



# NEWSLETTER

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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.

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## *"Tight Lines"—President's Column:*

Well it's time for some great September fall fishing. Think big fish starting to cruise the shorelines as the water cools. If the surface temperatures exceed 64-65 degrees be extra careful when you release the fish – keep it in the water if possible.

Planning activities are heating up for our Troops First Foundation/Wounded Warrior Project fund raiser at Torreon on Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. We have already received some special auction and raffle items but please contact any local businesses and vendors you frequent for donations or to attend the event. We are really aiming to attract as many non-members as members to attend. We will have several Troops First and Wounded Warriors attending and speaking. Contact me or Dawn to obtain your \$18 tickets and we will have them at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting or call Torreon directly at 928-532-8000 to make a reservation. Dinner choices are trout almandine or chicken marsala and there will be entertainment and a showing of our new club video produced by Bob Henry. Please print copies of the flyer which was e-mailed earlier to share with friends or business associates.

There will be fly tying classes at the Show Low VFW on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of September (14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>). Mark your calendars.

The Arizona State Park Service has requested our help with a Lake clean-up at Fools Hallow Lake on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 A.M. If you'd like, bring a boat or pontoon to access areas not reachable from shore. We will discuss and have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Cabela's and AZG&FD are hosting 24 wounded warriors to fish the October 1<sup>st</sup> opening of catch and release season at Silver Creek. With our involvement on the Silver Creek restoration they asked our club to assist. We will set up tables, chairs and canopies at the upper pond section for the lunch provided by Cabela's. The troops and family members, AZG&FC Commissioners and staff members, and Cabela's staff will be attending. We will discuss more at our next meeting. The new signs have been erected.

Tight Lines and Easy Mends,

Michael Smith, President

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*"More than half the intense enjoyment of fly-fishing is derived from the beautiful surroundings, the satisfaction felt from being in the open air...."* Charles Orvis

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## September 19<sup>th</sup> 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** – Steve and Ellen Hofmann will present the Hofmann Family Fishing Vacation to Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Utah.

We will also be showing the first draft of a video developed by Bob Henry for possible use on our website and for highlighting our club and the various activities we do.

**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... Outings Chairman – Vacant Hawley Lake Outing – Submitted by Steve Hofmann

The fishing was slow but the scenery and friendship was excellent. About 18 members showed up on a beautiful day. Gerry Meyers had the best day with 7 or 8 fished landed, including a 19 incher. The weather cooperated until about 2:00 PM and by then everybody had pigged-out on all the food. We had fantastic courses of: home-made chili, spaghetti, antelope stew, brats, hotdogs, potato salads, brownies, cookies etc. The other thing that was notable about the outing was the outstanding fly “casting clinic” provided by Mike Smith, Bob Bowers, and Dennis Jones. The area for the outing was perfect location for casting instructions. I.e. no wind and obstructions for your back cast. New members Steve Lea and Jeanne Colasanti were provided

one-on-one instruction from Mike and Bob. Some older members with “casting flaws” (no names mentioned here) were also given instructions for casting improvement. Hope to see more members at Sunrise Lake for next month’s outing.



***Upcoming Events***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
September		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying – Show Low VFW 6-8PM	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fly Tying – Show Low VFW 6-8PM	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Monthly Outing - Sunrise Lake (WMAT permit required)	Steve Hofmann
26 <sup>th</sup>	Fund Raiser at Torreon 5PM	Michael Smith & Barry Curseaden
28 <sup>th</sup>	Fly Tying – Show Low VFW 6-8PM	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fool’s Hollow Lake Clean-up 9-11AM	
October		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Silver Creek Fishing with Wounded Warriors, Cabela’s & AZG&FD	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Casting For Recovery Lunch – Whispering Pines Resort	Johnna Switzer & Dawn Hewitt
16 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River	Michael Smith & Bob Bowers
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
	<b>(date changed due to Troops First Fishing Trip to the San Juan River Oct 16-19<sup>th</sup>)</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Outing - Big Lake	Jim Natcher
November		
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting 6:30 Lakeside Firehouse	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Outing - Becker Lake	Jim Natcher
December		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party – Licano’s in Show Low	<b><i>Need Volunteer</i></b>

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

The club bank balance is currently \$14,759.80. I got my debit card but just haven’t had a chance to use it yet. ☺

## ***August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 recited. The President made a last call for purchase of raffle tickets.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary made a motion for the minutes from the July meeting, which was published in the August newsletter, to be approved. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken; the July minutes were approved as written.

