

OPTU NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Anglers:

A couple of weeks ago, I was contacted by one of our members who said he was no longer able to tie flies, and wanted to donate his fly tying tools and material to OPTU. In addition he had some miscellaneous rods and reels, some fly fishing and some spinning, to donate. All he asked in return is a letter from OPTU that we had received his donation, an estimate of the value, and a statement that we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Among the items I picked up is an Oasis tying bench, a Renzetti vise, a lamp, table-mount lighted magnifying glass, bobbins and other tools, and too many fly tying materials to comfortably list here. Many of these items may find their way into our monthly bucket raffles, some will be re-donated to PHWFF or Youth Activities, and some will be held for our next banquet. Items in the bucket raffles and in the banquet will help generate some income for OPTU.

I bring this up as a way to remind members that we are happy to receive any REUSABLE fly fishing-related donation. If you have something you wish to donate, please contact me and I will make arrangements to pick it up. If you need a letter for your tax files, let me know. We will do the best we can to either generate revenue for OPTU or re-direct your donation to someone who can use it. Thank you, in advance, for thinking of OPTU.

Our April speaker is Jack Houck of Orvis / Scottsdale, who will present a program on tackle, flies, and tactics for fly fishing the lakes on the Mogollon rim above Payson. This is a timely presentation, in advance of the summer vacation and camping season, if you are considering a "staycation" this year. There are lots of camping, hiking, and fishing opportunities in that area. Best of all, they are close to home. I hope to see you there...

From the Executive Suite,
Steve Reiter, OPTU President

White Mountain Lakes Foundation Event

"Celebrating Becker Lake becoming one of the premier trophy trout lakes in Arizona, The White Mountains Lake Foundation (WMLF) will be holding a "Becker Best" event at (of course) Becker Lake on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Becker Lake specialists will be there to cover rigging, fly fishing techniques, and tying of Becker Lake specific flies. Additionally, WMLF will be providing lunch (free to paid up WMLF members, \$5 for guests—but waived if you join at this event!) and a raffle that includes some great items and features—a custom made rod using a Winston blank. Come on over and meet the WMLF folks, learn a thing or two and help support this great organization."



MINUTES – ARIZONA TU STATE COUNCIL MEETING – March 7, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 P.M. Arizona TU State Council members and guests present at the meeting: Mike Arnold, Jimmy Boydston, Phil Fernandez, Mickey Fletcher, Steve LaFalce, Joe Miller, Steve Rieter, Gary Stull, Jim Walker, and Bob Youtz.

1. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (MIKE ARNOLD)

The minutes for the 7 February 2013 council meeting were sent out via email to everyone on the council contact list on 17 February 2013. If anyone didn't get a copy or has questions send me an email or give me a call. Jim Walker noted a mistake on the 7 February 2013 minutes. Under item 7 of new business the amount of \$650.00 given by the Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund was incorrect. It should have read \$600.00. The February minutes were changed and noted. A vote was taken and the 7 February 2013 minutes were approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (MIKE ARNOLD)

The balance in checking is \$2784.23 and \$12,108.10 in savings. We sent a check for \$250.00 to the Grand Canyon Chapter for their startup and we've had some expenses for the TU National Annual Conference. We also received a check from EFAZ for \$64.61 which was deposited into savings.

3. COUNCIL WEBSITE REVIEW (AL LOCKWOOD)

Al was unable to attend the meeting so there were no comments for the website. Bob did point out that the website has been updated with the Native Trout Workshop information and that you can now sign up for the workshop on the AZ TU website.

