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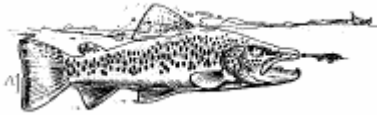


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COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow TUers:

It is a great time to be a member of OPTU! The annual banquet is 2 weeks away. We have our initial schedule for our workdays on the calendar. My understanding is that the eggs for the Trout in the Classroom will be delivered in about a week. The mountains are all getting snow which hopefully keeps the streams up and the fire danger down. Oh, and we received a statewide conservation award for our work with the Apache Trout from Arizona Game and Fish.

Jeff Collins our past president and current Conservation Officer, his wife Lauren Lucas, our treasurer, and yours truly traveled to Phoenix last weekend for the banquet honoring conservation work around the state. Approximately 150 people watched a slide presentation detailing our work, and Jeff accepted the award on our behalf, thanking Game and Fish for the time and work they provide us in our efforts. The plaque will be at the banquet. While we see the results of our efforts at every work day, it was quite something to have the work recognized in this fashion.

The OPTU banquet is set for February 16th, as I detailed last month. Ticket sales are incredible, and I urge any of you who have not bought yours to make a conscious effort this week, as we will reach the capacity of our banquet facility sooner than expected. Our prizes at this writing include, fishing in Colorado and Montana, Orvis and Sage Rods, an Able reel, and the ever popular Wrinklneck ticket. Our board is extremely proud of what we have in store, and look forward to seeing you that Saturday evening.

This week we provided The Forest Service and Game and Fish our **workday schedule**, which we will firm up probably within the month. The dates are the weekends of April 12, June 21, July 19, August 31, and September 20. Mark your calendars now and we will discuss the work days in next month's newsletter.

Clay Hernandez
President

WIN A HAT

As you know Trout Unlimited is a conservation organization dedicated to the protection and maintenance of our cold water fisheries in this country. Each month we offer one of our newly designed OPTU hats to the member submitting the best water saving tip for use in and around our homes. 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. The winner will receive their hat at the next monthly meeting.

Conservation Tip of the Month and Hat Winner

My wife and I make use of our used pasta water by watering our flowers with it. It saves a LOT of otherwise wasted water.

Brian

Brian has won an OPTU hat for his tip which will be awarded at the March meeting.

OPTU Receives Award of Excellence

The Arizona Game and Fish Commission each year recognizes outstanding Arizonans that have contributed significantly to the welfare of Arizona's wildlife and the mission of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. Individuals, organizations, clubs, foundations or government agencies can be recognized for their achievements in nine categories related to Arizona wildlife. OPTU was recognized this year with the Award of Excellence for its work.

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 February 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

Danny Hooper and John Murphy will speak about their trip to New Zealand in November of 2007. February 6th at 7 pm at the Sheraton Tucson, 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont).



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

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*



The New World Record Rainbow. Adam Konrad of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan landed a 43.6-pound pending world record at Lake Diefenbaker on 6 lb test line.

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*



Gradillas and permit

Christmas Island

Searching for folks who might want to join a trip to Christmas Island. Can either stay one or two weeks there or one week on Christmas and a second in New Zealand. If two go the Christmas Island portion would be \$1375 and for four it would be \$1201 per week. Call John at 250-4083.



The Bones

Upcoming Speakers

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



Collins and Silver Creek

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 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.

Some of the Banquet Prizes

1. Buzz Off Hat (3 picks)
2. The Essence of Flycasting DVD
3. William Joseph Creel Fish Pack
4. 4 Tickets to Desert Museum
5. Clear Creek Bailey's Ford Chest Pack
6. Outdoor Products Cyclone Hydration Pack
7. Beers of the World
8. \$50 Gift card to Fox Restaurants
9. One nights stay at Lees Ferry Lodge
10. BV Wine Basket
11. Seattle Sports All-Purpose Dry Bag
12. The Essence of Flycasting II DVD
13. Simms Dry Creek Stuff Bag
14. Egear LED Mini Titan Headlamp
15. Apex Technologies Dynamo Lantern
16. Rubbermaid Cooler with wheels
17. Dr Slick Fishing Clamp (4 picks)
18. Barska Binoculars (2 picks)
19. Coastal Fly Fishing Video (2 Picks)
20. 4 Tickets to Old Tucson
21. Trout Knotless Fishing Leader 7-1½ ft (6 picks)
22. Coleman Sleeping Bag
23. Sunglasses Donated by Fisherman Eyewear
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26. Dr Slick 2-pocket Holster (2 picks)
27. Loon Outdoors Fishing System Chest pack (blue)
28. One nights stay at Lees Ferry Lodge
29. Chair in bag
30. \$50 Gift card to Fox Restaurants
31. Beginnings-An introduction of Flyfishing
32. Loon Outdoors Fishing System Chest Pack (tan)
33. Edna Valley wine basket
34. Fly Fishing the West's Best trophy Lakes
35. Autographed picture of Diamondback Chris Synder
36. The Essence of Flycasting Video
37. \$50 Sierra trading Post Gift Certificate
38. Abel Perfect Tool (2 picks)
39. \$75 Gift certificate to Philabaum Glass Gallery
40. Flycasting Faults and Fixes

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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Nothing for sale this month.

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Sunset at the Green River

Notes from the Flyshops

No notes this month. Visit our friends Eric and Rod at their flyshops and spend some \$\$\$. You know you need something.

TROUT UNLIMITED – OPTU Chapter

2008 ANNUAL BANQUET – February 16th

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

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- 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 16** **The Banquet** - Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd 5:30 to ~ 9:30 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 5** Regular meeting: Doug Buck on Flyfishing the World.
Sheraton Tucson at 5151 E. Grant Rd (NE corner of Grant and Rosemont) at 7 pm.
- Mar 19** Lie & Tie – 7:00 pm at Dry Creek Outfitters, 5420 E. Broadway, Suite 254, Call Eric at 326-7847 for more information.
- Mar 26** Board Meeting at El Charro - Speedway and Swan at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.