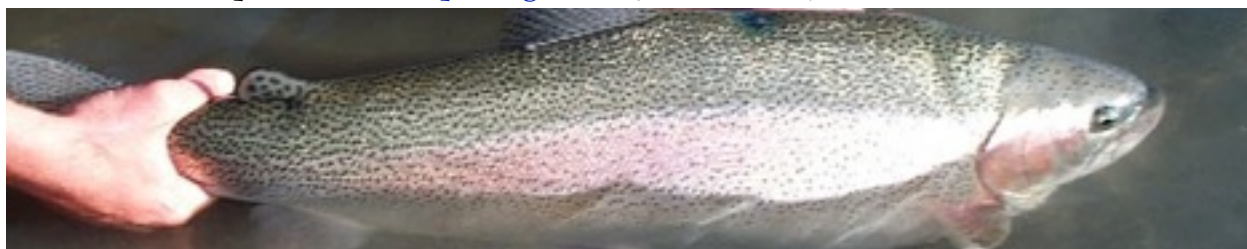


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers

Welcome back from our summer hiatus. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and made some memories.

With only a couple of exceptions, Mother Nature has been good to us this year. We have had good rains in the mountains and only moderately uncomfortable temperatures in the lowlands. There have been a couple of wildfires, but I think property damage was minimal and, best of all, there was no loss of life. And, fishing in the White Mountains is as good or better now than it has been in a long time. I hope you have a chance to get outdoors a few more times before the summer and fall are over....

Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10 (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE FROM THE 1st WEDNESDAY TO THE 2nd WEDNESDAY FOR THIS MEETING) at the Viscount Suites hotel, 7:00 p.m., in the Bristol Room. The speaker will Jack Houck from the Orvis/Scottsdale store. He will reprise the talk he gave in April, 2013, about fly fishing the Mogollon Rim lakes, but will emphasize tackle and tactics for Fall fishing. I hope to see you there.

On a sad note, one of the founding members of our Chapter, Clay Evitts, passed away on July 18 following a series of strokes. Clay was very active in Chapter activities, from participation in many workdays on the West Fork of the Black River in the late 1980's and early 1990's, fly tying at the Lie and Tie sessions, and participant on several of the retiree fishing trips. A Celebration of Life will be held on August 27, 11:00 a.m., at the offices of Century 21, 1st American, 8830 E Speedway Blvd. Memorial contributions can be made to either TMC Hospice, 5301 E. Grant, 85712; or, Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, P.O. Box 26727, 85726-6727.

Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President



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.

TU.ORG WEBSITE UPGRADE FOR OPTU

The OPTU Chapter is currently working with TU National to add our information to the TU.org web site. The new TU site provides for user stream reports, Chapter event notifications, individual and group blogs and many others. Stop by the tu.org site, add your profile and start exploring, post your fish porn, trip information and anything fishing related to the Old Pueblo -- 531 group site. Roseann Marsett (rzann@comcast.net) and Kathleen Vitelli (kayceesgarden@att.com) welcome your participation. If you have any questions, problems or help with postings please let us know. We hope to have the transition completed by the end of the summer but we are up for your participation in the meantime.

Thanks,
Roseann Marsett

Calendar

SEP 10 (NOTE - second Wednesday):

Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. The speaker for the September meeting will be Jack Houck of the Orvis/Scottsdale store on flyfishing the Mogollon Rim lakes.

SEP 10 BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

SEP 24: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Youth Activities

Flowing Wells H.S. Agricultural Science will be doing TIC this school year. It will be started after Thanksgiving with setting up equipment before Winter Holidays and getting trout eggs afterwards. *Joe Fagan*

Conservation

The Conservation efforts are moving forward. We have efforts taking place in both the Chiricahua Mountains and the Pinaleno Mountains.

We will be placing temperature monitors in Cave Creek and Rucker Creek in the Chiricahua Mountains this fall. Cave Creek is being considered as a Gila Trout refuge and Rucker Creek is a possible site for Yaqui trout or Gila Trout. Monitoring of Frey Creek in the Pinalenos has found the Gila Trout doing well in spite of the extremely low water conditions after the poor snow pack from this past winter.

Two proposed regulation changes have been put before the Arizona Game and Fish Commission that have an impact on the trout populations of the Pinalenos and local fishing opportunities. It is being proposed that Frey Creek be opened to fishing with the following limitations: Season from 1 Oct to 31 March annually, catch and release, single hook, barbless, artificial only. The other proposed change is for Grant Creek. It is as follows: Catch and release, single hook, barbless, artificial only. The final decision on these changes will be made at the meeting on 5, 6 September and if approved they will probably be implemented in January 2015. *Robin Marsett*



San Juan Trips Past



PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



The program is led by Captain Chris Allen of Sierra Vista and Major Mario Bracamonte of Tucson. Please give them your support as they continue the good work.

