

# OPTU NEWS

## Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

Next year at this time, my term of office as President will essentially be over. I have served for 3 years so far, and I am limited to a maximum of 4 years (two 2-year terms) by both the Chapter and National bylaws. In addition to President, next year's ballot will also include Treasurer and Secretary; the Vice President will be voted on at this year's Annual Membership Meeting in December. Are you, or do you know someone, who is qualified and willing to be our Vice President? According to our bylaws, any member in good standing can submit his/her name, or the name of another member in good standing, to the Nominating Committee for consideration. Please send your nominations to [mail@oldpueblotu.org](mailto:mail@oldpueblotu.org), subject line Officer Nomination. Officers serve a 2-year term, and may be re-elected to one additional 2-year term. Duties of each office are spelled out in the bylaws, posted on our web site here: [http://oldpueblo.tu.org/sites/default/files/OPTU\\_Bylaws\\_Aug2015.pdf](http://oldpueblo.tu.org/sites/default/files/OPTU_Bylaws_Aug2015.pdf).

Unlike Chapter officers, there is no annual election for participation on the Board of Directors. A Board member must be a member of TU in good standing, commit to a 3-year term, and participate in at least 50% of the Board Meetings each year. Again, the duties of the BOD members are spelled out in the bylaws. If you would like to participate on the Board, please send an e-mail (address above). If you are unsure, you can attend any of our Board meetings; they are always open to the membership, but you will not be able to vote on Board business. New BOD members are elected by the existing Board members.

OPTU, like all other TU Chapters, is an all-volunteer organization. Nobody is getting paid to serve as either an officer or a board member. We serve because we believe in the mission of TU. Realizing TU's goals require both direct action – “boots on the ground” - and indirect action by participating in the Chapter leadership, writing letters, e-mails, and making phone calls to individuals and groups at the local, state, and national levels to try to influence legislation in favor of TU's mission of “conservation, protection, and restoration of coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.” In the coming years we will have the additional opportunity to influence coldwater conservation in Arizona by issuing grants from the Evitts Conservation Fund to those who submit grant applications for qualified projects. This will also be a duty of the Chapter leadership. If you have ever considered participation in your Chapter at a higher level, please don't wait. There is never going to be a better time than NOW!

Our speaker for November is John Marvin, a member of the San Pedro Fly Casters, who recently returned from 15 days of fishing on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska. John promises lots of pictures of large fish as well as of spectacular scenery. As always, the meeting will be at the Viscount Suite Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia, and will start at 7:00 p.m. I hope to see you there

....Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President



## **CONSERVATION**

As part of our conservation efforts OPTU has purchased temperature data loggers. They will be placed in Arizona streams to help identify viable trout habitat. We will begin the process of placing these data loggers in the streams this fall. If you have any ideas of candidate streams please let me know. Anyone interested in helping needs to contact me at rmarsett@comcast.net.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is planning on placing elk exclosures around willow stands on the West Fork of the Black River. If this plan is approved by the US Forest Service we will be asking for help in this effort as well.

*Robin Marsett*

## **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

## **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**

**NOV 4** Regular meeting at the Viscount  
- 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson,  
AZ, 85711. Speaker John Marvin, a  
member of the San Pedro Fly Casters,  
on fishing the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.

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

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

**DEC 2 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**



In July PHWFF was hosted by Jim Click at his Rocking S Ranch in the Teton Valley in Idaho. Accommodations were superb with participants housed at both the main house and the guesthouse. The main house was located in a U shaped portion of the Teton River with fishing just 50 feet from the front porch. Mr. Click graciously provided for guides and drift boat for the duration of our stay. Soldiers fished the Teton River and multiple sections and forks of the Snake River. A prize was awarded to the soldier who caught the largest fish with an equal amount going to the guide.

For those who were interested, a tour of vintage aircraft at a local airport was provided. With a tour of the hangers and hands on tours of aircraft including a WWII Corsair, Korean War era Migs, a Saber Jet, Vietnam Era Jets and many others. The up-close sound of an eighteen cylinder Corsair was unforgettable.

In July we fished the Tangle River, a 16-mile (26 km) long chain of lakes connected by streams in the Denali Range in Alaska forming the headwaters of the Delta River. The lakes and streams support many species of fish, including Lake Trout and Artic Grayling. The area around the lakes consists mostly of tundra due to the high elevation 2,864 feet.

The last major trip of the year visited Orca Adventure Lodge in Cordova, Alaska. Participants took the ferry across Prince William Sound from Whittier, Alaska to Cordova, Alaska. Fished all day Tuesday on Eyak River and caught Silver Salmon, Dolly Varden. Fishing then moved to Prince William Sound, which produced Halibut, Cod, Yellow eye and Rockfish; Thursday fished the Eyak River for Silvers and Cabin Lake for Coastal Cutthroats. Friday weather prevented fishing and provided an opportunity to explore the Sheridan Glacier.

*Jim Owen*  
*Program Leader*

## **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**

The three schools – Agua Caliente, Santa Rita, and Flowing Wells – received their trout eggs on Thursday, Oct. 15. The timing of the egg delivery was somewhat unfortunate; all the schools were on Fall Break, so none of the students were in the classrooms when the eggs arrived. And, the eggs looked to be mature enough that all of most will have hatched over the weekend, so the students will not have witnessed that, either. So far, mortality has been low; each batch of eggs contained a few dead eggs, which were promptly removed from the nest. I will be checking with the teachers over the next couple of days to see how things are going. More in next month's report.

