



NEWSLETTER

Fly Fishing Club Established 1996

P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

August 2012

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:

As most of you know that due to a death in the family Dawn and I had to return in late July from our annual fishing trip. We do miss all those great rivers and streams.

I want to thank Ted Lambert, Rick Tesinsky and Craig Harmon (Project Healing Waters); Gerry Wiemelt (C.A.S.A. kids event) and Richard Dreyer (July Meeting) for all their great efforts on these events.

The club was officially approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) on June 29th. Thank you Dawn Hewitt for over 1 ½ years of hard work and IRS frustration. All donations are now officially tax deductible.

We are targeting to host 5 Troops First wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to the San Juan October 16th thru the 19th. We are currently raising money to offset expenses. Special raffle items will be offered at our August and September club meetings. Please be generous. We raised \$750.00 as the July meeting with the wonderful items and talk by Troops First soldier Brian Mancini and a generous donation. We will have a sign-up sheet for the trip at the meetings. I cannot encourage you enough to join the Troops on the San Juan. Just ask those members who were there last November.

Our pond behind R.T.'s is full from all the rains. We now need a 5-7 day window of dry weather to use the herbicide to kill the weeds. Rick, owner of R.T.'s is providing it for us.

On our short trip Dawn and I got to experience the Ansel Adams Wilderness above Yosemite National Park taking a 5 day horse pack trip that was a 2 for 1 donation at the club banquet. It was incredibly beautiful and we caught about 20 golden trout in Algiers Creek. The riding was rather difficult with 2000 to 4000 foot drop-offs. Mayo Clinic made it perfectly clear my horseback riding days are over.

Our members have been and are currently fishing Alaska, the Northwest and Utah. Those lucky dirty dogs. I guess we will all have to hear their small fish stories when they return (with pictures?).

Tight Lines and Easy Mends,

Michael Smith, President

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"The charm of fly fishing is that in the pursuit of that which is elusive but attainable, is a perpetual series of occasions for hope." *Anonymous*



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August 15th Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM – Lakeside Firehouse

Agenda:

- Social Hour – (5:30PM) *(Buy your Raffle Tickets!!!)*
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests and New Members
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Fish Tales

Program – The August presentation will be a PowerPoint presentation on the WMFFC’s outing to Lees Ferry on the Colorado by Jerry Myers. Come and see what you missed. After the PowerPoint presentation Jerry will give an update on the two experiments announced by the Secretary of Interior for the Colorado River below Glen Canyon Dam. He will finish with some advice on Whirling Disease. What you should know so you don’t bring it home to our waters. Dad always said protection is important.

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.

2012 Outings and Events... Outings Chairman – Vacant

Reservation Lake Outing...submitted by Mike Styvaert

On July 21st twelve intrepid fly fisher folk ventured forth to Reservation Lake despite forecasts of serious rain. Well, it was a real nice day and the fish bit pretty good. We all had a filling feed and the lack of the club trailer just made us all scour our vehicles for stoves, plates, and utensils. There was more than enough shrimp salad, spoon bread, hot dogs, shrimp pasta, Parmesan bread, and other goodies to allow all to over indulge in fine eating. In the morning the fish were near the surface along shore and later they were suspended about 15 feet deep. Most techniques worked at some time. The breeze made it challenging as the day wore on but after lunch the fish were still biting. When we pulled our boat, Rick Tesinsky was fighting a very nice one right in front of the boat ramp.

PROJECT HEALING WATERS by Ted Lambert

This was the first year that I was involved with PHW and here I was heading it up. It was a real learning experience for me.

We started on July 12th, at the VFW Hall and had two more meetings there on the 19th and 26th of July. We covered a number of subjects related to fly fishing during these meetings.

I want to thank everyone who came and helped out with the Veterans. A special thanks goes to Dennis Jones for teaching on rod assembly, fishing lines, set ups and knots.

Dennis was also our instructor for the casting class at Mountain Meadows Casting Pond. I also want to give a special thanks to Ken Wolf, Bill Langdon, Gary Miller and Craig Harmon for being instructors for our fly tying classes. And as long as I am expressing thanks, let's mention Rick Tesinsky, Bob Bowers, Keith Spain, Jim Natcher, Dick Daus, Jerry DuVall, Peter Pilkey, Dave McDougal, Bob Henry, Mike Smith, Dawn Hewitt and Larry Pullen who were there to work one on one with the Vets. And a big thanks to the VFW for letting us use their facility.

