

NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

March 2008



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Next Meeting:

March 19, 2008
JD's Black Bull
4481 S White Mountain Rd
Show Low, AZ
85901
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5:30 PM – Dinner (optional)
6:30 PM - Meeting

WMFFC Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club is: "To assist in the development and maintenance of fly fishing opportunities and to promote and participate in fly fishing in its many forms."

We support and practice Catch and Release. We support the use of Barb-less Hooks and harmless netting and release practices. Fish should never be held out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

Tight Loops

It's time to renew your membership if you haven't already mailed your application. March is the LAST Newsletter to be mailed in 2008 to non club members, before we start using our new membership list. An annual family membership of only: \$30.00. Renewal membership information and application is on our website at www.wmflyfishing.com . Mail your renewal to: P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935 or renew at our next club meeting.

Our club Banquet is scheduled for Saturday June 21st! Donation letters have been mailed to Fly Fishing manufactures and retail vendors, but the best raffle items are custom made items made by our own talented members. Please think about donating or making a raffle item: a box of hand tied flies, a fly box, rod case, fly rod, quilts, carved items or clothing items.

Mark your calendars for two great club outings. The first is a four day outing over the Memorial Day weekend, May 23 – 26 at Hurricane Lake. Permits will be available at the April club meeting.

June 6th & 7th, Christmas Tree Lake is normally \$30.00 a day, the club is splitting this cost with its club members, so your cost is \$15.00 a day, Friday or Saturday. We will hold a drawing for the 20 permits at the May club meeting. Get you checks in at the next club meeting or mail them to P.O. Box 2187 Pinetop AZ, 85935. Advance payment required.

See you on the water.

Bob Bowers
President

2008 WMFFC Board Members	President:	Bob Bowers.....	(928) 367-5579
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March Monthly Meeting

NOTE: *JD's Black Bull Sports Bar & Restaurant*

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner
- Call to Order
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The Special Guests and Presentation for this month will be: G. Myer will be the guest speaker, with a presentation on Lake Marie Lodge in Alaska!

Membership

We have one new member for for the Month of February 2008. A big WELCOME to Jim Williams! He was a previous WMFFC Member. This increases our 2008 total membership at a total of forty-three.

Special Article ~~~ FFF Membership Drive Results:

The Affiliate Club Members Program for joining the FFF at a very reduced rate of \$15 has been extended! *The offer is good thru the 1st of April 2008.*

We currently have 24 members and have already received our first TFO Fly Rod and are getting ready to order the second.

Anyone interested, please contact *Bud Huth --- 928 532 0777 –*

:: JOIN AT MEETING ::

AZGFD --- Gill Netting Program

The Arizona Game and Fish Department has been setting gill nets from February 26 through March 7, 2008 in Rainbow Lake to remove northern pike. Northern pike are voracious eaters and have consumed many stocked rainbow trout as well as largemouth bass and sunfish. So far, 160 northern pike have been removed, including 2 21 pound female pike. Mike Styvaert, Dawn Hewitt, Mike Smith, Jim Williams, and Bob Bowers from the White Mountain Fly-Fishing Club, and various Arizona Game and Fish Department personnel have been... *cont on Page 4.*



OUTINGS, OUTINGS AND MORE OUTINGS...

February 23, our outing was the day for the truly dedicated or crazy: actually that probably applies to one and the same. The place, Becker lake. Some took the high Road, 260, others took the low road 60. Well...those of us who thought we were smart and took the low road, were very surprised. We had blowing snow, an upside-down car on the side of the road...very challenging conditions. Frank and others who took 260 “no problem”go figure. Dawn and Mike were the first to arrive: “Where is everybody?” Soon after the others arrived: Dennis, Fran, Bud & Bud (who only got out of their truck to take our pictures and eat), and of course, Frank wandered in closer to noon when it warmed-up.

Very unusual, Becker had winds and white-caps in the morning: ordinarily, we see this in the afternoon. Dennis created a “stone-anchor” which he needed for ballast and trying to stay in one place. The rest of us did not attempt our floatation devices until the after lunch when the winds subsided...a little.

The highlights: Lunch and the company ! Fishing was very tough; a few fish were caught – more details at our next meeting. Lunch was great. We “circled” our trucks (to block the wind) and fired-up the stoves. Dawn and Frank both bought their favorite chili recipes which were excellent. I provided the “Hot” cider and Bud M the coffee, and our favorite beans from Dennis. After Lunch we ventured-out into the Lake with our pontoons. Fish were caught.....happy day.

There are always stories with any fishing event. Come join us at our next outing: guaranteed to be “eventful”.

Fran Stier

---- NOTE: MAR 2008 OUTING CHANGED.....TBA at Monthly Meeting! ----

Upcoming Three Month Calendar	March	19 th	2008
		22 nd	Monthly Meeting
	April	16 th	TBA @ Meeting
		19 th	Monthly Meeting
	May	21 st	Roosevelt Lake (Pending)
	23 rd thru 26 th	Monthly Meeting	
			Hurricane Lake

*Please contact Fran Stier if you have any ideas for upcoming outings.
Thank you!*



AZGFD --- Gill Netting Program Cont...

...involved with the northern pike removal project at Rainbow Lake. Thanks for the help and hopefully there will be some nice sized rainbow trout to catch this year at Rainbow Lake.

Richard Dreyer
Fisheries Specialist
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Region 1 (Pinetop, AZ 85935)

E-mail addresses: The club needs your e-mail address for our monthly newsletter. Mailing a newsletter is expensive for the club and time consuming for our Newsletter Chairmen Sparky Snyder. If you don't have an email we will still mail you your newsletter but if you have e-mail please let Dennis know at 928-367-6124 or dciones1@frontiernet.net

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 2-20-08 AT BLACK BULL RESTAURANT

Call to Order by: Bob Bowers, President.

Guests: Bob Baily

New Members: Jim Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Christmas Tree lake raffle will be done at the April meeting.
2. All are invited to attending fly tying class at the Lakeside fire station every tuesday between 6 and 8 pm.
3. Emmerson Craig has opened a fishing guide service.

BUSINESS:

1. The minutes were approved with one change , that being the date of the Hurricane lake trip.
2. Lyle at Pinetop sporting goods will manage the use of our club videos.
3. We need a volunteer Treasurer for the 6 winter months of the year.
4. Richard Dryer asked for help removing Pike from Rainbow lake on March 3rd thru 7th.

DUES REPORT: \$13,274.08

FISH TALES: Becker lake has been good

RAFFLE: \$110

PRESENTATION: We watched a video on the evolution of several bugs.

WANT ADS AND ARTICLES:

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 10th of the Month. admin@wmflyfishing.com