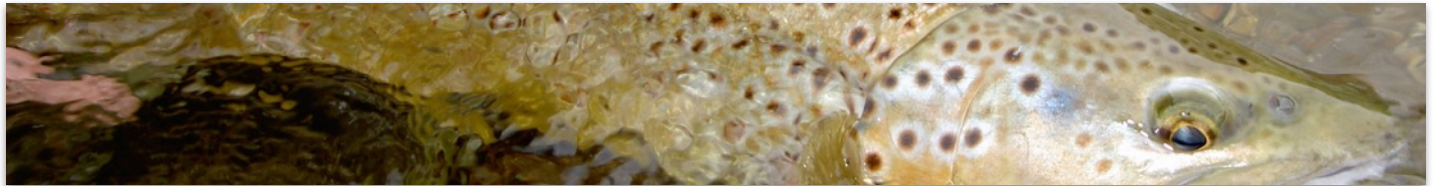


# OPTU NEWS

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

And Happy Groundhog Day!

Most of you, I am sure, are familiar with the movie of the same name. It's about a man who wakes up every morning, and nothing around him has changed; time is frozen and nothing he does gets him to the next day. As the movie progresses, the man accepts the situation and realizes that he can make changes in himself and, as he does, people and situations around him gradually change as well. If something doesn't work out he can just wait until the next morning and everything is reset. He can try something different. At the end of the show, he is a much changed man who gets the girl and he wakes up, finally, on the next day.

In a way, this is a combination of the old sayings, "If you want something done, you must do it yourself", and "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again".

From time to time, I get a comment (or complaint in some cases) about the lack of fishing outings or social get togethers or the location of the banquet. I usually offer that individual the opportunity to get involved and participate with the leadership to make the changes he or she thinks should be made, but so far I have not had any takers. Apparently, lots of folks have great ideas that I, or somebody else, should follow up on.

If you want outings, jump in and help organize a couple. If you want a different banquet location, jump in and join the Banquet Committee. If you would like to see more social gatherings or family events, jump in and help plan something. If your idea doesn't work out the first time, try again with something a little different.

Believe me, the Chapter leadership would welcome your ideas along with your participation!

Speaking of the banquet, preparations are well along. Dave Combs has some great bucket and auction items, the menu has been set (same or similar to last banquet, which was very well received) and we will have some notable guests. Tickets are \$45 each; a table for 8 is \$315, and a table for 10 is \$405. Tickets are available at this month's meeting, at Dry Creek, or by contacting either me (call 520.820.7485) or Roseann Marsett (520.760.1659)

Our speaker for February is Lee Lynch. Lee is employed by Orvis/Scottsdale and is going to give the "Fly Fishing for Warm Water Species" presentation that Jack Houck was going to give in January, until he had to cancel at the last moment. Lee is a very experienced bass, carp, and other warm water species fly fisherman, so expect a good presentation with lots of information to help you be successful in the lakes here in Southern Arizona. I hope to see you there...

Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President

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## CONSERVATION

2015 saw a lot of good things begin to happen to enhance OPTU's role in the conservation of our Arizona cold water fisheries. In addition to receiving funds that support our efforts, we have teamed with Arizona Game and Fish by adopting several streams in the Pinaleno Mountains (Mt Graham) as part of the Partnership Waters Program.

We received an Embrace a Stream Grant from Trout Unlimited for the purpose of purchasing and installing temperature data loggers. So far we have installed these data loggers in upper and lower Grant Creek. Soon we will be placing data loggers in Ash Creek and possibly Lemmon Creek and Sabino Creek in the higher elevations of the Catalinas.

Other potential candidate streams in SE Arizona are located in the Chiricahua Mountains, Huachuca Mountains and the Santa Rita Mountains. We will continue to do preliminary checks of these streams to see if they warrant further assessment.

In addition to the Embrace a Stream grant we received a very generous bequest from the estate of Clay Evitts, a longtime member of OPTU. We will be using much of this money to support conservation efforts and to enhance current fishing opportunities.

