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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Before anything else, just a reminder that our February meeting will be held Wednesday, February 12 (the second Wednesday of the month) instead of our traditional first Wednesday. We had to move our date due to conflicts with Gem Show activities. We will return to the first Wednesday starting in April. There will be no meeting in March. Come to the banquet instead

Our bi-annual banquet and fundraiser is just around the corner. Have you purchased your banquet ticket yet? You can purchase your tickets one of several ways: E-mail your request to optu.so.az@gmail.com. E-mails are checked twice per day, so you should have your reply on the same day or early the following day. Tickets are also available at Dry Creek Outfitters (DCO), River Road at Craycroft. DCO is open Tuesday through Saturday. DCO will take cash, check (made out to OPTU) or your Visa or MasterCard. Tickets will also be available at the next regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m., at the Viscount Suites Hotel, Broadway at Arcadia. Individual tickets are \$55 each. Or, you and some of your friends can pool resources and purchase either an 8-chair table for a discounted price of \$400 or a 10-chair table for a discounted price of \$500. If you are unable to attend in person, please consider the purchase of one or more tickets and donating them to either Project Healing Waters or Trout in the Classroom. Both groups will have representatives in attendance and are paying their own way. I'm sure your donation will be greatly appreciated.

OPTU will also be pleased to receive your donation of a good or service that can be placed either in a bucket raffle or a live or silent auction. Goods and services need not be fishing related. In fact, we will be happy to take items not fishing related (for example, artwork, jewelry, ceramics) that will appeal to a wider audience. Contact Dave Combs at davecombs47@gmail.com. Dave will reply to your e-mail and make arrangements to receive your donation.

Raffle tickets are still available for the Orvis Helios 2 10'-4 wt outfit on display at Dry Creek Outfitters. This outfit normally retails for over \$1200. At \$20 per ticket, or 3 for \$50, this is an exceptional opportunity to own a top-of-the-line rod and reel that consistently receives excellent reviews from fly anglers of all abilities, beginner to professional. Raffle tickets are available at Dry Creek, at the monthly meetings, or send an e-mail to me at sreiter4@cox.net and I will make sure you are included in the drawing at the Banquet on March 8th.

Our speaker for February is Emmett Doane of Circle Valley Anglers in Circle Valley and Logan, Utah. Emmett is making a return visit to OPTU with an updated presentation about fly fishing in Southern Utah, featuring some of the OPTU members who fished with him and his guides in 2013. His presentation last year was "standing room only", so make plans to attend and get there a bit early. I hope to see you there

Steve Reiter
President, OPTU



BIANNUAL BANQUET - Important Date for Your Calendar

On March 8, 2014 the OPTU Banquet Fund Raiser will be held at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. This biannual event is very important to all of us because it provides the funds necessary to support all our programs, such as Trout in the Classroom, conservation projects, Project Healing Waters, fishing excursions and our monthly meetings. Your support means everything to us, so please plan to attend. The planning for the banquet is well underway and we believe this will be prove to be an excellent evening of fun, fellowship, opportunities to buy some great things, and the trading of fishing stories (or tall tales). We promise you won't be disappointed.

If you have any questions, want to volunteer, or want to donate in any way please send me an email at vaughninaz@cox.net and thanks for your time and continued support of OPTU.
Vaughn A. Johnson, VP and 2014 Chairman OPTU Banquet

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Women's Initiative (WI)

OPTU is looking for someone to take the lead for this work. Responsibilities include taking part in the monthly teleconference, attending a monthly board meeting and working with the board to encourage more women to participate in Trout Unlimited. The only requirements are that you participate in the phone meetings and let the board know the WI status. Please contact Roseann at 760.1659 or rzann@comcast.net for information on the next teleconference.





Calendar

FEB 12: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Emmett Doane of Circle Valley Anglers in Circle Valley and Logan, Utah with an updated presentation about fly fishing in Southern Utah.

FEB 12: BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

FEB 26: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

MAR 5: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker TBA.

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PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



Starting on January 1st the program will be led by Captain Chris Allen of Sierra Vista and Major Mario Bracamonte of Tucson. They started as participants in the program and have now become the leaders. Please give them your support as they continue the good work.

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

OPTU FISHING OUTING

LEES FERRY - MARCH 24-27, 2014

We are very excited to announce the 2014 OPTU fishing outing will be at Lee's Ferry, Arizona.

