



NEWSLETTER

Fly Fishing Club Established 1996

P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

July 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:

Great summer fishing is here; club members are everywhere, fishing locally, throughout the great northwest, Canada and Alaska. Here's wishing them tight lines and safe travels. Please take great pictures so you can share them with all the members.

The "dam" Silver Creek boulder fish habitat and riffle project is completed. Twelve dams were constructed with 8 incorporating flow resistant fabric to raise the fish holding pools as much as 2 ½ to 3 feet throughout the creek. Approximately 150+ 1 to 5 ton boulders were placed (dropped) in the stream also for fish habitat and to shore up the banks. The 1 ½ mile long creek (on AZG&FD land) now looks and happily fishes like a real creek. This coming winter and spring we will plant cottonwood branch cuttings along the creek to help provide shade and cover for the trout.

Our Annual Banquet was held Saturday June 9th at the Pinetop Country Club. I have been told by many members that they had a great time and it was a success. With 150 door and raffle prizes most everyone took something home. There were 136 members and guests in attendance.

Our "club pond" is up and running with major clearing projects ongoing provided by McCarty Companies and Rick the owner of R.T.'s Black Bull Restaurant. Victoria McCarty has agreed to allow WMFFC full use and access to the pond, use of all of her heavy equipment, construction supplies to assist in our restoration work. Member Ted Lane has agreed to head up the Pond Project. More information and club contributions will follow. We will need major help to develop this special asset for our club's use.

We have been asked by Friends of C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) to assist with a fishing event for their kids at Fools Hollow Lake on Saturday July 28th from 11AM to 3 PM. This will be bait & worms fishing for special kids. Please volunteer to help. An e-mail and sign-up sheet will follow.

Since Dawn and I will be traveling in the northwest beginning July 7th returning to Show Low September 4th please communicate with us via e-mail (azsunrise47@yahoo.com) and my cell # is 602-316-0948. Have a GREAT summer fishing.

Tight Lines and Easy Mends,

Michael Smith, President
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July 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 –

Tim Oliver presents "Steelhead in Lake Erie Tributaries"

The rivers and streams that feed eastern Lake Erie are fast becoming some of the best Steelhead fisheries around. The most famous of these are located in Northwestern Pennsylvania and have been dubbed Steelhead Alley by the fishing community. This area is aptly named as it is not unusual to regularly land 20 or more Steelhead in a single day. On July 18th, come hear Tim Oliver present "Steelhead in Lake Erie Tributaries". He will focus on the streams around the Erie Pennsylvania Area.

Tim Oliver is an Ohio native who now lives in Chandler Arizona. Tim cut his teeth fishing for bass and walleye around the Great Lakes. In 1990 he purchased his first fly rod, and was hooked. Tim has traveled all over this country fly fishing for trout and steelhead. If you come across Tim out there on a stream or lake, don't forget to say hi and ask what is working.

August Program will be Jerry Myers on the Club Outing to Lees Ferry this past February and he will also be discussing the Whirling Disease found to be present in the Colorado above Lees Ferry.

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...Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

No outing in June but ONE GREAT BANQUET:



Thank you to Gail Allgood and Bonnie & Bob Henry for working the door to collect and sell tickets.

Craig Harmon and Bob Sorsen sold a lot of Raffle Tickets



Just a few of the many wonderful items created and donated by our gifted members and or their spouses.



One table of items, only 1/4th of the total



A view of half the dining room.



The winning team Ted Bounds, Darly White and John Rohmer.

Future Outings and Events:

Date Location

July

4th - Fourth of July Parade with Float **CANCELLED**

18th - Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse

21st Monthly Outing - Reservation Lake

Sponsor

PLEASE Volunteer

August

15th Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse

18th Monthly Outing - Hawley Lake

PLEASE Volunteer

September

19th Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse

22nd Monthly Outing - Sunrise Lake

PLEASE Volunteer

October

15th – 19th Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River

Michael Smith & Bob Bowers

24th Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse

(date changed due to Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River Oct 15-19th)

27th Big Lake

PLEASE Volunteer

November 24th Becker Lake

PLEASE Volunteer

December 8th Christmas Party – Licano's in Show Low

PLEASE Volunteer

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

The current bank balance as of July 1st is \$12,968.06.

This year's banquet was another great success. The total funds collected were \$8,586. Expenses of fishing tournament and banquet were \$4,945.58 leaving a net gain of \$3,640.42. Thank you to everyone who donated items, made calls, helped with the banquet this year and to those who so generously purchase tickets to the banquet and especially raffle tickets. I am looking forward to helping create a bigger and better banquet next year.