The fly tying classes were a lot of fun and all our vets enjoyed learning to tie flies.

Our casting class at Mountain Meadows on August 2nd turned out very good. The weather was good and the mosquitoes didn't show up until dark. By then, we were wrapping it up. Many were eager to continue practicing their casting.

Our outing for the Vets was at Silver Creek on August 4th. We had a good number show up. We had more Vets than helpers. It was a good day, no wind, no rain. We could have used a little cloud cover. It might have helped the fish bite better. But, all in all, everyone had a good time. The fellowship was great and new friends were made. Some of the Vets showed interest in joining our club.

We grilled hot dogs for lunch and had potato salad, BBQ beans, chips and watermelon, along with soft drinks.

All told, there were 12 Vets that participated in the program at one time or another. And 19 club members volunteered their time to help the Vets. It was a good experience and I am ready to do it again.



C.A.S.A. Family Outing at Fool Hollow

On July 28th many of our members came out to help with the Friends of C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) family outing at Fool Hollow Park. Gerry Weimelt coordinated all the volunteers to help with a fishing event and Arizona Game & Fish Department showed up with fishing rods, bait, and all the equipment for 70+ kids to learn to fish. The morning was beautiful but clouds loomed off in the distance. After some initial casting instructions kids were paired off with members to head to the lake. Many of the kids were catching fish and one young boy landed a 16" rainbow off the fishing dock. Way to go.



Unfortunately, just as all the activities really got underway the clouds moved in over the lake and the lightning and thunder drove everyone off the lake. By then the hamburgers were ready and the families were enjoying a great bar-b-que. At that point the skies opened up to a total downpour that went on for much of the afternoon. The weather cut the event short but there were many smiles on the little faces that made the day a very special one.

Thank you to the many members that were there to help make the day one to remember for a long time to come.



Joe Fagan of AZG&F giving instruction on working with the kids.



Barry Cursadean rigging up a rod.

Arizona Game and Fish Department is allowing the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club to place 2 signs, like the one pictured below, at Silver Creek in recognition of the hard work and contributions of the participating clubs and organizations.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
August		
15 th Monthly Meeting 6:30	Lakeside Firehouse	
18 th Monthly Outing -	Hawley Lake	<i>PLEASE Volunteer</i>
September		
19 th Monthly Meeting 6:30	Lakeside Firehouse	
22 nd Monthly Outing -	Sunrise Lake	<i>PLEASE Volunteer</i>
October		
16 th – 19 th Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River		Michael Smith & Bob Bowers
24 th Monthly Meeting 6:30	Lakeside Firehouse	
(date changed due to Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River Oct 16-19th)		
27 th	Big Lake	<i>PLEASE Volunteer</i>
November 24 th	Becker Lake	<i>PLEASE Volunteer</i>
December 8th	Christmas Party – Licano’s in Show Low	<i>PLEASE Volunteer</i>

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

The current bank balance as of July 1st is **\$14,487.37**. Don’t forget, if you haven’t paid your annual membership dues of \$30 they are now due.

July 18th, 2012 Meeting Minutes...Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary /Public Relations

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Membership Report: Richard, our new V.P., introduced our new members and guests: Dennis McMarlha , Ed Hurlbut, Chuck Shaw, Peter Pilke, Rob Jarvis & Marty, Sherman Armstrong, Art Molita, Dave McDougal, Daryl & Judy, Mark Alexander and Jewel, Doug Sato.

Secretary’s Report: Georganne asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Keith made a motion and Jerry Myers seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed; the June minutes were accepted as written.

Public Relations: Georganne stated that there was a huge article in the Independent newspaper last Friday and this Tuesday regarding our meeting, our speaker for the evening, and information about our Club. We are getting really good exposure in our local paper. Also, we will have our Aug. and Sept. meeting dates in the Maverick Magazine Calendar of Events, and Michael to write an article re: a special auction meeting to raise funds to take our troops to the San Juan in Oct. for the Sept. issue. Georganne asked that if anyone has anything they would like publicized to please contact her via phone or email.

Treasurer’s Report: Sparky, our new Treasurer, stated that our current bank balance is \$12,895.37 and that she now has a debit card so it won’t be there for long! Just kidding!

