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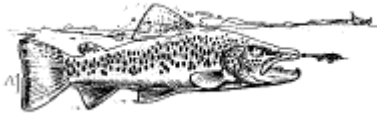


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President's Message

Greetings:

I can't speak for all of you but I always get excited when the daytime highs start hovering around 95 (vs.105). Sept., Oct. and Nov. are my favorite times of year and I think the best trout fishing of the year. I hope to get out a lot and I hope you do too! I'm sorry I missed Bill McBurney's presentation but I heard it was a good one. I plan on going out on Powell with him sometime in Sept. So far it's me, myself and I. If interested in joining the trip give me a call.

By the time you have received this newsletter the chapter will have completed a work day at Stinky Creek to repair a barrier and hopefully plans are under way to finish the installation of remaining HOBO units. Jeff Collins has done a superb job as Conservation chairman and please join me in thanking him for his efforts. Please remember on your membership renewals to submit them locally rather than sending them to TU national. We get a nice rebate to the chapter on renewals. You can send them to me or Carolyn Barlett – see this newsletter for my address.

Finally I would like to welcome Tom Stash as our new club treasurer. Tom is a CPA and a small business consultant who I have personally used and I can assure you of his competency (plus he's an all around good guy and a fairly decent fisherman). We thank Scott Styrmoie for many years at the helm and hope he will stick around as a board member. Thanks Scott!

See you all on September 1st for the general meeting.

Tightlines,
Jim Maina



OPTU conservation efforts



King on a fly

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LIE & TIE

7 p.m. on September 15th at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254. Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information. If any one has special flies they would like to have tied at Lie and Tie please contact John Kuebler at 885-5652 and we will do our best to accommodate your request

GUEST SPEAKER

Regular meeting at Viscount Suites Hotel September 1st at 7 pm, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd. The speaker will be Adam Trahan of www.Smallstreams.com His topic will be "...from the mountains to the sea"



OPTU's Save the Natives – Apache Trout

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Grassroots Activist Network

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.

As we work to protect fish and their waters, we need your support and involvement to carry the conservationist message. To join the Grassroots Activist Network, please send an email containing your mailing address to grassrootsactivist@tu.org

Volunteering - AZ Game & Fish Sport Fishing Program

Email Titus Piper (fishedaz@earthlink.net) with your name, address and zip code to receive a volunteer packet from Game and Fish. For members without email call 622-9597. After completing the packet, go to G&F to get fingerprinted, then send the packet to Phoenix. After a background check you will receive a calendar of events.



A nice King off the beach

Volunteering – Next OPTU Workday

The next workday will be Saturday August 21st. I will need at least 10 volunteers willing to hike 2 miles (4 round trip) to Stinky Creek from the bridge at the West Fork of the Black (where the monument is). We will be doing repair work on the Stinky Creek barrier. Scott Gurtin of Game and Fish will be there to supervise and assist. We'll have to have a bucket brigade to fill the leak at the bottom of the barrier. The hike in is pleasant and not hard; I did it with the Boy Scouts on the last workday and I'm far from being in good shape. If we have enough volunteers we won't have any climbing to the

sand and gravel and can just pass the buckets along. Please volunteer if you can and respond to me at 520-403-4062. OPTU will supply lunch and if we can get 10 RSVP's I'll BBQ dinner on our new grill.

Thanks, *Jeff Collins*

Apache Trout Recovery

Hello to TU Apache Trout Interests - I wanted to introduce myself to those I haven't met and alert you that we have a NFWF Apache Trout grant. The grant will provide a minimum of \$200,000 for Apache trout work. Funds may be expended over the next 2 years. The award is in the form of a "block grant," so there's no specific earmarking of funds.

The general intent is to enhance or expand on existing Apache trout recovery plans and to blend the grant into the ongoing Apache trout organization and partnership efforts. Anyone interested in updates, please phone (703-284-9407) or e-mail for more information jmcgurrin@tu.org *Joseph McGurrin*
TU national staff - Director of Resources



18 lb Venezuelan Peacock Bass

Miscellany

Michael Lynch's Boy Scout Project

I have worked with OPTU and my family on the West Fork of the Black River restoration project since I was about 5 years old. When it was time in my Scouting career to plan my Eagle Scout Service Project, the West Fork of the Black River and OPTU were the cause and group I wanted to serve. Thanks to the generous support of the OPTU Board and membership this dream of mine became a reality.

