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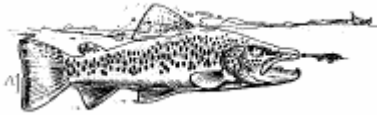


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TO CONSERVE, PROTECT, AND RESTORE NORTH AMERICA'S  
COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

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## *President's Message*

### **Greetings Fellow TUers:**

I just got back from the TU National Convention in Minneapolis and would like to thank OPTU once again for sending me. Joe McGurrian and I made a nice presentation to the Native Trout Committee, which I am a part of. Soon you will be able to see the CSI (Conservation Success Index) on the TU website for Apache Trout. This coming year the committee will turn our efforts toward Bonneville Cutthroats.

We are fast approaching our 2006 Family Outing at Deadhorse Ranch over the Veterans Day weekend (November 9-12). I only have 10 campsites reserved, so if you're going please RSVP with me soon so we can determine our food amount and campsite spacing. We have the potential for 46 sites reserved. It promises to be a fun outing.

We are also approaching our annual Holiday party (December 2) to be held at John Singley's house as it was last year. This year OPTU is hosting a fully catered Mexican Buffet, It's BYOB but the food and sodas are covered. Please RSVP to John Singley before November 15.

Tickets for the Annual Banquet (February 24, 2007) are on sale also and can be purchased at either of our two flyshops or through the mail-in form in the newsletter. They can also be purchased at the general meetings and Holiday party. This year tickets are starting at \$40 per person and will go up after the Holiday Party. Get your tickets early. We will be having the Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel and Suites on Grant (our new meeting place). Address is posted inside the newsletter.

I will be working up in Springerville for the rest of the month so you know what I'll be doing after work. It's Brown trout time. I hooked into a nice 20' plus Brown up in Minnesota last week at Trout Run Creek; beautiful colors. Pictures are being sent to me so I should have them by the next meeting.

Remember that there is our last workday on October 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be camping on FR116; hope to see you there.

**Fish to Live and Live to Fish,  
Jeff Collins  
President/Conservation Officer**

### **HOLIDAY PARTY – DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The holiday party will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Singley's place again. It will start at 6:30 with dinner being served at 7. We are doing it different this year as the dinner will be a catered, Mexican menu. The club will be providing the dinner, soft drinks and mixers. BYOB on adult beverages. Since this will be a catered dinner we need to have a count on who will be coming at least a week before the dinner. Please call John @ 318-4791 and tell how many will be coming. Leave a message if no answer. NOW IS NOT TOO SOON. For those who haven't been to the Singley's it is at 3461 N. Wilson, 1 block South of Prince and two blocks East of Campbell (or 2 blocks west of Tucson Blvd.); on the SW corner of Greenlee and Wilson.

### **IMPORTANT NEWS ON MEETING SITE**

Beginning this month the OPTU will be meeting at the Sheraton Tucson, which is located at 5151 E. Grant Road (northeast corner of Grant and Rosemont). This will also be the site of board meetings and the annual banquet.

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*Sculpin*

## LIE & TIE

7 p.m. on September 20<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 he will do his best to accommodate your request

## GUEST SPEAKER

On October 4<sup>th</sup> the speaker will be Bill McBurney on Lake Powell Strippers. **Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd – 7 pm.**



*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.

**Grand Canyon Proposals** - The following link describes what AZ Game and Fish is planning to do at the Grand Canyon. <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grca>. Check it out.

**FROM:** Larry M. Riley Fisheries Branch Chief Fish and Game

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Fishing Regulation Changes – 2007 & 2008  
It is time once again to discuss and consider modifications to Arizona's Fishing Regulations. Attached are changes proposed by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and/or the public for calendar year 2007 & 2008. **Your comments on the proposals are welcomed and valued – we truly want to know what you think so that we can convey your opinion to the Commission.** We invite you to submit written comments to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Commission Order 40, Fisheries Branch, 2221 West Greenway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85023-4399, or email your comments to [fishaz@azgfd.gov](mailto:fishaz@azgfd.gov) or discuss the proposals in person at any of the following public meetings:

September 26 @ Pinetop 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Arizona Game and Fish Department Pinetop Regional Office 2878 East White Mountain Boulevard