As a part of our Partnership Waters program we will be installing a safe ladder and deck system at Grant Creek. The current set up which includes a broken ladder augmented by a step ladder leading to a narrow wooden plank is dangerous. Our plans have been approved by the Coronado National Forest and meet OSHA standards.

In keeping with our Partnership Waters program OPTU has placed signs with the new fishing regulations at Grant Creek and Frye Creek. We also pick up trash whenever we go there and inform any other fisherman we encounter about the new fishing regulations. Everyone we have encountered so far has been supportive of the new regulations. We even ran across some folks from California that had come to Frye creek for the Gila Trout

Another conservation opportunity for the future will be to support Arizona Game and fish efforts to place willow exclosures on the West Fork of the Black River to provide shade for the river and enhance trout habitat.

If anyone is interested in helping with the construction of the Grant Creek Ladder and deck system please contact me. It will probably occur in April. If anyone has an idea of possible candidate streams for monitoring please inform me. If anyone has been to Josephine Creek in the Santa Ritas please let me know. I will keep the OPTU membership updated on these efforts through the newsletter and on our web site <http://oldpueblo.tu.org/>



## **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**

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)

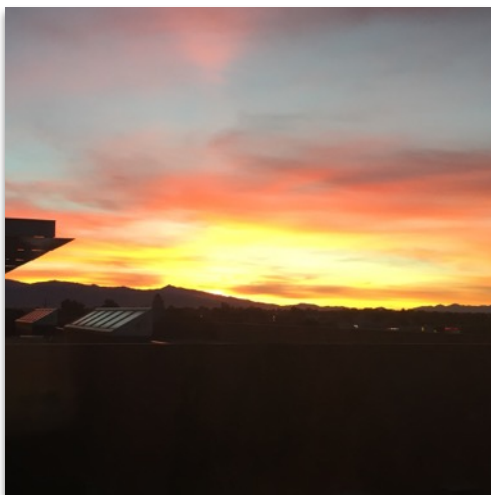
I have ~26 old tackle boxes of antique fishing lures, flies, reels along with a huge bundle of rods. Some of the items date back to the 1800's. I started collecting old fishing tackle in the early 80's and stopped a couple of years ago. I decided it is time for it to go. If you are interested in seeing 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**

Where nature is concerned, familiarity breeds love and knowledge, not contempt.  
*Stewart L. Udall - American Politician*



Sunrise at the U of A



Flash Frozen (not really)

## **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.

### **San Pedro Flycasters**

Our February 4th monthly meeting will be most excellent as we host Don Thomas (renowned flyfisher, hunter, and sports writer) to present his flyfishing adventure to Christmas Island in the south Pacific flyfishing for bone fish and trevally. Don and Lori Thomas are both very accomplished fisherman, bird and big game hunters, and photographers. Ensure to bring your friends and neighbors!! For more information on Don Thomas see - <http://www.donthomasbooks.com/> .

The San Pedro Flycasters Club Banquet is around the corner so mark your calendar now for Saturday March 12th 5-9PM. Tickets are \$39 per head or a special two for \$75. The SPFC 10th Banquet will be the best yet... a great meal, superb fellowship; raffles, drawings, and auctions galore...and some genuine fun!! Buy your tickets NOW by contacting Eric at Dry Creek Outfitters 5655 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85750, 520.326.7847 or Pat Richards at 520-249-6327 [pat.richards@sanpedroflycasters.com](mailto:pat.richards@sanpedroflycasters.com)

The SPFC Monthly Meeting 07 April will be a presentation on The Dry Creek Basin of the Wind River Mountains, WY.

-Ray Ganey  
President, San Pedro Flycasters Club  
<http://www.sanpedroflycasters.com/>

### **Calendar**

**FEB 3** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Lee Lynch. Lee is employed by Orvis/Scottsdale and is going to give the "Fly Fishing for Warm Water Species."