4. NATIVE TROUT WORKSHOP (JIM WALKER, BOB YOUTZ)

If there is anyone who did not get an invitation from Julie Carter for the Native Trout Workshop let Jim or Bob know so that they can get you on the master list. April 18th is the workshop date. It will start at 9:00 A. M. and go until 4:30 P. M. There are a number of topics for the workshop. They are still finalizing some of the speakers and presenters; once these are finalized the agenda will be sent out to everyone. Jim and Bob will be getting the invitations out for the dinner following the workshop. The dinner is free of charge. Members of Arizona Game and Fish (AZG&F), some of the workshop speakers and presenters, and TU National staff members will be attending the dinner. The dinner will be about 4 miles away from AZG&F. It will start shortly after the workshop at 5:15 P. M. and will end sometime between 7:00 to 7:30 P. M. More information will be provided in the next couple of weeks. You're asked to RSVP with Bob Youtz if you intend or do not intend to attend. Please logon to the AZ TU Council website for more information. Al Lockwood has done a great job getting the Native Trout Workshop information on the website. There are a block of rooms set aside for those who need to spend the night. The rooms are at the Drury Inn which is about 5 miles South of Carefree Road. There is a link on the TU website that will bring you to hotel reservations. The rooms are \$99.00 per night vice the normal \$139.00 per night. The reservations must be made no later than the 31st of March. After the 31st the rate goes back up.

5. LICENSE SIMPLIFICATION LEGISLATION (JIM WALKER)

It looks like the license simplification legislation is moving through the Arizona Legislature. Jim will be sending out more information as he gets it. The Arizona conservation license plate is tied in with the legislation. Arizona conservation license plate sales help raise money for the Arizona Sportsman for Wildlife Conservation Group the 501c3. The Arizona Sportsman for Wildlife Conservation Group did approve our request for a \$750.00 grant to help fund the Native Trout Conference. They matched the funds that will be put up by the AZ TU State Council. It was noted that none of the TU chapters has any information about the Arizona Sportsman for Wildlife Conservation Group on their websites. Bob and Jim will be sending out the information and would encourage the chapters to include it on their websites. Bob, Jim, and Al Lockwood will be putting it on the AZ TU Council website. It promotes the sale of the license plate of which \$17.00 of every \$25.00 comes back to the fund from which we can then get grants.

6. CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (PHIL FERNANDEZ)

We are trying to stay in the loop through Ben Alteneder on any legislation relative to rotenone of which there is some. It looks like pending legislation language is mimicking the enforcement of the standard operating procedures that have already been adopted by AZG&F anyway. Allowing the legislation to go through won't make any difference on how the department uses it. This will be brought up at the Native Trout Workshop meeting in April.

7. NEW CHAPTER UPDATE (STEVE LAFALCE)

They have their second meeting coming up on the 19th. They did receive a \$250.00 check from the AZ TU State Council. They will be opening a bank account on Monday. They have a domain name from GoDaddy.com and they are working on developing a website for the Grand Canyon Chapter. Bob pointed out that there will be another \$250.00 from TU National. As soon as it is received by the state council Mike Arnold will be sending that to the Grand Canyon Chapter also.

8. ARIZONA TU WASHINGTON DC LEGISLATIVE VISITS (JIM WALKER)

On February 12th and 13th Jim, John Jordan, and Brad Powell went to Washington DC at their request to do a "Fly in". Brad Powell did an outstanding job of getting meetings set up with each of the Arizona delegates. All 11 delegates, the two Senators and nine House of Representatives were seen in their offices over a day and half of meetings. They were able to spend about 30 minutes with each delegate. They were able to introduce the Trout Unlimited national network and the work that TU does in Arizona. John discussed the management plan for the Glen Canyon Dam, Lee's Ferry fisheries, and the native trout populations. Jim talked about the uranium mining ban near the Grand Canyon and what we are involved in here in Arizona with the council and TU members. Brad talked about renewable energy legislation. The delegates were given contact information for any questions that might come up.

9. APPROVAL OF DONATION MONEY FOR MIKE MEHRER (BOB YOUTZ)

We have the address on where to send the money but need to vote on the amount to send from the state council. Steve Reiter was asked about the amount sent to the ALS charity by OPTU. The amount sent by OPTU was \$200.00. It was agreed by the council to match that donation of \$200.00 to the ALS Foundation. A motion was made, seconded, and voted on. The motion passed and the treasurer was instructed to send a check to the ALS Foundation in the name of Mike Mehrer in the amount of \$200.00

10. CHAPTER REPORTS

OLD PUEBLO (STEVE REITER)

The women's casting clinic will be held in April. The spots sold out very quickly and there is a waiting line so OPTU plans to repeat the class in the Fall. There is also an OPTU sponsored trip to Sliver Creek, Becker Lake, and the X- Diamond Ranch that is over sold. There are twice as many folks going on the trip than were originally intended. Approximately half of the folks going are from Project Healing Waters. Because of the good response to the trip they may plan another trip in the Fall. They have a conservation day scheduled for the West Fork of the Black as soon as they can get in to it. With the snow it could be pushed back to May.