**Public Relations Report:** Nothing new. Georganne will be advertising our Sept. meeting & events in the Independent newspaper and getting out e-blasts to the Chambers of Commerce re: same. Michael to write an article for the Maverick re: our special Club event & raffle for the benefit of our Troops 1<sup>st</sup> San Juan outing.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sparky stated that the balance in our account is \$14,110.108 which does not include any income from this evening's meeting.

**Membership Report:** Steve introduced our new members and guests. Lisa and Augie Titus (camp hosts at Fools Hollow) and Steve Lee and Jeanie K. were our guests. Our four new members were Al Hart, Joe Hills, Al Crawford & John Mayer. We currently have 50 paid up members.

**Library Report:** Gail was not in attendance. Michael stated that our books and videos are available at Pinetop Sporting Goods.

**Outings Report:** Michael once again stated that we are in need of a Chairman for this position. Ted Lambert needs a replacement. This person does not need to be responsible for the trailer but we need a person or persons who will be able to coordinate two month's trips at a time. Our August trip is to Hawley Lake and our Sept. trip will be to Big Lake. We need to nominate someone to coordinate these trips. Our trailer will now be kept at Nick's place in Lakeside, which is a more central location. Board members are always at these outings to help.

**President's Report:** Michael presented Jerry Myers with the Minnow Award. He was at Lee's Ferry with his new waders on and tripped over a rock. Jerry read the award certificate to the group. He stated that his new waders were excellent at keeping water both in and out!

Michael stated that Media Duck Global will now be taking over our website. The cost to the Club will be \$450 to take it over and expand it, to include free updates, which is much less expensive than our current service. After the first year the cost will only be \$125 a year for unlimited updating and maintenance. We will be able to do blogging and a lot more things with this new site. It will be much more dynamic and we can add 20 minute videos and have much improved SEO (Search Engine Optimization). Changes to the new site will be handled within 24 hours.

Michael stated that on July 28<sup>th</sup> our Club assisted with the annual CASA picnic. Joe Fagan, Education Coordinator from G & F, provided 70+ rods & bait. Ken cut worms. Almost all the kids caught fish, including a 16" trout, until the rainstorm put a damper on the event. Mike read us the thank you letter from CASA. They asked if we could help again on June 8<sup>th</sup> next year. Jerry Wiemelt headed up this effort and we had about 19 members from our Club in attendance.

Michael then introduced two of our guests, Joe Hills and Al Crawford, from the Rainbow Lake Foundation, who gave a talk re: exterminating the weeds from Rainbow Lake. They have a fund raising plan and a \$70K budget. \$20K was spent on the design for the barrier, the second phase will cost about \$20K as well and the plan is to spend \$30K or less on fish. The construction costs may be higher. A donation request was sent out to the homeowners on the lake. They have about \$40K collected now. The plan is to put sterile carp in the lake to eat the weeds and a barrier so they don't get into any other adjoining lakes or streams. There are two events coming up where they will be soliciting donations; the annual homeowner's meeting on 8/25 and at town hall meeting here at the Lakeside Fire Dept. on 9/8. The goal is for a March introduction of the fish. They

are a 501 (c)(3) so all donations are tax deductible. They have a post office box set up for donations and have received anywhere from \$10 to \$5000 donations so far. Little Colorado will oversee the accounting of this project and assure that it will be environmentally safe. There are currently 188 property owners at Rainbow Lake. Lake of the Woods has carp in it. If they spend \$15K or more on fish they want to keep them there in the lake. This Foundation was not asking us for a donation, but rather just our support in the way of writing letters, etc. A motion was made by Jerry Myers and seconded by Bob Bowers that we support Rainbow Lake in the way of writing letters, etc. A vote was taken and the motion passed. A suggestion was made that the fish they input be at least 14 to 16" to survive.

