

OPTU NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Anglers:

It looks like our long, hot, and dry summer is finally winding down. I hope you have some fall and early winter fishing planned, it's a perfect time of the year to enjoy the Arizona outdoors.

Our September meeting was pretty well attended. The speaker, Ben Smith, gave an informative and enjoyable presentation about fishing some of his favorite small streams in Arizona. The speaker for October is Dr. Scott Bonar, Unit Leader and Associate Professor, USGS Arizona Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Dr. Bonar will present his paper, "New Options for Managing Native Trout Habitat with Climate Change Implications". I hope you will be able to attend.

Just a quick word or two about our upcoming fundraising efforts: the biannual banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Tickets will be available at the monthly meetings or by contacting Vaughn Johnson by e-mail at vaughninaz@cox.net for cash or check payments; or at Dry Creek Outfitters where Eric will accept credit card payments in addition to cash and checks. Ticket cost is \$50 each until December 1st and \$55 each thereafter until the banquet. A separate fundraising event planned is the raffle of an Orvis Helios 2 10'-4 wt. rod complete with a Mirage II reel and Orvis Hydros WF4F trout line. From the current Orvis Catalog this complete outfit retails for \$1225. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold. Raffle tickets will be available at the monthly meeting (cash and check) and at Dry Creek (cash, check, and credit card). Cost of the tickets will be \$20 each, 3 for \$50. The winning ticket will be drawn at the banquet, earlier if all 300 tickets are sold before then. If you are unable to attend the banquet, please consider financially supporting OPTU by participating in the raffle.

Best Regards and Tight Lines...

Steve Reiter

From the Executive Suite,

Steve Reiter, OPTU President

BIANNUAL BANQUET - Important Date for Your Calendar

On March 8, 2014 the OPTU Banquet Fund Raiser will be held at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. This biannual event is very important to all of us because it provides the funds necessary to support all our programs, such as Trout in the Classroom, conservation projects, Project Healing Waters, fishing excursions and our monthly meetings. Your support means everything to us, so please plan to attend. The planning for the banquet is well underway and we believe this will be prove to be an excellent evening of fun, fellowship, opportunities to buy some great things, and the trading of fishing stories (or tall tales). We promise you won't be disappointed.

Tickets will go on sale in September. If you have any questions, want to volunteer, or want to donate in any way please send me an email at vaughninaz@cox.net and thanks for your time and continued support of OPTU.
Vaughn A. Johnson, VP and 2014 Chairman OPTU Banquet



WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

Nothing to report.

CONSERVATION NEWS

We will be doing another data collection in late October or early November. The Spring collection went well. With only 4-5 sites it doesn't require a lot of people but anywhere from 4 to 6 make the job much easier and a one day event. If you think you might like to help please contact Roseann or Robin Marsett at rzann@comcast.net or 520.760.1659

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



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing is undergoing some changes. Our focus in southern Arizona is shifting from active-duty troops to veterans, for whom we will continue to provide much-needed support.

Fort Huachuca was where we began the program here in southern Arizona and is where the great majority of our participants came from, including some that are with us still after separating from active service. With the drawdown of U.S. forces in combat operations the number of injured troops returning to Arizona has been greatly reduced, a goal we all looked forward to. As a result, the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) at Fort Huachuca has been deactivated, thus the change from Active-duty troops to veterans.

Because I have been at it now for nearly five years and have done what I set out to do by assisting injured troops returning home it is time for me to step down.

Starting on January 1st the program will be led by Captain Chris Allen of Sierra Vista and Major Mario Bracamonte of Tucson. They started as participants in the program and have now become the leaders. Please give them your support as they continue the good work.

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

None to note

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*

Tips and Tricks

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

FISHING REPORTS

Alaska Fishing Report – September 20-26, 2013

Eric Loeffler and I headed for the Kenai September 19th. After 13 hours in the Phoenix airport due to broken plane we were transferred from Alaska Air to US Air. Alaska came through with a \$350 off coupon for our troubles but it definitely made for a long, long trip. We arrived in Anchorage at 1:30 am and took straight off for the Kenai Peninsula. After a great breakfast at the 24 hour open Caribou restaurant and purchase of supplies at Safeway, we headed on down to the Anchor River. We were able to check in at the Anchor River Inn at 8 am, dress up in our waders, and head to the river. Eric hooked and missed a few and I hooked and lost one before we headed to Deep Creek. The river was low and we didn't see or touch a fish. After walking up about a half mile we headed back to the car. The decision was whether to go fishing or rest and we chose fishing. I managed to get 5 of 7 steelhead in the next two hours so a wonderful decision. Over the next five days Eric triumphed over his previous skunkings by steelhead and is now officially a steelheader. I had one bad day and the rest were generally good. All in all a nice trip. The food and bar at the Anchor River Inn were quite good and I would recommend the motel (\$70/night this late in the season). Has fridge and microwave and definitely comfortable enough. On a competitive note, I was able to stay ahead of Eric on the pool table, though we both had some pitiful games and some good ones. :-)



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

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 2: Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Dr. Scott Bonar, Unit Leader and Associate Professor, USGS Arizona Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Dr. Bonar will present "New Options for Managing Native Trout Habitat with Climate Change Implications."

OCT 16: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

OCT 23: BOARD MEETING

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

NOV 20: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

NOV 27: BOARD MEETING

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=ewnews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSi&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODg1So)

[cmsgid=ewnews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSi&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODg1So](http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmsgid=ewnews040213&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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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/eddis/Subscribe/Subs.cfm>