

# NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

November 2009



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## Next Meeting:

**November 18, 2009**  
**Lakeside Fire Department**  
2922 Highway 260  
Lakeside, AZ 85929  
(928) 368-6112

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6:00 PM – Social Hour  
7:00 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*

Thanks to Mike Styvaert and to all those who helped him with a successful October meeting.

Although I missed the "Greer Outing", I understand it was a huge success and everyone caught fish! CONGRATULATIONS to **Allan Hunt**, one of our newest members, for winning the fishing contest. Thanks Ted, for all the work you did for the outing!

Many thanks to Bob Bowers for putting together the Club's trip to the San Juan River. (I wish I could have been there! Cannot wait to hear all about it!)

The Club has had a good month ... with YOUR help it can only get better.

## REMINDERS:

There is still time to sign up for the many classes that are being offered in November. You do not want to miss a fun learning experience and an opportunity to get to know other Club members.

Don't forget your ideas for the "Suggestion Box" and do stop by the "Questions and Answers" table available to you at all monthly meetings.

Hope to see you at a class,



**Ken Wolf**  
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**November Monthly Meeting @ 6:00PM**

**NOTE:** Lakeside Fire Department

**Agenda:**

- Social Hour and Demonstrations -- (6:00PM)
- Call to Order -- (7:00PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
  - Discussion and voting to by-law changes
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The special presentation for this month will be:

Special Presentation by our own Dennis Jones who will present Etymology and Fishing

**MIKE STYVAERT -- VP**



**Welcome To Our New Members:** Peter Bernal and Gerry Wiemelt

**Christmas Party December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Licano's Mexican Food & Steakhouse** , located at 573 Deuce Of Clubs in Show Low. We will be doing a "White Elephant" style gift exchange. More info will be posted in our website and in the December Newsletter.

**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**



**November**  
  
**December**  
  
**January**

18<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>  
  
20<sup>th</sup>  
23<sup>rd</sup>

**2009**  
Monthly Meeting  
Becker Lake  
Christmas Party  
Outing TBA @ Meeting  
**2010**  
Monthly Meeting  
Outing TBA @ Meeting

# Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

## October Outing ...

October's outing was something very special. If you were not able to attend you missed out on one heck of a great day.

Due to a personal matter, Ted Lambert was not able to be at this month's outing and he was sorely missed. Michael Smith tried really hard to fill his shoes.

We arrived at the private ponds, thanks to the graciousness of our host, Mr. Ted Diepstraten. After setting up the trailer and tables club members began to arrive, some with experience at the ponds and others with no idea of what to expect. The fishing competition began at 9AM sharp and the fishers scattered to the two ponds. To the left was the "Rainbow" pond and to the right was the "Brown trout" pond. Fishing commenced and immediately Allan Hunt had one on. Yelps of joy and Yahoos rang out throughout the morning as fish of various sizes were hooked and landed. What a wonderful day. The famous Greer winds would spring up coming from all directions and the fishers would cast into them and grimace as their lines would pile up on the water. YUCK, wind! Bruce Gehrls was hauling them in and so was Peter Bernal. Carole Hall was racking them up in hopes of beating Gary in the competition. Rich Tesinsky was into some big guys after moving over to the "Rainbow" pond.

The whistle was blown at 12 noon sharp and everyone filed up to the lunch area with their index cards filed out with name and fish count. At the end of the competition the winner was Allan Hunt,

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end of the competition the winner was Allan Hunt, a new member, who caught and landed eight great rainbows with Dawn Hewitt coming in second with 7 huge fish.

The lunch was wonderful with lots of great dishes, homemade Pumpkin soup and Chili, hot dogs, olives, chips and salsa and some very fine deserts, which everyone enjoyed. After filling up stomachs most everyone left but a few of the diehard fishermen, those that didn't have to head off to the San Juan on Sunday, resumed fishing to pull in a few more BIG Guys.

Thanks everyone for another great fishing day.

**Dawn Hewitt & Michael Smith**

## November Outing ...

Our November outing is planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> at Becker Lake. With the temperature dropping, the water should be cooler and the weeds down. This could make for good fishing. Let's hope so. Don't forget about our potluck lunch; bring a dish to share.

See you there,

**Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman**



**Classes are starting Nov. 4.** Sign-up lists are available from Craig Harmon. Classes will run throughout the winter and then repeat in the Spring. Topics include fly-tying, casting, equipment, knots, casting, and rod building. Classes will be held at the Lakeside Fire Station.

# OUTINGS CONTINUED ...

## Fishing The San Juan ...

The weather was typical October San Juan, sunny, warm, windy, cold and of course on and off snow. The fishing was good and everyone caught Rainbows or Browns.

Jerry Myers, Dennis Jones, Bob Bowers, Lori DeJulian, Michael Smith and Bruce Gehrls all landed nice big Rainbows and Browns.