September 27 @ Kingman 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Arizona Game and Fish Department Kingman Regional Office 5325 North Stockton Hill Road

September 28 @ Tucson 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson Regional Office 555 North Greasewood Road

September 29 @ Flagstaff 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
Arizona Game and Fish Department Flagstaff Regional Office  
3500 South Lake Mary Road

2007-08 Proposed Fishing Regulation Changes: (Go to their website for rationales for each item)

1. Temporarily extend closure of Fish Creek (including tributaries Double Cienega and Corduroy Creeks), upper East Fork Little Colorado River, and Hayground Creek to fishing for 2 years (January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008) for Apache trout re-establishment and recovery.
2. Temporarily close Fossil Creek to fishing through December 31, 2008.
3. For Apache trout re-establishment and recovery:  
Temporarily close Conklin Creek to fishing for two years, from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008.  
Temporarily close the South Fork Little Colorado River and Stinky Creek to fishing from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.
4. Reduce Daily Bag/Possession Limits at City Reservoir (4a) and Francis Short Pond (4b) to those used on intensively used small or urban lakes. Change Bag and Possession limits to 4 trout (youth 2), 2 bass 13 inch minimum size, 4 catfish, and 5 sunfish.
5. Reduce Daily Bag/Possession Limits for Catfish and Bass at Stone Dam to those used on intensively used, small waters. Change Bag and Possession limits to 4 catfish and 2 Bass.
6. Remove Bag Limits for Northern Pike at Upper Lake Mary and Stoneman Lake.
7. Change bag limits for striped bass at Lake Mead from current limit of 20 fish to unlimited under 20-inches, and 20 fish over 20-inches.
8. Allow harvest of 2 rainbow trout in the catch and release section (below OW Bridge) of Canyon Creek.
9. Change Becker Lake to artificial lure and fly only with barbless hooks, and 2 trout limit, year around.

### 2006 OPTU Workdays

**Our last workday for 2006 is coming up.**

We'll meet at the usual campsite on FR116 (Apache Trout work):

**October 7 Saturday**

*Jeff Collins - OPTU President/Conservation Officer*

### Trout camp in Michigan

Kevin High and I had a lot of fun at the trout camp in Michigan. The camp, hosted by the Kalamazoo chapter of Trout Unlimited, was very well organized. We learned about everything from conservation and ecosystems to fly tying and fly fishing techniques. My favorite part was the fishing. We went fishing every day; including the day we got there (we were on the water and catching fish only 5 hours after getting to camp). On the last day we fished on a private fishing lodge on Big Creek. The lodge also had a bass pond, which was way more popular. In the last seconds of fishing, I pulled in an eighteen-inch bass on a size 6 or 8 Clouser minnow. The staff there was very nice and knowledgeable. One guy was a sage rod representative and an AMAZING caster.

In the course of one week I tripled my fly fishing and trout conservation knowledge. Thank you for sending Kevin and me to the Kalamazoo Trout camp. *Austin Brown*



*Tying flies at Trout Camp*



*Applying some Trout Camp knowledge gained*

## MISCELLANY

### SHARING YOUR FISHING WITH OPTU MEMBERS

Would you be willing to provide a fishing slideshow and discussion at an upcoming OPTU meeting? We are looking for speakers who have power point or slides and stories to tell. *We have the equipment for showing.* The topic can be broad-based or specific (e.g., fishing in Alaska to steelheading on the Babine River). Stories on fishing local areas are welcomed as are those on fishing techniques. If interested please contact John Murphy at [murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu](mailto:murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu) to set up a month.

### Upcoming monthly events

November – TBA

December – Holiday Party

January – Julie Meka of Arizona Game and Fish on Apache and Gila Trout Recovery

### GREAT BARGAIN!

If you are over 70, and have lived in Arizona for 25 consecutive years, you can get a Pioneer Fishing License - free for lifetime! Go to the Game & Fish office at 555 N Greasewood Road. Their phone is 628-5376. *Clay Evitts*

## 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.

## Fishing Reports

We traveled to Alaska and fished for 4 days. We don't like to mention that the guide service (*name removed*) really stiffed us and is probably bankrupt by now. But we had a very good time and made due, in spite of his lack of contractual performance, poor equipment, meals, lack of promised guides and last minute scramble to try to make some of his contractual promises come true.

