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MEETING MESSAGE

Our next member meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 (No Fooling!) at the Viscount Suites Hotel on Broadway and Arcadia. The meeting formally starts at 7:00p.m. but we gather at about 6:30 to mingle with our fellow anglers.

Our guest speaker will be Mike Kaul, guide and owner of Two Rivers Emporium Fly Shop and guide services located in Pinedale, Wyoming, near the foot of the Wind River Range located in the western part of the state. Mike has over 45 years of experience chasing trout with a fly rod in this mountain range and the Wyoming Mountain range. In addition to fishing, Mike will also discuss other recreational activities in this area, talk about the rich history of the region and provide information on accommodations and services.

As a reminder, our raffle for the X-Diamond Ranch stay/guided day of fishing with Cinda Howard is fast approaching it's deadline! This package has a value of over \$700.....tickets are only \$10 each OR 3 for \$25. Tickets will be available at our April and May meetings as well as Dry Creek Outfitters (credit card). You can also contact our president, Steve Reiter at sreiter@cox.net, or at 520-795-2388....or any one of our Board members which you can find on our "NEW" website oldpueblo.tu.org. Cinda Howard will be the guest speaker at our May member meeting and she will draw the winning ticket. The winner could be you.....but you have to be in it to win it!!

Just a quick reminder that there will be NO MONTHLY MEETINGS in June, July and August. Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow OPTUsers:

On Tuesday, March 12, the Arizona Daily Star ran an article titled, "People Have Mixed Reactions About Proposed National Monument". (If you didn't see the article, you can read it here: http://tucson.com/news/state-and-regional/people-have-mixed-reactions-about-proposed-national-monument/article_6537984e-2d92-5269-9bdo-f2ab1a66411.html) There have been no "Letters to the Editor" about this article, and there were no "Comments" posted in the on-line version. If you don't know what this is all about, you are probably not alone.

The "National Monument" referenced is the Grand Canyon Watershed National Monument and lies on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon between the existing Grand Canyon-Parashant NM, the Vermillion Cliffs NM, and the Grand Canyon National Park. Designation of this National Monument means that, essentially, all the public land in ?xml:namespace prefix = st ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarts" /Arizona north of the Colorado River between Lake Powell and Lake Mead would be either a National Monument or a National Park.

As with any story, there are two sides. On one side is a coalition of environmental groups and supporters, led by the Center for Biological Diversity and the Sierra Club. Supporters include current and former elected officials, and a large number of individuals and businesses which appear to be mostly from Tucson and Phoenix. There are no sportsmen groups identified as a "supporter" of this legislation. More information about this coalition is here: <https://www.grandcanyonwatershed.org>. Their position is that the National Monument designation will provide further protections from threats, including banning all uranium mining within the monument, disallow any logging activities in the old-growth ponderosa forests, and remove some roads and fences which impact wildlife migration corridors; encourage not renewing grazing leases (probably by removing fences and roads into grazing areas); protect cultural and archeological areas; and preserve outdoor recreation opportunities including hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, camping, etc., but apparently not off-road vehicle riding.

On the other side are outdoor sportsmen groups, led by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (more about the AZSFWC here: <http://arizonasportsmenforwildlifeconservation.org>) Arizona State Council of TU is a member of AZSFWC. Both groups have written resolutions in opposition of the GCWNM. The AZGFD position resolution is here: <http://azgfd.net/artman/publish/NewsMedia/Game-and-Fish-Commission-votes-to-oppose-proposal-to-create-Grand-Canyon-Watershed-National-Monument.shtml>, and the AZSFWC resolution, which closely mirrors the AZGFD resolution, is here: http://arizonasportsmenforwildlifeconservation.org/AZSFWC_Resolution_on_Special_Land_Use_Designations_Updated.pdf. These documents largely refute claims made by the Grand Canyon Watershed group and argue against the designation of the proposed National Monument. They are too long to summarize here, so I encourage you to follow the links and read them yourself. Do you have any thoughts, either pro- or con-Monument designation? I would appreciate hearing from you, and I will pass your thoughts on to the State Council. This Monument is not a done deal yet, but supporters are encouraging President Obama to simply designate the National Monument without Congressional review or debate. Don't wait too long to voice your opinion to your legislators.

Our April meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, at the Viscount Suite Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia. The speaker will be Mike Kaul, guide and owner of Two Rivers Emporium in Pinedale, WY. Mike has fly fished for trout in the Wind River Range and the Wyoming Mountain Range for over 45 years. He will provide commentary and a visual experience on the lightly traveled Bridger Wilderness area. His presentation will include discussion of other nearby recreational opportunities. I hope to see you there.

