

OPTU NEWS

Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited

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President's Report

Greetings Fellow TUers:

We had a great meeting on August 4th. The meeting was opened with a demonstration of the "S" cast. The rest of us then attempted to duplicate the demonstration. Needless to say, not all of us were successful. The speaker, Alex Landeen, gave us some tips and tricks for taking better digital outdoor photos. The presentation was a nice change of pace and very informative. If any of you have suggestions for our new skills portion of the meeting please pass it on to a board member and we will schedule it.

The Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting will be held in New Hampshire on September 15-19, 2010. Your Board of Directors unanimously voted to send Mike Mehrer, Vice President, to represent OPTU. If you have any issues or pet projects you would like discussed at the meeting please contact Mike.

We are still recruiting for the position of secretary. Please consider serving your club by

volunteering for this important position.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is August 25th. I'm not sure who will be here to attend for three of us will be on the Retiree's trip and others will be on the Wounded Warriors trip. Maybe we should just cancel.

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and enjoying some fine fly fishing. We usually open our meetings with fishing reports from our members, so bring your tales of the summer to the next meeting.

Your man in the executive suite, Roger McKee, President, OPTU

Flycasting Workshops at Monthly Meetings

The September meeting (see the meeting schedule for time and place) will feature a workshop on fly casting. The workshops will be held during the first hour from 6:30 to 7:30PM. Featured speakers will begin at 7:30 PM. The raffle will be held following the speaker.

Fly casting topics will be wide ranging including various casts such as the reach cast and tuck casts, rod weight casting characteristics,

casting line variations and much more. All members are invited to participate in the workshop as instructors and/or learners. The sessions are not classes so much as give and take sessions. We expect these workshops to evolve into ongoing fly fishing workshops at our meetings and we invite and expect attending members to contribute ideas and skills to the project. Bring your fly rod(s) to the meeting and join the fun!

Donate Laptop or LCD

If you have a functioning laptop and/or an LCD projector that you would be willing to donate to OPTU for use at its meetings, please contact any one of the officers (see list of officers on page 3). We would like to begin projecting fly tying demonstrations at each meeting in addition to the presentations. OPTU is a 501C organization so there might be tax advantages. Check with your accountant.

Tips and Tricks

We will try out a new section on tips everyone should know but might not. See later in the News.

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Theme photo for 2010 - Dolly Varden
and bead - Kenai River, Alaska

Calendar

Sep 1: Regular meeting at 6:30 pm. Speaker Cinda Howard of Orvis in Scottsdale. She will speak about reading streams and fishing small streams in Arizona. Offices of Scott Koktavý 1836 S Research Loop (near Pantano and 22nd).

Sep 15: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Sep 22: Board meeting at the Viscount Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia - 6 pm. Everyone is invited.

Oct 6: Regular meeting at 6:30 pm. Speaker Rory Aikens of Arizona Game and Fish. Offices of Scott Koktavý 1836 S Research Loop (near Pantano and 22nd).

Oct 20: Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254. Call Eric at 326-7847.

Oct 27: Board meeting at the Viscount Hotel on Broadway at Arcadia - 6 pm. Everyone is invited.

Oct 30: Halloween on the Fly. Offices of Scott Koktavý 1836 S Research Loop (near Pantano and 22nd).

November - no regular meeting

No Conservation report this month.

Tips and Tricks

We will try out a new section on tips everyone should know but might not. I'll begin:

Finding and Repairing Holes in Gortex Waders

As you should all know, because directions are provided with your waders, the way to detect leaks is to turn the waders inside-out and rub the area you think might be a problem with isopropyl alcohol (vodka or scotch might work in the field if you don't have any rubbing alcohol - but I'm not positive). A dark spot will appear if a hole is present and you can immediately apply Aquaseal or Shoe-Goo to the spot if you happen to have some. I have heard that super glue destroys waders so make sure to avoid that.

After hand rubbing alcohol on my waders with toilet paper for years I finally figured out that a spray bottle would work much better and use less alcohol. If you have had your waders for a year or

more and never done this, you will be surprised at how many micro holes you will find. These will, of course, become macro holes at absolutely the wrong time - as in when it is really cold and you are away from all supplies. I recommend checking the waders at least yearly and fixing the little holes. As President Kennedy once said, the time to mend a roof is when the sun is shining.

Aquaseal Storage

After using Aquaseal, store it in the freezer. It will pretty much last forever and only takes about 10 minutes of thawing to be ready to use. If this isn't done, the tube usually goes bad after the first use. Clue in the kids and spouse so they don't use it for icing cookies.

Mending a Rod in the Field

Cullen taught me this one. If you break your rod while out fishing and are suddenly stuck with no way to fish (we have done this out backpacking with only one rod), try the following. Break off a little more of the thin end so

you can stick in down into the bigger end - preferably with at least an inch overlap. Wrap this junction with something that will strengthen the area. Examples include a matchbook cover, piece of paper that can be wrapped around a number of times tightly, duct tape, etc. Next, take some tippet and wrap the area as tightly as possible for at least a half inch above and below the break. Figure out a good knot to hold it (anyone with ideas please send them in). We did this one day and were able to land a reasonably-sized King Salmon. Small fish should be no trouble and your trip won't be ruined.

The editor.



At the center of TU's efforts to raise the profile of coldwater conservation is the **Grassroots Activist Network** - TU members who have volunteered to contact their members of Congress, Governors, members of state legislatures and natural resource agencies on issues of importance to trout and salmon.

Grassroots Activists receive brief summaries or Action Alerts of issues pending before government decision-makers that could harm or help coldwater fisheries, and guidance on how to be an effective voice for trout and salmon.