This Alaska trip was our first with friends Dick Firth (OPTU member) and Jim Prugh of Denver. The Silver Salmon fishing was hot on both the east and west side of the Cook Inlet.

I was proud to know that many of my home-made flies really did work, as exemplified by the "bent" one in Jim's Salmon Picture attached. We are already thinking of going again next year as we now have learned the ropes...the hard way! *Peter M. Nicastro*

*NOTE from the editor – even good services go bad and some are never good – so it is worth trying to find people who have gone to a lodge or used a service recently before sinking the dollars.*



*Nice Alaska Silver*



*Firth's Silver*

## Upcoming Fishing Trips

**To suggest new trips** Contact Rob Gillette at 615-8141) or [robgillette@comcast.net](mailto:robgillette@comcast.net) or [azflyfshr@comcast.net](mailto:azflyfshr@comcast.net) for more information.

As this newsletter goes to print, eight OPTU members are in southwestern Colorado fishing the Durango and Pagosa Springs areas. They'll also be spending a few days at the San Juan. Look for the group to present a slide show of the adventure at an upcoming monthly meeting.

**OPTU's Family Outing** is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. **Please call Jeff Collins** at 403-4062 to let him know you are coming and how many people will be with you. Leave a message if no answer.

Site is Deadhorse Ranch State Park near Cottonwood. It will be a beautiful fall weekend. For info on the park visit [www.azstateparks.com/parks/parkhtml/deadhorse.html](http://www.azstateparks.com/parks/parkhtml/deadhorse.html).

The trip is open to club members and guests. Bring the entire family. Directions:

I-10 through Phoenix to I-17. From I-17 take (exit 287) Hwy 260 to Cottonwood. Hwy. 260 intersects with 89A/Main Street. Left on Main Street to North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Right (north) on North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Continue on North 10<sup>th</sup> across the Verde River Bridge to park entrance.

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#### **2007 ANNUAL BANQUET – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sheraton Tucson Hotel – 5:30 pm to ~ 9:30 pm

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the 2007 Old Pueblo Chapter Trout Unlimited Banquet. I have enclosed \$40 if postmarked before Dec 15<sup>th</sup>; \$50 if after Dec 15<sup>th</sup> and at the door.

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**Renewal Rebates for New Members** TU National gives rebates to chapters for new members. If you know of someone wanting to become a new member of TU, have them put chapter #531 on their application. This will help us receive the rebate. Thanks for your support.

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## Notes from the Flyshops

Great opportunities at **Dry Creek Outfitters** on the SW corner of Craycroft and Broadway - 30% off on selected Action Optics sunglasses and Simms Rivertek Windstopper Soft Shell Jackets. 30% off on the Sage 696-4 XP! Only 1 left. 30% off for selected pieces of Simms and Exofficio clothing.

Don't miss the annual Dry Creek Outfitters day of free flycasting instruction on Saturday, December 9th from 10AM - 5PM. Hutch Hutchinson from the Orvis Company will be available for 1 on 1 instruction for all proficiency levels. Free hot dogs and refreshments. There will be a flycasting contest toward the end of the day with prizes!

As the holidays approach, Dry Creek Outfitters will ship goodies to your relatives and friends with no shipping charge. Even better, if you order with Dry Creek via telephone, there will be no sales tax for items to be shipped outside AZ. This applies for items in the store and for items from the Orvis catalog. Dry Creek has Tucson's largest selection of Sage flyrods, Simms products, Umpqua flies and more. Which flyline do you prefer? We carry Scientific Anglers, Rio and Orvis. Call us at 326-7847.

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### **OPTU OCTOBER CALENDAR**

- Oct 4**            **Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd** (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) 7 pm.  
Speaker Bill McBurney on Lake Powell Stripers
- Oct 18**            Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at  
326-7847 for more information.
- Oct 25**            Board Meeting at Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Nov 1**            **Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd** (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) 7 pm.  
Speaker TBA
- Nov 15**            Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at  
326-7847 for more information.
- Nov 22**            Board Meeting at Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.
- Dec 2**            Holiday party at the Singley's
- Feb 24**            Annual Banquet – at the Sheraton Tucson