ZANE GRAY (PHIL FERNANDEZ)

The Native Trout Workshop is currently taking up most of their time. They are also following up with Julie Carter on the Partnership Waters Program. They are keeping track of the Haigler Creek project with Julie Carter and John Jordan. They are in the clear to do their gravel project in Canyon Creek so they are working on dates to add gravel to improve spawning in the creek. They are looking at the Lower Salt River as a tail water fishery that they could enhance and develop. Their website enhancement continues and the smart phone application is making good progress. Jim brought up that information had been sent out to everyone about a project that he and John Jordan are working on. Brandon Loomis has written articles on canyon flooding the U. S. Park Service removing trout in the Grand Canyon at Bright Angle Creek. Brandon was approached to see if he would be interested in doing a story on the Native Trout Workshop. Brandon is interested in doing a field trip prior to the April 18th Native Trout conference and then tentatively attending the conference on the 18th. The intent is to have Brandon write an article about the Native Trout Workshop. If anyone has any ideas about this please get in contact with Jim.

GILATROUT (GARY STULL)

They have the fishing derby coming up in April. Desert Fly Casters has been very good about helping to get people signed up to attend.

11. FISHING FILM TOUR PROPOSAL (JIM WALKER)

Jim has three or four different locations and is in discussions about a couple more. He has talked with the fund raising workgroup for the TU National group that he chairs about this at their last meeting. The members of the group are going to go back and do some more research on it. Jim will be going to the TU Western Regional meeting on April 4th, 5th, and 6th and plans to talk to some folks who will be attending the meeting who have experience with doing shows up in the Northeast. He will have more information at our next meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss

13. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M. The next meeting will be held on the 1st Thursday of April 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

2013 OPTU Women's Fly Casting Clinic: April 6th – 7th, 2013

Please join us for another great clinic taught by Marian Tallon and Donna Walkuski, both FFF Certified Casting Instructors from Phoenix. Because so many of us have attended Marian and Donna's Basic and Advanced Classes in the past we have decided to do something slightly different this year and focus on specific casting skills.

	8:00–12:00	12:00–1:00	1:00–4:00
Saturday	Advancing The Cast You Have	Lunch	Building Skills Step-By-Step
Sunday	Open Session		

8:00 -12:00 Saturday – April 6th

Advancing The Cast You Have.

This workshop is for participants of all skill levels, beginner to advanced. We begin with fun exercises designed to help the caster feel the rod, see their loop, cast efficiently & understand why efficiency matters. Casters become their own teachers as they learn to recognize good loops, improve their cast, add new skills & learn how to practice.

1:00 - 4:00 Saturday – April 6th

Building Skills Step-By-Step

The session is designed for women with fly fishing experience, who've encountered on the water challenges. It's a how-to workshop that addresses getting your fly to the fish when the wind is howling, there's a tree in the way, the fish are 60 feet out, the current is racing. "Advancing the cast you have" is a prerequisite for this workshop.

8:00 -12:00 Sunday – April 7th

Open Session

This is a combination workshop. It includes open casting and discussion of practical fishing techniques. Casting will be tailored to each individual. Group discussion & hands-on skills workshops will focus on helping you feel more confident & self-sufficient on the water.

The fee for the 2013 Clinic will be \$75 and will be all inclusive. You can attend the Saturday am only session or combine that session with both or one of the additional Workshops. Workshop will again be at Lakeside Park – Ramada #6.

Please contact Roseann Marsett at rzann@comcast.net or 520.760.1659 for further information or to reserve your place. Attendance is limited. Workshop attendees will be given pertinent information and a short survey to prepare in advance of the class. The survey will assist Marian and Donna in planning the workshop to focus on specific interests.

