

# NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

December 2008



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## Next Meeting:

**December 17, 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

The December club meeting will include a Christmas gift exchange; the gift should be no more than \$10.00 or perhaps something you made. The gifts made by members are the best and the most enjoyed. Tie up some flies and put them in a fly box: that would work. Wrap the gift in Christmas wrapping with your name on it so that the member can thank you. Each member that brings a gift will get a raffle ticket at the door and we will draw from the pile of gift. If you bring a gift you will receive one during the drawing. Last year's party was a lot of fun and I'm sure this year will be too. There won't be a speaker, just the normal business and then the gift exchange.

## The Casting Pond

In the next two weeks I will be calling on some volunteers to help with the Casting Pond project. We will be laying the weed barrier and spreading the wood chips. At most it will only take a few hours to finish the project. The plan is to have a pancake breakfast on a Saturday next spring, with casting lessons and casting contest at Mountain Meadows Park in Pinetop.

## Becker Lake Outing

Becker Lake was difficult to fish, some caught a few fish but for the most part it was just slow. In the morning a few Rainbows in the 14" to 15" range were caught. The Pot luck was great with almost all the dishes home made. This outing was a lot of fun for everyone. See Ted Lamberts article for details.

**New Permanent Name Badges -- Please wear your new name badge to all club events, club meetings, outings, club functions and banquets.**



See you on the water,  
**Bob Bowers**  
President

# 2008 WMFFC Board Members



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## December Monthly Meeting @ 6:30PM

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

### Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner -- (5PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- There will be a Christmas Gift Exchange at the Meeting this month. Reference article, Tight Loops, above. --- **DO NOT MISS !!!**

**BUD HUTH -- VP**



## Upcoming Two Month Calendar

December	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2008</b> Monthly Meeting and Gift Exchange
	20 <sup>th</sup>	NO OUTING
January	21 <sup>st</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>2009</b> Monthly Meeting Outing TBA @ Meeting



### Monthly Meeting Buffet ...

This month the Buffet will be a treat with Holiday Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and a vegetable plus the salad bar. The buffet includes a soft drink and the tip for \$8.00.

# Becker Lake Outing

Ted Lambert -- OUTINGS

November 2008

It turned out to be a beautiful fall day, cool enough in the morning for a jacket, and the wind was dead calm. It warmed up to shirtsleeve weather by afternoon. A slight breeze did come up about mid-morning, but the wind never did come up like it can at Becker Lake.



Everyone seemed to have fun fishing even though the bite was slow. The fishes' preference for the day appeared to be a red and white strike indicator. Those fishing with a red a white strike indicator had the fish take their indicator many times and never touch their fly. I guess someone needs to come up with a fly that imitates a red and white strike indicator. A few fish were caught, mostly really good ones. Some success was had with various midge patterns under a strike indicator. A pheasant tail pattern was also

mentioned and a green and gold bead headed something with lots of flash. Even yours truly caught one on my old faithful Adams.

The potluck lunch was very good (It always is, isn't it?). A few commented that we always eat good on our outings. Our menu consisted of black beans and rice, green beans and bacon, bean soup and cornbread, sub sandwiches, pasta salad, hamburgers, chicken burgers, Fritos, chocolate chip and sugar cookies and soft drinks. Hope I didn't forget anything.

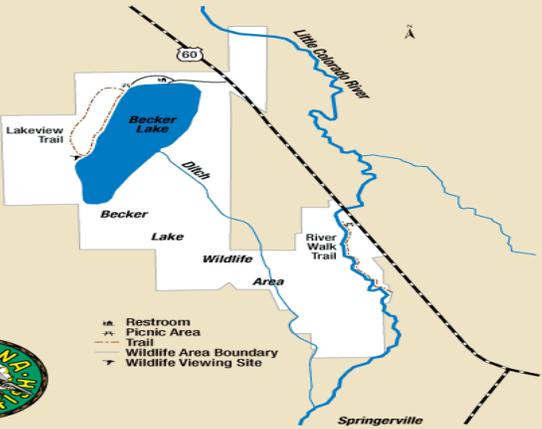
About a dozen or so showed up. Great fellowship and a good time was had by all. Hope to see you at our next outing in January at Silver Creek.

## Welcome to Becker Lake Wildlife Area

We encourage you to take the time to get to know the site better. We are confident you will find it a place to enjoy, visit again, and protect for the future.

### Wildlife Area Rules

- Please obey all posted rules, regulations, and closures.
- Please keep pets on leash.
- Please do not chase, harass, or feed wildlife.
- To preserve these important habitats for wildlife on the property, motorized vehicle access is restricted to improved roadways and parking areas.
- This Wildlife Area is open to hunting in season, except posted portions. Legal weapons restricted to shotguns shooting shot and bow and arrow.
- Posted portions annually closed to public entry from December 15 to July 31.
- No overnight camping or open fires. Removal of fuelwood or other vegetation is prohibited.
- Please use *your* Wildlife Area responsibly and keep it clean! Pack out all trash.



**Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow**

## WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 11-19-2008; BLACK BULL RESTRAUNT

Call to order by: Bob Bowers @ 6:30 PM

1. Minutes were approved without corrections
2. Guests introduce were Mark and Kim Terrill, Jerry Souver, and Bruce Ludeke.
3. Bob Bowers reported his discussions with the city of Pinetop relating to the pond at Mountain Meadows Park. The idea is to make this a casting pond for use by locals and a location for the club to hold casting clinics. The area around the pond could be clear and covered with wood chips to make free space for casting. The club was in support of this plan. A day in December will be picks to do the work.
4. Saltery Lake Lodge will again offer the two for one special for the club raffle. \$2,400.00 for two fishers for a week at the lodge in Alaska. One problem has been the winners at the June Banquet must quickly make arrangement to get there for the fishing season. To better accommodate the winner, the club will begin raffling the trip in January on our web site with the drawing being made in Aril of 2009. Tickets may be purchased by using PayPal.
5. Ted Lambert reported the club outing would be Saturday at Becker Lake. Bob Bowers will be holding casting class at 9:00 AM. Pot Luck lunch will begin as usual at noon.
6. Bob Bowers report the President of the Payson fly fishing club was interested in starting a Trout Unlimited chapter. Anyone interested in assisting the formation should contact Bob Yotz, President of the Payson organization.
7. Ken Wolf reported on Project Healing Waters outing at Greer. He reported tons of fish in the 18 to 20 inch range were caught and safely released. All participants had a great time. The club extended its appreciation to Ken for the great work he accomplished in pulling together this program to provide a rewarding fishing experience to our service veterans. The club presented Ken with a plaque to recognize his work and to say thank you.
8. The December meeting of the WMFFC will include a gift exchange. Bring a gift to share with fellow club members. It should be less than \$10.00 in value.
9. Guest Speaker: Lon Ellington. Lon is a former White Mountain resident and club member. He had fished the White Mountains since the early 1960's. He had been featured in South West Fly Fishing magazine and first to tie the Arizona Peacock Lady. Lon shared the changes in equipment he has experience over the years from a long stick pole with yarn line to the multi segment carbon/glass material of today. He shared with us a video that he made together with Arizona Game and Fish in 1986 on Oak Creek. It was an excellent presentation on the style and techniques for small stream fishing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**Respectively submitted By:** Ted Lambert  
**Edited By:** Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder



*Happy Holidays WMFFC!*



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If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month \*\*\* Cory Huth \*\*\* [admin@wmflyfishing.com](mailto:admin@wmflyfishing.com)

“There is a little something in this newsletter for everyone, even those who look for mistakes.”