For those not familiar with this water, Lee's Ferry is a massive, clear running cold water fishery. It runs 15.5 miles from the outflow of Lake Powell at Glen Canyon Dam to the upper end of the Grand Canyon. This will be two days of guided fishing provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers owned by Terry and Wendy Gunn. All guides are full-time professionals.....no part-time guides!

We will be staying at the Cliff Dweller's Lodge at the base of Vermillion Cliffs National Monument. The lodge was built in the early 1950's and was purchased by Lee's Ferry Anglers in 2001 where it was immediately renovated. It is a great lodging experience.

We estimate that the cost of the trip will be \$650 per person including the guides tips. For those interested, the following is included:

- Transportation between Tucson and Lee's Ferry
- Three days lodging at Cliff Dweller's Lodge
- Two full days of professionally guided fly fishing on the Colorado River
- Tips for all guides
- Lunch for your fishing days
- The only things not covered will be your meals (other than lunch on the two fishing days which is provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers).

OPTU will be renting a van for participants to travel there and back. Space will be limited and is expected to fill very quickly. We have reserved a few openings for our PHWFF veterans. Participants will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis via email to me, Joe Vitelli at kayceesgarden@att.net

12th ANNUAL SAN JUAN TRIP - 2014

There are a few slots available for the 12th Annual OPTU trip to the San Juan River. Basic trip details are departure Sunday March 16th for New Mexico early in the morning and return on Friday March 21st - again with an early morning departure. This allows for about 4.5 days of fishing. Nine anglers will stay at the Octagon Inn. Five nights lodging and all food once we get there will be provided for the cost of \$450. Participants are expected to help with food preparation and clean-up. Email me at jemurphy51@me.com to see if spots remain.

Tips and Tricks

Fun facts about WD-40 <http://wd40.com/about-us/myths-legends-fun-facts/>
Google fly fishing tips and techniques for hundreds of links.

DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS: NEWS AND BARGAINS

Call us if you need something. If you're unable to make it to the shop before your next trip, we are happy to drop a few bugs and/or leaders (or whatever) in the mail - shipping is free.

Dry Creek resides at the River Center mall; NE corner of River and Craycroft and is open **Tuesdays through Saturdays** from 10 am to 7 pm Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 am to 6 pm on Saturday. Address: 5655 East River Road, Suite 131, Tucson, AZ 85750 and phone (520) 326-7847. East side of the River Center between a beauty shop and Japanese restaurant. Eric is a long-time supporter of OPTU and we all need to be sure to support him. So get over to DCO and buy some of those essential things you know you need. *The Editor*

FOR SALE

Fly Fishing Magazines I have 30 plus yrs. of fly fishing magazines- all kinds. I want to sell them for \$.50 a copy. My # is 747-7074. Vinnie Mchale.

I found a website for custom rods that some of you may be interested in viewing
www.cbcustomflyrods.com

Simms Medium Long Waders (foot size about a 9-1/2). A little older but in very good condition. Worn float tubing last summer in western Colorado with zero problems. \$50. Contact John Arnett 520 721 4339 (h) or 520 248 3828 (c)

FOR RENT

4 BR house in Heber City, UT. 15 miles from Park City and a mile from the Provo River; 2.5 hrs to the Green. \$500 per week or \$90/night - plus housecleaning fee. Call John at 520-250-4083 if interested in checking it out.

OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 1/8/2014

ATTENDEES

Steve Reiter, President Robin Marsett, Conservation,
Vaughn Johnson, V. President PHWFF
Dave Combs, Banquet Chair Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary
Joe Vitelli, Outings Coordinator

The Board meeting was held at the Viscount Suites Hotel and commenced at 5:30 p.m.

OPTU Banquet

Discussions were had regarding finalization of the banquet to be held on March 8th.

Vaughn reported on the cost of sending postcards to all members as a reminder. He will have them printed and mailed.

Steve reported on underwriting and has been informed by our contact, Eb, that we are currently at \$2,000.00. Dave Combs will followup with Eb.

Ticket sales to date are at about 60 plus, goal is to sell 100.

Dave Combs has requested an item list of donations from those who will be donating for the raffles.

