

OPTU NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers

As I spend time outside these days, I am convinced I have missed something. It looks to me like this is early spring, but the calendar says mid-February, not April. I expect most folks hard hit by this year's extreme snowy and icy conditions would think it is more like the beginning of January, with a long, hard winter still ahead of them.

While many of us enjoy poking fun at our friends and relatives who have been shoveling snow while we bask in the sunshine, a mild winter such as we, and many places in the western US are experiencing, is only good for the moment. Many places in the west are seeing record or near-record daytime temperatures, but also record low rainfall and snow amounts. Soon it will be long, hot days and we will be wishing there had been more snow and rain during the winter and spring months. Without that reserve water, we (the western US) are going to be to be facing increased chances and even occurrences to wildfires, forest closures, campground campfire restrictions, and a whole host of impacts to what should be our summer vacation time and an opportunity to escape the heat by retreating to the piney woods. Let's all hope that this year's monsoon season can make up for the lack of moisture we are experiencing now.

Our speaker for the March 4th meeting is Duane Redford, a professional fly fishing guide, spends the majority of his days guiding on the South Platte River below Deckers, Colorado and on the Eagle River near Minturn, Colorado. Duane has a unique, systematic approach to fishing unfamiliar waters derived from guiding countless days on highly pressured, technical waters. His presentation digs into breaking down waters never fished or waters that give you fits every time out by combining historical, seasonal, and conditional data with strategies and tactics designed to assist you in putting more fish into the net. It covers everything from reading water, reading fish and insects, to rigging, drift mechanics and subtle tactics designed for success. I hope to see you there.

....Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President



CONSERVATION

OPTU continues to work with Arizona Game and Fish to enhance our local fisheries. Last month we assisted by placing a new species identification sign at Frye Mesa Reservoir and generated a report of the fishing in Frye Mesa Reservoir and along the lower and middle portions of Frye Creek. We continue to work with Arizona Game and Fish on these and other issues.

We are awaiting the announcement about the award of the Embrace a Stream Grants. If we were awarded any of this grant money will be active in the spring and summer working on further conservation efforts. I will keep the club apprised of these developments through the Newsletter and web site. *Robin Marsett*



Fishing Around the US
Makos in San Diego, Sockeye
on the Kenai, and Steelhead
on the Situk.

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

MAR 4 Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Duane Redford, a professional fly fishing guide in Colorado - on fishing new streams.

MAR 4 BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

MAR 25: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

APR 1 Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker TBA.

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

OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 2/4/2015

ATTENDEES

Steve Reiter, President	Roseann Marsett, Treasurer
Sheryl Eto, Membership	Mick Fletscher, State Council Rep
Bryan Eto	Joe Fagan.
Scott Koktavy	Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary
Robin Marsett, Conservation	Joe Vitelli, Outings
Paul Olsen	

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Steve called for acceptance of January's meeting minutes which was seconded by Robin M.

Roseann discussed the monthly budget update. The OPTU fiscal year begins on October 1st. She will send a monthly budget overview to each member. Detailed information can be provided upon request. All budget numbers are up-to-date.

Discussion about 2016 banquet venues were discussed. Bryan Eto indicated that as of now Hacienda Del Sol does not have a large enough venue to hold more than 70 or 80 guests. Kathleen V. reported that she and Dave Combs will be meeting with Tanque Verde Ranch next week to price out a banquet and to revisit the venue for a better set-up. Bryan indicated that Hacienda Del Sol was undergoing a construction project to make their venue larger, however, it was not slated to be done before December 2015.

Our fishing trip raffle tickets were available and given to each member, cost is \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Posters were also handed out for posting around town. We are also participating in Jim Click car raffle and tickets were pick up by Jim Owen, a total of 100 tickets which will be split evenly between OPTU and PHWFF.

Joe V. reported on the recent Cluff Ranch trip which was a success.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m..

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



No specific report this month (see President Reiter's report for some of the activities. Always great things going on.



Danny and Whitey manning the Healing Waters Fly Fishing booth at the Rodeo this year. Way to go guys. *Pix pilfered from Facebook post.*

Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

13th Annual San Juan, New Mexico Trip

Dates will be Sunday April 12 to Friday April 17, 2015. If you are interested the cost should be about \$450 for all food, lodging, transportation, and fun. Contact the editor at jemurphy51@me.com to sign up. Trip is limited to 9 people and is half full at present. Money won't be due till February. **TWO SPOTS LEFT.**



San Juan



A nice fat rainbow from the Tongariro River in New Zealand. Looking forward to catching some more this July.

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>
