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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:

Greetings from the beautiful, sunny and warm White Mountains. Fishing is picking up as well as the catching, especially at Becker Lake. Think big fish.

Well, the WMFFC is now the proud owner of a handsome 16' Montana style Drift boat/dory for use at the San Juan River. I want to thank the club members and two of our Troops First Wounded Warriors for their generous donations to purchase the boat (paid \$2,500). We have commitments for \$3,100. The additional monies will be set aside for maintenance and insurance. All insurance coverage is in place including property and liability. The boat will be available to all members and all of the Troops First Wounded Warriors on a first come basis. If there is a scheduling conflict the Troops will have first call. All parties will soon receive copies of the "Release of Liability and Hold Harmless" agreement along with operating rules and compliance with the "Rules of the River". The boat will be stored near the San Juan River in New Mexico.

Make sure you continue to stretch and lift as the Silver Creek improvement project should be scheduled in the next few weeks. Also remember the Pinetop Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting is set for Tuesday April 10th at 4:30 at the AZG&F parking lot on Rainbow Lake. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Please wear your club fishing logo shirts or hats.

The White Mountain Boy Scouts "Scout-O-Rama" is scheduled for Saturday May 5th from 9:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. They are extremely excited to have us participate and have given us a very visible location. We will have the casting pond set up, fly tying lessons and general fly fishing equipment demonstrations. We will need 8-10 volunteers so please make the time to help with this very worthy event. Contact me via e-mail azsunrise47@yahoo.com or call me at 602-316-0948.

Now, all that said, let's go fishing.

Michael Smith, President
www.wmflyfishing.com

"Fishing is a ...discipline in the equality of men...for all men are equal before fish." Herbert Hoover

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April 18th 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 – April’s presentation will be given by Ray Ganey. Ray will be speaking on the Wind River Mountains of Wyoming. He likes to refer to this as the Holy Trifecta of Golden, Cutthroats and Brookies. The focus of his presentation will be Golden Lake. Ray is also the webmaster for a sister Arizona fly fishing club the San Pedro Flycasters Club of Serra Vista/Fort Huachuca. Feel free to question him on fishing opportunities in that part of Arizona.

In May we will have a presentation by Mike Lopez, Fish Program Manager of Arizona Game and Fish Department at the Pinetop, District 1 office. Mike will be giving us an update on the Wallow Fire.

2012 Outings and & Events...Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

March Outing – Show Low Lake

Our March outing at Show Low Lake went off really good. The weather was great considering the time of year and with very little wind. The turnout of members was good also, for this time of year. Now if only the fish would have cooperated. I did not get one report of anyone catching a fish. I believe that's a first for our club.

I went out with my old friend, and I mean old friend, Al Zoellner in his boat. Well, he has a fish finder on it, and after trolling around for a little while, we found a bunch of fish. There would be as high as 10 to 12

fish on the screen at one time. But they would not take anything we showed them. To say the least, it was sort of frustrating. But, otherwise, it was a good day to be on the water and enjoy the fellowship with an old friend.

Our potluck lunch was as always very good. We had a few show up just for the lunch, which is always welcomed. We had a very delicious baked chicken dish, chili and cornbread, a couple of pasta salads, a few different kinds of chips along with salsa and some cookies to top off the meal. The fellowship at lunch time was also as usual very good and most stayed for a while after eating to visit and tell stories.

All things considered, it was a great day and a good outing.

Our next outing will be at Becker Lake on April 21st. Hope to see you there.

Lee's Ferry Outing...Dawn Hewitt

Jerry Myers organized a trip to Lee's Ferry in late February and 12 club members traveled in snow and wind to arrive in early afternoon on February 28th. We all had a little time to fish at the Walk-In area. The winds made casting a little difficult but several fish were brought to the net. The best part of that was the happy hour back at the lodge. We stayed at Cliff Dwellers Lodge and our guides for the next day were from Lee's Ferry Anglers. Terry and Wendy Gunn, owners, made our trip memorable. Jerry Myers will be putting together a slide show for a later date but here are a couple pictures:



