



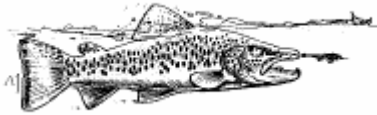
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COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

MARCH 2007



President's Message Greetings Fellow TUers:

By the time those of you who get the mailed version of this newsletter read this we will probably have had our Annual Banquet; I hope you were able to attend. This event raises much needed funds for our projects, meetings, and events throughout the year. It was also probably my last as your president, so you missed history in the making if you weren't able to attend. We have some exciting news to announce; we have a new website! Same address, www.optu.org but new look and new webmaster, Marc Barlett, son of Carolyn and Dennis. In the near future we will have new announcements and special links. Keep your eye on it and put in your favorite places.

We also have the dates of the 2007 Workdays, which will also be updated as needed on the Website. The currently scheduled dates are: **April 21, June 23, August 18, and September 29.** Remember, these dates are subject to change so please check emails and website updates. I have not heard back from the AZG&FD on their workdays for renovation of Apache Trout. I was hoping to coordinate our efforts with theirs. When I get those dates I will post them as well. I tried to pick workdays to avoid monsoon weather as we were hammered several times last year. I will also be in Chicago several times this year for training in my real job.

On the state level, we are hiring a full time TU employee. This person will work with me (as Council Chair), with the government agencies, and with TU National. There were about 10 applicants and we have interviewed three to this point. They have just been phone interviews so far, but the candidates will be narrowed down for face to face interviews. This will take a load of pressure off the volunteers that deal with the agencies. On that note, if anyone is interested in getting involved with TU at the state level please

contact me as we have several openings on the Council. We meet 4 times a year in various places in the state and we are involved in coldwater issues throughout the state.

We have two great fly tyers coming to Tucson in the next two months. One is John Barr who is the originator of the Copper John. He will be at Dry Creek Outfitters on Saturday March 17th. Our normal Lie and Tie for March will be moved to this day for this special event. This coincides with Sage Demo Days at Dry Creek as well. It promises to be a wonderful all day event. The other tyer is Marvin Nolte. Marvin will speak at our April Meeting on Wednesday. If anyone is interested in Fishing for Bass in Mexico with Marvin please let me know. This will be the Friday after our meeting. We will meet in Sierra Vista. That Saturday will be an all day fly tying expo at Tightlines. There are several tying seats available at \$20. Viewers will only pay \$10. Lunch will be served. Contact me to reserve a spot. There are only 6 tying spots available.

The sold out San Juan trip is coming up this March and John Singley is working on a retirees Alaska trip. If anyone has an idea for a trip please contact me or Rob Gillette.

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



Steelhead master Gradillas – our March speaker

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LIE & TIE

Instead of the usual Lie and Tie this month, go to Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, for the opportunity to listen to John Barr, creator of the Copper John. This will be done on the Sage Demo Day, Saturday March 17th.

GUEST SPEAKER

Ernie Gradillas on steelheading the Babine River in Canada. **Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd** (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) – 7 pm March 7th.



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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

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.

MISCELLANY

TROUT UNLIMITED – OPTU Chapter

2007 ANNUAL BANQUET – February 24th

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 15th; \$50 if after Dec 15th and at the door.

I can't make it to the Banquet, but want to support the Old Pueblo Chapter. My donation for \$_____ is enclosed.

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SHARING YOUR FISHING WITH OPTU MEMBERS

Would you be willing to provide a fishing slideshow and discussion at an upcoming OPTU meeting? We are always looking for speakers who have power point or slides and stories to tell. *We have the equipment for showing.* If interested please contact John Murphy at murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu to set up a month.

Upcoming monthly events

February – Annual banquet

March – Ernie Gradillas on steelheading in Canada

April – Marvin Nolte on fly tying and fishing

A BARGAIN! - If you are over 70, and have lived in Arizona for 25 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

Nobody sent a report this month.

Upcoming Fishing Trips

OPTU plans on the following trips in **2007**: San Juan (John Murphy's), Annual Family Outing, Fall Retirees Trip (perhaps to Alaska this year), and based upon interest one additional trip to either the San Juan or Lees Ferry. Don't forget there is fun fishing in southern Arizona's lakes. Arizona Game and Fish will be stocking these lakes on a regular basis throughout the winter. It's always a fun day of fishing with fellow OPTU members locally. Check at the upcoming Holiday Party and future monthly meetings for fishing plans.

To suggest new trips Contact Rob Gillette at 615-8141) or robgillette@comcast.net or azflyfshr@comcast.net for more information.

San Juan 2007 – Dates March 10-14. 2007 trip is **full**.

