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Next Meeting:

July 20th, 2011

Lakeside Firehouse

2922 W. White Mt Blvd
Lakeside, AZ
928-368-6112

5:30 PM – Social Hour

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

Well, this is my last “Tight Loops” as your 2009-2011 president. It has been a pleasure serving you in that capacity. I want to take this opportunity to put in print my MANY THANKS! to all the officers, board members and committee members that have done such a great job in helping me accomplish my goals for the WMFFC and for serving the membership with your time and with such enthusiasm and dedication. It goes without saying, “Success is always best accomplished by a TEAM”. And remember there is no “I” in the word TEAM.

The banquet was set up to have a good time this year and I think we accomplished that!!! Our club received lots of positive comments from other clubs in the state and from guests who do not even belong to our club. The committees did an outstanding job. THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH! Based on the comments I have been hearing, next year should even be better!!!

Project Healing Waters was also a huge success THANKS! to Craig Harmon. Even though we could not go to Greer, Silver Creek was a good choice. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and most nets caught fish!

Don’t forget to get your vote in for our new WMFFC officers and board members. It appears we will be in good hands for the next two years. There are many years of experience with the people who will be running the club for the next two years.

I fished sunrise Lake Tuesday and did very well. It was so good to finally be able to go fishing for a change. . .but still got blown off the waters by 10:30AM!

Looking forward to seeing you on the water,

Ken Wolf
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Welcome To Our New Members...Dennis Jones, Membership Chairman

Dale Cassidy, Barry Curseaden, Leonard Croteau, Bob Meyer, Wade Larson, and Joyce Andersen

July Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM

Agenda:

- Social Hour -- (5:30PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Fish Tales
- Raffle
- Program – The July presentation will be on Hypothermia. In the last couple

years members of our club have several times intervened on behalf individuals that have fallen into cold water or otherwise developed hypothermia. We are fortunate to have Joanne Feller as our speaker. Joanne is a registered nurse and internationally certified in emergency nursing. Her presentation is in response to preventable mishaps, accidents and unfortunate tragedies she has witnessed during her professional career and personal experiences. She has worked throughout the US and internationally in such places as Kazakhstan, China and recently 6 weeks in Africa. This should be very helpful to each of us in understanding and recognizing Hypothermia and especially interesting as Joanne shares her world travels.

August program: We are fortunate to have a return visit with Jack Houck. Jack is an Arizona guide and works at the Orvis shop in Scottsdale. In addition Jack is very active in planning, guidance and environmental meetings that could impact fishing in Arizona. At our meeting he will be giving a presentation on rim lake fishing. These are often lakes we overlook yet are no longer driving times than heading up to Reservation Lake or waters we frequent. Jack knows these lakes and can provide a great overview of each.

GERRY MYERS
VP and Programs



Project Healing Waters...Craig Harmon, Chairman

Thanks to our many volunteers who helped make our veterans classes a huge success this year. By far our biggest class to date, we showed both the vets and some Young Marines how to tie flies, tie fishing knots, how to assemble a fly rod, how to remove a fish hook, and had a casting class at the Mountain Meadows casting pond. Our outing was on June 18th at Silver Creek and all caught fish. We had a lot of positive feedback about our program from the vets. A special thanks to the VFW in Show Low for hosting our classes.



Project Healing Waters is an annual program conducted by the WMFFC and we are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help next year listen for the announcement of dates and times to sign up.

2011 Outings and Events...Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

June Outing – CHRISTMAS TREE June 3rd & 4th Submitted by Dawn Hewitt

At last we were able to fish Christmas Tree Lake this year. Many of you know we had to cancel last year's event since they were not able to stock the lake until much later. The fishing proved to be quite a challenge as the winds were blowing extremely hard both days. That didn't stop many that fought back hard and landed many fish. Those Apache trout were bigger and stronger than many caught in the past. I heard several members talking about their 12 and 14 fish days. Some were lucky enough to land 20" fish.

The pot luck lunch was a big hit both days with hams donated by the club one day and Mike and Dawn on the second day accompanied by various salads, chili, baked beans, and some yummy desserts.

