



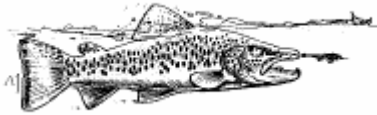
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COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow TUers:

Hope you all are starting out your summer by catching some fish. I just got back from two trips, one to Chicago and one to Idaho. I contacted some TUers in Chicago and got some good scoop on local water in Schaumburg, where I was attending a training session. The water was less than 5 miles away; caught some bluegills and small bass. I was invited next time to fish a close-by river for smallmouth in July and salmon, steelhead, and large lake run Browns in September and October with some of the TU members. Idaho was to visit my oldest son. We were going to fish his hot spot for Smallies in Washington, which is right across the Snake River, but the license system was down and they don't hand write licenses. Technology? We ended up fishing a small lake about ½ hour from his house where we caught Trout, Bass and crappie. My son hooked up with a huge Muskie that almost immediately broke him off. All in all it was a fun trip.

On another topic please note that **all workdays are postponed** until further notice. You can track the progress of the workdays on the website at www.optu.org. Also the **July meeting is cancelled**; it's Fourth of July, go fishing! The swap meet is our June meeting, bring your stuff. Check the latest edition of Trout magazine; there is an article about wildfires with some talk about OPTU. The next issue will probably have more articles about OPTU.

I am still trying to get some AZ Game and Fish workdays for those who like to do workdays only I won't be there. The Game and Fish Official will meet you to do the work. Sorry for the inconvenience. I'm hoping to get some workdays in for the fall. I still have 6 more Chicago training sessions to attend this summer.

Some good news - we now have 2 TU full time employees working in Arizona for the Arizona State Council. I think the two Native trout we've been working to restore has brought some needed attention to the state.

There are also still two openings for the Alaska trip; contact John Singley or Rob Gillette for more information.

If you want to see a Family outing this year please contact me via email with your thoughts. We are also considering a Family picnic in Tucson during the cooler months. Send me any thoughts on that also. In the meantime I'm off to Traverse City, Michigan to catch some big Browns (I'm actually going there to attend a nieces wedding). I heard there is a restaurant there called the Apache Trout Grille. I plan to go there. Maybe I can get some t-shirts and hats to bring back for the June raffle.

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

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LIE & TIE

7 p.m. on June 20th 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

Swap Meet – bring your stuff and swap or sell with others. **Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd** (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) – 7 pm, June 6th.



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

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.

Other Conservation Opportunities

Dear OPTU Members,

My name is Erica Sontz, and I am a graduate student at the University of Arizona in the Fisheries Science program. I am also the treasurer of the student chapter of AFS/TU. I realize that our chapter hasn't been very active, but we've just recruited some undergraduate students and we hope to start doing some regular projects in the coming semesters. In the meantime, the undergraduates are about ready to head home for the summer, but the graduate students are still hard at work.

My project involves developing a captive breeding and culture program for two native Arizona fishes of concern: the roundtail chub (*Gila robusta*) and headwater chub (*G. nigra*). The roundtail chub is still considered a sportfish species in Arizona, though with the recent listing of the headwater chub as a candidate species, that could change in the future (due to difficulties in telling one from the other). I will be spawning adult broodstock and running some experimental trials over the summer to test different conditions under which to rear these fish in a hatchery setting. The results of my experiments will be used by state (AZGFD) and federal (USFWS, USBR, USBLM)

agencies for the development of programs to support natural populations in the wild through supplementation with captive bred fish.

I am in need of volunteers to help me during the summer months. My research lab is located on the University of Arizona campus, and my propagation lab (which houses the adult broodstock) is located on the West Campus Ag Farm. I can accommodate any kind of time commitment and schedule (from just an hour or two a week to as much as someone wants to offer). In addition, my major advisor has some other native endangered fish species housed in his labs, including the Gila chub (*G. intermedia*), Yaqui chub (*G. purpurea*) and Mohave tui chub (*Siphateles bicolor mohavensis*). We also have a post-doctoral student working on some projects that involve invasive crayfish, with opportunities to go out into the field to sample crayfish populations in a variety of locations (including the White Mtns, so fly fishing on these trips may be an option).