Project Healing Waters continues to be active in Southeast Arizona. We just returned from a two week trip to Lake Creek and Tangle Lakes, Alaska where we fished for Grayling, Pike, Rainbows and Lake Trout on the lakes, in the rivers, and the tributary streams.

There were eight troops, old and young, and one helper on this trip. Everyone caught tons of fish with 100 fish days not uncommon. We also were treated to a tour of a Sockeye Salmon hatchery that produces 36 million fish per year for the commercial and sport fishing communities.

Charles and Mary Keeter of Three Rivers Lodge at Lake Creek hosted some of us for a week generously donating lodging, meals and boats. The rest of the party joined us at Tangle Lakes for week at Tangle River Inn. Jack and Naidine Johnson, along with their staff were more than generous providing a memorable experience for the troops. *Robin Marsett*

Stogies and Salmon



Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

13th Annual San Juan Trip

Dates will be Sunday April 13 to Friday April 18, 2015. If you are interested the cost should be about \$450 for all food, travel, and fun. Contact the editor at jemurphy51@me.com to sign up. Trip is limited to 9 people. Money won't be due till about December.

OPTU FISHING OUTING

LEE'S FERRY, AZ - MARCH 23 - 26, 2015

Once again we are very excited to announce the 2015 OPTU fishing outing will again be held at Lee's Ferry, Arizona.

We had a great time at Lee's Ferry this past March.....the wild Rainbow trout were in full spawn, showing off their beautiful color and aggressively hitting our lines.

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 the Glen Canyon Dam to the upper end of the Grand Canyon. The scenery is breathtaking and just enhances the view while fishing. There 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. They will provide the boats which will allow us to fish the entire stretch of the Colorado River in this area.

We will be staying at the Cliff Dweller's Lodge at the base of the Vermillion Cliffs. The lodge was built in the 1950's and was purchased by the Gunn's in 2001 and has since been renovated.

We estimate the cost of the trip will be \$650 per person. The following will be included in the price: three nights lodging at Cliff Dwellers; two full days of guided fly fishing on the river; tips for all guides and lunch will be provided on fishing days.

Unlike last year, OPTU will not be providing transportation. If you reserve a spot for this trip, please indicate whether you would be able to drive...this will help us organize car pooling so gas costs can be shared. Attendees will also be responsible for paying for their own breakfast and dinner which will be at Cliff Dweller's Lodge restaurant. Also, if your guide provides you with flies during guided fishing, you will be responsible to that guide for reimbursement.

Please note: spots are limited so we will reserve them on a first come, first serve basis.....you must send me an email to reserve a spot at kayceesgarden@att.net. Upon reserving your spot, a \$100 deposit will be required by our OPTU November member's meeting which will be November 5th. The balance of the payment will be due by our January 2015 meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you via email. If you have any questions, you can also reach me on my cell phone, 570-762-2020. For those of you who attend our OPTU meetings, I will not be back in Tucson until the October 2014 meeting.

Joseph Vitelli
OPTU Outings Coordinator

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

Let the editor know if you have things to sell.

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. \$600 per week or \$100/night - plus housecleaning fee. Extra beyond 4 guests. Call John at 520-250-4083 if interested in checking it out.

Arizona Game and Fish Interactive Stocking Schedule

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

QUOTES AND JOKES

HOW TO STAY YOUNG – by George Carlin

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.' And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

FISHING REPORTS

New Zealand July 2014

July 3 – Flew to LAX for the departure to Auckland. The 4th of July was missed due to passing over the International Date Line. Arrived in Auckland at 5:45 am on Saturday July 5, gathered bags, and had waders and boots taken for a detailed washing. Remember in the future that they must be scrubbed immaculately clean to be able to get through without being taken for 20 minutes or so – no dust at all and certainly no dirt. Walked to Ace Rental in a light mist and pick up rental car for the week. Drove to central Auckland and the Quest Hotel on Queen's Street (about 1 block from the University of Otago Auckland Centre where my class is held) where I checked in, took a quick shower, and headed over to the Centre to start class.

July 6 – Sunday: My workshop was today from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm then it was off to the 4 hour drive to Turangi. Had my first meat pie on the way down, perhaps the best ever, at a coffee shop on 27 (the new way to go to Turangi instead of Highway 1 all the way). I think the brand was Oxford, which I have never seen before. Passed through Taupo in an attempt to get a fishing license but wasn't able to find one till a little shop just before Turangi. Arrived at The Tongariro River Motel about 5 pm, checked in with Ross and Pip Baker, and went to the grocery for supplies. Grabbed a whopper from BK, though US fast food something I try to avoid at home and here especially, but was easy and I was tired. Received a call from Pip about dinner the next night at 6 pm and accepted without question.

The Tongariro has been famous for a long time with a number of English royals taking a turn at the big fish (e.g., the Duchess pool where the Duchess of York fished in the 30s). Zane Gray used to camp here and wrote about his times on the river. Historically it was quite common to catch a stringer full of 10+ lb rainbows and browns. I heard that the English royals originally imported the fish from Sacramento, California. Trout have definitely taken hold in New Zealand and thrive.

