

# OPTU NEWS

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

This will be my final President's Message for the newsletter. On Saturday, December 3, a new President will be elected and will serve for the next two years. I will continue with the Board as Membership Chair and Trout in the Classroom coordinator. Although there have been a couple of hiccups along the way, my experience in this office has been positive and memorable. I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the board members I have had the pleasure to serve with for your counsel and guidance. And, another heartfelt THANK YOU to all the members who have supported this Chapter financially at the banquets and raffles, and your suggestions and expressions of best wishes along the way.

Our November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 2, at the Viscount Suite Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m., although many members show up at 6:30 or so for some social time. The speaker is Andy Clark with Arizona Game and Fish's Coldwater Fisheries division. Game and Fish hopes to streamline, simplify, and broaden its management of coldwater fish — including four non-native trout, two threatened natives and graylings. The state now has 220 streams and lakes managed mostly for introduced trout, including nearly 1,000 miles of stream — many of them in Rim Country, according to the 2016 Coldwater Sportfisheries Strategic Vision Document, the basis of Clark's presentation. The master plan would set aside some streams for native trout, others for "Blue Ribbon" monsters, but most for rainbows and other easily reared hatchery fish to draw anglers from throughout the state.

The December meeting will be a combination social and business meeting at the home of Steve and Beverly Reiter, 4834 E. Bellevue St. (2 blocks north of Speedway, 2 blocks east of Swan) on Saturday, December 3. The social part will be a pot luck supper; the business part will be election of officers for 2017-2018.

Plates, plastic ware, cups, napkins, and bottled water will be furnished. Bring your own beer, wine or soda and a dish to share. Arrive between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Following dinner there will be a brief meeting to elect officers for the next 2 years. To insure we have adequate dinner ware and seating, please RSVP to Steve or Beverly at 795-2388 (leave message) or by e-mail to sreiter4@cox.net.

I hope you can join us.

***Steve Reiter, President***

## **PROJECT HEALING WATERS**

*Jim Owen, Program Lead, PHWFF – Southern Arizona*

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## Tips and Tricks

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

## FOR SALE

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/StockingSchedule>

## CONSERVATION

Our conservation efforts are continuing. The Departure of Mike Anderson from the Arizona Department of Game and Fish will necessitate coordinating our efforts with Judy Carter, who is taking on his job in addition to her regular post. We will also be working with the T.U. state council on identifying conservation efforts.

We continue to monitor local streams for potential trout stocking. We also are planning on assisting with the willow planting on the West Fork of the Black River in 2017 and we want to participate with the reintroduction of Apache Trout on the lower stretch of the West Fork Black River starting in 2017. We are watching for other opportunities to participate in these and other efforts. *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).

## 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.

## QUOTES AND JOKES

Like red wine and white fish, watches and fishing don't go together. A watch tells you when to go home or go to work, not when to go fishing. If you see a fisherman cast, look at his watch, cast, look at his watch, land a fish, look at his watch, cast and look at his watch, you can pretty much figure he's got either a date in court or a bad marriage. *Paul Quinnett*

## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Things are going well for TIC in Southern AZ. All classroom equipment has been assembled and in operation for the past month or so. Students have been doing daily water quality tests to get familiar with testing and record-keeping. Each school received 100 eyed rainbow trout eggs on Wednesday, September 21, so now the program begins for real! Soon the eggs will hatch. Following that the alevins will absorb their egg sacks for about 2 or 3 weeks, and will begin to look more like fish. All the students are very excited to be participating in this program. Perhaps one, or more, will make a career out of something they were exposed to in TIC. I would call that a real win!

### Fishing Reports

Your editor went to Silver Creek on opening day with his son and grandson. Grandson Haydon continued increasing his skills and landed many nice trout over two days. It was nice seeing the Project Healing Waters folks up there as well. Getting out in beautiful weather and catching some amazing fish - doesn't get much better than that. *Pictures on later page.*

I also had the opportunity to fish the Kenai Peninsula twice in September and October. Stunning as always. Focused on steelhead in October. Superb fish.

### Calendar

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

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6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

DEC 3 - Holiday Party at the Reiter  
House. See President's message for  
details.