CONSERVATION NEWS

OPTU CONSERVATION EVENT - APRIL 13th, 2013

We have our next trip planned for April 12-13th 2013 at Frye Mesa Reservoir. We will arrive at the bunkhouses at Cluff Ranch on the evening of April 12th. We will spend the night there and after a hearty breakfast the next morning we will travel to the reservoir to conduct a clean-up. Lunch will be provided and we hope to get in some fishing for Gila Trout in the afternoon.

Arizona Game and Fish has requested that we provide them with data on all fish we catch and release. They will provide the appropriate data sheets. We plan to leave for home on Saturday evening. Anyone who wishes to stay at the ranch Saturday night is welcome to do that on their own.

Any questions please contact Roseann at rzann@comcast.net or Robin at rmarsett@comcast.net. Please let us know if you intend to join us so we can have a count for the meals and we'll provide a map and other information to you.

Robin and Roseann Marsett

rzann@comcast.net or rmarsett@comcast.net

YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT

by Joe Fagan

I have little to write about goings on with TIC and with other youth activities, so I would like to share the forwarded letter from Rochelle Gandour-Rood, who is the national head of TIC and the Headwaters Youth Program as well as being editor of the Stream Explorers Magazine.

Only Robin Marsett has volunteered to assist me in teaching 25 Apache kids from Mt. Turnbull Academy fly-tying and -fishing. That will occur April 3 and 4. Instead of Fly-fishing at Cluff Ranch Pond, they may do their fishing at Point of Pines on the Apache Reservation if they can get permission from the tribe to have their fly-fishing in that water.

Joseph Fagan

Calendar

Apr 3: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Jack Houck of Orvis/Scottsdale, who will give a presentation on fishing the Mogollon Rim lakes (Chevelon, Woods Canyon, etc.) above Payson.

Apr 17: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Apr 24: BOARD MEETING

May 1: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker TBA.

May 15: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

May 22: BOARD MEETING

From: Rochelle Gandour <RGandour@tu.org>

Date: Tue, Mar 19, 2013 at 1:42 PM

Subject: [TIC/SIC] And when our TIC kids grow up....

Hi Everyone!

I have this excellent reminder today that sometimes our TIC kids grow up to really care about their watersheds:

<http://troutunlimitedblog.com/north-bay-chapter-helps-restore-salmon-and-steelhead-to-redwood-creek-and-trout-in-the-classroom-pays-off/>

Austin Peck, a 17-year high school student from Mill Valley, California, first heard about TU during a "Trout in the Classroom" program. This past Saturday he participated in a North Bay Chapter volunteer effort, helping to restore habitat for coho salmon in Redwood Creek, near Muir Beach, about 17 miles northwest of San Francisco. Today, he sent this note:

"I always liked fishing, but it was when I participated in Trout in the Classroom that I noticed conservation is also important for anglers to practice. During the program, my fourth grade class took a walk to a nearby Mill Valley stream, Warner creek, that it really struck me. Here, in a stream where only decades earlier there were large coho and steelhead runs, there was nothing but trash. It was there that I saw how important it was. I would go there after school sometimes and pick up trash from the creek. A few years ago I noticed a steelhead fry swimming around in a clear pool. Seeing this, I felt that conservation really paid off and that I wanted to get further involved with TU."

Trout in the Classroom does, indeed, connect students to their watersheds!

To learn more about Trout in the Classroom, check this out:<http://www.troutintheclassroom.org/>

Rochelle Gandour-Rood

Headwaters Youth Program Coordinator

National Trout in the Classroom Coordinator

Stream Explorers Magazine Editor

I hope OPTU members will want to assist teaching Boy Scouts the requirements for Fly-Fishing merit badge during summer camp at Camp Lawton the second week of July. The week we are scheduled to teach these will be for Scouts camping at Camp Lawton in the Catalina Mountains during July 8 – 12. We have five of us OPTU members certified as Merit Badge Counselors in the Catalina Council. I hope that all 5 of us will be available to teach at least some of the days during the week. We may prepare our own schedule and subjects to be taught prior to the camp. We will not have to camp with the Scouts, merely drive up and down each day we will instruct.