July 7 – Monday: Arrived at the Bridge Pool on the Tongariro in the dark at 7 am to only a small contingent of anglers. One person was leaving when I arrived with their limit of 3 fish. For me the fish definitely won the day today with only 3 landed of 9 hooked, but they all fought well and I am happy to have a hook up any time over just flogging the water. One fish landed was a brown in the 5 - 6 lb. range. Was using my 12'6" switch rod on this day and it pretty much ruined my wrist for the rest of the week. Went home and rigged up the 10' Sage 7 weight, which was still too heavy. I'll bring 8 weight X12s from now on, which are also easier to pack. I fished all day except for a quick trip to get a meat pie in the village. Dinner at 6 pm hosted by Ross and Pip included a variety of Chinese dishes from the local restaurant and takeaway. Quite good. Two Canadians in for a fishing visit on their way to Australia and three Kiwis were also part of the very nice evening. Under the sheets and out like a light by 8 pm.

July 8 – Tuesday: There hasn't been rain in about a week and the fish appear to be slowing a bit in their interest in coming upstream from Lake Taupo to spawn. Last year in comparison I was routinely getting more than 12 and up to 18 hookups in a day. On this day I managed 5 landed of 8 hooked so doing better on the landing anyway. Got two browns today and one was a big one; all the rest were rainbows. Had Chinese again tonight (Satay chicken with loads of veggies but not much chicken) for supper and early to bed. Early mornings (waking at 4 to 4:30 am) are consumed with breakfast, email, and other work.

July 9 – Wednesday: Met Jean-Pierre Capotorto, a French expat who has been living in Australia for the last 30 years. He has become passionate about fly-fishing the Tongariro area and may even buy a house to spend half his time there. He was staying at the Sportsman's Lodge. We talked about fishing through the day while banging it at the Bridge pool. Managed 8 of 12 today. Virtually all fish are at least two pounds and quite a few come close to 4 pounds. A 10 lb. brown was reportedly caught today about a quarter mile downstream. Wish I had been the one accomplishing that feat.

July 10 – Thursday: Today I started at the Bridge and the morning was fairly slow, landing 2 of 4 hooked between about 7 am and 10 am. Took a break at 10 am with an appointment to take Jean upstream to the Duchess Pool at noon. The Duchess was recommended by Ross as potentially being stacked with fish. Very pretty setting and I landed 2 of 2 there, though no other luck beyond those despite trying for a couple of hours. Headed back to end the afternoon at the Bridge Pool and caught a big brown (estimated about 6 lbs) to take back to Ross. Overall about 6 landed for 8 hooked today.

July 11 – Friday: Had a 4 am conference call to Tucson this morning for an hour and a half. Headed to the Bridge Pool at 6:45 am. Today was the highest output for number hooked with 8 landed of 13 hooked. Brought two nice fish home to Ross today, as he apparently likes to keep the freezer stocked with some fish to give to anglers that get blanked and want something to bring home. Went over to the Sportsman's Lodge this evening where Jean treated me to a couple of Speights and we talked about fishing with some of the other guests (and NZ politics/social issues) for a couple of hours. Back to TRM for another early night to bed after a little television. Had to get in some rugby and programming that we just don't get to see. I stay away from US programming as I can see that anytime.

July 12 – Saturday: On this day I decided to start earlier since the trip to Auckland was due to begin about noon. It had finally started raining the night before, which is a signal for the fish to start moving upriver. Sadly it started right when I was leaving, but that is the way fishing is sometimes. I arrived at the Bridge Pool at 6:30 am in the rain only to find the banks pretty well packed with anglers on river left. On the island side (river right) only Jean-Pierre was fishing so I joined him and fished the upper part while he took the middle stretch. Jean gave me a thumb up on arrival indicating he had been successful. In fact, he had 10 fish between 5 am and my arrival at 6:30 am. After hooking and landing a couple at the top end and fighting a lot of competition from the other side of the river, I moved about 40 or 50 feet below Jean and started hammering fish. As it had started slowing for the local Maori men and boys on the other side (all excellent anglers that typically kill every fish they hook – even beyond the limit – but that's another story), I could tell they were wondering what was happening on my side. In the end I had 7 landed of 12 hooked in four hours that included a 6-7 lb brown and about a 4 lb rainbow. All in all an exceptional day. After cleaning up and packing I grabbed a meat pie for the road in town and spent the next four hours driving in the rain up to Auckland for my Air New Zealand flight to LAX, then Phoenix, then Tucson.

Overall 37 landed of 62 hooked in 5½ days. Many of the fish had their way with me on this trip. But when they are big and the drifts long, that will happen. Also, I think bead fishing does have some tendency to not hook the fish as well as nymphs that they are swallowing (OK its an excuse, but...). *The editor*



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?cmsgid=enews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODg1So)

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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>

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>

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

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