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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers

First and foremost, THANK YOU to all the individuals and businesses that donated goods and services for the banquet. The individuals and businesses were listed in the banquet program. I would ask that you patronize them with your business and tell them you appreciate their support of OPTU.

THANK YOU to all the participants. It was a great turnout, the food was delicious and plentiful! And, although he probably won't see this newsletter, I would like to extend a special THANK YOU to Chris Wood, President and CEO of TU, for his participation and for an address that included recognition that the Southern Arizona PHWFF program is in the top 3 most active nationwide, and an appeal to continue to support TU's expanded efforts to restore Apache trout and Gila trout in their historic ranges.

The 7th annual Native and Wild Trout Conference will be held on Thursday, April 21, at the Arizona Game and Fish Headquarters on West Carefree Road in far-north Phoenix. The conference will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. This conference is open to the public and is free of charge, but registration is required. To register, go to the Arizona State Council TU website, www.az-tu.org, click on the "7th annual Native and Wild Trout Conference" heading in the left-side column, and then click on the Eventbrite link at the bottom of that page. There will be BBQ with all the fixings furnished by a local BBQ restaurant following the conference. If you want to stay for that, there is a separate registration (on the Eventbrite site) to attend.

This conference has grown in attendance and stature every year. It is attended but conservationists, non-governmental and governmental organizations, scholars, and many others who care deeply about coldwater conservation and native and wild trout. Presentations from the past couple of conferences are available the AZ TU web site, if you want to get an idea of the topics presented.

The speaker for the April 6th meeting is Nathan Berg, an OPTU member, who works for AzGFD in Southern Arizona. He will give an up-to-date status of fishing opportunities in the lakes and streams here in "Baja Arizona." I hope to see you there.

Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President

Tips and Tricks

- Google "fly fishing tips and techniques" for hundreds of useful links.
- Check out the Orvis Fly Fishing Learning Center

FOR SALE

Simms G3 waders, size medium, used once, like new, \$225. Contact Rob @ 520-909-8588 or 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

Fishing Section (license, rules, etc.): <https://www.azgfd.com/fishing>

Stocking Schedule: <https://www.azgfd.com/Fishing/StockSchedule>

QUOTES AND JOKES

Fishing rule #1: The least experienced fisherman always catches the biggest fish.

Fishing rule #2: The worse your line is tangled, the better is the fishing around you.

Fishing rule #3: Fishing will do a lot for a person but it won't make them truthful.

Formulas for Calculating Weight of Fish (Length and girth in inches for all methods)

Skinnier shape

$$\text{Weight (lbs)} = \frac{(\text{Length})(\text{Girth}^2)}{750}$$

Fatter shape

$$\text{Weight (lbs)} = \frac{(\text{Length})(\text{Girth}^2)}{800}$$

Skinny fish

$$\text{Weight (lbs)} = \frac{(\text{Length}^2)(\text{Girth})}{1200}$$

New formula (Tom Keelin. Estimating fish weight. Fly Fisherman. 2008 (May);39 (4):12-14.

Determined from 87 steelhead and 15 salmon and rainbow trout from 2 to 33 lbs. – all measured with a tape and weighed with an IGFA-calibrated scale. The article determined that the old formula with denominator of 800 underestimated the weight of 98% of the fish. The new formula was within 1 lb for 80% of the fish. The author notes that no formula is perfect.

$$\text{Weight (lbs)} = \frac{(\text{Length})(\text{Girth}^2)}{690}$$

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.

[TU.ORG](#) WEBSITE FOR OPTU

The OPTU Website is at oldpueblo.tu.org. Do not use a www in front of the words.



Calendar

APR 6 Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker: Nathan Berg, an OPTU member, who works for AzGFD in Southern Arizona, will give an up-to-date status of fishing opportunities in the lakes and streams around Tucson.

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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*

