



NEWSLETTER

Fly Fishing Club Established 1996

P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

June 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:

What a wonderful and busy time of the year, especially for the WMFFC. Recent events and outings include the Casting for Recovery Pond Pal fishing on May 20th at Sierra Pines and our club's sponsorship of the awards Luncheon at Whispering Pines for 14 wonderful ladies; Silver Creek restoration; Christmas Tree outing June 1st & 2nd; Scout-O-Rama May 5th; Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge Program May 18th & 19th and finally (GASP) the acquisition of exclusive use of our own fishing and training pond (full of trout and bass) from the Mc Carty Family in Show Low.

All of these projects will be discussed in more detail at our scheduled June 6th meeting at the Lakeside Fire House. Minutes from their discussion will then be included in the July newsletter.

BANQUET, BANQUET, BANQUET!! Saturday June 9th, 5:00 PM at Pinetop Country Club. This is our main fund raising event that provides the funding to support all of our many educational, charities, outings and AZ Game & Fish service programs. Please help by attending the banquet and encouraging friends, family and business associates in the community to attend. At only \$35 per ticket this is a great event. Also be generous in your raffle ticket purchases. We have the regular \$1.00/6 for \$5.00 tickets plus \$5.00 tickets for 5 wonderful trips to include Sallery Lake Lodge in Kodiak Island, AK, Guided fishing & lodge accommodations at Falcon's Ledge in Utah (Orvis Lodge of the Year) and Frontier Pack Train – Golden Trout Pack Trip in the Ansel Adams Wilderness near Yosemite National Park.

Thank you for helping and participating in all of our club programs. Much help will be needed for additional work at Silver Creek, the new club pond, club sponsored 1 mile highway clean-up on June 14th and other activities in the future.

Michael Smith, President
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"There is no music like a river's---" Robert Louis Stevenson



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June 6th 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 presentation at the June meeting on Wednesday the 6th will be a return visit by Jack Houck. The club has been very impressed by the details of his presentation not only the where and the when but the how. This time Jack will take the fly fishing experience beyond trout and into the many opportunities to gain a tight line with an Arizona bass at the end, [Fly Fishing for Bass in Arizona](#).

In July we will be having Tim Oliver joins us. Tim is a guide and former winning team member of the White Mountain stream fishing competition. Tim will give a presentation on fishing for Steal head in the Lake Erie streams. An easy, inexpensive and productive fishing trip.

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](tel:1-800-352-0700).

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

Christmas Tree Outing was this past Friday and Saturday, June 1st & 2nd. The weather could not have been nicer, at least on Friday anyway. There was no wind to speak of and the fishing and catching was over the top. I heard many fishermen and women say that it was the finest fishing they



have ever had in the White Mountains. There were some who landed 14 + fish in one day.

Charlie Rosser blew out a bladder (ON HIS PONTOON) when it expanded in the heat. Saturday the temperatures were great but the wind did not cooperate, especially in the afternoon. Fishing though was still great if you could keep your pontoon from blowing across the lake.

The pot luck lunches were terrific as usual. There was sliced ham, lots of macaroni and potato salads, cole slaw, chili, rice & beans, deviled eggs, hot wings and soooo much more. We even had a few desserts on Saturday including a dynamite Rhubarb cobbler.



Here is a shot of one of the big fish landed by Bob Bowers. If you have never fished Christmas Tree Lake you should make sure that you don't miss it next year as it has gotten better every year we have fished it.

Best photo of the day, Dave Beuchler casting his bamboo rod. Submitted by Dawn Hewitt



Future Outings and Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
June		
6 th	Monthly Meeting (moved to 1 st Wed to have before Banquet)	
9 th	7:00 AM Fishing Tournament – X-Diamond Ranch	Jesse Quilty
9 th	Annual Banquet – Pinetop Country Club – 5PM	Mike Smith/Dawn Hewitt
14 th	Highway Clean-up – Meet at Hon Dah for breakfast at 7-8AM Clean-up will commence at 9AM	
14 th	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	Gary Miller
21 st	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	Larry Pullen
28 th	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	Need Volunteer
July		
4 th	Fourth of July Parade with Float	Need Lead Volunteer
18 th	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
21 st	Monthly Outing - Reservation Lake	Need Volunteer
August		
15 th	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
18 th	Monthly Outing - Hawley Lake	Need Volunteer
September		
19 th	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
22 nd	Monthly Outing - Sunrise Lake	Need Volunteer
October		
15 th – 19 th	Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River	Michael Smith & Bob Bowers
24 th	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse (dates changed due to Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River Oct 15-19 th)	
27 th	Big Lake	Need Volunteer
November 24 th	Becker Lake	Need Volunteer
December 8 th	Christmas Party – Licano's in Show Low	Need Volunteer

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

The current bank balance as of June 1st is \$9,971.80.