Kathleen will contact Treasurer Cathy Hill to confirm she will be working the door at the banquet.

Current ticket sales for the rod/reel raffle stand at 76.

Conservation

Robin reported that Ruger Creek appears to have no trout currently.

Trout in the Classroom

In Joe Fagan's absence, Steve reported that the program at Flowing Wells H.S. is doing well and have about 30 trout which have survived thus far. Fruchtlender School will be receiving eggs later in January, they will be raising Brook trout.

Other Business

Steve indicated that Amber Lee who works for AZGFD has requested a donation from OPTU to the American Fish Society. It was agreed that we could supply a fly rod outfit as donation.

Discussion was had about AZGFD's position paper on Native/Wild trout and the conservation of non-native species such as Brown trout.

AZGFD is proposing to kill off a stretch of Hegler Creek (Brown trout) to re-introduce Gila or Yacqui trout.

With respect to Jim Click's latest car raffle for charity, the Board agreed to forego participation at this time.

Additionally, Robin agreed to reach out to Jim Click regarding donating use of his condo as a raffle item as well as the Honda Resort donation.

The meeting was concluded at 6:35 p.m.

Arizona Game and Fish Interactive Stocking Schedule

http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_f/fishing/stocking/2012SumTroutStockSchedule.pdf

QUOTES AND JOKES

Failure is the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently.

Henry Ford

FISHING REPORTS

No reports submitted.

ALASKA

The Murphy crew will be going to Alaska twice this year to the Great Alaska Adventure Lodge in Sterling, Alaska. The first trip is June for Sockeye, Rainbows, Dollies, King salmon and perhaps Halibut. Dates June 14 to 20. The second will be in September from the 13th to 19th - this trip will focus on big Rainbows, Dollies, Steelhead, and Silver Salmon. If you would like to join colleagues from Tucson on this trip call John at 520-250-4083 for details.

Newsletter Items That Don't Often Change

MOVIE LINKS

Please send links to movies you have seen on YouTube or other places. I'll check it out and post. Here are a few:

Top Ten Viral Flyfishing Videos (courtesy of Ernie Gradillas) <http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?>

<http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmpid=enews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODgrSo>

Catching a nice Gila trout

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXEZVJmD3Yo>

This is a classic TU film called The Way of a Trout.

<http://www.lrc.tu.org/movies/TheWayofaTrout/>

Trout in the Classroom Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWlnuFkCPFg>

Check out this video of Chris Woods of TU talking about our efforts in the Southwest.

<http://youtu.be/CwFry99OhqE>

This URL refers to the 1st book written on fly-fishing by a Benedictine nun and published in 1496. It shows a block print with the first Tenkara-style fly-fishing - recorded in Europe (not Japan). No fly reels back then.

<http://www.headwatersofhistory.com/2012/01/interviews-with-anglers-past-dame-juliana.html>

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Controversy about what open containment fish farms are doing to native fish and what they might be doing to you when you buy farmed salmon at Costco. It is long but instructive. *Ernie Gradillas*

<http://vimeo.com/61301410>

HELP ON PLACES TO FISH

Names and email addresses of OPTU members who have kindly agreed to share their fishing waters' knowledge with members who have not fished the particular waters before and are looking for advice is now available for downloading on the new OPTU website at:

<http://optu.org/FISHING%20WATERS%20HELP.doc>. A good first lead about where and when to fish, or where to stay can make the trip easier and more enjoyable. The list is alphabetical by state and several foreign locations are also included. For advice about one of the areas or rivers on the list, get in touch with the named colleague by email and make arrangements to talk to them by phone.

Additionally, courtesy of OPTU flyfisher Don Maggert, there is a disc containing articles pulled from the Web about fly fishing some thirty well-regarded Western rivers (mostly in Colorado and Montana as well as a few from Idaho and Utah). Send me a name of the river and I will check to see if it is on Don's disc and if so, I will forward the write-up. *Stan Vanagunas* vanagunas@msn.com

OPTU FACEBOOK GROUP

If you add the OPTU group to your links in Facebook it will help make contacts with members. *Joe DeVries* jrdaz@cox.net

EDDIES NEWSLETTER

In case you would like to receive "Eddies: Reflections on Fisheries Conservation," click on the link and sign up for paper or email delivery. <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/eddiessubscribe/subs.cfm>