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Steve Reiter

CONSERVATION

Conservation efforts continue to grow in Southeast Arizona. OPTU was awarded an Embrace a Stream (EAS) Grant and will be participating with Arizona Game and Fish on a Partnership Waters Program for Frye Creek and Frye Mesa Reservoir.

The EAS grant is for the purchase of temperature data loggers to assist in the analysis of potential habitat for Gila and Yaqui trout. Once we have a work plan in place I will be asking for volunteers to assist.

The Partnership Waters Program with Game and Fish is an effort to get OPTU more involved in the monitoring of the Gila Trout fishery of Frye Creek, Frye Mesa. Once we have worked out the details one effort we will be to conduct hook and line surveys of the reservoir and creek. More to come.

Robin Marsett



San Juan trip coming soon

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 FOR OPTU

The OPTU Website is at oldpueblo.tu.org. Do not use a www in front of the words. When the website comes up look over the HOME page and see if there are any messages or info to read about.

The ABOUT tab on the top will take you to a list of all the information that's available. Just choose one item from the list on the left and you will be taken to that page. The current newsletter will be posted under Newsletters – 2015. We have added the last few years to the archive in case you are looking for some previous information. Upcoming trips, meeting and fundraising information along with some great photos of fishing adventures will be posted. Take some time and explore the tabs along the top to see what they contain. Check out the PHOTOS tab to see fishing and conservation work being done. Contact Roseann rzann@comcast.net or Kathleen kayceesgarden@att.net with questions or suggestions.

Calendar

APR 1 Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Mike Kaul, guide and owner of Two Rivers Emporium Fly Shop and guide services.

APR 1 BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

APR 22: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

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

MAY 6 BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

MAY 27: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2015

ATTENDEES

Steve Reiter, President	Jim Owen
Joe Vitelli, Outings	Mick Fletcher, State Council
Roseann Marsett, Treasurer	Paul Olsen
Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary	Scott Koktavy
Joe Fagan, TIC	Bryan Eto (via phone call-in)
Robin Marsett (via phone)	

Board meeting was held at Viscount Suites Hotel and was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Steve to accept the March Board meeting minutes as prepared by K. Vitelli and seconded by Roseann Marsett.

Roseann reported that the current funds in the OPTU accounts were \$8193 in the money market account and \$10,000 in checking account.

The board discussed the 2016 banquet fundraiser. K. Vitelli reported on her meeting with Tanque Verde Ranch, which would work for the banquet. Kathleen indicated that we would relocate the raffle items to the outside veranda, which would allow us to seat up to 130 guests; costs were discussed. Bryan Eto reported that Hacienda Del Sol was in process of adding a new banquet hall that they anticipated to be finished by the end of 2015, costs were discussed. The board voted to have the banquet at TVR, the date would be March 5, 2015. Kathleen would meet with TVR to finalize contract and deposit.

The current guided fly trip raffle was discussed, as was the Jim Click car raffle. Fly trip winner will be picked at May 2015 OPTU member meeting. Some discussion ensued about the Jim Click tickets and our ability to sell them on line. Roseann will coordinate that and blast email should go out within the next two months.

Joe V. reported on outings and next trip, which will be at the San Juan river in New Mexico in April. He indicated that we may have a White Mountains trip in October 2015. Also discussed was the spreadsheet set up by Robin Marsett for people to fill out after that catch fish at Frye Creek.

Joe Fagan reported on the Flowing Wells TIC program.

The board meeting was concluded at 6:15 p.m...

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Vitelli, OPTU Secretary

TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND RESTORE NORTH AMERICA'S COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



No specific report this month.

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

Nobody submitted a report.



Tips and Tricks

- Store your wader repair glue in the freezer. It lasts much longer and warms up quickly.
- Google “fly fishing tips and techniques” for hundreds of useful links.
- Check out the Orvis Fly Fishing Learning Center: Here’s one on tips for winter fishing - appropriate right now. http://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/tests/tips-for-winter-trout-article?ADV=556337&EID=jemurphy51@me.com&cm_mmc=orvisemail-_-Art%20Of%20Fly%20Fishing%202-_-OI-_-BOD_READI

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

Patagonia River Crampons (clip on to your rubber soled boots and cut down on slipping on slippery rocks. Originally \$199 and never used. \$79. Call 520-250-4083.

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. \$850 per week plus housecleaning fee. Extra beyond 4 guests. Call John at 520-250-4083 for info.

Arizona Game and Fish Interactive Stocking Schedule

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

QUOTES AND JOKES

The earth is 75% water. That means we should be fishing three times more than we are working.

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?>

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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.lrc.tu.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>

Here is a great video on the "nutrient cycle"more so about salmon but is still a great lesson addition.

<http://aeon.co/video/science/alaska-the-nutrient-cycle-a-short-film-about-chum-salmon/>

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/eddies/Subscribe/Subs.cfm>
