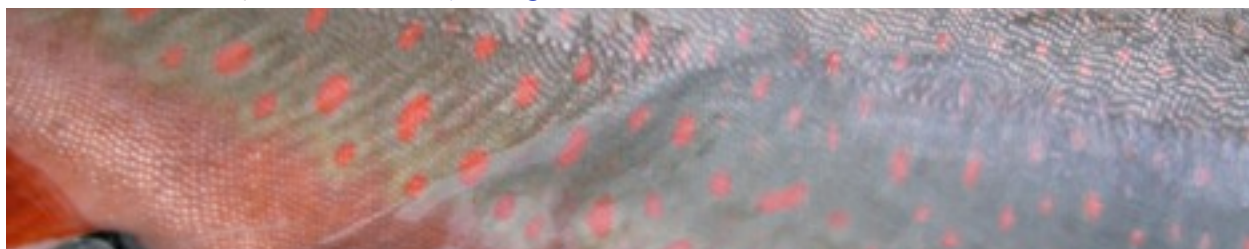


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Anglers:

We will soon – too soon! – hear the unmistakable sound of the ice breaking on the Santa Cruz. For anyone who is a recent transplant to Tucson, the ice breaks on the Santa Cruz on the first 100-degree day of the year. :-) By the next day folks will be trying to figure out how to stay cool for the next 4 months or so. You can always take the easy and boring way out by staying inside under your cooler or air conditioner, complain about the heat, and count the days until October. Or, you could venture out long enough to get to the nearest mall, take advantage of free air conditioning, and hang out in the food court with a good book and a bottomless cup of your favorite cold beverage. You can also drive up Mt. Lemmon and try your luck on the stocked fish at Rose Canyon Lake (get there either very early or stay very late to avoid the crowds) or find a tall pine tree - there are still quite a few left - spread a blanket and enjoy the outdoors with your family or friends. Perhaps you plan to travel to one of the destinations you heard about at one of the monthly meetings – Northern New Mexico, Lees Ferry, the Mogollon Rim, Southern Colorado, or Utah. However you choose to spend your summer, I hope to see you again in September, well-rested, well-hydrated, with a new bunch of fish tales and the pictures to prove them!

Our speaker for the May 1st meeting is Dan Tuttle, a resident of Sierra Vista and a member of the San Pedro Fly Casters. His presentation will cover fly fishing in the lakes and moving waters near Boulder, UT. The Boulder Mountain and Aquarius Plateau is a 1500 square-mile area in south-central Utah that has a number of prime fishing spots and some magnificent southwestern scenery, all within a day's drive of Tucson. Some of the lakes are known for large (5-6 pound) brook trout and tiger trout. Other waters have different varieties of cutthroat trout, as well as rainbows and browns. His program will look at 4 lakes and one stream within a short drive of the town of Boulder, UT.

We will not have regular monthly meetings in June, July, or August. See you again on Wednesday, September 4 at the Viscount Suites.

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.”

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

CONSERVATION NEWS

Nothing to report.

YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT

by Joe Fagan

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



Robin Marsett, Leader for PHW, is seeking a replacement for these activities as of January. Please contact him if you are interested.

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

Fun facts about WD-40 <http://wd40.com/about-us/myths-legends-fun-facts/>

FISHING REPORTS

I was at Parker Canyon yesterday fishing for trout with two of my grandsons. We caught 10 to 12 inch trout deep on powerbait and brought some home to eat. When I was cleaning them, I noticed that they were full of size 16 to 20 midge pupa of all colors: grey-black, mahogany, green, black, chocolate brown, etc. Most of them were shiny, so I expect disco midges, bead heads or flies ribbed with crystal flash would be in order. They were still viable and wriggling when I dumped them into a glass of water to get a better look. I'm going to try to get back out there soon with my fly rod to see what works, although they were in deep water that might be difficult to flyfish.

