

# OPTU NEWS

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Fellow OPTU'ers ....

OPTU is doing well. We have a busy year ahead of us with several activities planned. We are looking at a fall trip to Becker Lake, a Spring trip to Cluff Ranch, a trip to the San Juan, monthly Lie n' Ties, weekly casting and hopefully some conservation/fishing trips to the White Mountains over the summer. We have lined up some interesting speakers for our monthly meetings. We will keep you abreast of these activities on our Facebook page, our web page, the white board at Dry Creek Outfitters, our newsletter and by blast emails. We are still selling raffle tickets for the luxury condo in Pinetop for a weekend. The tickets are \$5 apiece or 5 tickets for \$20. They can be purchased at our monthly meetings, from board members, or at Dry Creek Outfitters.

I'm excited to announce that we have **grown our membership by 25** in the last three months.

Tight Lines, *Robin*

### **NEXT SPEAKER**

The speaker for our General Meeting on March 1st is Andrew Grogan. Andrew is a third generation fly fisherman whose father took him to the White Mountains of Arizona to learn the skills. They fished the Gila, San Juan and Lee's Ferry. His grandfather further honed those skills taking him to many rivers throughout New England. A local geographer and Tucson fisherman, one of his favorite rivers is the Gunnison. Along with regular trips to Alaska fishing for silver salmon he spends most of his time fishing around the Telluride/Ouray area of Colorado. It was while exploring this area that he discovered the tremendous river that is the Gunnison and its Black Canyon. Having floated and waded this area and the lower stretches he has come to love this river and its importance as a national treasure. Come join us and hear Andrew tell of some experiences and tales from this special river.

### **PROJECT HEALING WATERS**

No report this month. *Jim Owen, Program Lead, PHWFF – Southern Arizona*

### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM**

No report this month. *Steve Reiter, Youth Education Coordinator*

### **FISHING REPORTS**

No one went fishing this month - or at least they didn't send the editor a report.

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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**

Patagonia ultralight river crampons - never used. New \$199, for sale \$50. Call John 520-250-4083 <http://www.backcountry.com/patagonia-river-crampon?http://www.patagonia.com/product/ultralight-river-crampons/79196.html>

## **ARIZONA GAME AND FISH**

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

## **UPCOMING FISHING TRIPS AND MEMBER OUTINGS**

### **San Juan 2017**

The 15th Annual OPTU San Juan fishing trip will be Friday March 10th to Thursday March 16, 2017. The trip is full. We'll be staying at the Octagon Inn - if any OPTUers are up the same week drop by and say hello or wave to us on the river.

### **Cluff Ranch**

OPTU is sponsoring a fly fishing trip and conservation day at Cluff Ranch. The bunkhouses and camping will be available to us from Friday 24 March to Sunday 26 March. If women attend, we will hold one of the two bunkhouses aside for their exclusive use. Breakfast and dinner will be provided by OPTU on the 25th, Breakfast will be provided by OPTU on the 26th, and lunch makings will be available so people can make their own on the 25th and 26th. There will be stocked trout in Cluff pond, there should be stocked Gila Trout in Frey Mesa Reservoir, there will be wild Gila Trout in Frey Creek which is open to fishing from 1 Oct to 31 March. Grant Creek has wild Apache trout and is about a 45-minute drive from Cluff Ranch. It is not necessary to stay all three days. If you want to come up for only one night or even one day that is OK. If you want to attend, please RSVP either Robin Marsett or Clay Hernandez.

## Lie 'n Tie

For March "Lie 'n Tie" Gary Locker is going to show us how to tie a variation or two of the "Madam X" fishing fly. The tying session will be at Dry Creek Outfitters in the shopping center on the NE corner of Craycroft and River roads. The time to start will be at 6:00 PM, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, March 21.

Work space is limited, so be on time to get a space to tie. Please bring your own fly tying tools and thread assortment. Hooks and materials will be provided to tie the pattern/s.

If you would like to show others how to tie your favorite fly/s or suggest a fly pattern to be shown by others please notify Joe Fagan; JFaganFishEd@gmail.com cell or messaging 520-730-6398.



Preview of the fly to be tied



San Juan dreams



## 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

Why Fishing is better than sex

1. You don't have to hide your fishing magazines.
2. It is perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to fish with you once in a while.
3. The Ten Commandments don't say anything about fishing.
4. If your partner takes pictures or videotapes of you fishing, you don't have to worry about them showing up on the Internet if you become famous.
5. Your fishing partner doesn't get upset about people you fished with long ago.



Fishing the little streams

## CONSERVATION

No report this month

### Calendar

**MAR 1** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Andrew Grogan: Fishing the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River

**MAR 1** BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

**MAR 21** Lie and Tie - 6 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters

**APR 5** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker Peter Norton: Fishing Southern Utah

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

**APR 18** Lie and Tie - 6 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters

## **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.

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 6 pm. 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*



El Presidente with a nice brown.