

OPTU NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Anglers;

We got rained out on the Frye Mesa, clean-up, no scratch that, we got snowed out, no scratch that, in the words of Robin Marsett, "the road turned to snot, slippery, greasy, nasty snot!" I was there and can verify the description, although I would prefer a more poetic wording such as fish slime. I was driving the third car up the hill and one of my passengers who had gotten out to guide me on the turn around, told that with one arm he could push my Nissan Pathfinder sideways. We had just started the climbing portion of the road but we were slipping and 'a sliding in the words of that old rock and roll song. So we abandoned the quest. No doubt our fearless leader, Roseanne Marsett will reschedule. But we had a great turn out. We had approximately 15 volunteers. We did have a great breakfast prepared by Roseann!

As I am sure you all know by now, the retirees are going to British Columbia this year. We will be leaving on August 13th and returning on the 25th. We have a hotel reserved which could work out to approximately 38 dollars a night if we have a our full complement of eight fisherman. So far we are planning to fly to Kalispell, MT and to drive across the border. We will be fishing with Dave Brown, who, incidentally, will be speaking to us at the May meeting, at our meeting spot at the Viking Suites, on Broadway, east of Swan at 6:30 PM on May 2nd. So far we have arranged for three float days, with the remainder walk and wade. The cost of the of the three floats will be about \$835 total per person. We have room for three more although we have one hooked and think we will land him so we might only have two spots open.

I hear there was a great turn out for speaker Jerome Gallegos, at our monthly meeting, although I had to miss it because I had a family reunion in Santa Fe. I'm hearing from all reports that Steve Reiter did a super job of standing in for me and he will continue in that role.

Ok. Let's get this out the way. Yes, I visited New Zealand for three weeks in February/March. No, I did not catch even one fish. This was a bucket list visit for my wife. Not that she is anywhere near kicking the bucket. She is healthier than a new Zealand trout. But it was not a fishing trip. I got two days of fishing in but never saw a trout. There, that's out of the way and I don't want to talk about any more!

Last Minute Breaking News. Nan Philipp is organizing a ladies casting workshop for both beginners and advanced fly casters. It will be limited to 10 ladies each. The workshops will be on the 5th and 6th of May. Get your reservations in NOW. Nan's email is njphilipp@msn.com, her cell phone is 520-891-6028.

All the best. *Mike Mehrer, OPTU President.*

CONSERVATION NEWS

The next OPTU CleanUp event is tentatively set for June 23rd in the White Mountains. We are working with AZGFD to determine if we can provide a CleanUp of the West Fork of the Black River from the second barricade up to the confluence of Burro and Thompson Creek in the big meadow. We would do it as we usually do and camp Friday and Saturday nights. If you are interested please save the dates and we'll let you know as soon as we get firm approval. Please contact Roseann Marsett at 520.760.1659 or rzann@comcast.net for further information.

OPTU Clean Up Day April 14th, 2012

When we left Tucson on Friday midday it was about 75 degrees, blue skies and a slight breeze. At Cluff Ranch that evening the sky was so clear you could see millions of stars. When we left the ranch Saturday morning it was overcast with intermittent light showers. HOWEVER, as we drove to Frye Mesa we watched the temp fall to 34 degrees where we parked our vehicles and it was snowing. Snowing! Being intrepid souls that we are, we loaded up the 4WD trucks and SUVs and headed out to conquer the road. We didn't even make it the first mile when the slickness of the mud made driving impossible. Even in 4WD we had no traction, no control and were sliding all over the road. We made the collective decision that continuing on was foolhardy. After much effort we were able to turn around and make it back to the parking area. In order to salvage some cleanup we did brave the snow and mud and policed that area. Frye Mesa will have to wait until another day.

Thank you to the 11 brave men and one woman who volunteered for this OPTU CleanUp Day: Mike Mehrer, Don Baer, George Schlieff, Andrew and Mac Grogan, Robin Marsett, Joe Vitelli, Joe Fagan, Bob O'Brian, John Worth and Ken Whippo. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. And a special thank you to Arizona Fish and Game for the use of the facilities at Cluff Ranch and Joe and Kathleen Vitelli for preparing the lunches for everyone.