We have received some WONDERFUL items for the raffle to include 5 different 2 for 1 trips, 6 different rounds of golf, and lots of wonderful donations from our members, more than 125 different items. This is a banquet you don't want to miss.

Would you be willing to volunteer to review the club's 2011 / 2012 financials later this summer? Please contact me at azsunrise47@yahoo.com or at 480-695-3965 if you'd be able to help.

May 16th, 2012 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.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the April General Membership meeting, which were published in the May newsletter. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed; the April minutes were accepted as written.

Public Relations: Georganne mentioned the wonderful article that Amy published for us in the May Maverick Magazine, as well as the paid advertisement for our annual banquet. There will be Club events published in the Maverick's calendar of events in future issues, as well as the ongoing notices in the local newspaper. Georganne has been dropping off banquet flyers to various White Mtn. businesses.

President's Report: Mike noted that there are banquet tickets available for purchase and for members to sell at the back table this evening, as well as sign-up sheets for the Scout-O-Rama, as well as permits for those signed up to fish Christmas Tree Lake.

Mike introduced Corey Vlishnak from Lakeside Fire Dept., representing Hatch Toyota, who asked if our Club would help with an event Saturday, June 2nd, to help teach kids how to fly fish. They expect 300 kids ages 8 to 18. Mike said we will have fly rods available (conflict with Xmas Tree Lake trip) but those who were not attending Christmas Tree were encouraged to attend. A follow-up e-mail was sent out to all members.

Mike stated that 14 rock dams have been placed in Silver Creek during the restoration process. We can stock the Creek with Apaches, which will survive in the pools. This restoration should alleviate combat fishing. Over 150 one to five ton boulders were also placed. Brian Uren donated 8 hour days for 7 days with his equipment. The cost to hire someone and rent the equipment would have been approximately \$12,000! Mike presented Brian with a fly rod, reel, box of flies and two tickets to our Banquet as a thank you from the Club.

Mike and Bob Bowers were at the San Juan last Wednesday to christen our new drift boat. They taught Eric how to row and read the river. The Troops First members will be coming back when the flows are down. Our boat is named "Float for the Fallen" and presently has Army and Marine insignias on it along with "Troops First/Wounded Warriors". The San Juan guides now know the boat and will follow it. The soldiers have first choice to use it; second choice goes to those that donated towards it, and third choice to our members.

Mike stated that we received a beautiful ring from Helmut the Jeweler as one of our Banquet donations. He again asked the members take tickets to sell and to please make something to donate or go out and find some additional donations. The Banquet is June 9th at the Pinetop Country Club. That same morning of the Banquet, at 7 a.m., the fishing tournament at X-Diamond will also be held. Jessie Culty will run the tournament this year and has scheduled fishing teams from Payson, Northern AZ Flycasters, Desert Flycasters and our WMFFCteam. The winners will be determined by total accumulated fish length. Lunch will be at Wink's.

On Thursday, 5/24, at 8 a.m. we need volunteers for half a day to fill in the holes and tracks at Silver Creek. We need 10 to 15 members to come with rakes and gloves. The Club will supply water. An email will go out to our members asking for volunteers.

The Casting for Recovery event is this weekend starting on Friday. Fourteen gals will be at Whispering Pines. Sunday the pond pals will assist the women at Sierra Springs, one per person. The event is totally private except for the pond pals and we provide the BBQ luncheon on Sunday. Help is needed in moving tables and chairs on Friday.

The Christmas Tree Lake outing permits for Friday, 6/1 and Saturday, 6/2 are here. The Tribe states that we can get more permits if we need them. The cost is \$20 for the first day since the Club pays \$10 of the fee. You can purchase a second day permit for the normal price of \$30.

Our website will have a spreadsheet of our events and our Buddy List is on it.

For the benefit of new members, we have a casting pond at Mtn. Meadows Park on the North side. We just redid the bank. If you are new and need casting lessons, just call any member.

