



NEWSLETTER

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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 the practice of "Catch and Release." We support the use of barbless hooks and harmless netting-and-release practices. Fish should never be held out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

"Tight Lines"—President's Column:

Not a lot going on right now except, hopefully, winter and moisture. Obviously, I prefer rain vs. snow but that's another story.

A number of our die hard fishing members are out fishing Becker Lake and Crescent Lake with limited success at Becker. The bite seems to change daily. At our clean-up at Hawley Lake in November I saw numerous browns cruising the shore line and rumor has it that John Rohmer snuck up and caught a bunch over Thanksgiving weekend.

On Friday Nov. 30th I drove up to Hon-Dah Sporting store to see if I could negotiate with the WMAT (Virgil) about avoiding having club members (Dawn & Fran) wait all night to reserve our special outing at Christmas Tree Lake. Well, lo and behold, the Tribe has gone high-tech and all Christmas Tree permits now must be purchased on-line on the WMAT website www.wmatoutdoors.org. We are now trying to communicate with the outdoors program coordinators to learn about the group reservation process. We believe that reservations will be open on February 1st. We'll keep you up to date on this process.

The WMAT now has a Game & Fish office next to the Hon-Dah Sports shop. Hopefully this will allow for easier access for all fish & game questions, issues and permits for everyone.

Dawn and I want to wish all of you a very special holiday season, with many fishing gifts (for me), special family gatherings and a happy, healthy and outdoors 2013.

Tight Lines and Easy Mends,

Michael Smith, President

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"Strange. Your fly rod looks just like the custom model I requested for Christmas and didn't receive."

Outings Chairman: VACANT : ***Please Consider Volunteering- it does not take much work!***

Duties of the Outing Chairperson: You do not have to run every outing but find members to sponsor the events.

A. Outings

1. In consultation with the **Board**, plan a schedule of outings throughout the **fiscal** year to accommodate a wide variety of fishing interests and opportunities.
2. Prepare and submit a schedule of outing dates, times, places and directions to Newsletter Editor three months in advance. (Arrange for 5 to 6 members to sponsor 1 to 2 outings a year. The sponsor will lead each outing.)
3. Assume custody and responsibility for Club owned Outings equipment and supplies. (Nick Cuilty has graciously allowed us to park the trailer in his yard.)
4. Prepare and submit a timely monthly article or articles to the Newsletter Editor of the previous months outing(s). (Have sponsor submit article.)
5. Maintain and submit to the Treasurer a current inventory of all Club Outings equipment at the end of the membership year (June).

December No Monthly Meeting-

Holiday Party at Pinetop Country Club

December 15th - 5:30

***Contact Georganne Jannenga 602-320-6388 or
e-mail georganne@jannenga.com before the 12th***

Choice of Ham or Turkey \$20 all inclusive

Optional White Elephant Gift Exchange (value \$10)

***The club will be all decked out with holiday decorations
and gala atmosphere. Come celebrate the season with good friends.***

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

2012 Outings and & Events... Outings Chairman – Vacant

November 7th Hawley Lake Clean-up – Thanks to Dennis Jones for coordinating and to everyone that was there to help.

Word from the WMAT is that they are very grateful for our help and would like us to help next spring with a clean-up at Christmas Tree Lake.

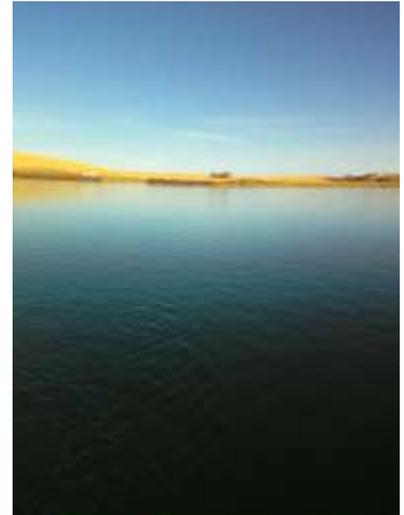


November 24th Outing at Becker Lake.....Submitted by Steve Hofmann

The Becker Lake Outing was a one person and thousands of Ducks event. I (Steve Hofmann) was the only person who showed up.

I had thought that we were going to have at least 4 people from the 'show of hands' at the meeting on Wednesday. I had Italian Brats on hand but decided not to fire up the barbeque only for myself.

However, the drive to Springerville was worth it. I caught 3 nice 18" rainbows between 9:30 and 12:00. I had the whole lake to myself. Not ONE other boat on the lake..... just hundreds of Mud Hens and myself.



