

# OPTU NEWS

## Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

As of this writing, there are fewer than 50 days until the 1st of October. YAAAAAY!!

It has been a somewhat long and steamy summer. I hope you were able to escape for a while to more friendly temperatures. And, I hope you were able to take advantage of some of the information provided by some of our monthly speakers: Jack Houck (Mogollon Rim lakes), Duane Redford (Eagle River, Colorado), Mike Kaul (Wind River Range in Wyoming), and Cinda Howad (White Mountains of eastern Arizona) all gave great talks and provided specific information about where to go, flies to use, and techniques for maximizing your chances to have a banner day on the water. I hope you took notes...

At the end of my September Presidents Address last year, I announced that Clay Evitts had passed away in July (2014). Clay was among the original members when the Chapter was chartered in 1987, frequently participated in the West Fork of the Black stream restoration work, and was also a frequent instructor at the monthly Lie 'n Tie meetings. In January of this year, I was notified by Chris Wood, TU President and CEO, that OPTU was the beneficiary of a sizeable bequest from Clay's estate. The other half of Clay's estate was bequeathed to The Nature Conservancy. The terms of Clay's will did not specify how – or how not – the money was to be used. Given that Clay left a large amount of his estate to two conservation-oriented organizations, the Board and Officers have decided that the money we receive will benefit conservation programs in Arizona; we will not use the money for the day-to-day operation of the Chapter. We will still hold fund-raising raffles and have a fund-raising banquet every other year to generate funds for those expenses. We hope that you will continue to be generous in your support of OPTU.

Our September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, at the Viscount Suite Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia, starting at 7:00 p.m. The featured speaker is Charlie Palmer. Charlie has been fly-fishing for over 30 years. He is an Arizona-licensed Guide who lives in Vail. Charlie also sells Cortland products and flies through his online store. He owns two vacation rental cabins, one near Payson right across the road from the East Fork of the Verde River, and the other near Nelson Reservoir in the eastern White Mountains. For more on Charlie, his online products, and information about the vacation rentals go to [www.azfishguide.com](http://www.azfishguide.com). I hope you can join us.

....Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President



## CONSERVATION

The OPTU Conservation program continues to be active. We are now participating in the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Partnership Waters Program. We have adopted several streams in the Pinaleno and Chiricahua Mountains. These streams include but are not limited to Frey Creek, Ash Creek, Grant Creek, Post Creek and, Marijilda Creek on Mt Graham and; Rucker Creek and, Cave Creek in the Chiricahuas. So far our efforts have yielded a change in fishing regulations on Grant Creek changing from six fish a day creel count to catch and release only. Grant Creek is an Apache Trout fishery with a self-sustain population of wild trout . We have placed the signs with the new regulations at Grant Creek. Part of our Partnership Waters efforts will be emplacing temperature monitors in various streams throughout the area in an effort to study existing successful trout streams and to identify potential new trout streams. We will begin this process in the fall. If you wish to participate in the temperature data logger placement please contact me at [rmarsett@comcast.net](mailto:rmarsett@comcast.net). For more information on the Partnership Waters Program see the posting at the following web site. <http://azgfdportal.az.gov/PortalImages/files/fishing/partnership/MountGraham.pdf>

*Robin Marsett*



## **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**

**SEP 2** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Charlie Palmer, who has been fly-fishing for over 30 years and is an Arizona-licensed Guide who lives in Vail..

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

**SEP 23:** Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

**OCT 7** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker TBA.

**OCT 7 BOARD MEETING:** 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

**OCT 28:** Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

## **PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING**



We have finished our rod building classes. In Tucson, all rods (except for one, that was accidentally broken at the end of classes) were submitted to the manufacturer of the rod blanks, Hook and Hackle, for judging. We give special thanks to Bob Cobb for lending his expertise. Without his help we would not have had the success we did.

Aided by Joe Vitelli's thorough planning, we have just returned from a rewarding trip to the San Juan River. Soldiers from both Tucson and Sierra Vista participated. Some soldiers waded while others used drift boats. Our next trip will be to Alaska.

*James Owen*

### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**

I am happy to announce that two new schools have joined the Trout in the Classroom program in Tucson. In addition to the Ag Sciences School at Flowing Wells, we are adding Agua Caliente Elementary (a 4th grade class) and Santa Rita High School (sophomores, juniors, and seniors). They are among 13 new TIC programs statewide. Carlton Buscemi, Hector Ponce de Leon, and I will be the TU coordinators with the TIC teachers. Joe Fagan, who has been the coordinator for quite a number of years, will not be involved with TIC full-time as an instructor going forward. Joe is "retiring" from that role, but he will be available for consultation as needed, and I expect we will take him up on that offer.

A grant application for the purchase of TIC classroom equipment (tank, chiller, filter, etc) has been filed with the Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation. If the grant is approved, equipment will be purchased for all 13 new programs, delivered, and set up. Delivery of eyed trout eggs is expected in early September, and away we go! As always, if you have any interest in participating with this very worthwhile program, please give me a call.

Incidentally, the money granted by the ASFWC group comes from the "Conserving Wildlife" license plate program. There is a \$25/year up charge (an addition to your regular license plate fee) for this special plate, but \$17 of that \$25 comes right back to all manner of conservation-oriented groups in the form of grant money. If our grant application is approved, the cost of the TIC equipment for the 13 new schools, more than \$15,000 in all, will be provided by the ASFWC and the "Conservation Plate" program and not by the TU chapters. Information about the license plate program is on our web site, here: <http://oldpueblo.tu.org/oldpueblo/conservation-plates>. Please consider participating.

*Steve Reiter*

## Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

### Utah - 2015 - Fishing Report

Danny and Sharon Hooper joined the Murphy's at their place in Utah for a relaxing week of sightseeing and some fishing. Danny and John started at the Strawberry River tailwater, a crystal clear stream where sight fishing can be quite good under the right conditions. The trout species are primarily brownies with a few brookies thrown in for good measure. We both managed a few fish even though a bright day kept some of the fish a bit wary. We next hit the Provo River in the lower portion, which was running higher than usual (limited luck) and then on to the middle portion where we had a couple of fine days landing 10 to 14 inch brown trout. I had traditionally used size 18 to 20 pheasant tails and similar in these portions of the river, but the action turned out to be best with San Juan type midges (22 to 24), with blondes leading darker colors.

The fly shops all suggest sow bugs as a top pattern for both the lower and middle Provo and I have a pile in my box, but had not caught more than two trout on them over the past 5 years. During the week I jested at two different fly shops that those flies really don't work. Of course as soon as I started saying something like that, the world changed. On my last day of fishing on a fine rainy morning, I finally caught almost all of the fish on a small sow bug (18 to 20). Go figure.

I won't talk about all the fun sightseeing since this is a fishing newsletter. Suffice it to say, we had a nice time. *The editor.*



### 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.

## **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](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.

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)

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

[http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h\\_f/fishing/stocking/2012SumTroutStockSchedule.pdf](http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_f/fishing/stocking/2012SumTroutStockSchedule.pdf)

## **QUOTES AND JOKES**

“Of all the hardware a fisherman carries with him to the stream, his timepiece is the least important.” *Paul Quinnet.*

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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?cmpid=enews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODgiSo)

<http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmpid=enews040213&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.lrcu.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>

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](mailto: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/eddiessubscribe/subs.cfm>



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