**FEB 3** BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

**MAR 2** No regular meeting - Attend the banquet on March 5

**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 marked 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.

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.

## **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

## OPTU Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 6

The January Board Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Steve Reiter. In addition, Officers and Board members present were Mickey Fletcher (call-in), Bryan Eto (call-in), Roseann Marsett, Robin Marsett, Joe Fagan, Scott Koktavy, Jim Owen, and Dave Combs.

1. Financial Report was given by Roseann Marsett. As of 12/31/2015, our balances at the Bank of Tucson were: checking acct., \$3,474.25, savings acct., \$5,714.34, and Evitts Conservation Fund at Schwab, \$383,439.02.

Roseann noted that our balances at BOT were somewhat low, due in large part because of the upfront banquet expenses. She requested that a sum of money be transferred from the Money Market portion of the Evitts Conservation Fund to the Bank Of Tucson to make sure we could continue to pay for banquet and related expenses until the banquet income was tallied. After some discussion, Roseann made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to transfer \$10,000 from the Schwab MM account to the BOT savings account. The motion was passed by show of hands.

Steve asked about accepting credit cards at the banquet. Roseann said that at the last banquet we were able to have a daily rental on a credit card swipe machine from the Bank of Tucson. Roseann said that she would contact the BOT to see if we do a similar rental for this banquet. Roseann commented that the permanent solution to this problem would be to purchase and use card swipe that can be used with a smart phone, as many businesses and organizations are doing now. She will look into the first cost and any associated fees for the use of such an attachment and report to the Board.

2. A Banquet Report was given by Dave Combs. Dave indicated we are in pretty good shape for bucket raffle items and live and silent auction items. He said he would like to limit the number of buckets to about 30 as they take up a lot of table room to set up. Dave will put together a list of the more notable items received to date so we can include that information in future e-mails to the membership. Dave would like to put together the banquet program by the middle of February, and only do updates until the printing date.

Steve reported that we have a large number of \$100 books of raffle tickets, and smaller quantities of \$25 books and \$50 books. The lower denomination books were made up of reconstructed and hand-numbered tickets from a number of \$100 books. Dave indicated he would rather have \$25 and \$50 books reprinted, and not use the reconstructed and hand-numbered books.

Banquet posters have been placed at a number of area businesses, including Sportsman's Warehouse and Summit Hut. Steve will get a poster to Eric at Dry Creek, and identify other area businesses where a poster can be placed.

Dave indicated he would like to visit the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch to go over the table layouts (both dinner and raffle/auction item tables). Steve will call the TVGR and set up an appointment with the catering office.

There was a discussion about inviting the Ocotillo Rain and Thunder Bluegrass Band to perform at the banquet again. The audience really enjoyed their performance in 2014. Steve will contact Jeff Collins and see if they are available on March 5.

3. A Trout in the Classroom report was given by Steve Reiter. The programs at both Santa Rita and Agua Caliente are doing very well. Both schools still have a majority of their fish surviving. However, the program at Flowing Wells is failing. The teacher/mentor has been mostly absent since the first part of February, as her husband's parents are very ill and she and her husband have been providing full-time care. She indicated she will resign her teaching position at FW effective March 4, and would most likely be replaced by either a temporary teacher or a new full-time teacher that would be unfamiliar with TIC. In either case, there would be no adult supervision of the TIC program at FW. Steve will visit the school to discuss the future of the TIC program at Flowing Wells HS.

4. A Conservation report was given by Robin Marsett. Robin plans to move forward with the replacement of the ladder and gangplank on Grant Creek sometime in early April, if he can get some agreement from AZGFD to provide pack animals to haul material to the construction site at that time. Robin will keep the membership up to date with plans as they develop.

5. Jim Owens indicated that he will resign from the OPTU Board after the banquet in March because of some health issues. He will continue to participate with Project Healing Waters as much as he can.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Steve Reiter.