If you are a fly-angler and tie your own fishing flies, you may easily become certified by the Catalina Council. There is some paper-work to be filled out and an on-line course related to youth safety to take (lasts about 22 minutes). Feel free to ask me for advice if you are interested in this or any of the other Youth Activities in which OPTU is involved.

Here's the link to youth oriented activities done by other chapters of OPTU. We ought to be able to do some of them similarly. Thanks in advance for taking the time to look over the information in the link. Let me know if there are any that are appealing to you to work with me to get started in our chapter. I'd like the women in OPTU to begin sharing with Girl Scouts. I would assist in making this happen. <http://www.tu.org/sites/www.tu.org/files/documents/tacklebox/youth/One-TU%20Youth%20Report%202011-08-23.pdf>

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING

Subject: Operation Wild Trout 2013

For the past four summers Project Healing Waters Fort Huachuca and Project healing Waters Fort Carson have sent soldiers to Durango Colorado for Operation Wild Trout. We have been assisted by Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited, members of Fiver Rivers Trout Unlimited and citizens of Durango, Cortez, Silverton, and Lakes City, Colorado who have served as on the water mentors and guides. In addition we received major support from the Iron Horse Inn, Serious Texas Bar B Q, JBo's Pizza and Ribs, the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Kip Dellinger and family, and Durango Parks and Recreation. It has been one hell of a run that has provided much needed recreational therapy to more than 60 wounded and injured soldiers.

As you probably know, the combat operations overseas are drawing down. This means less fighting and fewer wounded troops. This reduction in the number of wounded soldiers is the best news possible, and is what we have hoped for these past several years. As a result the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Huachuca has closed it's doors and the Warrior Transition Battalion at Fort Carson is much smaller than it was a few years ago. Due to this good news we are not going to do Operation Wild Trout this year.

I have mixed emotions about this. I will miss taking the troops to one of the most beautiful places on earth for some relaxation but, that is more than offset by the joy of knowing we are out of business due to due to there being fewer broken bodies and minds.

I cannot express my gratitude enough for all that has been done by all the volunteers and businesses that have helped us over the past four years. This could not have been done without you. I also want everyone to understand one thing. If we wind up going into another shooting war and we start to see a lot of injured young people being sent home we will fire up this operation again, but I hope it is never necessary.

Sincerely,

Robin Marsett

Program Lead Project Healing Waters Fort Huachuca

Project Healing Waters continues to tie flies every Wednesday at Dry Creek Outfitters and every other week at the VA hospital. It is time for the annual PHWFF rod building contest and we have three contestants this year hoping to win a fly fishing trip to some exotic location. We have been going on our monthly day trips with OPTU to Rose Canyon, Grant Creek, and Fry Mesa. We will be joining OPTU for the trip to the White Mountains from 22 to 25 March. If you know a qualified veteran or active service member (qualified means a service connected disability) have them get in touch with us. There is always room in our group.

Contact for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is: Robin Marsett rmarsett@comcast.net

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

FISH ALASKA THIS JUNE

Ever wanted to fish in Alaska? If so, consider joining my annual trip there next June. OPTU members and friends are most welcome. Fishing will be for King Salmon from boat, beach at the lodge, or in small rivers; Sockeye Salmon (one of the best fighting fish on a fly rod); halibut; grayling; rainbows; and dolly varden.

After a day of guided fishing you can fish till midnight from the beach if you have the stamina. Cullen caught a 70 lb King off the beach. A weeklong Lodge package from June 15 to 21, 2013 is \$3995 plus \$150 for a plane shuttle from the Kenai airport to Anchorage at the end of the stay (total of \$4145). Includes all room, board, happy hour, and daily guided activities. Note that I do not receive any portion of the payment - so its just an opportunity for getting together in Alaska with friends. Contact me at 250-4083 if interested. *John Murphy*

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.

Things to consider this month:

- We have a good supply of Ross Reels and Textured Series Scientific Anglers fly lines - come check them out
- A recent arrival are the new System 4 fly reels, machined in Colorado, from Scientific Anglers
- Also, come see and test drive the new Helios 2 fly rod from Orvis - its pretty spectacular and something everyone needs for the New Year.