If any OPTU members are interested in native fish husbandry/hatchery techniques, learning about captive breeding program development and evaluation, or working with invasive species, please have contact me. If several people are interested in doing a group volunteer effort, maybe combined with a lie and tie at the lab during the volunteer shift, we would be happy to break out a coffee pot and some snacks to accommodate.

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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 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.

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.

Upcoming Speakers

June – Swap meet – bring your stuff
July – No meeting
August – John Murphy – Christmas Island (with a little help he hopes from Whitey, Neil, and Sandy)

Fishing Reports

On Good Friday, April 6th, Pat Richards of the Sierra Vista Flytlers graciously extended an invitation to wife Cheri & I to accompany their group to a reservoir near the village of Frontera in northern Sonora, Mexico for some bass fishing. Marvin Nolte, who had never fished for bass, also joined us along with 3 others from Sierra Vista. Getting across the border was great -- if you like waiting in three or four different lines to get the right papers, stamps and official blessings. But for Pat's expertise, we might still be there in one line or another. We arrived at a beautiful reservoir around 11am and everyone immediately rigged up. Although our Midwest bass fishing gear drew some odd looks and had not seen any use for several years, Cheri & I were glad we brought our float tubes since we had the hard-to-reach places of the lake all to ourselves. The rest of the group fished from the bank. The water was surprisingly clear with plenty of structure and submerged trees -- a bass fishing haven. Everyone caught fish, and all were released to fight again. The highlight of the trip for me was a 6 pound female just ready to spawn. A strong wind arrived about 2 in the afternoon and literally blew us across the lake. We all left in late afternoon, amazed that we enjoyed such good fishing during the middle of the day. *Joe Bowman / Cheri Wilson*



Nice bass from Mexico

Upcoming Fishing Trips

OPTU plans on the following trips in **2007**: Annual Family Outing, Fall Retirees Trip, 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. It's always a fun day of fishing with fellow OPTU members locally.

OPTU is planning an **Alaska Retiree's Trip** this fall from September 15 to 27. One night will be spent in Anchorage at the start and end of the trip. Fishing will focus on the Kenai (upper and middle sections) and Talkeetna areas. Six days will be spent on the Kenai with three nights lodging in both Cooper Landing and Anchor Point. Four nights will be spent at Talkeetna. Two SUV's are reserved for transportation from Anchorage. Estimated cost for SUV rental, lodging, and group food is \$1350 per person. Anglers are responsible for round trip transportation to Anchorage. Current roundtrip airfare from Tucson to Anchorage is \$550. Additionally we are checking into float trips while on the Kenai for both the upper and middle sections. Group size is limited to 8 and **only 3 spots remain**. Full payment required by July 1st. Contact John Singley (318-4791) or Rob Gillette (615-8141) for more information.

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

San Juan 2008 – Probable dates in March of 2008.

Fly Tiers Wanted

Steve Brown is coordinating the tying of flies for the Michigan Youth Fly Fishing Camp (needed by June 1st). If you might be willing to tie (or buy) these please contact Steve at 797-9250 so that duplication is avoided.

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Soft hackle	14	yellow, dark or gold rib
Soft hackle	14	orange, dark or gold rib
Soft hackle	14	peacock, copper wire rib
Woolly buggers	8	olive
Woolly buggers	8	olive/black
Woolly buggers	8	brown/black
Pheasant tail	16	
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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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Christmas Island Arrival – Neil, John, Sandy, and Whitey

Notes from the Flyshops

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- Jun 20** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Jun 27** Board Meeting at Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 4** **No meeting – go fishing and watch some fireworks.**
- Jul 18** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Jul 25** Board Meeting at Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Road, at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.