DEC 7 No regular meeting

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6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

## Board Meeting Minutes

Present:

Steve Reiter	Mickey Fletcher (teleconference)	Joe Fagan	Roseann Marsett
Robin Marsett	Jim Owen	Bryan Eto	

Call to Order by Steve Reiter followed by accepting of the minutes from the September minutes.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Progress continues on removing Conservation from all the documents. When completed all revised documents will be posted on the OldpuebloTU.org site for review.
- 2) AZTU Council still does not have the dollar amount of the TIC copay we will be charged for 2016-2017. This item will have to be added to the budget when we are informed.
- 3) Annual meeting, dinner and election of officers will be held on Saturday December 3rd at 4:30 - ? at the home of Steve and Beverly Reiter. It will be a pot luck. Details will follow and a Blast will be sent.
- 4) New Members – In order to attract new members free fly fishing clinics will be offered for men, women and children (with parent participation). First classes will probably be in March '17 with promotion in February. Steve will work with UA to establish a 5 Rivers Program hopefully with the start of the January Spring Semester, and events will be held to encourage more family participation such as Barbeques, picnics and campouts.

The Board determined that a return of the Lie N' Tie to Eric's store would be a good way to bring in new members and put a 'Face' back on OPTU. The Store is a good place to post events and have brochures available. Eric agreed to manning the store starting with the 3rd Tuesday in January. More info will be provided in a Blast and on the OPTU Facebook page.

### NEW BUSINESS

1) Financial Report:

There are no outstanding debits or credits. The final Financial Report for the 2015/2016 FY was sent to TU National on October 17th. The 2016/2017 Budget was discussed. Each item was reviewed. The Board determined that keeping the budget under \$15,000 was the safest path to take at this point. The goal is to operate within the income of the Investment Funds. In discussing the new year's budget the question of a 2018 banquet came up. Issues were raised concerning continuing the banquet as a fund raiser and the need for a Banquet Chair now if we were to do a 2018 Banquet. A motion was raised to NOT do a 2018 Banquet but to reconsider one for the out years should things change. The motion was passed by all. Instead fund raising will be done at events and through raffles. Budget was amended to provide for these changes.

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2) Conservation

Willows to be planted next spring on the West Fork of the Black River. We are awaiting a grant request from the WMLF to assist in the purchase of aerators.

3) Trout-in-the-Classroom

Steve is actively working with the schools and with AZTU to find out the charge from state we will have to pay.

4) Chapter Sponsored Outings

The October trip to Rose Canyon will be on Sunday, October 30th. Robin will send out a Blast. Steve agreed to work to locate someone to set up the January fishing trip.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

ACTIONS

Steve

Contact the person/people who were interested in leading a day fishing trip.  
Prepare Blast for Roseann to announce the December Annual Meeting particulars.  
Contact the UA for 5 Rivers to become qualified to be a student organization.

Roseann

Remove Conservation Fund from the OPTU documents and upload the revised versions to the web page.  
Notify AZTU of willingness to be the State WI person.

Bryan

Check with Ken Tucker BSA regarding our participation in Fly Tying lessons/badges.



Anchor River Steelhead

## **DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS: NEWS AND BARGAINS**

Check out the new Simms Rogue Fleece Jackets at Dry Creek Outfitters - only \$89.95 each. Replace that old floating fly line that no longer floats too well. Dry Creek has the Rio In-Touch Fly Line Series in stock - they float high and shoot far. Also, we have generous inventories of breathable Simms waders (Freestone \$249.95, Headwaters \$349.95 & G3 \$499.95) and Simms & Redington wading boots. Many of us discover leaks in our old waders during our last summer outing. Why not replace those waders before your late season trip to the San Juan, Lee's Ferry, Silver Creek or wherever your secret spot flows? Lastly...I know that checking out the newest fly rods is almost as much fun as buying one. Our exceptional year of sales (we had the best August since we opened 17 years ago!!!) has enabled us to comfortably stock between 45 and 55 fly rods. If it's a premium fly rod you seek, check out the Sage X or Salt, the Scott Radian or Meridian or the Orvis Helios 2. We also have entry-level fly rods like the Sage Approach, the Redington Vapen, Hydrogen or Classic Trout or the Orvis Clearwater. Two fly rods that will not disappoint you are the Sage Pulse and the Orvis Recon. At half of the price of our premium fly rods, they might be the best value in the shop.

I would like to personally thank Joe Vitelli and Jim Owen for keeping the lights on while I was vacationing (and flyfishing!!) with my family for 2 weeks in October. These guys are so humble and selfless. We are very lucky to have them be a part of our flyfishing community here in Tucson.

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. *Eric*

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. 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*



Silver Creek Fun