Mike proudly announced that White Mtn. Fly Fishing Club now has its own pond. It is located between RT's and the rodeo grounds. It is about 2 acres; spring fed, never freezes and contains trout and bass. It has not been fished. It is totally fenced. Rick, the owner of R.T.'s Black Bull now owns the land surrounding the pond and is clearing the pond area. We will assist and help build the dock. The pond is yet to have a name. Our Club will have exclusive use of the pond with a key to the gate. We will need to organize some clean-up crews. We can stock it; use it for the Scouts, the Wounded Warriors, CFR, etc. It will have a dock. The McCarty family took a vote of who to give it to and we won! Game and Fish will give us some ideas as to stocking, etc.

Fly-tying classes will be starting up again from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Show Low VFW off Central. Ken Wolf will be tying a secret fly for Becker Lake.

Treasurer's Report: Mike, for Dawn in her absence, stated that the current bank balance was \$9,560. Our banquet and membership renewals should add about \$7K additional to the Treasury. Dawn asked the membership to please be generous with donations.

Vice President's Report: Jerry reminded us of the link on our website to Bass Pro. Just click on the logo. Five percent of all purchases will be donated back to the Club and used for environmental projects. Can we get an email out to Game and Fish, the firefighters, our members and in the newspaper announcing same?

Membership Report: Steve introduced three new members tonight, Ted Lane, Harold Willingham, Frank McCormack, and one guest, Lon Ellington, and stated that we had two new members via mail. Ken Mc Gowan, Silver Creek Hatchery Manager for Game and Fish, and his son, Richard, were also in attendance. Steve reminded everyone to pick up their name tags.

Library: Gail reminded everyone that we have books and DVD's available tonight to our members. The library is kept at Pinetop Sporting Goods.

Outings: Ted Lambert is absent. Mike stated that there are high wind reports for our outing to Crescent Lake this weekend. Friday night and Sat. we are assisting with the Scout-O-Rama so Mike recommended that we forgo the outing and have a potluck for the parents of the Scouts after the event on Saturday instead. Game and Fish will be stocking trout in the pools and they expect 12 to 18 boys. A motion was made from the floor to assist on Saturday at Silver Creek with the Scouts instead of our regularly scheduled outing. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. Bob said you can hike or drive in, park on the road or at the turnaround. G & F will stock on Sat. morning. The Scouts need to take their fish out. Our members will not be fishing. We need to volunteers to load fish. Richard has the tank; we have two coolers with aerators.

Fish Tales: Bob Bowers said we were working for over a year to make Becker a catch and release lake. Roy is the lake host. Becker is doing well. Bob caught huge fish there. Game and Fish is stocking 2000 trout in Lee Valley. Mike Styvaert gave his fishing report.

Raffle: Was held. Dawn and Michael donated a \$50 gift certificate to Charlie Clarks. Selling tickets for \$2 each to help pay for the entertainment at our Banquet; this will help reduce the amount of \$ we take from the Treasury.

Presentation: We had a dual presentation this evening. Kelly Myers, Head of the Fisheries Division of AZ Game and Fish gave the presentation this evening (in place of Mike Lopez) on the effects the Wallow Fire had

our White Mtn. lakes and streams. Jeremy Voeltz from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spoke on the Apache Trout Program that has been ongoing for the last 50 years. He stated that there have been a few setbacks due to the fire, but that they are hoping to take Apaches off the endangered species list.

Kitty Wiemelt gave a presentation regarding Casting for Recovery. There is a raffle for a Winston rod and everything to go with it. Tickets are \$2 or five for \$7. Tickets have also been sold at DFC and AZ Flycasters meetings. The drawing will be on Sunday. "To fish is to hope" is the motto for CFR. Kitty attended her first retreat in 2002. Now there are two retreats annually in May and October, each hosting 14 women. CFR is a 501 (c)(3) national non-profit organization available to any women, any age and at any stage of breast cancer. 2800 women will be diagnosed with this dreaded disease. CFR now boasts 1800 trained volunteers in Canada, Australia, and the UK. 33 States hold 44 retreats in the U.S. It is good exercise and gets the women away from their treatment for a while. Our member, Gail, gave her testimonial of what a great experience it was for her. Craig also gave a testimonial that he has been a pond pal for the past two years and asked our members to please volunteer and get involved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.; presentations to follow.



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