There was an overwhelming sense of doom that overshadowed both days of fishing as we watched our beloved forests burn. The Wallow fire that had ignited the weekend before was showing its ugly side fanned by the never-ending winds. Thank goodness that no lives were lost or injuries sustained.



It looks like we will be retiring our "green coffin" trailer after the rugged trip down those beastly roads. Craig had to back it into a tree to get it back on the frame for the trip home. A quorum of board members voted to purchase a new or gently used closed trailer that will be embellished with our logo and last for many years to come.

July Outing – Reservation Lake Sponsored by Jesse Culty

GREAT NEWS!!! WMAT GAME & FISH CONFIRMED THAT RESERVATION LAKE IS OPEN FOR CAMPING AND FISHING!

Come and join us for a fun-filled weekend at Reservation Lake! The outing is scheduled for Friday, July 22-Sunday, July 24. One of the prettiest lakes in the White Mountains, Reservation Lake has several wonderful coves in which to fly fish, and large meadows, as well as cozy spots in which to camp. The potluck will be held at noon on Saturday. For entertainment, a horseshoe tournament and a poker game is planned, and of course, in Club tradition, anyone who falls out of their pontoon boat or trips over their fins and falls in the water will be the entertainment for the day! We will be heading up Friday morning to stake out a large campsite. Just look for the paper plates announcing the WMFFC campsite.

Daily permits for camping are \$8.00 per vehicle (up to 8 occupants). Daily fishing permits are \$7.00 per day for adults (ages 15 and up) and \$3.00 for kids, ages 10-14. There is a \$5.00 for motorized watercraft. For information on permits and where to purchase them, go to the White Mountain Apache Tribe's website: <http://www.wmat.nsn.us/>. The outing is being organized by WMFFC member Jesse Culty (and her sidekick, Nick). Feel free to contact Jesse if you have questions or suggestions for the outing: phone: 602-882-9027 or email: JustPeace@att.net. See you there!

Future Outings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
JULY 20th	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIREHOUSE	
July 23, 2011	Reservation Lake	Jesse Culty (602)882-9027
August 20, 2011	Big Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
September 24, 2011	Sunrise Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
October 22, 2011	Hawley Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
November 12, 2011	Horseshoe Lake or Scott's Reservoir	NEED VOLUNTEER
December 11, 2011	Christmas Party at Licano's Restaurant	NEED VOLUNTEER

Treasurers Report ... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer

Great news!!! The Banquet was a smash hit again this year. Ticket Sales raised \$4,760 and the Raffles grossed \$3,560. Our net profit from this year's event was a whopping \$3,695. This will help with the coming year's projects. Member ship renewal dues have been slowly coming in and our current bank balance is \$13,594.45.

HELP WANTED: I will be traveling July thru Mid- September and will need a volunteer to take over doing the Newsletter for two months. It is a really easy job and I'll work with you so you'll be at ease. The articles are sent in and you just put them in the format. Call me at 480-695-3965 if you can help. Starting Salary \$0 Thanks Dawn

Annual Banquet and Fundraiser... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt

This year's event was another successful undertaking and judging by the great turnout (145 attendees) our club has established our banquet as a go to happening in the White Mountains. The raffle was another big accomplishment with over 100+ items, 6 Alaska trips, and some very special prizes. If you were not able to attend here are a few pictures to give you a glimpse of the festivities.

Thanks also to our special entertainers for the evening, Tawna Flake and David Petersen who's performances on keyboards and violin were outstanding.



June 8th Meeting Minutes... Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken introduced the guests: Rick Hansen, Wade Larson, Ted Lane and Joyce Anderson, as well as new members: Barry Curseaden, Len Croteau, Larry Wade, Bob Myer & Dale Cassidy.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn stated that we currently have \$11,275 in the Treasury. There have been no major expenses other than the cost of the banquet. We have a large number of items for the banquet: 6 trips to Alaska, a pontoon boat and about 100 other items.

Conservation Report: Highway cleanup along 260 was completed and there will be another one in the fall.

Outings: Unfortunately the pre-banquet fishing trip to Becker Lake and the fishing tournament at X Diamond had to be canceled due to the fire. Ken said that Wink was on TV today and is refusing to leave. The Banquet is a go though. Everyone was contacted regarding the cancellations. Two members of the Flagstaff club and 2 from Payson still planned to come to the banquet. Wes Nakata of the DFC donated his tournament fee back to the Club.

