



NEWSLETTER

Fly Fishing Club Established 1996

P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

May 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:

Well fishing season on the White Mountains is in full swing. Great reports from Becker Lake – 24"+, Big Bear Lake – 50+ fish days and Show Low Lake recently stocked.

Since I have been put under the deadline for the newsletter I can't yet report on the Silver Creek restoration which begins tomorrow, Monday April 30th. I'll keep everyone informed of the progress. We do have a donated backhoe and driver. We should be able to complete the project by Wednesday May 2nd.

On Monday April 23rd 8 of our members refurbished our Mountain Meadows Casting Pond – spreading new wood chips and spraying Round-up to kill the weeds and grass. Thanks to Bob Bowers, Dawn, Jim, White, Bud Huth, Gary Miller, Lyle Underdown and Dennis Jones. Tuesday Dennis and I spent several hours teaching 2 new members, Vince Cattolica and Jaime DeZubeldia, fly casting. Please feel free to contact any experienced member to work with you on casting and fishing techniques.

The San Juan trip, Wednesday May 9th to the 12th, is still open for participants. We will christen the "Float for the Fallen" Drift Boat on Wednesday afternoon the 9th.

The Pinetop Chamber of Commerce scheduled our club for a ribbon cutting at Rainbow Lake to launch our membership with the Chamber. They have been very supportive of our club providing access to their member list so we can promote our banquet, monthly meetings and other events. The chamber is providing all the tables and chairs for our 2 annual Casting for Recovery Sunday awards luncheons.

I am personally asking for all members to find donations for our June 9th Banquet. This is our main fund raising event that provides the funding to support all of our many Educational and Charity programs. Gently used, new, handmade items are welcome. Contact your favorite local businesses. Also, encourage your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join us at the Banquet. At only \$35.00 per ticket, this is a great event.

Thank you for helping and participating in all our club outings. Check out the schedule of up-coming events, later in this Newsletter, as your volunteer help is needed and sincerely appreciated.

Michael Smith, President
www.wmflyfishing.com

"Rivers and the inhabitants of the watery elements are made for wise men to contemplate" Izaak Walton

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May 16th 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 – Our May presentation will be by Mike Lopez, Fish Program Manager, in the Pinetop office. Mike will present the results of several months of intensive stream surveys within the Wallow Fire area. Information presented will include details on the impacts to fish populations, which streams experienced significant fish kills, which streams were moderately affected and which were not affected. The focus will be on trout streams and what this will mean for anglers in the White Mountains.

Remember our June meeting night has been moved to the Wednesday before the banquet, June 6th. We are fortunate to again have a dedicated and informative return speaker, Jack Houck for that evening's presentation.

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

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

April 21st Outing –Becker Lake by Dawn Hewitt

Saturday was a beautiful sunny day and very little wind except for the occasional gust. Pontoon, float tubes and aluminum boats were on the water early in anticipation of landing one of the famous Triploids of Becker Lake. There was a lot of fishing and some occasional catching. Ken Wolf landed a really nice fish in the morning and Craig Harmon caught the picture. Jaime DeZubeldia, one of our new members got some private lessons from Mike Smith. Jerry Myers caught 4 to 5 trophy fish and Dennis Jones continued to fish until 7:00 PM and all said he said was “the top water bite was awesome.”



Lots of good food was set out for the pot luck lunch and Dawn’s Field and Stream Spicy Chili was a big hit. Contact her at azsunrise47@yahoo if you want the recipe.

Casting Pond Overhaul



On Monday April 23rd several members ventured over to the casting pond at Mountain Meadows Recreation Fields off Woodland Road in Pinetop to spiff up the area. They sprayed weeds and spread out a large load of fresh wood chips. We will be out there from time to time to keep those pesky weeds under control. Mike Smith called John Vuolo the Director of Pinetop Recreation and a picnic table will be moved over to the area so you will have a place to work on your lines and tie up.



Future Outings and Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
April		
30 th	Silver Creek Improvement Project with AZ Game and Fish	
May		
1 st	Silver Creek Improvement Project with AZ Game and Fish	
2 nd	Silver Creek Improvement Project with AZ Game and Fish	
4 th	Scout-O-Rama set up(meet at 3:00	Mike Smith
5 th	Scout-O-Rama Meet at 9am-2pm	Mike Smith
9 th – 12 th	San Juan Trip	Mike Smith & Bob Bowers
10 th	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	
16 th	- Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Fire House	
17 th	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	Ken Wolf
19 th	- Monthly Outing – Crescent Lake	Need Volunteer
18 th & 19 th	Boy scouts fly fish Merit Badge 18 th 6 – 9 PM at Mormon Stake Center at the Junction of 260 & Duce of Clubs; 19 th 9AM Fools Hollow Lake.	
20 th	Casting for Recovery – Retreat Luncheon & Fishing Pond Pals	John & Johnna Switzer
24 th	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	
June		
1 st & 2 nd	Christmas Tree Lake Outing	Bob Bowers on 1 st & Dawn Hewitt on 2nd
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	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	
21 st	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	
28 th	Fly Tying Class – VFW Hall 6-8 PM	
July		
4 th	- Fourth of July Parade with Float	Bill Langdon
18 th	- Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
21 st	Monthly Outing - 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 May 1st is \$9,192.13.

