreciated. Gifts of goods, and services in the local area would also be very helpful. Our membership is very diverse, we do more than just fish! If you own or work with a company which could donate materials or services and are interested in helping our fund raising efforts please contact Heath, Kelly or Russell. We welcome all donation inquiries.

Buy your Banquet tickets and book your reservations for the fly tying classes here: [Banquet](#) Please watch for additional information as the date of the event approaches by going to the website at: TU420.com. A list of activities, auction items, auction sponsors, games and menu are available on the website.

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Youth And Adult Education

Upcoming Classes

Backwoods at The Farm - Fly Tying Lessons

- **Fly tying** lessons are on March 3rd and 17th
- **Time:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Location:** The Farm at 51st & Sheridan Rd
- **Cost:** Free

2020 General Meeting Presentation Schedule

We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Hardesty Regional Library. Doors open at 6 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30. Come join our free meetings and bring a friend.

The following are the dates and subjects for our final two spring presentations:

April 9. Bruce Burton – "How and Where to Catch Big Bass on the Fly"

May 14. Scott Hood - "My Time with TU and



Have you ever wanted to Fly Fish, but didn't know where to start? Would you be uncomfortable starting a new sport when there are very few women on our local trout streams? Are you wondering how to start or what gear, flies, knots, or other equipment to use? Join in with a class specialized just for women taught by one of the most knowledgeable fly fishers in our area.

This is a completely hands-on workshop. Carolyn Parker, a certified FFI Casting Instructor, Orvis Endorsed Guide and Owner of River Run Outfitters in Branson Missouri will lead the class. There will be plenty of opportunity to learn and share with your classmates. All levels of Fly-Fishing experience are supported.

The workshop will include a morning of fly fishing basics instruction, a catered lunch, and an afternoon of fishing on a private trout stream. The classroom portion of the day will start at 9 a.m. at Chimney Rock Hollow Trout Fishery. Around noon we'll break for a prepared streamside lunch. A board member from the Local Trout Unlimited club will be present at lunch to collect your feedback about what it might take to get more Women interested in fly fishing, conservations or participation in our local Trout Unlimited chapter. During the afternoon you will be able to practice the skills on the water over eager trout.

Participants will learn the basics of fly fishing, knot tying, rigging, entomology, how to read water, fly fishing etiquette and more. Participants wouldn't need to bring a thing. All gear, breakfast and lunch are provided. Those who have a fly rod and want to bring it, can. Waders are not required.

Contact Kelly Brown for more information and to get your name on the list at kellyfishes@msn.com.

Bring a chair and your own personal refreshments. Ride sharing from Tulsa or from the Lake Shore Campground and RV Park on Hudson Lake. Equipment provided as needed. Contact Ed Jones or Kelly Brown for details.

- **Date:** April 11, 2020, Saturday
- **Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Location:** Chimney Rock Hollow Trout Fishery

the Lower Illinois River".

Please provide Pat Daly, pat@cimtel.net, with any recommendations you have for fall fly fishing topics and guest speakers.

Local Events

NatureWorks Art Show & Sale



Date: March 7 - 8, 2020

Location: Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Broken Arrow

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

At the annual NatureWorks Art Show and Sale, art lovers can browse paintings, sculptures and wooden carvings by the top wildlife, western and landscape artists across the United States. For more information go to NatureWorks

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I can say that catching and releasing trophy fish with someone is more than a hypothetical statement with trout. Next time you snap a picture of a larger fish you caught in the same area as before, take a close look at the spots and other characteristics. Every trout's spots are unique like a fingerprint, this is a useful tool for identification when you encounter the same fish twice. A recent trip with Karin Brown resulted in a close-up shot of a fish I had seen the week before with Binnie Jones. Karin released that particular bull of a rainbow trout with a big hooked jaw for the next person to catch as well.

From the table perspective, fish more than a few years old simply are not as tender and tasty. Mad Hatter's disease is the old-time description for those suffering from heavy metal exposure, as lead in your bloodstream will make you crazy. The fat in a fish concentrates toxin from the food chain over time and In Northeastern Oklahoma all of us live downstream of geology that contains a significant amount of lead leaching into our waterways. Maybe that crazy uncle has been chowing down on too much of that 10-year old paddlefish or 20-year old flatheads.

