

NEWSLETTER



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Next Meeting:

May 20, 2009

Kringles Hide-Away Cafe
3068 White Mountain Blvd
Hwy 260 near Lakeside FD
Pinetop, AZ 85935
(928) 368-4434

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

I am pleased to announce a new location for our monthly meetings. The May 20th Club Meeting will be at: **Kringles Hide-Away Restaurant, Gift Shop, Video Store & Lounge** (directions and contact information is on the bottom left). We will no longer meet at the Black Bull. Kringles Hide-Away is a much nicer restaurant with a much larger menu and very reasonable prices. I'm told that the food is exceptional. Rich & Cindy Noe are the new owners and they are eager to make our meeting more enjoyable. Kringles located just west of the Lakeside Fire Department; it's on the same side of the street between Lakeside Lighting and Electric Supply and the Video Store. We will order from the menu. The meeting time is the same, (5:00 to 6:30 for the social hour) the meeting starts promptly at 6:30. Please plan to arrive early if you are going to have dinner, so dinner is over by 6:30.

Christmas Tree Lake: Friday May 29th and Saturday May 30th -- Sign-ups started at the February 15th Club Meeting. A one day club permit will cost \$20.00. Permits are going fast so call Ted Lambert (928.537.2115) or attend the next meeting. The club again this year is subsidizing the \$30.00 per day permits. See Ted Lambert's article.

Mountain Meadow Casting Pond -- It's time for a pancake breakfast, casting lessons and a casting contest. There are two dates in June that we can choose from: Saturday June 6th or June 13th. A survey at the next club meeting will determine the date and details will follow.

Saltrey Lake Lodge: Alaskan Fly Fishing Trip 2009 -- The drawing for the Saltrey Lake Lodge Fishing Trip was won By Russ Griswold. The drawing was held at the April 15th club meeting. The excitement was building all evening long and finally the ticket was drawn. Congratulations Russ Griswold I know you'll have a wonderful fishing trip.

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

**2009
WMFFC
Board
Members**



- President:** Bob Bowers..... (928) 367-5579
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- Website and Newsletter:** Cory Huth..... (602) 621-1070
- Librarian:** **OPEN POSTION**
- Hats and Patches Chair:** Ken Wolf (928) 367-0936

May Monthly Meeting @ 6:30PM

NOTE: *Kringle's Hide-Away Cafe*

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 @ 7PM
- The special presentation for the month of March will be:

Gerald Meyers on Bone Fishing at Christmas Island. Don't miss this presentation!

BUD HUTH -- VP



The May presentation is on bone fishing at Kiritimati, Kiribati (Christmas Island). The trip was organized by Bob DeRosier of Paradise Creek Anglers. The presentation will take a good 45 minutes and cover not only the fishing but some of the local color, history and people. Though in the South Pacific, just north of the equator, the trip is comparable in cost to fishing Alaska at a lodge or in the outback. Come and get hooked. **Jerry Myers**
Who is that masked man?

**Upcoming
Three Month
Calendar**

May
June
July

20th
29th & 30th
17th
20th
15th
18th

2009
Monthly Meeting
Christmas Tree Lake
Monthly Meeting
Outing TBA @ Meeting
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Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

Becker Lake Outing ..

April 18th 2009

TED LAMBERT



The morning started out rather chilly and more windy than breezy but the WMFFC cadre of members turned out strong. By rough count there were 13 or

more fish hounds that made the trip in search of the elusive TROUT. By 8:30/9:00 most were on the water by means of pontoon boats, float tubes, fishing dock, or other assorted water craft working feverishly to keep from being blown across the lake amongst the white caps. Morning catching was sparse with most the troops anxiously awaiting the "Pot Luck" lunch break.

As always, there were some delectable lunch items available including some yummy antipasti selections from the Safeway olive bar and some cheese & crackers, Faye Styvaert's shrimp and pasta, home made chunky Turkey soup, hot apple cider, and chips and cheese dip. It was great to see Mike and Faye come out to join everyone for lunch.

The afternoon proved to more productive as the wind became less forceful and the catching more plentiful. It appeared that Dennis Jones could do no wrong with his method. Last count it is believed that he landed upwards of 20 or more. Emerson Craig was right behind him and Fran Stier and Dawn

Hewitt could be heard whooping it up as they landed a few. Nearly every fish landed was at least 16" and most were 18" or more. Could it be that Becker may be returning to the times of days gone by when it was known as a Trophy Lake? Sure hope so.

The May Outing will be at Christmas Tree Lake, Friday, May 29th and Saturday May 30th.

2009 Annual Banquet ...

June 20th 2009

DAWN HEWITT

White Mountain Fly Fishing Club 2009 Annual Banquet
Saturday, June 20th – 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

KRINGLES HIDE-AWAY -- 3068 White Mountain Blvd.
Lakeside (Hwy 260 near Lakeside Fire Dept.)