THE "NEW" DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS

The moving of our town's fly shop, Dry Creek Outfitters (DCO), has officially occurred. DCO is now residing at the River Center mall on the northeast corner of River and Craycroft (much closer to me thankfully). Eric will now be open **Tuesdays through Sundays** with hours of 10 am to 7 pm Tuesday to Friday, 9:30 am to 6 pm Saturday, and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday. The shop will be *closed Mondays* so be sure to get your purchases in on the other six days. The address is 5655 East River Road, Suite 131, Tucson, AZ 85750 and the phone number stays the same (520) 326-7847. DCO is on the east side of the River Center between a beauty shop and Japanese restaurant.

After Eric gets the shop settled in and has time for some planning he will be setting up another one of his famous shop days with speakers and lots of fun. Keep your eye on the newsletter so you don't miss that opportunity.

Eric tells me that the shop will carry technical apparel and will continue to provide free shipping on anything that you might want that isn't in the shop. They will also be stocking an increased supply of fly fishing and fly tying equipment and will remain Tucson's only Orvis dealer.

Eric is a long-time supporter of OPTU and we all need to be sure to support him. So get over to the "new and even better" DCO and buy some of those essential things you know you need (or at least want very much). *The Editor*



Clockwise from the top left - The River Center sign on Craycroft; the inside of the shop (peeking through the window); and the shop front with familiar signs.

YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT

Youth Activities have several functions under way. They involve finding schools where we will conduct Trout in the Classroom programs, going on a morning Aquatic Invertebrate Collection Outing with students from Sahuarita Middle School, for high school students teaching to tie basic fishing flies, and preparing to teach Boy Scouts fly-fishing merit badge requirements.

A mailing to about 220 Tucson elementary schools has gone out to invite educators to participate in Trout in the Classroom (TIC) programs during the 2012-13 school-year. A questionnaire was included in the mailing that will help our OPTU Board of Directors to select schools to award the Program/s. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer to assist with the TIC Program we may be able to select a school for you in your zip-code area with which to assist. Training, mentoring, and assistance will be provided by Joe Fagan.

The morning Aquatic Invertebrate Collection Outing with students from Sahuarita Middle School has been changed from Saturday, April 14, to Saturday, April 21. About 15 students in the Science Olympiad Program of teacher and OPTU member, Sue Simpson, will meet at the entrance of Madera Canyon where the fee-collection/entrance is located. We plan to meet there at 7:45 AM with Sue and parents in other vehicles. Then we will follow Sue to where she wants to collect. She is having a "ranger" friend check for us prior to our arrival where to go. The time allotted at Madera Canyon is 8:00 AM - noon. The group ought to be fairly easy to spot along the way especially if have our OPTU banner to hanging. It ought to be both fun and educational for everyone involved! Please contact Joe Fagan if you wish to participate.

OPTU member, Tom Hall, is a high school teacher of a small group of TUSD students. They have had some experience learning how to tie fishing flies with Joe Fagan, his wife Mary, and OPTU member Jim Martin. The students enjoyed the experience and subsequent fly-fishing experience immensely. Tom is requesting OPTU members to volunteer to teach his students again in early May before school lets out for the summer. His students used our crappie rods to fly-fish, Tenkara-style, at Kennedy Lake one rain-soaked morning. They managed to catch and release a couple bass. They hope to have a fly-fishing experience provided by OPTU members in late summer or early fall, after summer vacation. Contact Joe if you wish to volunteer to help teach the students in early May.

In preparation to teach Boy Scouts the requirements of fly-fishing merit badges, several members have become merit badge counselors with the Catalina Council, BSA. We plan to teach the requirements at BSA Camp Lawton in the Catalina Mountains during the week of July 9 - 13. The exact days, times, and topics to be taught have not yet been set. However, volunteers must be registered as merit badge counselors and certified "safe" with a 22-minute, on-line course. Several members are certified so far. We need about 5 more members to prepare to teach the Boy Scouts. Again, contact Joe Fagan if you wish to participate in this activity for boys.