Pat North of the San Juan Fly Fishing Federation, took several of us on float trips down the river with great fishing success. Dawn Hewitt and Fran Stier had a great float with Pat and landed lots of great fish.

Dennis fixed a great breakfast every morning and we teamed up to serve great dinners every night. Fran and Dawn served up some wonderful appetizers for cocktail hour.

The trip was great fun. We are all looking forward to next April when we can plan another San Juan fishing trip.

(See pictures in our Message Board on website [www.wmflyfishing.com](http://www.wmflyfishing.com))

Submitted by: **Bob Bowers**

Edited by: **Dawn Hewitt**

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

**Correction to October Newsletter** - Regrettably the October Newsletter showed the September Minutes were submitted by Dick Murphy. This was an error. The minutes were submitted by Fran Stier. I apologize for this error.  
Newsletter Committee

**Message Boards** – Go to: <http://forum.wmflyfishing.com>, located on our club website and check often as more and more of our members are beginning to post articles and pictures there. Please contact Cory Huth, Webmaster if you have trouble accessing the site.

## WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 09-16-2009; LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to order by: Mike Styvaert @ 7:00 PM

1. Pledge of allegiance led by Craig Harmon.
2. Mission statement read by Mike.
3. Sept. monthly meeting minutes approved with one change: minutes were submitted by Fran Stier not Dick Murphy.
4. New Members were announced: Peter Bernal and Gerry Wiemelt. Guests: Mike Lopez (speaker) and Stan Roland.

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5. Newsletter: Sparky expressed a need to have articles submitted by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for publication in the newsletter. The newsletter length has been expanded to accommodate articles from the members. Gail Allgood has volunteered to assist Sparky when needed. Mike Styvaert asked the membership if anyone knows a webmaster who would be interested if Cory is unable to continue with the club. No suggestions from the floor. Contact any Board member with any suggestions.
6. **Classes** are starting Nov. 4. Sign-up lists are available from Craig Harmon. Classes will throughout the winter and then repeat in the Spring. Topics include fly-tying, casting, equipment, knots, casting, and rod building. Classes will be held at the Firestation. Casting(March) at the "Bob Bowers Casting Pond" at the Mountain Meadow Park. Great opportunity to improve your skill.
7. **Christmas Party December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Licano's.** Fran has the sign-up sheet. We are limited to 35 people....so sign-up soon. We will order off the menu and we will have a White Elephant Gift exchange.
8. **Book Club.** Dave Buechler is organizing a Book club where members will read and share their comments about the selected book. For those interested contact Dave.
9. Demonstration table tonight featured fly-tying by Bob Bowers. Richard Dreyer hosted the Q&A table.
10. Suggestion box was available. These will be addressed at the next meeting.
11. Several club members assisted Game & Fish in stocking two miles above Sheep's Crossing with fingerling Native Apache Trout. This was real work! Pictures of the event were shared.
12. Treasurer Report: Check book balance: \$11,135.45. Dawn has reported the Port-a-Potty that the club finance's has been delivered and placed at the upper section on Silver Creek. Our sign is on the potty !
13. Membership: 12 new/renewed memberships since last month. Total: 73 family memberships.
14. Monthly Meeting Announcement will appear in the WM Independent. Nick Culty is managing this effort. Thanks Nick !
15. No conservation report.
16. Outings: Ted Lambert discussed our next outing which is the Lake Tournament. The location was changed to the private Greer Ponds due to the poor fishing at Lee Valley. The tournament would start at 9 am. Number of fish netted would determine the winner....not size. The winner will be awarded the Bear Sculpture at the November meeting. Mike Smith will be officiating. Pot Luck lunch will follow.
17. Capitol Christmas Tree Cutting is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> in Alpine. Ken Wolf and Dawn are trying to organize a breakfast outing and have our club represented. Details are still being finalized. If you are interested in joining the group call Dawn or Ken.
18. Library of CDs, DVDs, etc. Gail reminded the club of the valuable material we have for their use. The Board has authorized the purchase of new material (\$150). If you have a wish list let Gail know.
19. **Program: Mike Lopez,** Head of Fishers, AZ Game & Fish, Pinetop offered an outstanding program on his back-packing adventure fishing for the native and wild trout of California Wilderness Areas, the Sierra Mountains. He shared his slides on beautiful fish and scenery. Wow, it was great.
20. Raffle was held by Jim Williams. Some great items and the total proceed \$100. The special raffle for the net continues.
21. Next meeting. November 18<sup>th</sup> . 6pm for demonstrations and 7pm for business meeting, program and raffle.

**Respectively submitted By:** Fran Stier  
**Edited By:** Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM




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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 \*\*\* Sparky Snyder \*\*\* [sparkysnyder@cableone.net](mailto:sparkysnyder@cableone.net)**

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