It is with mixed feelings that I prepare this, my last Treasurer's Report. I am happy to be turning these responsibilities over to our new Treasurer Sparky Snyder and I know she is excited to be volunteering her services to the club.

June 6th, 2012 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. The President made a last call for raffle tickets.

Secretary's Report: Georganne asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes of the May general meeting that were published in the June newsletter. Bob Bowers made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded. Jerry Myers seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved as written. Georganne gave an update report on Public Relations for the Club. Mike mentioned that there was a wonderful article in the May issue of the Maverick Magazine about our Club.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn stated that we currently have \$11,952 in the Treasury and that the balance is increasing. She stated that we have approximately 180 items for our banquet and to please buy lots of raffle tickets as this is our main fundraiser.

Membership Report: Dennis stated that we have 3 new members; Tom Henderson, Larry Kibla and Brian Uren. Mike Smith again thanked Brian Uren for spending seven days at Silver Creek with his backhoe to help build the dams and move boulders. We also had several guests: Al Zoller, Jim Green, Jeff Griswold (who later joined) & Mike Lyons. Dennis stated that we now have 99 members.

Librarian's Report: Gail was absent. Our Club has books, instructional videos and DVD's. They are kept at the Pinetop Sporting Goods store.

Outings Report: The July outing will be the third Saturday of July to Reservation Lake. Hawley Lake is tentatively scheduled for August but will be canceled if the lake is drained. Richard has heard nothing about the lake being drained; Mike said we are good to go then. Jerry Myers said the funding to drain the lake will be lost after October. Ted would like someone to volunteer as the new outing chairman after July 1st.

President's Report: A lengthy discussion was held about our restoration project at Silver Creek. Fourteen dams have created some nice pools. Previously 1 ¼ miles of the Creek was not fishable but it is now. The pool at the top holds some big fish. Some areas will be catch and keep and some catch and release. We have a commitment to start stocking it on our own from 10/1 thru 3/31 with Apache trout on quads and with aerators with Game and Fish. There are "monster" fish in the upper section. The dams raised the level of the stream about 2 ½ feet. The whole stream is fishable now. About 150 one to five ton boulders were put in, which gave the fish new habitat. There are sign-up sheets for Tues., Wed. & Thurs. to put special fabric in to hold the silt. We will rebuild each dam for better retention in the pools. In the fall we will plant 75 to 100 cottonwood trees for shade for the fish. We need 3 to 4 people per day June 12, 13 & 14 starting at 7:30 a.m. The prisoners work Monday through Thursday. The Club will provide burgers from Hole in One for the workers. We have raised \$1200 (\$1,400 including WMFFC) so far from donations from the AZ Flycasters, San Pedro, our Club, the Desert Flycasters and the Northern Arizona Fly Club. We have spent \$600 of it so far; the rest will be for the cottonwoods. We will have to protect them from the elk. Chicken wire does not work. We will have a spreadsheet of expenses available in the future.

Mike announced that we now have a 1 ½ to 2 acre pond that was given to our Club by the McCarty family, who are the largest area landowners. It is between RT's and the rodeo grounds. R.T. will clear and build Ramada's. It will also have steps and handicapped access. There is a lot of work to be done. A 100 yard stretch of stream will be cleared and we will be putting a dock in. We have not started on this project yet due to the work on Silver Creek, but we will be working with Game and Fish to clean it up. It has not ever been used, and it is fed by a year-round spring so it never freezes over.

Mike gave a recap of the improvements that were done to our drift boat on the San Juan called "Float for the Fallen". Airborne & Big Red One are Eric and Brian's units, so those decals are on the boat as well as lettering for our Club's name. It will be kept at the River and set up with an anchor system, etc. Sportsman's Restaurant donated storage. The troops will of course have first choice to use the boat, and the second choice will be to the members who helped finance it. After that it will be available to all Club members. Call Mike to reserve it because there will be restrictions as to the river flows, etc. Another trip for the troops is planned for 10/16 thru 10/19. We hope to sponsor 3 to 5 additional troops this time. Troops First will provide their transportation; then we have our boat, Bob Durocher's and Pat North's. Eighteen of our Club members went on the last trip. Bob said we moved the date from November to October since November is too cold and there could be rain and snow. October is much nicer weather. This is a Club outing; one Club member will be with each boat.

