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COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow TUers:

IT'S OPTU BANQUET TIME!!!

The fast and furious auctions..., the sitting on the edge of your seat only to explode to your feet when they call your ticket number for the prize you had had your eye on....., the auctioneer talking a mile a minute, going back and forth between the last two bidders who show no sign of backing down.... It has to be seen. You won't want to miss it. February 16, 2008 is the date we have reserved the Sheraton for our banquet. It is in the same location we enjoyed last year.

The prizes we have available continue to accumulate. The fly shops as always, both Dry Creek Outfitters and Tightlines, have been incredibly generous. Our OPTU board member Scott Koktavy has once again come up with numerous offerings as a result of his contacts. We should have all the prizes and menu listed on the website around the first of February for your perusal. The winning lottery ticket for the next Pick drawing, a guest appearance on Lost, and a date with your choice of Eva Longoria or Patrick Depmsey regrettably have been pulled as potential prizes.

Each year we come upon the first of February worrying about exceeding the maximum number of people we can seat at the banquet and afraid we might actually have to turn people away or run afoul of the fire marshal, so I would like to recommend buying the tickets from either of the Fly Shops or any board member in December of January.

The annual OPTU banquet is our primary fund raiser for the work we do over the next year. The money raised at the banquet and auction help us with our work days and conservation efforts. We are assisting in a Trout in the Classroom project and had several of the participants at our Christmas party. Our speakers at the monthly meetings, raffle prizes, and to date, meeting room costs come from this event. Any

family outings, holiday fishing trips, food, drinks and lake fees likewise are raised on February 16, 2008. All costs associated with our website, printing, and delivery of our newsletter comes from this banquet. As you can see it is a main thread woven into what we do throughout the year in Old Pueblo Trout Unlimited.

Because of the Banquet's importance, many of you can expect a phone call from one of the Board Members asking if you have bought your tickets, and trying to see what info you may need to get all of the tickets you are going to need purchased early. This is not a substitute for buying them now, rather than wait for us to come to you, but more as a request for your understanding if we call. All of the Board of OPTU look forward to seeing you at the banquet!!!

WIN A HAT

Trout Unlimited as you know is a conservation organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of our cold water fisheries in this country. As the incoming President, I would like to offer one of our newly designed OPTU hats each month to the member submitting the best water saving tip for use in and around our homes. These hats are available to us thanks to the hard work and design sense of John Singley our Board Member who undertook this project last year.

You can submit the tip to me by email @ czhernandez@comcast.net. The winner will be notified by email each month and announced in the next newsletter. I will present each month's winner with their hat at the next monthly meeting or at the banquet as the case may be.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our workdays.

Clay Hernandez
President

Photography Contest

We would like to hold a photography contest for OPTU members. Let's begin one with the next meeting. Bring a copy at least 5 x 7 or email it to John Murphy murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu for display onscreen or on our website. Three categories: Nature (no people), Fish without people, and "My favorite fish picture" (you and cool fish). Prizes will be determined later for the winners.

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LIE & TIE

7 p.m. on December 19th 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

The Alaska "Retirees" Trip group will speak on their adventures on the Kenai Peninsula and around Talkeetna. Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) at 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

JEFF COLLINS REPORT

Trout Unlimited (TU) and the Whirling Disease Foundation (WDF) announced plans to formally merge the two organizations in an effort to combat the growing problem of aquatic nuisance species and their effect on the nation's trout and salmon. The Whirling Disease Foundation was established in 1995 to raise the funds needed for solutions to the damage caused by whirling disease to wild trout populations. Since that time the WDF has raised more than \$4 million in federal, state and private funds for whirling disease research. It has also helped organize and coordinate global research efforts on the disease. Whirling disease is a parasitic infection caused by the microscopic parasite, *Myxobolus cerebralis*. The disease is named for the characteristic swimming behavior that results as the parasite multiplies in the head and spinal cartilage of the infected fish. Trout Unlimited has been working with the WDF since its inception to address the threat posed by whirling disease and other invasive aquatic species. TU's initial reports on whirling disease in 1996 and 1999 created a framework for federal efforts to combat whirling disease. The reports can be found on the TU web site at <http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3205851/apps/s/content.asp?ct=4405859>

Thanks, Jeff Collins, AZTU Council Chairman

Joe Fagan needs volunteers for Sport Fishing Programs!