I don't think the bluegill, etc. have gotten started yet, but I'll try to get back into the upper arm the next time I go to check that out. *Jack Williams*



Arizona Game and Fish Interactive Stocking Schedule

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

QUOTES AND JOKES

Nine times out of ten it's the folks more than the fish that define the character of a trip.... *John Gierach*

FOR SALE

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

OPTU BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 3, 2013

ATTENDEES:

Steve Reiter, President	Roseann Marsett, Conservation/Womens
Vaughn Johnson, Vice President	Robin Marsett, PHWFF
Joe Fagan, Youth Activities	Joe Vitelli, Outings
Mick Fletcher, AZTU Chair	Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m and was held at the Viscount Suites Hotel.

WOMEN'S INITIATIVES/CONSERVATION

Roseann reported that the upcoming women's fly casting clinic scheduled for the weekend of April 6, 2013 was almost full, two openings still available.

Frye Mesa Reservoir conservation outing will be held on Saturday, April 13th, and this will not be an overnight event as originally planned. The schedule is to meet at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m., conduct the cleanup and get some fishing time in for Gila Trout. AZGFD representatives will be on hand to collect data from fish that are caught at the reservoir. The second conservation event is planned for early May or possibly June at the West Fork to check the temperature loggers.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Joe Fagan reported on the details of the storage facility he was approved to rent to store his TIC equipment. He will get a second key which will be given to Steve. The unit will cost approximately \$43.00/month. Steve will be putting OPTU rods/reels and other equipment in the storage unit as well. Joe reported that we need to find a second school for Trout in the Classroom. It was suggested that he go through previous mailed responses. He indicated there will be little or no expenditures for the second school. Joe has several TU members trained to help. The current school, Desert Sky, which has had the program this year has about 20 fish left. Joe does not know if they are performing the appropriate testing.

There will be a boy scout merit badge for fly fishing this year which will coincide with the scouts camping on Mount Lemmon from July 8th through July 12th. Joe will need help from OPTU members to assist them in tying flies, catching two different types of fish and casting.

PHWFF

Robin indicated that as of January 2014, he will be stepping down from Project Healing Waters and will be looking for someone to take his place. As the wars have wound down, the WT unit at Fort Huachuca has been closed.

OUTINGS

Joe reported a successful White Mountains trip at the X-Diamond Ranch in Eager. Although the weather was quite chilly and extremely windy conditions were in place, all had a good time. The budget allotment was sufficient.

Joe indicated that he will be looking into the Utah trip in early November as previously approved the Board (\$2500). Vaughn indicated he would be up there in May. Joe suggested that he might want to help put this trip together. This trip will be limited to 10 attendees, with several slots for PHWFF members.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Steve reminded Board members that the Native Trout workshop will be held in Phoenix on April 18, 2013. Anyone wishing to attend must RSVP. Steve and Mick will be attending.

Steve has arranged a photo workshop for interested OPTU members with photographer, Alex Landeen on May 4, 2013. The cost of the workshop will be \$65pp. It will have a short classroom instruction, then a field trip to an outdoor location for picture taking and then a return to classroom for viewing and critique. A preliminary blast email will be sent out by Kathleen. The venue is still to be determined.

Steve has arranged for Dave Tuttle from Sierra Vista to do a presentation for the May meeting on fishing the boulder area of Utah.

Steve indicated that we should begin preparing for next year's banquet this summer by gathering donations for the raffles and auctions. There was some discussion about entertainment/music. We still have not decided where it will be held and several Board members will be contacting venues for prices and availability. We determined that the banquet should be held in March, which is a bit less busy time in Tucson, and it should be the first or second Saturday.

Steve indicated that the OPTU non-profit mailing has been revoked for non-use. We will not renew at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 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.

Calendar

May 1: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Dave Tuttle from Sierra Vista will do a presentation on fishing the boulder area of Utah.

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

Jun 5: No regular meeting till September. Go fishing.

Jun 19: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Jun 26: BOARD MEETING

RANDOM PHOTOS



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=MjEzNjQxODg1So)

<http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmpid=enews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSi&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODg1So>

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>

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<http://youtu.be/CwFry99OhqE>

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/eddie/Subscribe/Subs.cfm>