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

Calendar

May 2: Regular meeting - Dave Brown - British Columbia fishing guide will speak on the amazing opportunities for fishing in BC - Viscount 6:30 pm

May 16: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, NEW LOCATION. Call Eric at 326-7847.

May 23: Board meeting at TBA - 6 pm.

Jun 6: Regular meeting - TBA - Viscount 6:30 pm

Jun 20: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, NEW LOCATION. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Jun 27: Board meeting at TBA - 6 pm.

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>

We don't have to travel far from Tucson to do good for the trout habitat - indirectly. Sincerely, *Joe Fagan*.

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is continuing to tie flies, build rods and take trips. This month we did two trips, one to Frey Mesa with OPTU and one to the White Mountains. See Joe's write up in the trips section to learn about the Frey Mesa trip and see Whiteys write up below to read about the trip to the White Mountains.

We are going to the Four Corners area from 19 April to 23 April to fish the San Juan and whatever other water is open. If you are interested in helping I still need a few volunteers to assist. Contact me if you are interested. In addition we will be doing another trip to the White Mountains from 28 Sep to 2 Oct and one to Durango from 16-21 September. Contact me if you are interested in helping out with these.

March 1st bright and early PHWFF volunteers Danny Hooper, Gary Locker, Joe Vitelli, former Marines Annie Margarita and Mike Hanon, and I left Tucson on our way for 4 days of fly fishing in the White Mountains. At this point we had a 3 vehicle caravan headed for Benson, AZ to be joined by Warriors D. J. Jones, Kalie Jones and Bill Shaffer. We now had a four vehicle caravan traveling through New Mexico towards Eager/Springerville AZ where we were to meet several AZG&F personnel and warrior Ed Anima and his mom Josie from Phoenix at 1 PM to fish Becker Lake.

The Tucson caravan arrived at 3:15 PM and is reduced to 3 vehicles. Annie's 2004 truck decided it was tired and wanted to return to Tucson and would go no further. Annie impressed all with her "Oh Well" attitude, what a trooper! The AZG&F group led by Mike Lopez and Kelly Meyer had four boats for PHWFF to use, but wind gusts at Becker reaching 40 MPH convinced us otherwise. We got everyone settled in at Reeds Motor Lodge and Eager Mayor Kim Holoway's vacation rental then barbecue and socializing were enjoyed by all.

On Day 2 we were at Wink Crigler's X Diamond Ranch. Still windy, but fish was caught by all. Annie was rewarded for her attitude by catching the largest rainbow. I am not sure but I believe D.J. caught the most fish. Dinner that evening was provided by the Safire Lounge in Springerville.

Day 3 we were joined by warrior Scott and his wife Susan Simmons from Phoenix, Emerson Craig and Merle Caddo from the White Mountain area. We were off to fish Silver Creek. The weather was great. I have no idea what AZG&F employee Ken McGown did to the fish at Silver Creek, but boy they were eager to eat when we arrived. Fish were caught by all averaging 16 to 20 inches. Susan, new to fly fishing, proved to be a fish magnet; way to go Susan. After a great day of fishing dinner was provided by Trailriders in Eager.

On day 4 before heading home we were again at Becker fishing off the dock. A few nice rainbows were caught in the 16 to 17 inch range.

This was a very enjoyable trip. A lot of fishing, a little story telling (some exaggeration) and good meals. Breakfast proved to be some of the best meals with everyone pitching in.

I would like to thank the AZG&F from Northern Arizona, Reed's Motor Lodge, Kim Haloway, Safire Lounge, Trailriders Restaurant, Emerson (Chief) Craig, Merle Caddo, Danny, Gary, and Joe for helping to make this a very successful trip. Pictures of this trip were provided by Joe Vitelle and combat photographer Kalie Jones. And finally, a special Thank You to the warriors. *Whitey Kuebler*

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

Arizona Game and Fish Department

NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release, April 16, 2012

Game and Fish Stocks Nearly 2,000 Fish to Pena Blanca Lake

NOGALES, Ariz. - The Arizona Game and Fish Department stocked a total of nearly 2,000 largemouth bass, redear and bluegill sunfish, and channel catfish Friday to Pena Blanca Lake, marking the beginning of an effort to reestablish those populations there following a dredging project by the U.S. Forest Service.