Rebates for Chapter New Members

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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Dry Creek Outfitters

presents the 4th Annual

Sage Demo Day

Saturday, March 17th 10AM-5PM

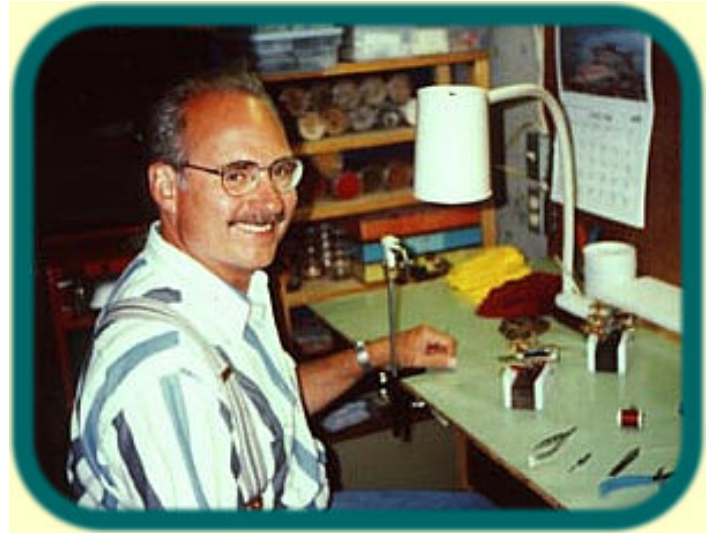
Highlights

- Flycasting demonstrations, product clinics and flycasting instruction from Sage Rep, John Sherman. John's photo gallery is a must see – www.johnsherman.com
- John Barr, one of the industry's most innovative fly-tyers, will present unforgettable fly-fishing programs
- San Diego fly-fishing guide Peter Piconi will give presentations on the San Diego fly-fishing scene (surf fishing, in-shore and blue water). Check out Peter's website – www.flyfishsandiego.com
- Don't miss the drawing for a new Sage Z-Axis 590-4 fly rod
- Sign up for "San Diego Sampler" fly-fishing trip in late July
- Free food and refreshments

Schedule of Events

- 11AM** John Sherman, will conduct a clinic on features and benefits of Gore-tex
- 11:30AM** Peter Piconi will give presentation on San Diego flyfishing
- 12:30PM** John Barr will present a program that includes hopper-copper-dropper technique, streamer fishing, entomology and more
- 1:45PM** John Sherman will conduct flycasting demos behind the Dry Creek barbeque
- 2:15PM** Peter Piconi – Repeat of San Diego presentation
- 3:15PM** John Barr – repeat of multi-dimensional fly fishing presentation
- 4:30PM** Rio Products rep, John Sherman, will conduct fly-line clinic detailing appropriate applications for the many different fly-line configurations

5PM Here's when we draw the winner of the Sage Z-Axis 590-4!!



Marvin Nolte tying some flies



John Barr releasing a nice fish

Notes from the Flyshops

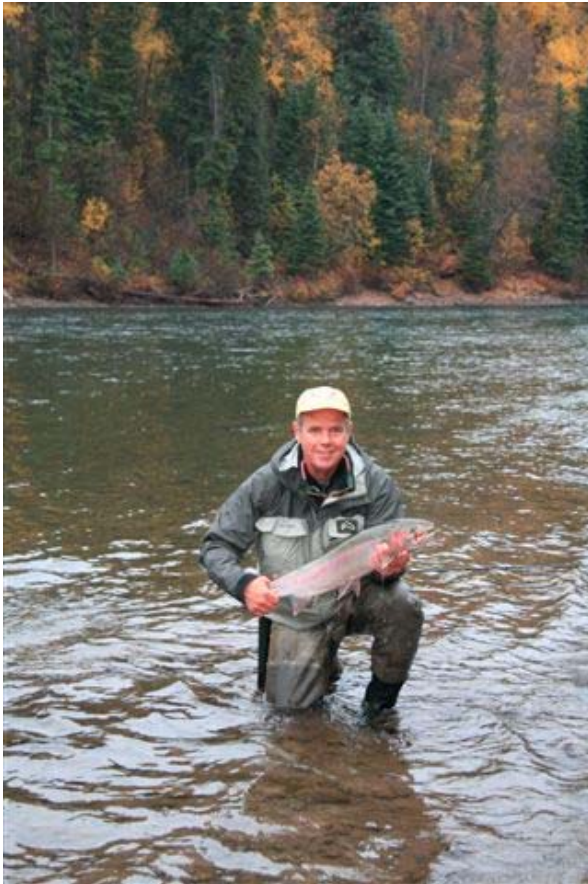
Tightlines is hosting a Woman's Flyfishing Clinic, taught by Reel Women's Lori-Ann Murphy on Saturday, **March 3rd** from 9 am to 4 pm. Flyfishing outfits and instructional materials will be provided; cost is \$125/student - women only. Flytying sessions are held every Thursday evening 7-9 pm. In-town casting clinics (coed) are held weekends at Ft. Lowell Park – cost \$40/student for beginning and intermediate flycasters. Taught by Rod McLeod and Ken Sylvia, FFF certified casting instructors. Call Tightlines, 322-9444 during business hours for information. Winter hrs: Tues - Fri 10-6, Sat 9-5. Closed Sun/Mon until spring.