I don't like walking through litter or muddy tire-track messes on my way to the stream and certainly don't like getting hung up on monofilament left on the river bottom. If you think this problem does not apply to you or your beer cans or baby diapers, then maybe you shouldn't be allowed to share a public resource. I get it you don't want these items in the car with you, but it should not be a surprise to find you have them on your hands and need a place to put them. Anyone want to join me to get more TU sponsored and serviced trash cans in public fishing areas?

Kelly's Korner

My Thoughts On The Fly

Conservation - Actions taken that benefit all current and future resource users.

Applying conservation on the water is every bit as practical as not placing your chicken house in your neighbor's back yard. Works the same if you have twelve or a hundred twenty thousand chickens. You don't have to be a state legislator to miss the finer points of environmental conservation, chickens or fish. Here are some personal fishing applications that demonstrate the larger point of being a conservative for natural resources.

I enjoy listening to my favorite tunes while zoning out to fly fish, but seldom do. I am not afraid of offending others with my excellent musical taste, rather I want to show the same courtesy to others that I expect from a Jet Skier not to buzz between me and the bank. Jet Skiers take note, I don't always catch fish, but I am an accurate caster. Probably best if you stay at least a cast and a step away.

I like Catch and Release, but some days Catch and Release doesn't apply to me. Seems you have to practice catching to practice releasing. Releasing trophy fish is an especially strong conservative action. From the fish perspective, the largest fish spawn with the most eggs and produce the strongest fry. They also represent the best genes for growth and hardiness. These are the fish we want to reproduce. My best fishing friends grumble less than an hour after releasing their personal best.

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Littering is a lesser version of the low-life activity of breaking into vehicles at public access parking lots. The conservation message is simple, take your mess home and leave my mess alone! Here is a controversial idea, how about security cameras at our public parking? Coupled with photographic proof, maybe we can consider revoking hunting and fishing licenses for individuals littering or stealing on our public land.

For our put-and-take trout fisheries I would like the state to consider a mixed model with some portion of the sportsman funded trout reserved for a limited catch and release season. Our wildlife department could generate twice the fishing excitement for the same fish buck. Give Binnie and Karin a chance catch and release a few of fish we pay for before they go home to someone's frying pan. Maybe we have a large enough quorum in our fishing community to carry this idea into the political and legislative process. Who is with me?

Conservation is more than catch and release, which is why I support our local TU420/TFF efforts. As a single individual, my voice in the halls of our state government is not heard. I've been told that if you stuff politician's ears with \$10,000 donations and \$100,000 real estate deals, they hear you quite a bit better. While a typical fly fisherman may not have a million dollars to buy influence, our state does receive about \$40 MM in federal funds that come from hunting and fishing sales. The efforts currently spearheaded by Pat Daly and Bridget Kenyon Wood may make a difference if we are able to speak with one voice to our state legislators to support a conservative approach to land, water and fisheries management.

All of this brings to my final point, which is supporting conservation with our annual TU420/TFF fundraiser, banquet, raffle, auction, and fish liar's gala. I am proud to part of a group actively promoting conservation at a local level that makes a difference to me when I am on the water. We are growing and would like to expand our group's outreach to a broader audience and help the voice for conservation speak strongly at a state level. We want to hear from you about new things we can do to promote conservation where you fish, and then want to do more than just talk about it. For this, we need your volunteer hours and financial support to make changes. What better way to donate to TU420 and FFI than attending our banquet and walking away with some of the best gear, swag or experiences available at a bargain price? We have a record number of vendor's supporting us this year and I hope to see you, and out-bid you on a least a couple of my favorite items.

I would love to hear your ideas for improving water conservation in Oklahoma, especially if we can come up with a plan to make a local difference. Let's talk about it at the Banquet!

Author Kelly Brown will be documenting his general thoughts in the coming months. If you see him at the next General Meeting, be sure to thank him for putting these projects together.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

April 8 - Broken Arrow HS Trout In The Classroom fingerling release

April 9 -Bruce Burton - "How and Where to Catch Big Bass on the Fly"

April 11 - Women's Only Fly Fishing Clinic

April 16 - Tulsa Boys Home Trout In The Classroom fingerling release

April 18th - LIR cleanup

May 1 - Riverfield HS Trout In The Classroom fingerling release

May 6 - Beggs 6th grade Trout In The Classroom fingerling release

May 8 - Tulsa Street School Trout In The Classroom fingerling release

May 14 - Scott Hood - "My Time With TU and the Lower Illinois River"

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