"Timing is everything when stocking fish, and the timing could not have been better in this case," said Fish Program Supervisor Don Mitchell of Game and Fish in Tucson. "It just so happens that the department is ready to begin the renovation of its Bubbling Pond warm water fish hatchery, and the current resident population of warm water fish had to be moved to facilitate the project. Luckily, we were first in line to receive these fish, and I think the anglers are going to be very excited about the quality of the fish we were able to stock."

The fish that were stocked today included several channel catfish weighing between 15 and 20 pounds each, largemouth bass of various sizes, and even a redear sunfish that may be a new state record. Game and Fish is reminding anglers that all largemouth bass caught there must be released alive immediately. This regulation change was made to allow for stocked fish to mature and reproduce, speeding up their re-establishment at Pena Blanca Lake.

"One of the major challenges with this project is balancing the needs of the angling public with that of native Chiricahua leopard frogs found in and around Pena Blanca Lake," said Regional Supervisor Raul Vega of Game and Fish in Tucson. "We are committed to protecting Chiricahua leopard frog populations, and it is imperative that American bullfrogs not become reestablished at the lake."

Game and Fish is taking steps to prevent bullfrog reestablishment there, and it is asking for the public's help as well. Suspected illegal stocking of any aquatic species to Pena Blanca Lake should be reported immediately to Operation Game Thief at 1-800-352-0700.

In addition, all health advisories against eating warm water fish caught at Pena Blanca Lake remain in effect. At present it is not known when those advisories will be lifted, and will be dependent upon decisions made by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

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FISH IN ALASKA THIS SEPTEMBER

Have you ever wanted to fish in Alaska? If so, consider joining John Murphy's annual trip there in September. Though designed as an educational meeting for physicians and pharmacists in addition to the fishing, OPTU members and their friends are welcome and have joined us in the past (and you don't have to join the education). Here are the details. A weeklong Lodge package will be from September 8 to 14 or 15 to 21, 2012. The rate for a single week will be \$3795 plus \$150 for a plane shuttle from the Kenai airport to Anchorage at the end of the stay (total of \$3945). This is approximately 10% off the usual price. For those who wish to come for more or less than one week, contact Great Alaska to determine the cost. Morning pick up in Anchorage for a scenic van ride to the Lodge will be at 7:45 am on September 8th or 15th and departure for the Kenai airport for return to Anchorage will be at 2:30 pm on the 14th or 21st. Contact John at 250-4083 if interested. Watch the trailer and my other YouTube videos if interested in what it is like.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH3Hs3tzp4o&list=UUU447p5-TJjIBoypkwmDOW&index=3&feature=plcp>

Tips and Tricks

Offset Hooks Catch More Fish

Here's a great tip. When tying a very small fly, slightly bend the hook point to the right or left. An offset hook will increase your number of hookups. Always bend the hook prior to tying the fly in case it breaks. This is also an excellent time to crimp the barb. *From the Rogue Angler website - by David Klausmeyer*

Tips from Field and Stream - 25 things to make you a better fly angler: [http://www.fieldandstream.com/blogs/flytalk/2012/03/25-things-make-you-better-fly-angler?](http://www.fieldandstream.com/blogs/flytalk/2012/03/25-things-make-you-better-fly-angler?cmpid=enews030212&spPodID=020&spMailingID=4423370&spUserID=MTcxODkxODQiNDMSi&spJobID=264643744&spReportId=MjY0NjQzNzQ0So)

<http://www.fieldandstream.com/blogs/flytalk/2012/03/25-things-make-you-better-fly-angler?cmpid=enews030212&spPodID=020&spMailingID=4423370&spUserID=MTcxODkxODQiNDMSi&spJobID=264643744&spReportId=MjY0NjQzNzQ0So>

FISHING REPORTS

This is very cool.

