

OPTU NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Anglers;

The September speaker is Ben Smith, who lives right outside Phoenix. He is a junior high social studies and science teacher in the Peoria school district. On the internet, you can find much more about Ben and his adventures at www.azwanderings.com.

The topic of Ben's presentation will be tackle, techniques, and places to fish for "golden bonefish", otherwise known as carp. Fishing for carp has become increasingly popular, to the extent that such legends in the fishing world as Dave Whitlock have written articles and books on the subject. Carp grow large, are widely available, difficult to hook and can be hard to land. There are a number of urban ponds and lakes in the Phoenix area that have carp, so a day trip is much more doable than a trip to the White Mountains for smallish trout.

Please join us for what promises to be an informative presentation on an unusual topic." Hope to see you Wednesday, September 5, at our next regular meeting.

Best Regards,
Steve Reiter, OPTU President

OPTU will **NOT meet** in August. We hope to see everybody - as well as some new faces - at our September meeting - speaker TBA next month. Watch the newsletter for details ...

CONSERVATION NEWS

Julie Carter from Arizona Game and Fish spoke to our General Meeting in June to inform us about Arizona Partnership Waters and the role OPTU can play. The purpose of Partnership Waters is to define projects with mutually beneficial goals for the AZGFD, chapters, agencies, and others - projects that will benefit fishery resources, facilitate partnerships, meet AZGFD fisheries management goals, meet angling chapter's missions and goals and one which meet other agency and organization goals whenever possible. To serve these

requirements OPTU will be assisting AZFGD with the monitoring of their Temp Loggers in the West Fork of the Black River, providing photographs, assisting with signage at barriers and campgrounds and in the future assisting in barrier and restoration projects. The complete brief is available on our OPTU website under Conservation.

Please contact Roseann Marsett at rzann@comcast.net if you have any questions or want to volunteer. Our projects will begin in the fall.

This might be a good link for the Newsletter. *Joe Fagan*

http://bittman.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/06/29/rainbow-trout-both-rare-and-ubiquitous/?nl=opinion&emc=tyb2_20120702



YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT

The first of two training sessions for Trout in the Classroom (TIC) for educators at Desert Sky Community School was held on August 15th. Only one of the three teachers was able to attend, but three volunteers (Kathleen Sullivan, Don Baer, and Ryan Kenny) from our OPTU membership attended. The second training session, still to be scheduled, will focus on setting up the 55 gallon aquarium for raising rainbow trout.

Three educators at the second school, Rivera Elementary School, will have their training at a later date, possibly in September.

I have been invited to be a member of the Camping Committee for the Catalina Counsel of the Boy Scouts of America. They wish to have me be an advisor for doing Fishing Programs during Scout Camps at Camp Lawton and other Scouting Activities, including working on Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badges. Their meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, which fits in nicely with all of our OPTU Wednesday meetings.

We are always open to having OPTU members volunteer for Youth Activities. As projects materialize members will be notified. Our active, current project is Trout in the Classroom.

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>

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. We will be doing another trip one to Durango from 16-21 September and to the White Mountains from 28 Sep to 2 Oct. Contact me if you are interested in helping out with these.

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

Watch for upcoming trips

DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS: NEWS AND BARGAINS

Come in and check out the Rio Extreme Tippet... 5x has a breaking strength of 10 lbs., 4x diameter is 15 lbs. and 3x gives you a 20 lb breaking strength!! This tippet is great for fishing deep in the white mountain lakes.

Also, try the new Trout Shock Gum and Nymph Shock products from Rio. These highly elastic materials are designed to be attached between the fly line and the leader and will provide ultimate tippet protection when using fast action fly rods or... for those of us who strike a bit too hard.

Our fly selection is strong. In addition to having most of the core patterns available, we have the following patterns on hand for your fly fishing pleasure...

- Diamond hair minnow in several colors
- Several damsel nymph patterns
- Simi Seal Leeches
- Several scud patterns for Lee's Ferry
- Zebra Midges
- Tiny midges and mayfly emergers for the San Juan
- Shane Stalcup's foam hopper
- Umpqua Swimming Frog (deer hair)

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.

New products offered at Dry Creek Outfitters. We recently became an authorized dealer for Hardy & Greys fly rods. The new Hardy Zenith and Proaxis fly rods have received high praise from many in the industry including famed tarpon hunter, Andy Mill. Additional brands now available through Dry Creek are Lamson/Waterworks fly reels, Loomis fly rods and accessories and R.L. Winston fly rods.

Still available - Dry Creek's **Montana trip in September:**

Sept. 15 - Sept. 20, 4 days drift boat fly fishing, 5 nights meals and ground transportation included.

Yellowstone and Madison rivers

\$1587 per person, double occupancy

We also have a San Juan trip from October 17th - October 21st.

Call Eric & Whitey at 326-7847 for details.

Dry Creek is now residing at the River Center mall on the NE corner of River and Craycroft and is 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 get your purchases in on the other six days. 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

The right way to hold fish for pictures:

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

FISHING REPORTS

No report submitted.

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 is keeping their stuff.

OPTU BOARD MINUTES

Not available at this time.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Vitelli, OPTU secretary

FORRENT

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

Sep 5: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm. Speaker is Ben Smith of Phoenix who will talk about stalking the elusive carp.

Sep 19: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, NEW LOCATION. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Sep 26: Board meeting at TBA - 6 pm.

Oct 3: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm. Speaker TBA.

Oct 17: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, NEW LOCATION. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Oct 24: Board meeting at TBA - 6 pm.

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.lrcu.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.

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

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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

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/eddiess/Subscribe/Subs.cfm>