Future Outings and Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
April	Changed to Becker Lake	Bill Langdon
May	Crescent Lake	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
June	Christmas Tree Lake	Dawn Hewitt on Friday <i>Need Volunteer on Saturday</i>
July	Reservation Lake	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
August	Hawley Lake	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
September	Sunrise Lake	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
October	Big Lake	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
November	Becker Lake	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
December	Christmas Party	<i>Need Volunteer</i>

Treasurer's Report ... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer

The current bank balance as of April 1st is \$10,041.07. We picked up three \$25 gift cards from Sportsmen's Warehouse in Phoenix as their donation to our fundraising raffle. We added another 44.94, of which we will get a \$15 rebate, to purchase a Minn Kota Trolling Motor for the raffle. We are beginning to get in some really nice items and Georganne has been doing a great job getting gift certificates and donation items from local merchants. It is only 2 months away and we'll begin recruiting your help with setup, ticket sales, the raffle and other tasks. Contact Michael or myself if you'd be willing to lend a hand.

Thank you goes to Doris Miller for stepping forward to do a review of our 2010/2011 financial records. We will need someone to volunteer later this summer or fall to review the 2011/2012 financial. Please contact me at azsunrise47@yahoo.com or at 480-695-3965 if you'd be willing to help.

March Meeting Minutes...Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary /Public Relations

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Relations: Georganne now heading up. Two general meeting announcements go in the Independent newspaper, the Friday and Tuesday papers prior to our monthly meeting. Georganne and Michael to meet with Amy to try to get some free advertising/articles in the Maverick. Georganne to attend various Chamber events and will pass out flyers for our Banquet. April 10th will be the Pinetop/Lakeside Chamber ribbon cutting for our Club held at either Show Low or Rainbow Lake. Need members to attend for the photo dressed in fly fishing garb. We will have our trailer there.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Bob to approve the minutes that were in the newsletter for the Feb. meeting. Nick seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn stated that we have \$10,014.01 currently in our Treasury, which is good for this time of year. We have no outstanding bills.

Outings: The outings chairman, Ted, was not present. There is an outing this Saturday, 3/24 at Show Low Lake unless someone has another suggestion. Be there between 7 and 9 a.m. There will be a potluck lunch. There are two docks to fish from or you can bring a boat, float tube or pontoon. Bring a chair and a dish to pass, and don't forget to get your fishing license. Use a sink tip or sinking line. There will be no top water action this early in the year. Use streamers, nymphs, hare's ear, droppers, etc.

This year's Christmas Tree Lake outing will be Friday and Saturday June 1st and 2nd. The permits cost \$30 but will be \$20 to members; our Club to subsidize \$10 of the fee. Christmas Tree is stocked with Apaches. If you catch a brown trout they want you to take it out. We can have 20+ people a day. If we have more than 20 sign up for each day there will be a bucket lottery drawing. It was mentioned that it may not be possible to camp at Hawley Lake because they are supposed to be draining it to fix the dam this year, but then it was noted that the drainage was postponed. Mike stated that you can catch 16 to 24" fish at Christmas Tree Lake.

A discussion was held regarding Casting for Recovery which is a nationwide group. The AZ Chapter sponsors two retreats a year. The May 18th thru 20th retreat will be at Whispering Pines with fishing at Sierra Springs. Our Club sponsors the awards luncheon. There will be 14 women invited. Sign up on their website to be a pond pal.

It was mentioned that any member who hauls our trailer to an outing will be reimbursed up to \$25 for gas. And we encourage our experienced members to team up with the new members to assist them.

Library: Steve Hoffman has three rentals out. The library is open; we have DVD's, books and VCR's. Dawn commented that maybe we can convert the VCR's to DVD's.

Membership: No new members. One guest: John Stoner with Fidelis Financial Services in Show Low.

President's Report: Michael stated that we will be needing volunteers for the Silver Creek Restoration Project. Silver Creek lies NE of Show Low; take the 60 to Bourdin Ranch Road and go south 3 or 4 miles to the water tank, then another 1 ½ to 2 miles to the natural, spring fed stream. Game and Fish run it; there's a hatchery and it's stocked. It's catch and release October through March 31st, and starting April 1st they take fish out. Michael said it's basically a canal. Our Club will help to make it more like a stream. Our Club will donate up to \$200 for fuel for the backhoe. A work crew is needed. We will ask the Boy Scouts and other Clubs to help.