Saturday morning, June 26, I was very pleased to see 24 volunteers at the FS116 road campsite ready to help place 20 HOBO units in Thompson Creek, Stinky Creek, Burro Creek and the West Fork of the Black River.

I split the volunteers into three groups to install the 20 HOBO units at locations predetermined by the Forest Service. With clouds for shade and light afternoon rain, we had perfect weather for hiking the headwater canyons. All groups completed their work assignments by late afternoon and enjoyed a much needed spaghetti dinner in camp Saturday evening. Thanks Mom and Dad for all the cooking!

A huge thanks to OPTU for sponsoring this project and the OPTU members who showed up on Sunday to take us Scouts fly-fishing. I especially am grateful for the help Mr. Jeff Collins, Mr. Fred Fillmore and Mr. Don Duff gave me to support my Eagle Scout Service Project. I could not have done this without their constant support.

I am proud to be a Boy Scout and an OPTU member. Thanks again to everyone. *Michael Lynch*

Notes from the Fly Shops

Tightlines will be hosting an Alaska salmon fly tying session on Wednesday, August 25th from 6:30 to 9 pm. There is no charge for this special session; the Thursday night sessions are still being held from 7-9 pm. Call 322-9444 for details.

Dry Creek: Earn chances to win a Galvan Open Back 3 (OB-3) reel. For all purchases made from 8/20 to 9/30, you will receive 1 chance per \$15 spent. The drawing will occur at the end of the business on 9/30. The OB-3 has the smoothest drag on the market and retails for \$250. Whitey Kuebler will be giving entry level fly tying classes soon! Come in or call for additional info and registration details. Call 326-7847 and inquire about our sale on Sage DS-2 Flyrods!!! Don't miss the Lie & Tie on 9/15 with the legendary Doug Buck.

Fishing Reports

Photos

Send in photos to the editor if you would like them in the newsletter - preferably by e-mail. This is important if you tire of seeing the editor's family, friends and pets featured.

Upcoming Fishing Trips

OPTU's Fall Trip to Creede, Pagosa Springs and the San Juan is full. The group of eight will depart October 1st and return October 10th. If you're interested in being an "alternate", please contact Rob Gillette (615-8141 hm/323-1005 wk). Cost is \$350 for transportation and lodging.

John Murphy is considering leading a repeat of the 2004 Rodeo Break trip to the San Juan in 2005. Pencil in the dates (Feb 24-27) and watch for an announcement.

The Lees Ferry trip will be held in June/July 2005. More bugs, better fishing, and less crowded than a winter trip. Watch for details. *Rob Gillette*

Going fishing this fall? If you want to join up with other club members, make the announcement about when and where you'll be at the monthly club meeting. For information on fishing trips contact Rob Gillette (323-1005 W/ 531-8141 H) or azflyfshr@msn.com for more information.



Kenai Rainbow

Rebates for Chapter Renewals (IMPORTANT)

T.U. National provides an opportunity for chapters to earn rebates. There is a **special introductory rate of \$17.50** for new members and TU returns the **entire first year's dues as a rebate** - \$15 directly to the chapter. Have prospective new members go to the website www.tu.org/intro where they can join. Enter our chapter number 531 so we get the credit. Renewals sent by the chapter to National also earn rebates. Members can bring their renewal notices to meetings or special events or the chapter can use the roster to identify your expiration date. Bring your next renewal to a meeting or event. This will give our region more dollars to invest in the preservation of our coldwater fisheries. Help stretch your dollars for the benefit of Arizona fisheries. Thanks.

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Humor/Quotes

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Snappy Answer

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."



OPTU Regular Meetings – Special Upcoming Speakers

October – John Murphy – Fishing Alaska and New Zealand

There will be dinners before the meetings at Wilburs so you can get a more personal introduction to the speakers, please feel free to join us. We usually start dinner at 5:45pm. Thanks, *Jeff Collins*

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- Sep 1:** Regular meeting – Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd., at 7 p.m. Adam Trahan of www.Smallstreams.com His topic will be "...from the mountains to the sea"
- Sep 15:** Lie & Tie – 7:00 p.m. at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Sep 22:** Board Meeting at Viscount Suite Hotel Wildcat Bar, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd., at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 6:** Regular meeting – Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd., at 7 p.m. John Murphy on Fly Fishing Alaska (Kenai and some others) and New Zealand.
- Oct 20:** Lie & Tie – 7:00 p.m. at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Oct 27:** Board Meeting at Viscount Suite Hotel Wildcat Bar, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd., at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.