Librarian’s Report: Gail stated that we have books, tapes, DVD’s, etc. for loan to our members so to please come see her.

Outings Report: Ted needs someone to take over as host for our trip to Reservation Lake this coming weekend as he has a prior commitment. He needs someone to put ice in the coolers. He stated that the new road to the lake is good. There will be a potluck. We have gas grills, portable

stove, tables and chairs, canopies (if someone wishes to put them up) and plates, cups, utensils, etc. in the trailer. Go to the back side of the lake by the boat ramp. Lunch is at noon. Keith offered to haul the trailer out.

A discussion was held as to Project Healing Waters. Fifteen people had signed up but not that many actually came. Each Veteran hooks up with a Club member at this event. We provide all the equipment. It is held at the VFW in Show Low off Central Ave. past the CVS and Burger King at 6 p.m. Two more sessions to be held.

Our outing for next month will be to Hawley Lake on August 18th. As far as we know the lake has not/will not be drained. Our outings are always the Saturday after our general membership meetings.

Vice President's Report: Richard said that Michael and Dawn again said to thank everyone who helped with the Banquet. Richard then announced the results of our recent Board election: Sparky is our new Treasurer, Dennis Jones is our Board Member at Large and Richard Dreyer is, once again, our new Vice President.

New Business: Gerry Weimelt said that CASA is holding its third annual family fun day & picnic on July 28th from 11 to 3 at Fool's Hollow Lake. Anywhere from 60 to 100 kids attend. There will be 100 spinning rods there from AZ Game and Fish. We desperately need volunteers from our Club to help the kids bait the hooks, etc. If you can help, be there at 9:30. Ken Wolf explained to the audience what CASA stands for and what the organization does.

Richard mentioned that Game and Fish is having a wildlife talk on Sat. August 11th at the Pinetop Regional Office given by Bruce Sitko on AZ walleye. Wild game meat will be provided to sample.

As to our new pond behind RT's, Ted Lane said the herbicides will be put in after the rains let up.

Richard asked if anyone has any suggestions for future speakers to please let him know.

Fish Tales: Bob said there are big fish in Sunrise; 18". Use semi seal leeches in the weeds. Jerry was there Sat. near the dam at the point; there was a damsel hatch; 10 - 17" fish. Jerry W. used a boat with a trolling motor, trolling damselfish. If you go to Carnero use the 117/117A turnoff and 3 miles on 8449 to the right, 5/10ths of a mile. Fish on the dam in the rocks. There are no weeds and easy access. Great fishing there; caught fish all day. The rest of the lake is too weedy. Some guys left Sunrise and went for "coffee and lies". Ran into John Rohmer who says Hi to everyone and said he had his best day of fishing in 30 years along the shore of Sunrise using semi seals in 3 ft. of water. And then at Becker at 4:30 there was a black ant hatch. Use floating line and strip slowly. Bill said he fished at Sunrise in 3 to 5 feet of water but there is moss, so be sure to use a barbless hook. He used a full sinking line with a tungsten bead and a fast retrieve. Use a brown fly with a red tail or a big leech with a bead head but check your fly every other cast for moss. You can usually just jerk it to break off the moss.

Raffle: The raffle was held.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Presentation: Jerry Myers introduced Brian Mancini from Troops First and Tim Oliver, our speaker regarding the tributaries off Lake Erie in Pennsylvania. Brian gave a heart rendering talk regarding the value of organizations like ours who help these wounded veterans. A framed print with poetry that he wrote was read and then auctioned off. \$250 was collected towards our next trip to the San Juan for the vets in October and another \$500 donation was also given. Tim Oliver gave an excellent presentation regarding an inexpensive trip fishing for steelhead, much to everyone's enjoyment.

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please contact Steve Hofmann at sdieseldoc@cablone.net, 623-262-7491 or Dawn Hewitt at azsunrise47@yahoo.com, 480-695-3965.

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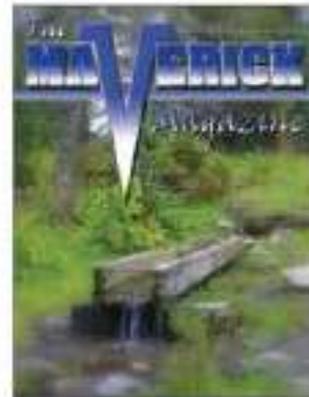
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