CHOICE OF ONE ENTRÉE:

- CITRUS CRUSTED SALMON/RICE PILAF
- ½ HERB ROASTED CHICKEN/MASHED POTATO
- PRIME RIB/MASHED POTATO

ALSO SERVED WITH:

- FRESH VEGETABLE
- HOT BREAD/BUTTER
- DESERT
- NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE – NO HOST BAR

\$30.00 per person -- Tickets available from:

Bob Bowers - 928-367-5579

Dawn Hewitt - 480-695-3965

Mike Smith - 602-316-0948

SCOUT O' RAMA -- We were presented with the **Best Community Booth** award on Sat. May 9. Jim Williams, Richard Hegener, Bud Mast, Ken Wolf and Scott Huth all helped to get this award. All worked hard and showed the scouts how it is to fly- fish. Thanks guys, I appreciated the help! **Bud Huth**

The casting pond -- Diana Jeanne's name was omitted from the work crew in the April Newsletter, she helped complete the work on the casting pond. Thanks for your help, the casting pond is ready for everyone to use.

HEALTH NOTICE -- A health notice from Jim & Joanne Feller, Joanne works in the ER in Whiteriver. Notice for people fishing on the White Mountain Apache Reservation: Joanne has been seeing many bee stings from aggressive swarms around Whiteriver. People should bring meat tenderizer to neutralize bee venom, and carry epi pens or Benadryl in case of reactions. Also, fisherpeople should check themselves and pets for ticks because Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is in the same area.

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 04-15-2009; BLACK BULL RESTRAUNT

Call to order by: Bob Bowers @ 6:45 PM

1. March Minutes approved without corrections.
2. April outing is planned for Becker Lake.
3. **Banquet Update: Dawn Hewitt, Banquet Chair: 1-480-695-3965** -- Banquet tickets are available for sale from Dawn Hewitt, Bob Bowers or Mike Smith for \$35.* Banquet is June 20th.
- Raffle items for the Banquet are needed.
5. Stream Competition June 20th: Bud Mast reported he has 2 teams only, wants 3 teams. There is no Lake competition planned at this time.
6. Christmas Tree Lake outings: May 29th is sold-out; May 30th still has some openings. Contact Ted Lambert
7. Project Healing Waters: Ken Wolf reported that classes start April 27th at the Lakeside Fire Department. Veterans will start at 3pm and a new program for spouses & kids, age 10-18 years, of deployed soldiers will begin at 4pm.
8. Ken also reported on the ASU fundraising project. Last year several club members donated fly-boxes containing homemade flies. These boxes were raffled: many were raffled for over \$100. Ken needs your flies. Please consider donating.
9. Diana Jeanne announced the upcoming Scout-O-Rama on April 24th at the Show Low Fire Station. Casting "ponds" will be available and Diana will be offering casting instructions.
10. Richard Dreyer reported that Game & Fish needed some volunteers to assist with fin-clipping at Canyon Creek on Monday, April 20th. Transportation is provided. Meet at 8 am at the Game & Fish office.
11. **Saltery Lodge Raffle Winner: Dr. Ross Griswall.** 87 tickets were sold for a total of \$624.46.
12. San Juan River outing report. 7 club members went to San Juan and had a great fishing experience. Ken Wolf and Dennis Jones caught fish within 5 minutes of entering the water. Everyone caught very big fish. Mike Smith made a water rescue: a fisherman from California fell in the middle of the river and was unable to get up. Mike was able to bring him to shore. The man suffered from hypothermia but Mike was able to revive him. Yeah Mike. This experience prompted our evening's education program: a discussion on water safety and appropriate gear for river fishing. Studded boots, wading sticks, and personal flotation devices were demonstrated. And of course, The Whistle. 3 Blasts on the whistle signifies an Emergency. Hopefully, someone hears it. And always wear your wading belt.
13. The meeting raffled netted \$75.

Meeting was adjointed at 8:20 PM

*See change in this newsletter

Respectively submitted By: Fran Stier

Edited By: Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder

Two corrections to the April 2009 Newsletter: 1) In the minutes, item #9 the first sentence should have read; **Diana Jeanne** thanked the club for \$300 donation and sponsorship of the 5K Run for the "Save Woodland Lake Park". I apologize to Diana for the misspelling of her name in the original minutes. 2) In Bob Bowers' April Tight Loops the date of the completion of the casting pond should have read March 28th. **Sparky**, Newsletter Chairman

TICKET EXCHANGE -- Gail Allgood would like to exchange her Saturday May 30th Christmas Tree permit for Friday May 29th. She will be signing at a funeral on Saturday May 30th. Please contact Gail at 928-369-1927.

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 1st of the Month * Cory Huth *** admin@wmflyfishing.com**

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