We are into the third week of Project Healing Waters & will be tying flies tomorrow night at the VFW on Central in Show Low. The vets and kids will be at the casting pond at Mtn. Meadows out on Woodland Road next Thurs. from 5 to 7. The June 18th outing to Greer may have to be canceled. So far we have had 20 vets and 5 or 6 young marines. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Library: Gail asked that we only take out 2 items at a time and keep them for only one month, due to all the summer folks in town now. Glen Franks and John Fletcher need to return items.

Membership: Annual dues Of \$30, if you have not already paid them, are due July 1st.

Miscellaneous: Voting online starts tomorrow at 10 a.m. You can vote for two board members and Secretary and President. Go to our website WMFLYFISHING.com and click on the message board. Sign in with your first initial and last name (all one word). Then get a new password. Instructions on how to vote should then come up. Votes can be made until 6 p.m. on July 8th. Bob Bower, Richard Dryer & Craig Harmon are running for Board Member at Large positions.

Minutes... continued: You can vote for 2 of the 3 and/or do write-ins. Georganne Jannenga is running for Secretary unopposed and Mike Smith is running for President and requested write-ins. Paper ballots will also be sent out. Call Dawn if you need help.

Raffle: The monthly raffle raised \$155.00

New Business: Ken asked who would be able to go to Heber to help with the Future Farmers of America youth group and passed a sheet around for 6/22.

Richard asked for volunteers for a G & F work day at Fool's Hollow Lake on 6/17 re: juniper trees. Meet to the right of the east side boat ramp at 8:30 a.m. or at G & F to carpool at 8 a.m. WMFFC donated money for the blocks. About 7 people volunteered. Bring gloves but don't need waders.

Ken gave directions to the Pinetop Country Club for the Banquet on Sat. night. Dawn can also email out directions. Ken stated that there will be no business conducted just fun and great entertainment. Ken stated that the Club has helped a lot of charities. Dawn said that we have donated \$2,600 to conservation efforts, \$800 for insurance, almost \$300 to education and \$800+ to charities. The Banquet generates this income so please help. Mike Smith asked for folks to be generous in their donations this year as we will have a lot of work following the Wallow fire.

Dawn gave presentation on her 2004 trip to Saltrey Lake Lodge in Kodiak, Alaska. There are 3 trips to the Lodge donated for our banquet. Dave Beucler from the Hermosa House & Hermosa Creek Fly Rods also spoke.

Ken stated that Show Low Days as a whole "was a bust" but that we did interest a few new Club members and that we handed out lots of brochures. We also sold about \$195 worth of raffle tickets for the rifle. There seemed to be tremendous interest in our Club.

Georganne gave a report on how Show Low Days may be improved for next year. Nick does our newspaper articles for the Club and Bob stated that there would be a big article in the Maverick magazine re: Casting for Recovery.

Ken stated that due to current gas prices, a buddy list is more important than ever. A discussion was held. Dawn to put out an email to ask for interest and designate either lakes or streams. Mike Smith suggested that we need to reach out to the inexperienced people in the Club and invite them to fish. Georganne mentioned that she, Bob Bowers, Dawn, and Michael Smith participated in the filming of a TV show about fly fishing this past Monday with Dan Davis formerly of Channel 12 news out at Fools Hollow Lake. It will air on Sat. 7/9 at 6:30 p.m. It can also be viewed on-line after the 9th at <http://www.aaaaz.com/highroads/?zip=85901&stateprov=az&city=show+low&referer=www.aaaaz.com>. Good exposure for our Club.

Gary Hall asked if anyone was interested in attending the FFF conclave held in W. Yellowstone again this year. It's the end of August into 1st of Sept. Check their website for exact dates. He said they offer great instruction.

Fish Tales: Many members talked about their fishing experiences at the Club outing to Christmas Tree Lake this past weekend. Mostly good reports as was Crescent Lake and Hawley Lake where one member caught 14 to 15 fish deep on wooly buggers.

