

# NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

July 2009



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Membership Chairman  
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## Next Meeting:

**July 15, 2009**

**Kringles Hide-Away Cafe**  
3068 White Mountain Blvd  
Hwy 260 near Lakeside FD  
Lakeside, AZ 85929  
(928) 368-4434

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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*

### WMFFC Annual Banquet

The annual Banquet was a success for the club, but the overall service was far less than expected. I want to personally apologize for the short comings of our restaurateurs. This was their first big event and it was definitely a learning experience for them. On the bright side the raffle had lots of nice raffle items. A special thank you goes you to all who donated or purchased items for the raffle. Next year we will find a different venue, in fact we are working on it right now. Dawn Hewitt worked very hard to put this event together and she will report on the success side of the annual banquet.

### Annual Membership Renewals

The annual Membership Renewals start July 1<sup>st</sup>, membership is from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. The cost is \$30.00 and you may purchase your annual membership at the June 17<sup>th</sup> or the July 15<sup>nd</sup> meeting or mail in an application by printing the membership form off the website and mailing it to P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop AZ. 85935.

### WMFFC Logo's for your personal items

Pine Needle Embroidery (5926 B Wagon Wheel Lane, 928.537.3847) has copied the sew out that we use for the Simms Shirts. They have improved it and it's available for you to have your shirts embroidered for only \$7.50 each. The WMFFC paid for the setup and the sew out so all you have to do is bring your items to them and they will embroider for you. I will have a sample at the July meeting.

### Future outings

July- Horseshoe Lake, August- Reservation Lake, September Outing – Big Lake and October- Lee Valley. Ted Lambert will have the details



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

**2009  
WMFFC  
Board  
Members**



- President:** ..... Bob Bowers..... (928) 367-5579
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- Librarian:** ..... **OPEN POSTION** .....
- Hats and Patches Chair:** ..... Ken Wolf ..... (928) 367-0936

**July 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 this month will be:

No Special guest this month. Special Presentation will just be: Election- balloting, introduction of the new officers and if time permits a round table discussion on members needs and wants for the coming year.

**BUD HUTH -- VP**



**Remember to Vote: Annual Elections July 15, 2009** -- Ballots will be available electronically for those that usually receive their newsletter by this method, and postal mail ballots to the others. Ballots will be available at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting also. **Deadline July 13<sup>th</sup>**. New officers will be announced at the Annual meeting , July 15<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Fran Stier at 537-4556, if you have not received a ballot by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming  
Three Month  
Calendar**

**July**

15<sup>th</sup>

**2009**

Monthly Meeting

18<sup>th</sup>

Horseshoe Lake

**August**

19<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup>

Reservation Lake

**September**

16<sup>th</sup>

Monthly Meeting

19<sup>th</sup>

Big Lake

# Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

## Outings ...

TED LAMBERT

Please refer to the calendar on page 2 for a three month outing schedule.

## 2009 Annual Banquet ...

June 20<sup>th</sup> 2009

DAWN HEWITT

Here's the scoop on the Banquet if you were not able to attend. We had 81 people attending this year at Kringles Hide-Away. Things were a bit crowded but everyone made the best of it. Just as dinner was being served the honor guard from the Young Marines presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. This was the highlight of the evening.

Fran Stier enthusiastically sold all 50 tickets for a special raffle. The special raffle item was a beautiful "Blooming 9 square" quilt designed and crafted by Kathy Bowers (A BIG THANK YOU KATHY) which raised \$500 for the club and sponsored the ladies fishing team. The lucky winner was Pam Taylor. There were approximately 85 diverse raffle items contributed by various suppliers and members. Just a sample included a Fish Cat Float Tube, several fly rods and reels, 2 nights lodgings at Abe' and Greer Lodge, a one night stay and fishing for 2 at X-Diamond Ranch, a hand painted Adirondack Rocking Chair, one very special fly rod constructed by Dennis Jones with a Malachite stone inlay in the reel seat by Ken Haught (lucky Bud Mast won this), beautiful fused glass items crafted and donated by Sharon Tesinsky, a fly rod built by Bob Bowers, framed "Becker Lake Trout" and "The Good Life Tasted" Lanyard from Dave Beucler, Antique Japanese Fly Rod and Flies from Fran Stier, Hand Painted Ceramic Wall Tiles by Mattson Huth, and many, many more fabulous prizes.

