

# Fly Line

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2014

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Meetings at East Side Arvest Bank at 7 P.M.  
First Tuesday of the Month

## April Meeting

The monthly meeting for Green Country Flyfishers will be Tues, April 7th at Arvest Eastside Bank, starting at 7:00. Doors will open at 6:30 for meet and greet.

Please bring one of your flies for the Fly Tying contest. The club auctions all the flies at the Christmas party as a fund raiser. So have fun and support the club at the same time.

Guest speaker will be Chad Martin, Guide at Southeastern Oklahoma, Broken Bow, since 2007. Introduced to fishing as a child, Chad's love for fishing has grown ever since. Once he got his first fly rod as a teen, his passion for fly fishing has taken him all over the western United States. Falling in love with Montana after spending time over 20 years of visiting, he finally settled on Western Montana to move his family and follow his love of fly

fishing and guiding. With over 500 miles of river within a two-hour drive, Chad looks forward to spending many more years fishing and guiding Western Montana's pristine rivers.

He will be talking about fishing Lower Mountain Fork and in Montana. He will also talk about Project Healing Waters and his experiences with the program at Broken Bow.

Guest are welcome.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## School Is Here



The GCf Fly Fishing School held it's first Saturday session March 28. Bruce Keen is reorganizing the school teaching material to fit into three Saturday sessions. The remaining Sessions will be April 11th and 25th at Tri-County Tech.

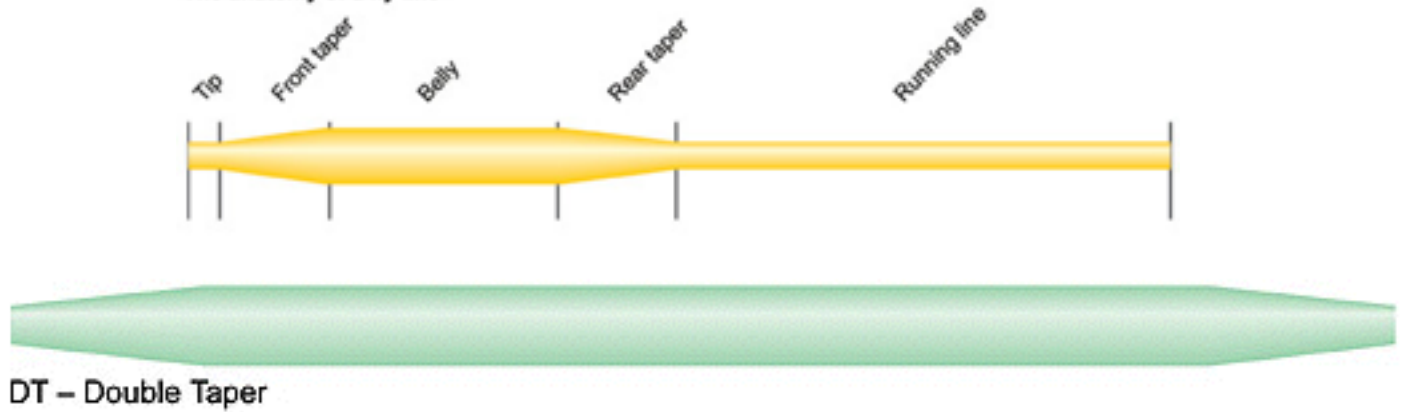
The first sessions had 15 students. We are hoping to have helpers at each class in addition to the instructor.

The water is warming up so the fish should start biting soon. I got a note from Talaquaha about Horseshoe Bend at Tenkiller lake and the male sand bass are starting to bite but it is slow. Jonathan Dancer is moving so we are looking for a member to take his place on the board. We have completed one day of our fishing school an we already have some good casters in the group and every one is trying hard even with the wind and cold the first day. The speaker will be Chad Martin with Tight Line Outfitters and will have a good presentation. Hope you all can make the meeting.

Ivan



The anatomy of a fly line



## Double Taper or Weight Forward?

Few fly line subjects have been discussed more than which is the better taper? double taper (DT) or weight forward (WF). The answer, according to Richards, "is neither is inherently better, but one may be better than the other for you.

It is very true that DT lines are easier to control and roll cast at long distances than WF lines. At shorter distances, there is no difference. The key to line control and roll casting is to make sure the large diameter line belly is in the rod tip. What many fly anglers don't consider is that WF lines control and roll cast as well as DT lines at the distances most of us fish.

There are not many typical trout fishing situations that require longer casts. Certainly if someone fishes a big river that requires a good deal of long distance roll casting and mending, a DT or a WF line with a long head should be considered.

Everybody knows that WF lines are better for distance than DT lines, but is that really true? Because of their small, light running lines, WF lines shoot better. But remember, this benefit starts at 44- to 49-feet. If your fishing situation calls for many long casts, it is certainly a little easier to do with a WF line, but don't think that DT lines won't shoot. They will, just not as far.

Most of us fish at distances less than 50 feet, which is where weight forward lines start to shoot better, but with less line control. Most of us don't have the need, or the ability, to roll cast longer than 45 feet.

So, how do you decide which is the right taper for you? Double taper or weight forward? For short to medium casting range situations, there is no reason not to have a DT line rigged and ready. If you are consistently throwing longer casts, you can make them with fewer false casts with a WF line. But if the need arises, you lose the ability to do long roll casts and mends. For most, it doesn't make much difference which taper is used most of the time. However, you need to know that a DT line will take more space on a reel than the WF line. Some modern reels do not have enough space to handle a DT line.





**Bartlesville Green Country Flyfishers dues are \$16, and most of our members pay in December and January. You can pay at the meeting or mail to Gary Kilpatrick, 1230 Dogwood Court, Bartlesville, OK. 74006.**

## **Calander of Coming Events**

**April 7th**

**Meeting at Arvest Bank from 6:30**

**April 11th**

**Class at Tri-County**

**April 16th**

**Tying at Arvest Bank from 7 to 9**

**April 18th**

**Outing at Osage Hills Lake.**

**April 25th**

**Class at Tri-County**



**Time spent fishing is time well spent**