Michael then explained that we have a written agreement with the McCarty family ready to be signed in regards to our liability for the pond which they would like to give us for our Club's usage. The agreement would give us use of the pond for two years with a two year renewal possible and cancellation of the agreement with 90 day notice from either party. We have an endorsement from our insurance company for \$1 Million dollars of liability coverage for Club events. Michael stated that a lengthy discussion was held at this month's Board meeting regarding the pond. We would like to put in a dock eventually and Rick from RT's has said he would take care of the herbicides. It would be our responsibility to clean the pond after the herbicides are applied but we need a 5 to 7 day window of dry weather to do so. A dock for the pond would cost approximately \$2500. We can use McCarty's heavy equipment to remove the cat tails and other weeds and debris. Michael said the goal of taking on this project would be to provide us another place to fish, besides Woodland Park, with actual fish in it, for the various events we sponsor every year. It would not be a pond for casting lessons, but more just to provide a fishing experience. The agreement was reduced from its original seven pages down to one page. Michael stated that he would like to have an attorney, preferably pro bono, look it over to protect our Club. Our member, John Potts, volunteered his wife's expertise. Georganne emailed the agreement to John. Some of our members expressed an opposition to this project. Dennis stated that the pond would require a lot of time, effort and expense on our part and that it would be an "attractive nuisance" and won't hold trout. He stated that we have lots of other lakes to fish. Mike stated that there would be a ten foot fence around the pond with a locked gate and the combination would only be given out to our Club members. A further discussion was held. The pond now has bass and trout in it and we have access to a huge pumping station if we need to fill it. The pond is about 13 to 15 feet deep with two mounds for structure. Bob Bowers suggested that we first do a review of the document in question and that maybe we could use our new website to do an online vote regarding taking on this project. It was also suggested that we utilize a blog on the website and that several members go take an actual look at the pond. The issue was tabled for future discussion and no vote was taken on the issue this evening.

October 16 through 19<sup>th</sup> we will again be taking troops to the San Juan; hopefully five men this time. Troops First Foundation will provide the transportation to get the wounded warriors here and we will then provide the boats, etc. We need five boats and they have been offered at no cost. Mike would like us to host a fund raising event on September 26<sup>th</sup> specifically for this trip. Barry, Bob & Mike met with the G.M. of Torreon and they have agreed to donate a banquet room for this function. We will have a cash bar with happy hour prices and either a trout almandine or Chicken Marsala dinner for \$18 optional. It will basically be a social hour with raffle items available. Mike and Dawn will be donating back the San Juan trip that they won as well as a week at of their timeshare. We also have a website design package & a quilt that we will raffle off. We will need some special items to raffle off. Brian Mancini will be bringing some of his poetry artwork.

Dennis and Bob will be taking care of getting our Silver Creek project signs up. We raised \$2000 to help with this project. Catch and release season at the Creek opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Cabela's is bringing up 24 wounded warriors for opening day. Game and Fish will participate and have asked us to help assist with this event. Cabela's is bringing food but we will setup and cook their luncheon at the far end of the Creek, so we will need cabanas, tables & chairs, etc. This will be an all-day event on October 1<sup>st</sup> for these wounded warriors and their families. Grumpy Jake's is providing their large mobile BBQ.

**Fish Tales:** Bob was at Big Horn and of course caught lots of fish. Lyle gave a report on Sunrise Lake. He said to experiment with different damsel colors. It's difficult to get a tube in Carnero. The only place to put a boat in is at the north end of the lake. You will get 20 to 40 strikes in a day but there are 16" fish. Mike stated that Lee Valley has a PH problem. There are lots of elk around the lake when there is no sun. Mike said that the fishing in September will be better but reminded everyone not to go out if there is any lightening.

**New Business:** Joe stated that he forgot to mention that Rainbow Lake is owned by Show Low Water Company so it is really an all-community asset, not just for the homeowner's use. Guy Money brought some handmade knives to the meeting. He has a regular booth at the Show Low Farmer's Market. Don't forget the outing this Saturday at Hawley Lake, Steve and Ellen Hofmann will sponsor. Get there anytime between 6 and 9 a.m. There will be a potluck. The location will be the flat at the SW corner of the lake, past the dam and the store; past the fork in the road. They will have stoves for cooking and put signs up. We will still conduct our regular meeting on Wed. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> and the event on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> will be in addition.

**Raffle:** Was held. We collected \$175 in raffle monies tonight.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Presentation:** Jerry Myers gave an entertaining presentation on a recent Club trip to Lee's Ferry, as well as an enlightening talk about two new Dept. of Interior experiments being conducted on the Colorado River and a discussion about how to prevent whirling disease from entering our AZ streams and lakes.



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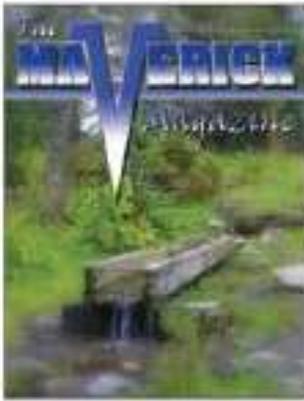
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