Our Christmas Tree outing was a success with big, strong fish being caught. It was a two-day outing, Friday and Saturday. 17 - 23" Apache trout were caught. Saturday afternoon winds proved challenging. Dave Beuchler, who owns Hermosa Creek, which is a furniture store and fly shop, caught fish on almost every fly he used. Most of the fish were caught with dry flies on the surface. A big thank you to Dawn and Fran for sitting outside all night on Dec. 1st with heaters and hot toddies to be first in line to get our permits for this first weekend after Memorial Day. They are asking for volunteers to do same next year. The Club donated Honey hams and a great potluck was enjoyed by all both days.

Our annual fundraising banquet is this coming Sat. at the Pinetop Country Club, starting at 5 p.m. Mike stated "It is our main fundraiser and a celebration of what we do as a Club and to thank all our members." We need to raise money from our 165+ raffle items. We have 5 great trips donated; 3 to Alaska, one to Utah, and a backpacking trip with horses into the Ansel Adams wilderness to fish for golden trout. Among the raffle items are flyrods, vests, hand-carved items (trout), a beautiful quilt donated by Bob Bowers' wife, Kathy; as well as paintings and more. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or \$6 for five. Trip raffle tickets are \$5.

Please sign up for our Adopt a Highway project on June 14th. We clean up one mile of road from mile marker 365 to 366. Meet at the Hon Dah Casino parking lot at 9 a.m. The Club provides the trash bags but bring gloves and an instrument to pick up trash if you have one. The project should only take about 2 to 2 ½ hours.

Mike said he is responsible for the nominations for the election in June. We need one Board member at large; Dennis Jones has been nominated so far. We have no one on the ballot yet for Vice President (Richard Dreyer has agreed to run). The nominee for Treasurer is Sparky Snyder (Vince Cattolica was ineligible due to By Law requirements). Mike explained the duties of the Vice President, which are to select and find speakers for each meeting and to take over the meetings when the President cannot be present, such as in July & August and January & February when Mike will be gone. The Vice President would then run the general membership meeting. Mike subsequently nominated Richard Dreyer for V.P. Gary seconded the nomination. Richard accepted the nomination. Mike asked for other nominations from the floor. None were received. A motion was then made to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and the nominations were so closed. Voting will be done on line via our website.

A reminder was made regarding our "buddy list". There are copies at the back of the room. New members can call any "old" members for help. You can add your name to the list.

We now have Club stickers for your car windows at \$5.00 each.

Our fishing tournament to be held at X-Diamond is filled so teams are now closed. It will be a 4 hour fishing tournament from 8 a.m. to noon. Four groups of three will be fishing four sections of the stream. Teams are from DFC, the Payson Club, Northern AZ Club and WMFFC. Bob, Steve and Jerry comprise our team. They pay \$50 each to compete, which includes a special lunch provided by Wink and payment to rent the stream. There will be four judges: Gary Miller, Ted Lambert, Bill Langdon & Dennis Jones. The fishermen from the other teams will then be coming to our Banquet.

You can buy tickets for the Banquet tonight, as well as raffle tickets for the Charlie Clark's gift certificate and car stickers.

New Business: Kitty Wiemelt thanked everyone who volunteered and helped with the CFR luncheon.

There is a breakfast for Club members every Monday morning at 7 a.m. at RT's and on Thursdays at Hon Dah Casino, also at 7 a.m., the Hon Dah breakfast is only \$2 with a gambler's card. So our Club holds two breakfasts each week year round for any members who wish to attend.

Don't forget the fly tying class on June 14th at the VFW. Larry Pullen will be teaching how to tie a crawdad fly.

Fish Tales: Dawn asked for anyone who took pictures at the Christmas Tree outing to please send them to her. Jerry fished the West Fork of the Black River with a buddy and said there are tons of little Apaches. They caught 25-30 each in the 6 - 7" range on #14 & #16 stimulators. Jim White is working with Game and Fish to stock trout in Silver Creek. They are in the first pool and they will be hungry.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

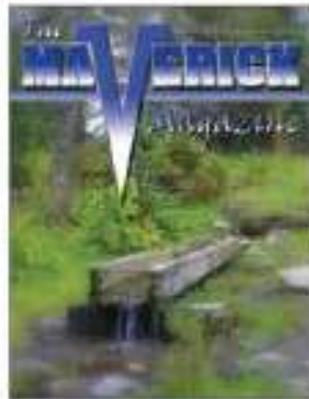


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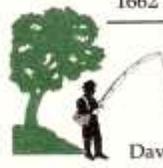


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