Program: Dawn first spoke about the Casting for Recovery recent event for breast cancer survivors and how the women were moved to the Red Setter Inn because the Greer Lodge had just burned down three days before this year's event. Our Club provided lunch for the women attendees. We received a very nice thank you note that Dawn read to the Club. There will be two retreats this year and they are in fund raising mode as it cost about \$28K for the two retreats for 14 women. Dawn will also send out an article from Judge Pharis re: the dual tragedy of the Greer Lodge and these women that was heart-rending.

Dawn, with help from Michael, then gave a slide presentation of their trip some years ago to the Saltery Lake Lodge out of Kodiak, AK. This is the last year for this Lodge to operate because they have lost their lease.

Dave Beucler gave a short presentation on his retail business and fly shop. He still guides and also makes furniture for his business. He passed around some foam flies and talked about their effectiveness. See separate notes.

At 8:06 the presentations were over and the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Programs and Activities...

AZ Game and Fish Please call Richard Dreyer at **928-367-4281** if you can help.

Club Volunteers Needed: Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. The only way a club can continue to provide programs and activities is if we get volunteers to make them happen. Consider signing up at the next meeting and get involved. It really does not have to take a lot of time and you will find it very

Programs and Activities...(continued)

rewarding when you become vested in the future of your club. Classes and events that volunteers are needed for are:

Project Healing Waters - Is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. Contact Craig Harmon.

Annual Banquet-June 11, 2011 There are lots of different committees that you can sign up for. Contact Ken Wolf or Dawn Hewitt.

Youth Camp - The fishing camp will be broken into two age groups: 8-12 and 13-17. Participants will receive instruction on fishing and water safety, "Catch and Release" philosophy, fishing with a spinning rod, using a bubble and fly, and roll casting and fishing with a fly rod. Contact Bob Bowers

Wildlife Festival-1st Saturday in October 2011.

Casting for Recovery- October 16, 2011 the club is planning on preparing the awards luncheons for participants and volunteers. Contact Dawn Hewitt or Bob Bowers.

AZ Game & Fish Projects-Come out on June 10th and see all hat has been accomplished.

Board Member Elections....Nominating Committee Michael Smith & Fran Stier:

The club elections for officers and board members which began June 8th, 2011 will end at 6:00PM on July 8th, 2011. The on-line voting will utilize the website "Forums" area for members linked to the website and paper ballots will be sent out with the newsletter for members who do not have access to e-mail. Results will be announced at the July 20th, 2011 monthly meeting. Current candidates are as follows:

2 Board Member at Large positions – Bob Bowers, Richard Dreyer, and Craig Harmon are running. Members can vote for 2; or 1 plus a write- in; or 2 write-ins.

Secretary – Gorganne Jannenga is running. Vote for Georganne or a write-in.

President – Michael Smith is running. Vote for Michael or a write-in.

Notes from Dave Beucler's Presentation on Foam Flies at the June Meeting

- They float and work well being stripped.
- They are basically an indicator with a hook.
- They also work well with a dropper.
- You could drop a woolly bugger off of them to double your opportunity.
- They are very durable and visible.
- You could also use a foam ant on top with a midge on a dropper.
- The "Fat Alberts" work great at Carnero Lake.
- Use 3 or 4 X tippet.
- Fish don't suck these flies, they snap at them.
- Apache trout are not very resilient; they are hard to revive.
- With the foam flies, still use floatant and put it everywhere on the fly.
- Then twitch them.
- Remember: Fish move in a lake vs. water moves in a stream.
- One advantage of foam flies is that you can use one fly all day long as they are very durable.
- He also stated that it is always hopper season on the San Juan.
- Pop them off the banks.

IF YOU ARE FISHING AT BECKER LAKE AND OBSERVE VIOLATIONS OF THE NEW CATCH AND RELEASE POLICY PLEASE CALL OPERATION GAME THEIR IMMEDIATELY AT 1-800-352-0700.

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them prior to the 1st of the Month to Sparky Snyder at sparky2440@msn.com, 928-521-0929 or Dawn Hewitt at azsunrise47@yahoo.com, 480-695-3965. Advertising Rate: Business card size - \$100.00 or donations to the club of that value within a year, 3" x 4" size - \$200.00 or donations to the club of that value within a year.



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