

# OPTU NEWS

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Abbreviated Newsletter

Happy Holidays and an  
Exceptional New Year to all.

And, tight lines of course.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

I sincerely hope all of you had a safe and merry Christmas, and that your New Year will be happy and healthy.

Our first order of business for this New Year is a successful fundraising banquet on March 5th at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. The Board and Officers have based the OPTU budget on raising enough money at the 2016 banquet to fund the Chapter day-to-day activities for the next two years. Going off our expenses for the last couple of years, we need to raise at least \$16,000 to continue at our same level of activity until our next banquet in 2018. We very much need your attendance and participation to reach this goal.

We will have some very special guests this year: Chris Wood, President and CEO of TU; Jim Walker, President of the Zane Grey Chapter in Phoenix and a member of the TU Board of Trustees; and Joe Miller, a member of the Gila Trout Chapter in Payson and Arizona's delegate on the National Leadership Council. There may be others as well. It's not often that we have the opportunity to meet and speak with the top leadership of TU about anything from favorite fishing places to how to get more involved in conservation projects in Arizona.

Tickets this year are \$45 each. A table for 8 is \$315 (one seat free at the regular price), and a table for 10 is \$405 (also one seat free). Tickets are available at both the January and February meetings (cash and check) or at Dry Creek (cash, check, or Visa/MasterCard). Or, send an e-mail to [mail@oldpueblotu.org](mailto:mail@oldpueblotu.org), subject line: Banquet Tickets, and let me know how many tickets you would like to purchase and how we can arrange transfer of money and tickets. I will reply promptly.

Our first meeting of 2016 will be on Wednesday, January 6, at the Viscount Suite Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia. The meeting will formally start at 7:00 p.m., but get there a few minutes early for some social time with other members. Our speaker will be Jack Houck who has been to OPTU a couple of time in the past. On his previous visits his topic was fly fishing the lakes on the Mogollon Rim, but for this visit his presentation will be "Fly Fishing for Bass in Arizona". Southern Arizona has a number of lakes that hold bass, some of them quite large. Unlike some of the trout waters in Arizona, bass fishing is possible year around. This presentation will give information on the tackle and tactics to increase your chances for success. I hope to see you there.

Best Regards,  
Steve Reiter, President



## **CONSERVATION**

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM at Santa Rita HS:

Josh Ruddick reports that all of the "replacement trout eggs" have hatched; only a couple have been lost to date. There are 5 fish remaining from the original allotment.

TIC at Agua Caliente Elementary:

Svea Anderson reports that there about 70 fish surviving to date. Her students (4th grade) are doing all the water chemistry testing and record keeping and doing a very good job at it. Her class recently had a visit from the Mayor of Tucson, Jonathan Rothschild. He noticed the fish in the tank and commented on how small they were. The students told him they started out as eggs in the tank, then explained the TIC program to him. He was reportedly most impressed.

TIC at Flowing Wells:

The TIC teacher, Michelle Ferranti, has been out of town for an extended time due to an illness in her husband's family. Her students are apparently doing the TIC program independently from her guidance. I have repeated requested a program update, and have been promised same. Nothing has been received yet. I have no other contacts at the school, and I am sure the school won't release the students names or phone numbers to me. I can only conclude that "no news is good news".

All schools are now on their Christmas break. I know that both Josh and Svea have made arrangements to either visit the fish tank or have a trusted aide do so for the duration. I hope that Ms. Ferranti has been in touch with her students and has made similar arrangements.

## **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 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.

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**

**JAN 6** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Jack Houck who will talk about "Fly Fishing for Bass in Arizona."

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

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

## **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.