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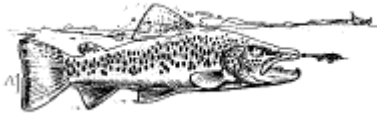


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TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND RESTORE NORTH AMERICA'S  
COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

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## President's Message

### Greetings:

Our club will be going through some changes in the next few months and we wanted to get you all an early newsletter in May to advise you. First of all, The Viscount has advised us that beginning in June they would charge us \$150 per night for the general meetings. They point to the fact that our food and beverage purchases on meeting nights are minimal and I would have to agree with them. When they gave us the "free" meeting room it was with the understanding that we would bring food and beverage revenue with pre-meeting dinners and drinks and its just not happening. The board is in favor of leaving the Viscount and that would mean leaving them for general and board meetings as well as the banquet. The board is actively pursuing other venues including hotels, restaurants and even other meeting sites like schools and libraries that have no services. We hope to have this issue resolved by next bulletin and if you have any opinions or ideas please contact me or another board member. In the meantime there will be NO JUNE MEETING. The swap meet which is held in lieu of a meeting in July will be held at Dry Creek Outfitters on East Broadway so bring your sale items, money or both. Therefore our next regular meeting will be held in August, somewhere other than the Viscount.

Some important items regarding the Memorial Day outing; PLEASE contact Jeff Collins or Rob Gillette with your meat orders for the potluck dinner on Saturday night. If we don't get your order you'll likely be a vegetarian for a night! Also PLEASE remember to get your Hawley Lake permits at Hon-Dah Ski and Sports (right next to the casino but set back in the trees a few feet). Each person in your party, fishing or not, must have a daily use permit

for each day you are in the campground. This permit will also serve as your daily fishing permit on any tribal lakes EXCEPT those with special regulations (Cyclone, Hurricane, Earl Park). This outing is always a great time and a splendid time is guaranteed for all!

Have a terrific spring and we'll see you all in July at the swap meet.

**Tightlines,**  
**Jim Maina**

PS: A co-worker of mine did me a favor and stopped at Hon Dah Ski and Sport and found out that they had our check and verified our dates as May 22 through May 30 for the lake. So I guess if people want to go up early they can. *Jeff Collins*



*Fishing Dog*

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*Bead head Brassie*

## LIE & TIE

7 p.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup> 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

No meeting in June.



*OPTU's Save the Natives – Apache Trout*

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## CONSERVATION

### 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](mailto:grassrootsactivist@tu.org)

### Volunteering - AZ Game & Fish Sport Fishing Program

Email Titus Piper ([fishedaz@earthlink.net](mailto: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.



*Ferry Days*

### Volunteering – OPTU Workdays 2005

The 2005 OPTU Apache Trout Workday season should be a busy and exciting one. Dates are as follows:

**Saturday, June 18**

**Saturday, July 16**

**Saturday, August 27**

**Saturday September 24**

I hope to see all of you at least one workday. They're fun and you get to meet other members with the same interest as you. We always do some fly-fishing while we're there and what better place to visit when Tucson is soaring into the 100 degree mark. As last year, all participants will be eligible for the final drawing of a custom fly rod. Last years winner was Merle Bradley; I'm sure we'll see him at a workday this year toting his custom 4 weight.

*Jeff Collins, OPTU VP/Conservation Officer*

## MISCELLANY

### Fishing Reports

No reports. Guess nobody went anywhere.

### Notes from the Fly Shops

**Dry Creek Outfitters:** Don't miss the Sage Demo Day on Saturday, June 4, from 10AM-6PM. Sage Fly Rod rep, John Sherman, will be in attendance and casting instruction will be complimentary (as will the hot dogs and soda). Dry Creek has scheduled a trip with Reel Women, Inc. to fly fish the Henry's Fork in Idaho, the South Fork of the Snake in Idaho and the Snake in Jackson, WY. This trip is designed for couples and will be from 8/24 – 8/28. Don't miss this chance to teach your spouse/significant other the art of flyfishing. Come on down and check out the new fast action Sage Fli 590-4 at \$285.