*Steve Reiter, TIC Coordinator*

## **OPTU BOARD MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 7, 2015**

### **ATTENDEES:**

Robin Marsett, Conservation	Mick Fletcher, State Council
Kathleen Vitelli, Secretary	Paul Olsen
Joe Fagan, TIC	Jim Owen

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.. Robin Marsett conducted the meeting in the absence of President Reiter.

A motion to accept the September meeting minutes was made by Robin and seconded by Mick Fletcher.

### **BUDGET**

Current Operating budget:	Savings:	\$10,700
	Checking:	2,000

Operating Budget was accepted and approved by all Board members.

Current Investment Account balance in total is \$411,000.

Robin reminded all Board members that their volunteer hours for the 2015/2015 budget year was due for submission to Roseann by 11/1/2015.

### **BANQUET**

Discount for whole table of ticket purchases were discussed. Kathleen suggested that we follow the same protocol as last banquet...anyone purchasing a table of 8 or 10 tickets will get one ticket free. Board agreed.

Kathleen will talk to Eric Loeffler to discuss having tickets available for purchase at Dry Creek Outfitters

The Board discussed having one point of contact for anyone wishing to buy tickets and that information should be included on a poster for the banquet. Kathleen will contact Dave Combs as to money required for purchase of raffle items. Robin indicated the Eb has again agreed to provide donors for the banquet.

### **TIC**

Robin indicated that the eggs for the two schools participating in the upcoming TIC will be picked up on the 14th by Steve Reiter

### **CHAPTER DOCUMENT REVISIONS**

Robin indicated that all documents have been submitted to TU National legal for review.

### **CONSERVATION**

Robin reported that the 5 temperature loggers have been received and will be distributed/installed at an upcoming date in the near future. He suggested that the prospective waters/areas could be as follows: Mt. Graham, Lemon and Upper Sabino Creek in the Catalinas, Fry Creek, and maybe the Chiricahua mountains. There may be additional areas with streams which will be designated in the future.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Robin asked the Board for suggestions to fill the Outings Coordinator Board position recently vacated by Joe Vitelli.

The annual report will be done by President Reiter. The Project Healing Waters report will be done by Robin and Jim Owen.

The Annual Member meeting was discussed and will be held in December on the member meeting date. The membership will be given business updates of the Chapter and elections will be held for any Board Officer position that is due to be filled. A blast email will be provided to the membership regarding this meeting and election(s).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Vitelli, OPTU 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*

Need new waders? Don't wait until next year to upgrade - there's lots of great flyfishing opportunities right now in Arizona. Dry Creek Outfitters has the new Simms breathable waders in stock for only \$249.95! Great for the cool winter temps at Lee's Ferry or for small stream fishing up in the White Mountains.

We increased our fly inventory by over 30% - just received several new chironomid patterns. Remember, if you want to catch big trout on the fly in our White mountain lakes...check your fly boxes for chironomids, damsels and crayfish. Yes, ants work well also!

Sage has introduced several new fly rods. Dry Creek Outfitters was one of a handful of shops that jumped at the opportunity to bring in these new fly rods before 2016.

The Little One:	fast action, \$850.00
The Pulse:	fast action, \$450.00
The Mod:	moderate action, \$850.00
The Bolt:	very fast action, \$650.00

We currently have 50 fly rods in stock. Come on in give one a test-drive!

Planning a flats trip? We have the most comprehensive inventory of Crazy Charlies, Gotchas, crabs and other various bonefish/permit/tarpon flies (over 70 bins worth!) this side of the Florida Keys.

Remember, in addition to carrying many great products from Simms, Sage, Fishpond and others, we are also Tucson's only Orvis Dealership. Think of us when it's time to do your holiday shopping. If you call Dry Creek Outfitters with your Orvis Catalog orders, you'll receive free shipping for all orders and tax-free for shipments being sent to addresses outside of Arizona. We can even direct Orvis to enclose a holiday message for the recipient .

Please feel free to call (326-7847) or Email the shop with any Arizona flyfishing reports (and pictures, too!) [drycrkoutfitters@aol.com](mailto:drycrkoutfitters@aol.com)

We have been in business here in Tucson for over 15 years and we are so grateful for your past and continued support - Thank you!!



## Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

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

Dates will be some Sunday to Friday in April 2016. If you are interested the cost should be about \$475 for all food, lodging, transportation, and fun. We may depart Saturday but not known yet (that would increase cost about \$35. Contact the editor at [jemurphy51@me.com](mailto:jemurphy51@me.com) to sign up. Trip is limited to 6 people. Nonrefundable payment (unless a replacement can be found) won't be due till late February 2016.



Savannah's first trout  
- Provo River, UT



Silver on the Anchor River, AK



## **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-\\_-01-\\_-BOD\\_READI](http://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/tests/tips-for-winter-trout-article?ADV=556337&EID=jemurphy51@me.com&cm_mmc=orvisemail-_-Art%20Of%20Fly%20Fishing%202-_-01-_-BOD_READI)

## **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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## *Newsletter Items That Don't Often Change*

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### **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=MjEzNjQxODgiSo)

[cmsgid=ewnews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODgiSo](http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmsgid=ewnews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODgiSo)

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.lrcctu.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 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

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.



Send in your pix so you don't always have to see the editor and his family :-)