

OPTU NEWS

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<http://youtu.be/CwF1y99OhqE>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Anglers;

It is the first day of Autumn, the favorite time of the year for many Arizonans. Although it is still pretty warm, the end of a long and hot summer is in sight. It is time to start thinking about fishing places in Arizona.

Silver Creek will be catch and release only from October 1 until mid-April. AZG&F will be releasing some of the Apache Trout brood stock into the upper portion of Silver Creek. These can be very large and are usually difficult to catch. But if you do, it will be a memorable experience.

Lee's Ferry fishes well all year long, but the canyon can be mighty toasty in the summer. Many people wait until late-fall and winter to fish there when the air temperature is more comfortable. To that end, our October 3 meeting speaker will be Capt. Jared Nelson from Lee's Ferry Anglers. His presentation will cover both the upriver portion of the Ferry, and also the walk-in section.

NOTE: The Dept. of the Interior plans a high-flow event starting in early November. Exact start date and duration are not yet set, but the flow rates will be at least 37,000 cfs and could be as high as 40,800 cfs. The intent is to move some of the sand accumulated at the Paria River junction farther downstream to rebuild sandbars. More information may be available at the Oct. 3 meeting.

Deadhorse Ranch State Park (Cottonwood) and Oak Creek Canyon are both reachable within a few hours drive of Tucson. DRSP has a couple of lakes that are stocked with trout, probably starting in November. There is an entry fee at DRSP, and you will need an AZ fishing license, not just an urban license to fish there. Oak Creek always has brown trout and stocked rainbows, but much more enjoyable in the fall and early winter as the summer crowds are gone.

Urban Lakes will get their first stockings of trout starting in mid-November. Sahuarita Lake seems particularly popular with the fly fishing folks.

Rose Canyon campground will be closing soon, if not already, so access to the lake will be limited to those rugged individuals willing to hike the 2 miles, plus or minus, to wet at line. Expect to have very little company if you make the trip.

Tight lines to all. I hope to see you at the October meeting, Wed., Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m., at the Viscount Suites, Broadway at Arcadia.

Best Regards,
Steve Reiter, OPTU President



CONSERVATION NEWS

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

YOUTH ACTIVITY REPORT

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*

Joe Fagan posted a nice link on our Facebook page to a blog about **fly fishing etiquette**. Worth a read though I know all of you already know better. You may have to copy and paste the link because I couldn't make it work correctly.

<http://www.fieldandstream.com/blogs/flytalk/2012/09/don't-be-guy-guide-good-fly-fishing-etiquette?>

Also a nice article about OPTU member **Alex Landeen**

<http://www.fieldandstream.com/blogs/flytalk/2012/09/fishing-and-gun-photography-not-bad-way-make-living>

Here's another nice one Joe Fagan found on redfish and other species in Louisiana. I fished with Capt. Dini last December and had a great time (not as epic as this video but plenty of fun).

<http://vimeo.com/49735462>



PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is continuing to tie flies, build rods and take trips. Contact me if you are interested in helping out with these. *Robin Marsett*

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

Watch for upcoming trips

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.

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.

We have a San Juan trip from October 17th - October 21st. Call Eric & Whitey at 326-7847 for details.

Dry Creek resides at the River Center mall; NE corner of River and Craycroft and is open **Tuesdays through Sundays** from 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 is *closed Mondays*. 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

The Alaska trip this year yielded somewhat slower fishing than usual though Steve Hanks had a great day of steelheading with 12 hookups and 8 landed. We had a few days of limits on silvers but the river was just a bit low and the trout species a bit overfed some of the days. A little rain on the next-to-last turned turned the rainbows and dollys back on though and Steve and I (the last holdouts of the group) had an amazing morning catching big ones. Cullen told me that it rained the next few days after we left and the Kenai is currently at flood stage. He said pink salmon were spawning in the parking lot at the lodge where he worked. Obviously not a good thing though there are certainly a gazillion other pinks available to spawn in

the appropriate places. John took the lead in the annual Moosequitos pool tournament over Steve this year. We missed lingerie night at the Moose (thank goodness - those of you who have been before will understand why). A few pictures follow.



Steve Murphy's nice steelhead



A little steelie for me



Steve H's monster of the trip



Dan's whopper dolly



A nice steelhead for Steve



Pinks spawning in the flooded parking lot

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.

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

Oct 3: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Capt. Jared Nelson from Lee's Ferry Anglers. His presentation will cover both the upriver portion of the Ferry, and also the walk-in section.

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

Oct 24: Board meeting at TBA - 6 pm.

Nov 7: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker TBA.

Nov 21: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Nov 28: 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.

<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>

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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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>