

# OPTU NEWS

## Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

Our next Chapter meeting on Wednesday, December 2, will be the first time in a while we have scheduled a meeting specifically for the purpose of meeting with members of the Chapter for business only. There will be no speaker or presentation other than Officers and Board members talking about various aspects of the Chapter and holding an election.

Going back a number of years, the "annual membership meeting and election of Officers" was folded in with a Christmas pot luck dinner and party at the home of one of the members. This tradition was discontinued a couple of years ago, when almost nobody had attended the Christmas get together for 2 or 3 years in a row, even though food and non-alcoholic beverage was provided by the Chapter.

We are required by our bylaws to have (at least) one membership meeting per year. Some TU Chapters meet with their members only once per year, but hold Board meetings, which are always open the membership to attend, at least 6 times per years as required by TU National Bylaws. OPTU holds monthly Board and membership meetings (except in the summer) which satisfies the requirements of the Bylaws. Although the focus of the membership meetings is not strictly Chapter business, I suspect most people show up to hear the guest speaker.

I hope you are able to attend. I can't promise it will be exciting, but I think it will be informative.

Until then, on behalf of the Officers and Board, I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President



## CONSERVATION

In an effort to characterize what constitutes trout habitat in southeast Arizona we are placing temperature monitors in Grant Creek. Grant Creek has held documented populations of wild trout since the 1930s. Other streams that have been successful trout streams will also be monitored to help in building a trout habitat profile to be used in future efforts to establish trout in southeast Arizona streams.

*Robin Marsett*

Grant Creek



### 2016 OPTU Biennial Fundraising Banquet

The time is approaching for our second OPTU biennial banquet which will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch (TVR) at the east end of Speedway Boulevard in Tucson. The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. to give all of our members time to socialize, grab your favorite libation and peruse the raffle and auction items. Dinner and guest speaker will follow.

We got loads of positive feedback from those of you who attended in 2014 and we wanted to make a high quality event happen again. For those of you who missed it, here is your opportunity to join your fellow OPTU members for a fabulous night of great food (buffet style), bucket raffles, silent and live auctions, all in a beautiful, ranch environment.

We are also happy to report that TVR was gracious enough to offer the same price as 2014, which means that we can pass on the savings to you!! Tickets will be \$45 each and we will provide a discount to anyone purchasing a full table of eight or ten.

We are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Chris Wood, President and CEO of TU National. We are extremely thankful to him for making the trip to Arizona and share his time with us.

Tickets will be available at our very next member meeting on October 7, 2015. Once we have additional information on table ticket prices we will email our members. We are also trying to secure discounted overnight accommodations for those who wish to stay overnight....details to follow soon. Get your tickets early, they will be limited!

We are also looking for raffle donations for the banquet and your support will be greatly appreciated.

Kathleen Vitelli  
OPTU Secretary

## **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

## **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. \$50. Call 520-250-4083.

The following items are for sale for the estate of Gary Corsi. Fly rod, 2 piece Redington FSF 8'6" 4 weight, with Reel, Guide 5/6, and fly line; includes Orvis case for two rods with reels. \$220. Fly rod, 2 piece Redington RS 8'0" 3 weight, \$30. Call Steve Brown, 520 797-9250.

Simms G3 waders, size medium, used once, like new, \$225. Contact Rob @ 520-909-8588 or [azflyfshr@comcast.net](mailto:azflyfshr@comcast.net)

I have ~26 old tackle boxes of antique fishing lures, flies, reels along with a huge bundle of rods. Some of the items date back to the 1800's. I started collecting old fishing tackle in the early 80's and stopped a couple of years ago. I decided it is time for it to go. If you are interested in seeing the items let me know. If you are interested in buying some you can get a really nice discount. Whitey 520 419 0686

## **ARIZONA GAME AND FISH STOCKING SCHEDULE**

<http://azgfdportal.devaz.gov/PortalImages/files/fishing/stocking/2015-2016%20WINTER%20Trout%20Stocking%20Schedule.pdf>

## **QUOTES AND JOKES**

“If fishing interferes with your business, give up your business...the trout do not rise in Greenwood Cemetery.” *Sparse Grey Hackle.*

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## **WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

Women's Initiative (WI) is in need of a leader to provide support to OPTU women and to interact with the National TU Women's Initiative. Communication Team is in need of a person to add weekly bits of info to update the OPTU web page. Both of these roles require little commitment. Each should take about 3-4 hours a month, max.