OPTU member, Joe Fagan, has recently been awarded the contract of *Sport Fishing Educator* for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. He is in need of a cadre of volunteers to assist him with various Fishing Programs in

Tucson and other towns in southern Arizona. E-mail Joe (JFaganFishEd@gmail.com), call him on his cell phone (520-730-6398), or speak to him at OPTU meetings. He can provide you with a volunteer packet to complete. The AZGFD office on Greasewood Road (across from Pima Community College) can do your fingerprints, essential for certified volunteers. The completed form and fingerprints are sent to the AZGFD main offices in Phoenix. Then, calendars of Fishing Program events will be mailed to you. Joe can inform you of programs he'll be doing any time.

State Report from AZTU

The AZTU council will be having a meeting in January to discuss the upcoming year's events and issues. The eggs for the TIC class will also be delivered in January. There are issues with Canyon Creek. AZGFD wants to make it put and take. We will contact AZGFD to find out why and show them the work that Zane Gray did back in the 80's and 90's on Canyon Creek to make it such a fine fishery.

We will be reviewing the progress on the new forest service plan. TU National also sent out a form to be filled out by Councils and Chapters to determine the health of the chapters and councils. I believe OPTU is well above average. There are also issues about the Parks Department killing trout in the Grand Canyon which we'll be looking into also. *Jeff Collins*



Nice Brownie

MISCELLANY

Our Thanks

As we continue on our journey through life, children move, we retire, and sometimes grandchildren catch our fancy. This is what is happening to two of our long serving and dedicated board members. Carolyn and Dennis Barlett recently let us know that upon Dennis' retirement they were moving up to Phoenix to be near their grandchild. They informed us that they will be at the banquet, and hopefully some of the workdays, but were resigning from the board. I will miss their wise counsel and enthusiasm at our OPTU

board meetings. Dennis' pragmatism and Carolynn's willingness to offer a woman's point of view proved time and time again to be invaluable.

Both of these wonderful people have been on the OPTU board for as long as I can remember. They made my son, daughter and me welcome at the very first workday we ever attended making sure we got a seat around the fire. I have had the pleasure to fish with Dennis up on Silver Creek where I learned that there are only two types of music... Country and Western. I look forward to seeing them with their grandbaby at a future workday, and the day in the future when that child can take a seat on this board.

Carolynn and Dennis, OPTU owes you both a debt of gratitude. We will miss you.

Clay Hernandez



Dennis and Carolynn enjoying OPTU camaraderie on one of the San Juan trips

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*

Upcoming Speakers

January – The "Retirees" Trip group will speak on their Alaska adventures on the Kenai peninsula and around Talkeetna.

February – Danny Hooper and John Murphy on Fishing New Zealand in 2007

March – Doug Buck on Fly Fishing the World

April – Jerry Estruth on Fishing Kamchatka



Green River

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 will likely develop plans for the following trips in **2008**: 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.

San Juan 2008 – February 23 to 27, 2008. Trip limited to 13. **Trip is full.** Contact John Murphy at 250-4083 or murphy@pharmacy.arizona.edu.

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

Fishing Reports

No reports submitted.

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.



The one that got away (a photo contest entry)

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Health reasons are causing me to sell my fly fishing tackle. I have rods (3 wt to 9 wt) and reels to match. Will be selling tying equipment, fly boxes, flies, waders and many great fly fishing books (some autographed). I live in Green Valley, AZ, so call me 520-648-2813 for details or e-mail me jjackson78@cox.net. Items will be priced to sell and available for inspection by appointment or on December 1st and 2nd.

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A little preview of the February meeting presentation

Notes from the Flyshops

Happy holidays and a wonderful New Year to all of our customers – from the folks at Tightlines and Dry Creek Outfitters.

OPTU wishes to thank Eric and the crew at Dry Creek and Rod at Tightlines for all your support throughout the years. Have a happy and prosperous New Year.

TROUT UNLIMITED – OPTU Chapter

2008 ANNUAL BANQUET – February 16th

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

Please send me _____ tickets for the 2008 Old Pueblo Chapter Trout Unlimited Banquet. I have enclosed \$30 if postmarked before Jan 16th; \$40 if after Jan 16th and at the door.

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- Jan 2** Regular meeting: The Alaska "Retirees" Trip group will speak on their adventures on the Kenai Peninsula and around Talkeetna. Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) at 7 pm.
- Jan 16** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Jan 23** Board Meeting at El Charro - Speedway and Swan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 6** Regular meeting: Danny Hooper and John Murphy on Fishing the Southland – New Zealand 2007. Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) at 7 pm.
- Feb 20** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Feb 27** Board Meeting at El Charro - Speedway and Swan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.