Arizona Game and Fish Department

NEWS RELEASE

March 29, 2012

Summer trout stocking schedule goes hi-tech

PHOENIX – Ever wondered where the feisty rainbow trout are stocked along Christopher Creek or Tonto Creek by the Arizona Game and Fish Department? Well, just [click here](#).

Thanks to a new hi-tech online interactive trout stocking schedule just released by Arizona Game and Fish, you can now find out where trout are stocked, especially along streams, and also see maps of the fisheries as well. The full address is: http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_f/fishing/stocking/2012SumTroutStockSchedule.pdf "Anglers routinely call asking 'where do you stock trout' at one water or another, especially the streams. This interactive stocking schedule goes a long way toward answering that question," said Scott Gurtin, the hatcheries program manager for Game and Fish.

The map was Scott's brain child. "Another cool feature is you can enter your starting address and have Google maps show you the way to the fishing spot," Gurtin said.

So not only does the spring-summer trout stocking season kick into gear the first week of April, it's easier than ever to find out where the fisheries are located, how to get to them, and when feasible, know when and where the trout are stocked.

It's time to get your trout fishing gear ready because this is the leading edge of the great spring fishing.

"To me, it's pretty exciting. Today's technological advances and applications such as Google maps allow us to better serve our angling customers," Gurtin said. "Be sure to get your 2012 fishing license."

There is also a new interactive online fishing map available at <http://gis.azgfd.gov/fishandboat> to make it even easier to gather information about fishing locations, and to travel to them.

Don't forget that you can also sign up at www.azgfd.gov to have the [weekly fishing report](#) delivered directly to your computer, smart phone or other e-mail-friendly device.

Go catch some memories!

QUOTES AND JOKES

I never lost a little fish - Yes, I am free to say. It always was the biggest fish I caught, that got away.
-Eugene Field (1850-1895)

FOR SALE

Everyone is keeping their stuff.

OPTU BOARD MINUTES

OPTU MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 28, 2012

ATTENDEES

Mike Mehrer, President

Steve Reiter, Mtgs. Coordinator

Mick Fletcher, PR (AZTU Chair)

Joe Fagan, Youth Activities

Robin Marsett, PHWFF

Roseann Marsett, Conservation

Joe Vitelli, Outings Coordinator

Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary

Nan Phillips, Membership

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Joe Fagan reported that he was preparing a letter to the educators regarding next year's Trout in the Classroom program. Discussion was held as to which schools should be notified and how OPTU would chose the schools. Joe indicated that he would be able to handle two schools at any one time.

It was decided that Joe Fagan would prepare a letter to be sent out to all Tucson schools with the emphasis on elementary schools. Roseann advised that she would talk to the principal at Collier School. Further discussion ensued as to who would volunteer to help Joe and the board suggested that once two schools were chosen, perhaps we could call on OPTU members who are within those zip codes.

MEMBERSHIP

Roseann indicated that the national chapter's initiative would be to strengthen leadership through membership. She recommended that we would send a welcome letter to new members, perhaps assign a board member to a new person which would include calling the new member before the next member meeting, and introduce the new member at the meeting and have them do a short intro about themselves.

Roseann suggested that since TU's primary mission was conservation, we should have a short 2-3 minute presentation on conservation at every member meeting. Perhaps also have each meeting sponsored by a local business and have that business donate an item for the raffle.

Board members went on to discuss OPTU patches and shirts as fundraiser for the Chapter. Kathleen V. reported that a patch company was chosen and the patch price would be \$1.15 per patch. The set-up is free. The total cost with shipping would be \$240.00. She suggested that we could charge perhaps \$3.00 per patch and that a patch should be send along with a welcome letter to all new members. A motion was made by Joe V to approve this expenditure and was seconded by Joe Fagan. Patches should be available at the May member meeting.

Joe Vitelli reported that he would be working with company Awards to Go located in Tucson to order tee shirts and 3-button short sleeve polo shirts. The tee-shirts would be a beige color and the polo shirts would be a sage green. The OPTU logo would be embroidered on each shirt. Pursuant to previously voted on amount, the initial expenditure will be \$500.00.