We all really enjoyed seeing Eli (Bob's grandson) as he ran up to capture all his wins for the night. That camp chair was bigger than he was. We were also happy to see one of the young marines (Tyler) win the Loon Gear Bag.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped out with this year's event, Jon & Johnna Switzer, Dave & Anne Hughes, Skip Eshelman, Richard Dryer for all your help in setting up, Sparky, Gale Allgood, Fran Stier, and Mike Smith for selling raffle tickets, Bob Bowers and Bud Mast for the presentation of awards and trophy's, Fran Stier, Jon Switzer, Mike Smith, Bud Mast, Diana Jeanne, and anyone I've missed for making the raffle a big success.

Thank you to everyone that attended as it was you that made this another successful event.



**REMEMBER TO VOTE ---  
VOTE @ July 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting !!!**

### Dues for 2010 - Just a reminder:

Don't forget to renew your membership. Club dues of \$30.00 were due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are effective from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 31 of the following year. Any member delinquent in dues on September 1 will be removed from Club membership and the mailing list without further notice. Delinquent members may regain membership by completing the application form and paying the appropriate annual dues. **Dennis Jones, Membership Chairman**

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

**Annual Election** - The annual election of officers is to be held at the July 15<sup>th</sup> club meeting. For those of you that have not voted there will be election forms at the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 06-17-2009; KRINGLES HIDE-AWAY CAFE**

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

1. Bob referred the club to read a recent article in the Independent by the Game & Fish regarding our waters and proposed changes.
2. New Members and guests were welcomed.
3. May minutes were approved without changes.
4. Outings Update by Ted Lambert. Saturdays following the monthly meetings.
  - July: Horseshoe Lake
  - Aug: Reservation Lake, campout possible.
  - Sept: Big Lake and a Crawdad Tournament and Cookout
  - Oct: Lee Valley lake with a Lake Challenge Event
  - Nov: Becker Lake
  - A Second San Juan River outing is being discussed for the end of October.
5. Annual Stream Tournament on June 20<sup>th</sup>, Team challenge, was presented by Bud Mast. Four Teams were participating including the first Women's Team.
6. Kathy Bowers quilted and donated a Queen-size quilt for a special raffle item to support the WMFFC teams in the Stream Competition. 50 tickets are available at \$10/ticket. If all 50 tickets are sold by the Banquet night the raffle winner will be drawn. If tickets remain, the raffle would be carried over to the next meeting.
7. Fran Stier announced the ballot.
  - The ballot is available online and paper ballots were available at the meeting. Voting deadline is July 13<sup>th</sup>.
8. Banquet report by Dawn Hewitt: 84 tickets were sold and there are over 70 raffle items.
9. Scout-O-Rama sent a Thank you and Plaque for outstanding Community Booth to the club .
10. Gail Allgood is our New Librarian. She will be bringing our CDs to each club meeting. They will be available during the month at Lyle's Pinetop Sporting Goods Shop.
11. Fish Tales: Some great fishing outings. The streams have been very exciting. Mike Smith shared a tale of seeing and nearly catching "the biggest trout he has ever seen in Arizona". David Beucler was a witness. The location is a secret. Diana Jeanne has been fishing the West and East Fork and doing very well.
12. Safety Lesson. I (Fran) shared my near drowning on Sunrise. I was fishing from my float tube with very high winds. A gust lifted my tube from the back and topped me forward. Luckily I was able to "right" the tube and not fall in. I did not have my PFD on....it was in the truck. So a reminder, Be Safe Wear your PFD especially with high winds. Even guys in boats drown on Sunrise.
13. Gary Hall announced the upcoming Federation of Fly-Fishers Conference in Loveland, Colorado, July 28-Aug.1. There are dozens of workshops and lectures by outstanding anglers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

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

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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."