Please contact Roseann Marsett if you're interested in helping. [rzann@comcast.net](mailto:rzann@comcast.net).

## **TU.ORG WEBSITE FOR OPTU**

The OPTU Website is at [oldpueblo.tu.org](http://oldpueblo.tu.org). Do not use a www in front of the words.

### **Calendar**

**DEC 2** Membership meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. S

**DEC 2 BOARD MEETING:** 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

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

**JAN 6 BOARD MEETING:** 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

**MAR 5** Biennial Banquet. 5:30 pm at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch.

## **PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING**



No report this month.

*Jim Owen*  
*Program Leader*

## **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**

No report this month.

*Steve Reiter, TIC Coordinator*

## **Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports**

### **14th Annual San Juan, New Mexico Trip**

Trip is full. Look for 2017 next fall and join early.

## **OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 4, 2015

### **ATTENDEES**

Steve Reiter, President	Robin Marsett, Conservation
Roseann Marsett, Treasurer	Joe Fagan
Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary	Scott Koktavy
Mick Fletcher, State Chair	Paul Olsen
Clay Hernandez, V.P. (phone in conference attendance)	

Meeting was held at the Viscount Suites Hotel and called to order at 5:00 p.m..

Discussion was held about non-officer Board positions of which there are no openings. Additionally, non-officer Board of Directors was agreed by unanimous vote.

October meeting minutes were moved to acceptance and unanimous.

### Treasurer's Report

Roseann confirmed that copy of overview statement sent to Board members which included a \$5,000 transfer of funds to checking account.

Roseann indicated that TU National reported we are in compliance and TU will have final decision on new financial policy. Also, electronic signatures are acceptable. All financial statements including Schwab account can be accessed on line by Board members.

### Grants

Roseann reported that OPTU can only award grant money to 501(c)(3) organizations. Once the grant money is awarded the grantee is not required to report on how the money is spent, but will be asked to voluntarily do this per OPTU request. Grant oversight committee will be overseen by Robin Marsett with the following members sitting on same: Joe Fagan, Scott Koktavy, Robin Marsett and two openings to be filled for a total of five members. It was suggested that one of the openings be filled by a representative from AZGFD.

### Banquet - 2016

Kathleen reported on current status of ticket sales. Tickets are available at our meetings, at Dry Creek or from any of the Board members. Steve will reach out for San Pedro Fly Fishermen as to their interest in purchasing tickets.

### Elections

Two Board Member seats are open, Vice President and Secretary. There were no nominations as a result of the blast email sent to members prior to this meeting. The nominations will be closed at the end of the member meeting immediately following the Board meeting.

The Board nominated Paul Olsen for Vice-President and he will be one of the nominees.

### Conservation

Robin reported that a tentative trip to Grant Creek was scheduled for 11/16 to install temperature loggers and a future trip to Frye Creek as well to assess how many loggers will be installed. AZGFD may install one logger in Lemon Creek. Robin also reported that 1,000 Gila Trout were stocked at Oak Creek for recreational purposes, not for habitat restoration.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.. Submitted by Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary

## **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*

From Eric

December 4th of 2015 will mark the end of our 16th year of business here in Tucson. It has gone by quickly. Although the analysts report the flyfishing industry is not showing any growth on a national level, it looks like there's plenty of growth on the local level. It's typical for me to see 3 or 4 new faces at our complimentary flycasting instruction (every Saturday at 8AM, Fort Lowell Park) each week. I am grateful that many of you fellow TU members have worked to pass on the flyfishing addiction to many of your friends and family members.

As a thank you... the following offer is exclusively for OPTU members from now thru December 24th. Any purchases in excess of \$100 will be accompanied by a complimentary trout fly (10) assortment (sale merchandise does not apply).

We currently have several fly box/fly selection combos in stock and they make great gifts. We also have the Abel nippers and the Simms nippers in stock (great stocking stuffers!). Some of the new Sage fly rods currently in our inventory include the Mod, Little One, Pulse and Bolt. For all of you fly tiers, we have an extensive inventory of dry fly hackles and saddle hackles.