For benefit of our guest, Michael stated that we have a casting pond at the Mountain Meadows Sports Park. We just purchased wood chips for it. We maintain it and it's a good place to learn to cast. Helpers need to bring rakes and wheelbarrows and Dawn to bring pre-emergent.

There will be a Native Trout Workshop at Game and Fish on Carefree Highway from 9:30 to 4:30 on March 29th. There will be great speakers talking about the native fish in AZ such as Apache Trout. It's free. Sign up by 3/26. Lunch will be provided. Trout Unlimited and AZ G & F are sponsoring.

On Thursday, March 22nd AZ Game and Fish to host a discussion the Future of Fishing in Phoenix from 6 to 9 but there will be a live video feed in Pinetop at the G & F offices. You can write down comments & questions for the moderator.

Michael asked about Tontozona from last month's minutes. It was Bob Sorensen who said it was a good place to fish. You can normally park along the fence line, but there is construction right now.

There will be Scouts from Snowflake, Taylor and Show Low at the May 5th Scout-O-Rama at Blue Ridge High School. We need about 5 volunteers for casting on the football field and to encourage the Scouts interest in fly fishing. It was suggested that we bring the pond too and ask the Fire Dept. to fill it. We will have a booth and all the necessary equipment will be there on the football field. Then the fly fishing merit badge program for the Scouts will be held Friday evening and Saturday May 18th and 19th at Show Low and Fool's Hollow Lake. These two events are to encourage young people's interest in fly fishing.

Michael announced that the Board voted to spend \$10 to enter a small float in the 4th of July Parade this year. Bill Langdon will be asked head it up. It should be fun!

Michael said that his mission as President is to get the community involved and have the finances to do it. Since we are now a 501(c)(3) educational Club any contributions made to the Club are tax deductible. We previously were a 501(c)(7) which was also a non-profit but donations were not tax deductible. We also plan to work with the Boys and Girls Clubs; contact Jerry, the Program Chairman. We will also sponsor Project

Healing Waters again which requires only a small investment on the part of the Club. This year we took three veterans to the

San Juan. We hope to take five vets this year. Mike stated that Troops 1st is an incredible organization. There is also a group called Proper Exit. Mike said we will need financial assistance for Troops 1st. The event cost about \$4000 this year but it did not cost the Club anything. A discussion was held about holding a separate fund raising event. Last year Troops 1st paid for the airfare for the three veterans.

Michael stated that we will need a Nominating Committee this year. One person is needed to head it up and one person to assist. Vacancies are for Vice President, one Board member and the Treasurer position.

Michael talked about Eric, one of our vets from ABQ, who fell in love with fly fishing and wanted a drift boat to timeshare with the Club. He found a Dory boat and trailer for \$2500 that is five years old. He has \$500 towards it. We need people to put up money towards it. Michael will donate another \$500, so we need to raise another \$1500. The investors in the boat would have first call at using it; other members could make a reservation. The additional monies must be raised by April 1st. It's a 3 person boat. Pat North may assist with it. It cost \$20 to \$30 for a shuttle, or you can use two vehicles for put in and take out on the River. **Update, see President's message.**

Fish Tales: Were told. It was windy at Silver Creek. It's a good time of year to fish Lee's Ferry according to Wendy Gunn.

Raffle: Was held. We collected \$72.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. and a presentation was given by Dawn and Michael of their summer 2011 trip to various Northwest fishing locales.

One of our members, Paul Gomben, passed away earlier this year. His wife has donated some fishing gear to the club for use as raffle items or other purposes. She also has the following items that she is trying to sell. If you are interested please contact Ann Gomben at 928- 532-5386

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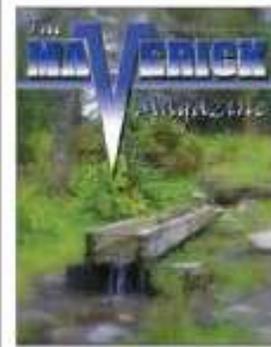
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