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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers

And, welcome back from wherever you spent your summer, even if it was a "staycation" right here in the Old Pueblo! I hope you had a chance to wet a line a time or two. If not over the summer, prime time for trout fishing is just around the corner. Silver Creek and Frye Creek both re-open to fishing on October 1, so dust off your gear and get ready for some action.

For those of you that would like to combine some fall fishing with some conservation work, there is a very good possibility that there will be a call for help planting willow saplings along the banks of some of the streams in in the Apache-Sitgreaves NF. The Forest Service expects this work to commence in late September; I don't know if they expect to complete the work by the end of the year, or if this is a multi-year project. As soon as anything firm is decided, I will pass it along to you.

Our first meeting this fall will be on Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m., at the Viscount Suites Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia in mid-town. Our speaker will be our own Dr. John Murphy. John maintains a second home near Provo, Utah. The topic of his presentation will be "Fishing Opportunities in the Provo River and Other Nearby Waters". I hope you can join us.

My term as Chapter President will expire in December. Our December meeting, like last year, will be the annual Chapter meeting with elections, review of activities, and finances. That meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 7, at the Viscount Suites Hotel. In addition to President, we have a vacancy for Secretary and a couple of entry-level Board Member positions. If you are interested in joining the leadership of our Chapter, please let me know (sreiter4@cox.net).

Best Regards,

Steve Reiter
President, OPTU

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/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.

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Steve Reiter, Youth Education Programs Coordinator

TIC is starting up again here in the Tucson, this year with 2 new schools as well as 2 returning schools (Santa Rita and Agua Caliente). The new schools are Robert Bracker Elementary in Nogales (5th grade class, Ms. Paulette McClure), and Palo Verde HS (9th grade class, Ms. Jennifer Knochel). State-wide, the program is expanding from 17 classrooms in 2015-16 to 28 classrooms for 2016-17. The goal is to have 50 classrooms participating in the TIC program.

For those of you who are new to Trout in the Classroom, TIC allows students to:

- Raise trout from egg to fry;

- Monitor tank water quality;

- Learn to appreciate water resources and the importance of cold water conservation;

- Foster a conservation ethic;

- Begin to understand and appreciate ecosystems;

- and, Apply science and math standards and concepts to real-world applications.

From time to time, the teachers will allow speakers into the classroom to reinforce some part of the curriculum, or to introduce something new. Examples include water chemistry and the importance of clean water, streamside ecology, fish biology, the effect of forest fires on fish and wildlife habitat, and even things like fly casting and fly tying. If you have a skill or work experience with anything connected any part of the curriculum that you would like to share, please let me know at sreiter4@cox.net. The students and teachers will greatly appreciate your participation!

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.

WEBSITE FOR OPTU

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



Murph's pix because nobody sends me theirs. Top left - Backyard in Utah. Right - the grand girls with their snapper in the Keys. Left - Mt. Lemmon trout. Bottom left - River's snapper.



Calendar

SEP 7 Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker: John Murphy. Fishing around the Provo River area in Utah (and maybe a little on Alaska and New Zealand too).

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

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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*

Photos of the Provo River (except bottom right is a brookie from the Strawberry River nearby). In anticipation of the meeting in September.