Discussion continued about business cards for board members with perhaps members names and email addresses on the back. Nan prepared business cards for Mike and will look into that.

Kathleen stated that she would do a monthly check of the OPTU member roster which would indicate new members each month. She will be responsible for getting out a new member letter and patch.

MEETINGS COORDINATOR REPORT

Steve discussed Jack Dennis' presentation at the last member meeting. He reported that Jack took ill the following morning and was hospitalized and diagnosed with a heart ailment. Steve reported that there was no raffle at this meeting because members were busy with Jack. Also, the crowd was not as large as anticipated. Steve reported that Jerome Gallegos will be speaking at the April meeting and Dave Brown was scheduled for the May meeting. Steve preliminary indicated that perhaps he could have Pete Nicastro speak at June's meeting.

There would be no meetings in July and August. Steve would be working on a speaker for September and October's meeting would welcome back Jason and Mike form AZGFD for a follow-up on the health of the White Mountains since the Wallow fire.

Robin M indicated that perhaps he could speak with Ty Churchwell for an upcoming meeting. He could discuss hydrology issues and mining in Colorado. Mike M. would check on availability of speakers from the National TU Office.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVES

Nan reported that due to her work schedule and teaching schedule it has been difficult for her to manage additional duties as Women's Initiatives Coordinator. She has not scheduled a women's fly casting clinic as she is awaiting a call back from last years instructors. Nan also indicated that the location of the board and member meetings were making it difficult for her to attend as well since she lives in Marana.

Roseann proposed we research teleconferencing especially for members who have to travel long distances. The board suggested Mike contact TU to see if they have a viable alternative along these lines. The board

discussed researching different venues for meetings which would be more centrally located. Nan and Mike will search for options.

Roseann indicated that she would research a casting clinic and would await to hear from Nan with respect to last years teachers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike Mehrer reported that due to some health issues and a prior family obligation, he would not attend the April member meeting. He designated Steve as the meeting coordinator. Mike also reported that he will not seek the President's seat after his term ends in December.

Mike reported that the yearly retirees trip would be scheduled for August 13 through the 25th, 2012 to the Elk River. The cost would be \$850.00 for boats. Airfare and hotel would be additional.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Roseann reminded everyone that a clean-up was scheduled for April 14th at Frye Mesa Reservoir. AZGFD approved the use of Cluff Ranch which is nearby and would be available for anyone wishing to stay overnight on the 13th. Kathleen indicated she would send a blast email via TU to all members.

PHWFF

Robin reported that the veterans finished fly rods would be turned in shortly for judging. The trip for the wounded warriors to the San Juan River is from 4/19 thru 4/23 and they will be housed in Durango. Jerome Gallegos will be supplying boats and guides for this trip.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mick F. indicated that there would be a native trout workshop held in Carefree, AZ on March 29th. The WMLF newsletter is out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Vitelli, OPTU Secretary



Gila Trout

DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS: NEWS AND BARGAINS

We have moved to the shopping center on the NE corner of River and Craycroft. This will allow many exciting new opportunities for the Dry Creek group and all of our wonderful friends and customers. More information to follow. Thanks for your support through the years. It is sincerely appreciated. Call Eric or Whitey at 326-7847 for information or drop by and see the new products. Best regards, *Eric Loeffler*

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.

Resort Timeshare - Anywhere in US - One week in 1 to 4 bedroom suite depending on site before May 31st - \$400/week depending on availability. Call John at 520-250-4083.



Vermillion Flycatcher and beautiful view at Cluff Ranch

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:

"Catfishing" <http://www.fieldandstream.com/blogs/flytalk/2011/07/fly-fishing-cats-and-other-odities#comment-722714>

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.lrcctu.org/movies/TheWayofaTrout/>

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

Alaska 2011 "Murphy Trip" Trailer <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qH3Hs3tZp40> See what you can do with iMovie trailers - pretty fun.

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>

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

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