Humor/Quotes

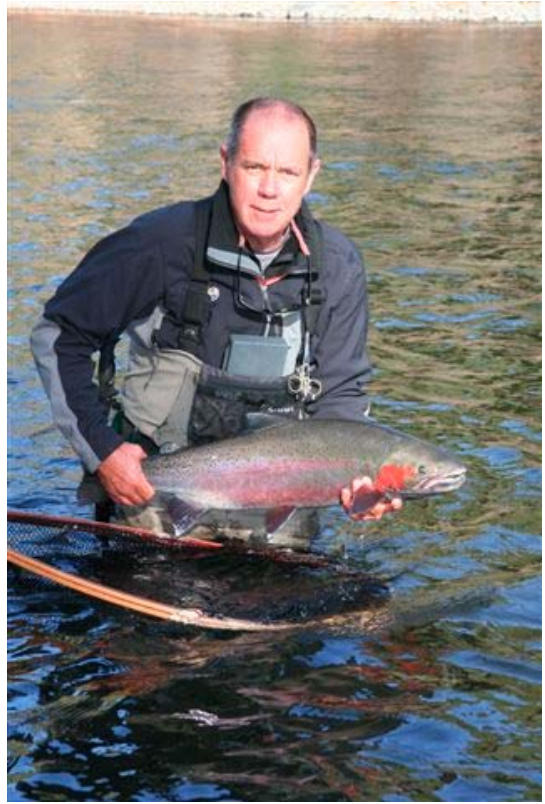
- I could tell that my parents hated me. My bath toys were a toaster and a radio.
- My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met.
- My wife made me join a bridge club. I jump off next Tuesday.
- A girl phoned me and said, "Come on over. There's nobody home." I went over. Nobody was home!
A few from the late, great, Rodney Dangerfield

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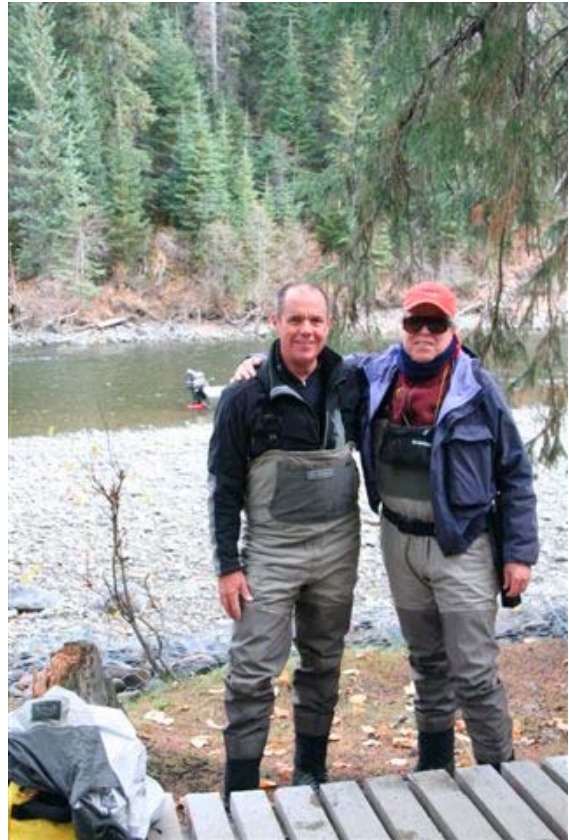
A variety of fishing materials are available for purchase. 5 rods ranging from \$25 to \$200, 3 reels (including a Ross), float tube, sunglasses, wading boots (9-9½), rain jacket, books, fly tying vises and materials etc, etc. are available. All are in excellent condition. Too many items to list, but call Sue at 520-888-8102 to take a look or hear about the full list.



Gillette wasting away his days once again with a steelie



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Howard got to go on the trip too

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OPTU MARCH CALENDAR

- Mar 7** Regular meeting: Speaker Ernie Gradillas on steelheading in Canada. Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) at 7 pm.
- Mar 21** No Lie & Tie this month. Go to the Sage Demo Days at Dry Creek on March 17th for Instructions on tying, casting, etc.
- Mar 28** Board Meeting at Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 4** Regular meeting: Speaker John Nolte, ace fly tyer and angler. Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) at 7 pm.
- Apr 7** Special flytying event with Marvin Nolte at Tightlines. See president's message for details.
- Apr 18** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Apr 25** Board Meeting at Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.