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*

Tips and Tricks

Store Shoe Goo and wader repair glues in the freezer. They will last a long time compared to regular storage and thaw out in just a few minutes.

The right way to hold fish for pictures:

<http://www.deneki.com/2012/05/taking-pictures-of-fish-the-right-way/>

FISHING REPORTS

The 11th annual OPTU trip to the San Juan river occurred from March 10 to 15 with nine anglers attending. One of the group said this trip set the bar very high as the fishing was exceptional. The food was also amazing with Chef Gary and Chef Jeff creating new dishes for us (Beef Wellington and Indian chicken dish with Naan and rice, respectively). I don't think anyone lost weight on the trip.

If you haven't been to the SJ in awhile you may not know that heavy equipment was used a couple of years ago to create about 10 new runs. These runs hold hundreds of fish (many small but with the occasional beast) and make for much better spreading of the usual crowds that love the river. In fact, the Kiddie Hole is often quite empty these days because nothing was done to it and now some of the other runs are much better. A slow day was probably 30 fish and many more were usually caught. Several of us went downstream to some slow pools to sight fish bigger rainbows and that was loads of fun as well, though it can be frustrating too trying to figure out when the fish are inhaling - then rapidly ejecting - the fly. As usual, the small flies tended to be the ticket with blood, blonde, maroon, and brown doing well in size 22 to 24. I caught some using Andy Kim's "salad" fly with slow short strips. Tiny scuds were also quite effective and I'm sure our crew was catching with many others that I didn't hear about.

Another large group of Tucsonans was also enjoying the San Juan at the same time via Dry Creek's now annual venture to the Fishheads lodge for three days of float trips. I didn't get a chance to stop by but am confident they had a wonderful time and could tell many good fish stories.

The editor.

Arizona Game and Fish Interactive Stocking Schedule

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

QUOTES AND JOKES

Nothing funny this month.

FOR SALE

Everyone's keeping their stuff.

OPTU BOARD MINUTES

OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 6, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Steve Reiter, President	Roseann Marsett, Conservation/Womens
Vaughn Johnson, Vice President	Joe Vitelli, Outings
Robin Marsett, PHWFF	Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary

The meeting was held at the Viscount Suites Hotel and was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

Roseann reported that after researching the U of A campus newspaper, the advertising information was not clear. No further information available.

Roseann reported that she met with Anchorwave to discuss revamping the OPTU website. This company has done other website's including Jonathan's Cork and their work was exemplary. The estimate to redo our website would be \$4,500 and \$300 per year to maintain and use the server. This cost would include training several OPTU board members in maintaining and updating website, and an additional \$100 per hour should any changes need to be made along the way. Kathleen will send Roseann a copy of the projected 2013 budget to determine whether we can afford the expense. The board also discussed what amount should be left in the budget as a buffer and all agreed to a \$10,000 buffer.

Steve reported he is still working on getting a photo workshop organized and will report back to the board at a later date.

Steve reported that he had sold 16 of the 20 tickets he had for the San Pedro FlyCasters banquet on March 9th.

Joe reported that the White Mountain Trip was on target and the total number of attendees was 21.

Roseann reported that the next conservation event will be in April or May 2013 depending on the spring weather and snow melt.

Roseann reported that the women's fly casting clinic was at full complement with 12 attendees. OPTU will realize a profit of about \$200.

Robin reported on PHWFF with wounded vets going on the White Mountains trip, a trip to Alaska in August, and two additional trips to be scheduled in the fall.

Steve indicated that he needs to speak to Dave Combs to get the deadline for advertising in their Wrinkleneck booklet for their banquet, the board previously agreed to take out a 1/2 page ad.

Steven reported that on April 18th, there will be a Native Trout Workshop in Phoenix. Chris Hunt from National TU will be attending. This is an all day event with lunch provided. Preregistration is required.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Vitelli, OPTU Secretary

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.

SOME PHOTOS





San Juan Adventures 2013

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:

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.lrcu.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>

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

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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

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