DEDICATED TO RESTORING THE APACHE TROUT IN ARIZONA

The Old Pueblo Chapter has worked over the years to remove Apache Trout from the endangered species list and also is focusing on restoring the Gila Trout. We exist to promote wild fish and the joy of fishing.



PROJECT HEALING WATERS



NEWS FROM DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS

Call Eric or Whitey at 326-7847 for information. Drop by and see new products.

HELP ON PLACES TO FISH

Names and email addresses of OPTU members who have kindly agreed to share their fishing waters' knowledge with members who have not fished the particular waters before and are looking for advice is now available for downloading on the new OPTU website at:

<http://optu.org/FISHING%20WATERS%20HELP.doc>. A good first lead about where and when to fish, or where to stay can make the trip easier and more enjoyable. The list is alphabetical by state and several foreign locations are also included. For advice about one of the areas or rivers on the list, get in touch with the named colleague by email and make arrangements to talk to them by phone.

Additionally, courtesy of OPTU flyfisher Don Maggert, there is a disc containing articles pulled from the Web about fly fishing some thirty well-regarded Western rivers (mostly in Colorado and Montana as well as a few from Idaho and Utah). Send me a name of the river and I will check to see if it is on Don's disc and if so, I

will forward the write-up. Stan Vanagunas vanagunas@msn.com

Upcoming Fishing Trips

No trips scheduled at the moment. Don't forget there is fun fishing in southern Arizona's lakes. It's always a fun day of fishing with fellow OPTU members locally.

ALASKA FISHING TRIP OPPORTUNITY - Last 2010 Chance

Have you ever dreamed of going to Alaska to fish? Especially during the time when fly fishing is exceptional (September) for rainbows, dolly varden, steelhead, and silver salmon? I'll be up at the Great Alaska Lodge on the Kenai Peninsula from September 11 to 24 hosting a continuing education meeting, but the trip is open to **anyone** and is about 15% less than the brochure price (cost is \$3795 for 7 days and you can come anytime within the 14 days I'll be there). If you would like to fish with other members of OPTU contact me for more details and I can send a brochure. John Murphy (jemurphy51@me.com) The Lodge website is: http://www.greatalaska.com/pages/alaska_lodge/44.php

FISHING REPORTS

I went fishing with my friend Mike to the San Juan in early August. We were to have gone backpacking and fishing in the northern California mountains but the late snows had the river up too high for safety and good fishing. Thus, we changed plans. The SJ was beautiful and crystal clear. We

arrived on Sunday to the usual crowds but by Tuesday the traffic was light and the fish much happier. We landed many a nice rainbow near the dam and poking around the areas adjacent to and above the Kiddie Pool parking lot. A lot of sight fishing made it particularly fun. Landed a couple on a dry that I couldn't see so had to rely on a very tiny indicator.

We stayed at the Octagon Inn, which I can definitely recommend. A large room fully equipped is \$45/person/night (double) - add \$45 per person after that for up to 4. The manager, Matthew Clifton, is a guide. Seemed like a nice chap but we didn't use a guide this time. The Octagon has room for up to 13 and is where the annual OPTU outing will be held next March. Can't wait to go. *The editor.*



A nice SJ bow



QUOTES AND JOKES

Learning from Dogs (Part II)

- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie down under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

OPTU FACEBOOK GROUP

If you add the OPTU group to your links in Facebook it will help make contacts with members. *Joe DeVries* jrdaz@cox.net

FOR SALE

Whitey Kuebler has a large number of items for sale from an estate. These include reels, rods, books, videos and other miscellaneous items. If you are interested look at the November newsletter or contact Whitey at jwkuebler@earthlink.net or cell 419 0686

MOVIE LINKS

Please send links to movies you have seen on YouTube or other places. I'll check it out and post. Here are a few of mine:

Alaska Hog Rainbows

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywq-mcJZU5U>

Fishing Isla Holbox, Mexico

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaneWpIRmw>

Fishing the Florida Keys

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X65xlabDeew>

Alaska - June 2010 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kB9aa7oDUxo&feature=channel>

Interesting Alaska Video - Not mine

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7x-XIydHb8&NR=1&feature=fvwp>

JOIN TROUT UNLIMITED

Join Trout Unlimited and you will be assigned to a chapter (or you may designate one). The link below is to the TU website membership form area.

<https://www.tumembership.org/member>

Here is the general information about membership on the TU website.

Join the Community

We'd love to have you as a member, whether or not you fish. Healthy streams benefit everyone, not just anglers.

We'll assign you to a local chapter. Chapters meet regularly to hear about fishing hot spots from Maine to the Bahamas, discuss conservation issues, plan work days on their home waters, organize fundraisers, and of course, swap a few fish tales and learn how to tie the latest fly patterns. Looking for a fishing partner? Many chapters sponsor "Fish with a Friend" programs that connect members in search of fishing companions.

All members also receive TROUT, TU's award-winning color magazine. You'll get four issues a year, full of conservation news, updates on TU activities,

grassroots success stories, and fishing destinations.

TU offers a variety of membership categories which allow individuals and businesses to contribute to TU's mission at the conservation support levels of their choosing:

Membership Level Yearly Dues

Stream Explorer (18 and under) \$12

Senior (62 or older) \$20

Regular \$35

Family/Contributor \$50

Sponsor \$100

Outfitter, Guide and Business \$295

Conservator \$250

Stewardship \$500

Life (One Time Payment) \$1000

**Canadian members add \$5; other countries add \$20 per membership.

[Join Trout Unlimited Now](#) and receive a free gift.

Be sure to add Chapter 531 to your application to ensure linking to the Old Pueblo group.

NOTE: All new members attending their first OPTU meeting please let us know on arrival and you will receive five bucket raffle tickets for the raffles on items for that evening. You might win some nice things while meeting the nice folks at OPTU.

BOARD MINUTES

None available this month.