Two of the 3 were caught on a Greenish Burgermeister with lots of flash and the other was caught on KP bugger. The fishing was best in the weed beds on the east side of the lake. I stopped fishing at 12:30, went to Springerville picked up a "Whopper to Go" and still made it home in time to see Alabama beat Georgia. **Ya! Roll Tide**

Steve Hofmann
WMFFC Membership Chair

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
December	15th Christmas Party – Changed to Pinetop Country Club at 5:30 P.M. Tickets will be \$20 per person for a Ham or Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange (for those that wish to participate). Gifts should be nominal and fun.	<i>Georganne Jannenga Chairperson</i>

2013 Outings Schedule:

Please contact Michael Smith if you'd like to help choose where we will be fishing at our outings in 2013. With no Outings Chairperson we will schedule outings. Without a volunteer to Coordinate outings there will be no trailer at the outings and no potluck lunches. We have a membership of about 100 members but it is the same 5 or 10 members that continue to do all the work.

Outings chair is a simple job (see duties above). Please consider volunteering?

Treasurer's Report ... Submitted by Sparky Snyder, Treasurer

Current bank balance is \$18,968.50.

November 21st 2012 Meeting Minutes ...Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary/Public Relations

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by Richard Dreyer, Vice President, at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes from the October meeting as published in our newsletter. Ken Wolf made the motion; Craig Harmon seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: Richard noted that our Christmas party will be held Sat. 12/15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pinetop Country Club. He asked that we please bring our donations for the Love Kitchen and CASA to the party. Gail mentioned that the Love Kitchen does not do the large food boxes at Christmas time.

There will be an outing this coming Sat. to Becker Lake. Dennis will bring the trailer. Noon potluck. Fishing and weather report good, per Bob Bowers. Only four people committed to attending, so trailer may not be taken.

This coming Sat., 12/1/12, is the day to secure our permits for Christmas Tree Lake. Hoping Fran and Dawn will obtain again; if not Georganne offered to help. The outing is scheduled for 5/31 and 6/1, a Friday and Saturday.

Float for the Fallen boat. Richard asked Bob to give a report as to progress of the repairs/overhaul. Bob told the group that he brought the boat back from the San Juan after the wheels were replaced at the River. He went through the list of repairs that have been done so far and still to be accomplished. Steve and Bob are working on it and Paul of Paradise Anglers also helped. New decals, paint, refinished oars, etc.

Richard mentioned the dates of 4/10 through 4/13 for the Lee's Ferry trip, hosted by Jerry Myers. Cost will be \$500+ to include two days of guided fishing and rooms. Meals on your own. Need 12; have 14 on a sign-up sheet.

Richard stated that we are still desperately in need of an Outings Chairman. Bob explained what the Chairman's duties would be, just as a coordinator, etc. Alternatively, if no one volunteers to be Chairman we will still have the trips but no trailer or potluck.

Richard stated that Jamie DeZubeldia, one of our new members, has volunteered to run the monthly raffle.

Dennis said that 11 people showed up for the Hawley Lake clean-up. The trash bags were left for the Tribal Game and Fish to pick up and they were happy with the job we did. We may also clean up Christmas Tree Lake in the spring.

Brian, who is the Branch Manager at Sipes, wants to take gravel out to Becker Lake. He can obtain the gravel for \$150 a load and needs about 3 loads. There is also talk of placing an automatic gate at Becker, possibly with solar panels. Richard to talk to Mike about the Club possibly donating towards the gravel.

As to a list of 2013 Club outings, we will pick out the lakes and times at a Board meeting.

Membership Report: Dennis introduced Lisa who is a fisheries tech at G & F. Steve introduced Richard Buchanan (Bob Bower's neighbor) as a guest/possible new member. Steve said an email was sent out to all members who had not paid and he apologized for any errors in accounting.

Library Report: Gail said that Ken Wolf brought in a new DVD. Our library, available for members' use, is kept at Pinetop Sporting Goods.

Fish Tales: Becker is fishing well. Ken said semi seal leeches. Dennis stated that both Becker and Big Lake were doing well. Ken said that the white flies and fast strip was over; now use semi seals with a slow retrieve off the bottom. Dennis also stated that the dry fly fishing is over; there are no rises. Fish are deep in the weeds.

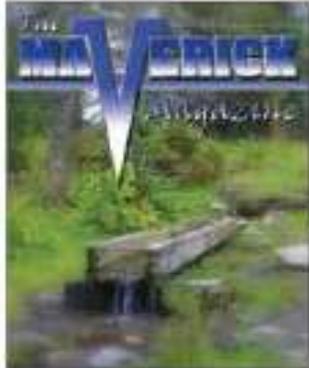
Raffle: We collected \$57.00 tonight.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m.

Presentation: Our speaker was Scott Gurtin from AZ Game and Fish who gave a presentation regarding the proposal for new, less complicated, hunting and fishing license fees and regulations.

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