Banquet Raffle items are coming in very slowly. I will be needing help making follow-up calls to merchants that request letters were sent to. I'll reach out to you this week. We are also not getting many member donations. You can donate anything that someone else might want. Items do not have to be new as gently used works just as well. Consider putting together a basket of items around a theme like a Morning Breakfast Basket with mugs, specialty coffees, pancake mix, syrup, etc. These are fun gifts to make and win.

I will need someone to volunteer later this summer or fall to review the 2011/2012 financials. Please contact me at azsunrise47@yahoo.com or at 480-695-3965 if you'd be willing to help.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. A last call for raffle tickets was announced.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary asked that the minutes from the March meeting be approved. A motion was stated to approve said minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Public Relations: Georganne stated that she and Mike met with Amy of the Maverick Magazine and from now on our events will be published in the magazine's monthly calendar of events. Also Amy welcomes fly fishing-related articles for the publication. We may place a paid ad in the magazine as well announcing our upcoming banquet; to be discussed at tomorrow's Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn stated that our current bank balance is \$9, 159.00 which is good for this time of year in spite of recent expenditures, such as our new trailer.

Dawn also passed around a sign-up sheet for our Christmas Tree Lake outing. She will sponsor Saturday, June 2nd; and Bob Bowers will host for Friday, June 1st. The host will coordinate the potluck and will need to bring the trailer back. The trailer will not be left at the lake on Friday but will be taken back to Hawley Lake.

We now have enough permits for both Friday and Saturday. If you have not signed up or if you would like to sign up for an additional day of fishing at full price contact Dawn at azsunrise47@yahoo.com.

Dawn also spoke about our upcoming Casting for Recovery event; a National Organization with an AZ Chapter for breast cancer survivors. Sunday May 20th the participants will be fishing at Sierra Springs. Our members can sign up to be pond pals at www.castingforrecovery.org. Mike stated that it is a very gratifying experience so please volunteer. Our Club sponsors their luncheon on Sunday; there is a sign-up sheet to assist. John Switzer will grill chicken and make Dutch oven cobbler. Johnna Switzer heads up the event. We will need a couple of grills. Georganne obtained the tables and chairs from the Pinetop Chamber again. We will set up on the lawn of the resort, weather permitting.

Membership: Steve Hofmann stated that we have one guest, Betty Zink, and two new members, Vince Catollica and John Stoner. We had 89 members; total 91 with tonight's new sign-ups. Steve also stated that our outings are the first Saturday following our general membership meeting every month. He also mentioned to the new people that we have our own casting pond off Woodland Road. Mike then mentioned the fishing buddy list which was passed around. New members can call anyone on the list and they will meet you at the casting pond for assistance.

Library: Gail absent. The library is kept at the Pinetop Sporting Goods store. We have one DVD out. Mike to address.

Outings: This Saturday at Becker Lake. Mike and Dawn to set up the trailer. Mike asked Kelly for a fishing report. Kelly said the concrete pads will be going in. Game and Fish finished the water system. (It's not a well). Kelly said to go to the AZFlyandtie website (www.azflyandtie.com) for fishing reports. Glo bugs, midges, styro black ants, small elk hair caddis ¼ "with black bodies all work. Fish small flies on the surface. Also #18 black hare's ear and #18 zebra midges work well. Fish bite until about 1:30 then start again around 4 p.m. They weigh 2 ½ to 4 lbs. Most are triploids. Triploids are sterile rainbows that are exclusive to stocking. All rainbows will be triploids. They grow fast and fight hard. The weather should be sunny and 78 degrees for Saturday's trip with afternoon winds. Mike asked again that the experienced people help the new members. Bob will be there at 9 a.m. to assist. Mike will not fish and will assist also and have a pontoon boat for loan. Potluck at noon; bring a dish to pass. Kelly said to go to the boat ramp to catch fish as the fish often return to the spot where they were put in.