*The fish are getting bigger at the Juan*

## 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

**Memorial Day Family Outing:** OPTU will host the annual Memorial Day Family Outing at Hawley Lake from Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> through Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. A campground has been reserved at Hawley Lake for members, families, and friends. The campground allows RV's, 5<sup>th</sup> wheels, tents, etc. A permit must be purchased for each person attending, *including children*, from Honda Ski & Sport, prior to arriving at Hawley Lake. This includes even those who will not be fishing. Tell them you're with OPTU at Hawley Lake. There will be a fishing contest for children (bait and parental assistance permitted) and the annual One Fly/One Fish/One Hour contest for adults on Saturday. Be sure to let Rob Gillette/Jeff Collins know if you have children who'll be in the contest by May 20<sup>th</sup>. We want to have a Prize for each entrant. Saturday night will be a pot luck dinner with OPTU providing the entrée (chicken/steak). Contact Rob Gillette/Jeff Collins with your order by **May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Pot luck information is contained elsewhere within the bulletin.

**Lees Ferry** (July 21<sup>st</sup>-July 24<sup>th</sup>): Reservations have been made for a Lees Ferry trip. The group will leave Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, fish Friday and Saturday, and return to Tucson on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Fee is \$230 which includes transportation, lodging, and rental boat. Lodging will be at Lees Ferry Lodge with rental boats from Lees Ferry Anglers. While the weather will be warm, the bugs will be coming off providing for great fishing. Prepayment in full insures your position.

**Fall Retirees Trip:** The annual Fall Retirees Trip is scheduled from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Fishing will be at Pagosa Springs, Durango (Animas River) and the San Juan River. Cost is \$375 to \$400 depending on gas prices. The cost includes transportation & lodging. ONE POSITION REMAINS.

**For all the above trips** Contact Rob Gillette at 615-8141) or  
([rgillette@bournpartners.com](mailto:rgillette@bournpartners.com) / [azflyfshr@comcast.net](mailto:azflyfshr@comcast.net) for more information.

**San Juan 2006** – February 22 – 26. Save the dates.

**Alaska** Great Alaska Lodge (<http://www.greatalaska.com/>) is offering a 5% discount on any fishing or adventure package that is booked in connection with John Murphy's continuing education meetings in June and Sept 2005. So, *non physician/pharmacists* can come the same time and get the discount. Call John 250-4083 or [murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu](mailto:murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu).

### 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. Prospective new members can go to the website [www.tu.org/intro](http://www.tu.org/intro) to join. Enter our chapter number 531 so we get the credit. Renewals sent by the chapter to National also earn rebates. 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.



*A nice New Zealand Brown*

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*Yellowstone Cutt*

### Humor/Quotes

All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope. *Sir Winston Churchill* (and flyfishing of course)

Bob and Mary's young black Lab Sonny ran ahead to make sure there were no gophers or jackrabbits in the way. If you don't give a dog a specific job, he'll improvise one for himself and it will invariably be fun. There's a lesson there. *John Gierach* At the Grave of the Unknown Fisherman

...if you develop the kind of jones I have for fly-fishing – and it can happen – you'll probably spend enough on gear in the next thirty years to have sent a kid to college. And you won't regret any of it either, although you might miss your ex-wives from time to time.

*John Gierach At the Grave of the Unknown Fisherman*



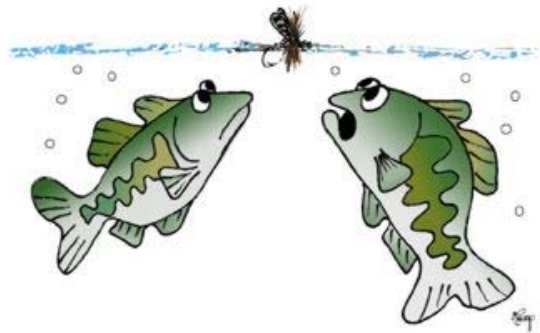
*Lake Wakatipu*

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Nothing for sale this month.



*Those rods are tasty*



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- Jun 1:** No regular meeting.
- Jun 15:** Lie & Tie – 7:00 p.m. at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Jun 22:** Board Meeting at Viscount Suite Hotel Wildcat Bar, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- July 6:** Swap Meet at Dry Creek Outfitters. Bring your stuff and sell or swap away.
- July 20:** Lie & Tie – 7:00 p.m. at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- July 27:** Board Meeting at Viscount Suite Hotel Wildcat Bar, 4855 E. Broadway Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.