President's Report: Mike stated that all the plans for Silver Creek are set. Thanks to Richard, Silver Creek will become a "semi" trout stream. We need heavy equipment to get the work done. Game and Fish may

work on it the 3rd week of June with a backhoe and dump truck, but Mike wants to get started now. We also need a small dump truck to dump rocks if anyone knows where we can obtain one. This will create riffles and habitat for bugs. Ken who is in charge of the fishery said we need \$1000 for fuel. We will donate \$200 as a Club, as have DFC, Northern AZ Flycasters, WMLF and possibly AFC. This combined effort will make Silver Creek a special trout stream.

The wood chips have been dumped at the casting pond. We need volunteers on Monday the 23rd to meet at 9:30 or 10 a.m. at RT's to help spread the chips. Pre-emergent and weed killer (Round Up) will be applied first. The project should take 2 hrs. or less.

The Scout-O-Rama will be May 5th from 9 to 2 at Blue Ridge High School. We need 8 to 10 volunteers and some flytyers. Set up will be on Friday the 4th at 3 p.m. This event encourages kids to join the Scouts.

May 18th and 19th our Club will also assist with the flyfishing merit badge. This is in conflict with our Crescent Lake outing. It will be 6 to 9 p.m. at one of the Mormon centers on Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fool's Hollow Lake on Sat. This event will be casting, fishing, first aid, etc. (no fly tying).

Show Low Days is the same weekend as our Banquet. We don't yet have an item to raffle off so we may not participate this year. We made \$600 last year on this raffle.

Two people are needed for a nominating committee. We need to vote for Treasurer, Vice President and a Board member at large this year. Dawn is retiring as Treasurer. Sparky has volunteered to be a candidate for the Treasurer's position. We need 2 people just to talk to members about the positions. Voting will be set up again through our website which Don Steir established last year. Dawn volunteered for the nominating committee and will solicit another person. Mike stated that the Vice President provides the programs for the meetings and backs up the President when he is absent.

Mike stated that we are in desperate need of raffle items for our Banquet. Donations have been slow coming in this year. 80% of our Club's funds come from this event and donations are tax deductible, so please help. You can make something if you are handy or get on the phone and ask for donations. We already have a lot of "two for one" trips, but are in need of more regular items. Ask Dawn for Donation Request Letters.

Jesse Cuiilty will be the Chairwoman for the fly fishing tournament this year. We will have 3 non-member teams plus our team; one from Flagstaff, one from the Valley and one from Payson. Bob is on our team but we need two more members. The tournament is the same morning as our Banquet. It cost \$50 to fish and includes a BBQ brisket lunch. We will also need 4 judges to keep the fisherman honest and take photos. It's lots of fun so please consider participating!

We now have a link on our website to Bass Pro Shop. Anyone can access the link and our club earns a 5% commission on any expenditures. The money will be set aside in a separate fund for our charitable endeavors.

There is a Club trip planned to the San Juan River for May 9th through 12th to christen our new drift boat and to teach the troops how to float the river. Five people are already signed up. We have six rooms booked so far at Abe's for the 9th, 10th and 11th. This is a trip for our Club members and for Troops 1st. We will be filming and videotaping parts of the trip. For those that don't know, our Club purchased a drift boat and trailer and it is insured by the Club. There will be an online reservation system with the Troops having first call. Members who donated towards the purchase of the boat will have 2nd call on dates and all other members can reserve when available. The boat will be stored at the San Juan. Since the Club owns it, a "Release of Liability" form plus a "Rules of the River" form will be emailed to our members following the May 9th - 12th trip detailing how to use it, safety issues, etc. The cost of this trip for a room, license and gas will be approximately \$200 but the price goes up if you were to hire a guide. You can bring your own food to save \$. Also bring your own towels. Abe's has pots/pans, utensils, etc. for cooking.

Bill Langdon is heading up a committee for our Club's float in the Show Low 4th of July parade. A future organizational meeting will be planned. Cost to enter is only \$10. This year's parade theme is an American Road Trip.

Fish Tales: Steve took his neighbor to Fool's Hollow and also to Becker Lake. Caught about 5 fish at Becker, one was 23+ inches. Bill has been fishing for bass at Roosevelt this past month. Fishing turned on the past 2 weeks. He also got a few crappie. Go to the Tonto end of the lake to flyfish the flats at Cholla. The fish are on the shore there in clear water. Bass fishing is turning on; now is the time to go fish Roosevelt! The fish are in the shallows so it's great fishing with a flyrod.

Raffle: Larry Pullen will be taking over the raffle from Craig. The raffle was held. We made \$150 on the raffle this evening.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Presentation: An interesting and very enlightening presentation then followed given by Ray Ganey Jr. PhD on the Wind River Mountains and the "Holy Trifecta" of trout, namely Goldens, Cutthroats and Brookies.

Items for Sale:

 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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