

White Mountain



Fly Fishing Club

NEWSLETTER

wmflyfishingclub.com *New Web Site*

Established 1996

P.O. Box 2187, Pinetop, AZ 85935

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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.

President's Column:

Fall has arrived in all its glory. The trees are changing color, the temperatures are dropping, the water is cooling and I hope the trout are rising. Many of us will be heading to the valley or other winter retreats and will be envious of those of you who will still be here during the best fishing season!

A big thank you to Ted Lambert, Erich Schmidt, Bob Sorsen, Gary Miller, Scott Dennis, Ted Lane, Kevin Widner Ed Ulrich and Steve Hofmann for helping set up Silver Creek on Saturday, September 30 for the October 1 Opening Day Veterans Event.

Thanks also go out to David McDougall, Tim Groth, and Bob Sorsen for assisting our Veterans and first responders on October 1. Great job everyone! Apologies if I have not listed all those who helped on Sunday.

Our new White Mountain Fly Fishing Club tri-folds have arrived and the response from a few club members who have seen it have been very positive. They will be available at this month's club meeting. They are very high quality and have an e-mail contact information, our new web site and some great photos. If you have suggestions on businesses and locations where we might be able to leave our tri-folds please let Dawn Hewitt or myself know. Thanks

Speaking of our web site, we are looking for pictures and or stories about fishing trips that our membership may have participated in past, present and future. We would love to post them on our new web site. It turns out that the more information we post on our web site, the more visitors will find us on the web which in turn may attract more new members. This is a win, win opportunity.

Our winter meetings are fast approaching and we will need to continue the discussion we started at the last meeting of what events to plan for our winter members. As discussed during our last meeting, Gary Miller has started to look into the possibility of holding a rod building class. Maybe we can also organize some fly tying events. Steve Hofmann has volunteered to be our November speaker. If you have any other suggestions, please contact Ted Lambert and Gary Miller who will be doing the winter meeting presentations coordination.

We have a great deal of talent in our club and I hope that our members will step forward and help those of us who still have much to learn about this great sport.

Mike Lopez, of the AZGF will be our October membership meeting speaker. I am sure there are many of you who will be interested in Mike's presentation or may have some specific questions about new AZGF regulations and information.

Don't forget that our December Christmas Party at Torreon will be held on December 9.

Tight lines everyone,
Barry Curseaden
President

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2017-2018 Membership Dues only \$30.

If you have not yet paid your dues they are past due. All dues payments should be accompanied with an application. If you are renewing and no information has changed you will only need to put your name on it and check of the renewal box and sign the waiver. Applications will be available at the meeting, on line at www.wmflyfishingclub.com, or by contacting the Membership Chair, Ted Lane @520-465-7789 or e-mail at wmffc@tarcoinc.com.

General Monthly Meeting Minutes for September 20th, 2017

Submitted by Dawn Hewitt

WMFFC General Meeting Minutes September 20th, 2017
Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside, AZ

Meeting Called to Order at 6:16 by Barry Curseaden, President
Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes from August meeting are published in September Newsletter

Barry welcomed everyone.

Committee Reports:

Treasury Report from Doris Miller – Bank Statement reconciled and we have just under \$18,000 but there are some invoices yet to be paid.

Outings: Len Croteau, Board Member at Large, will be taking over as Outing Chair. Thanks to Keith for doing so much in the past.

Membership: Ted Lane stated that we have 63 paid members.

Secretary Newsletter – Nothing to announce.

John Potts has volunteered to be the liaison between the club and AZ Game & Fish.

Education: Gary Miller is going to start a fly rod building sessions beginning in November. This will be paid entirely by the club. If this works he will begin a session for the summer too. Gary asked that people to sign up. He will be working out the final arrangements and make sure he can get the firehouse available. Dawn will send out an e-mail to all members to have anyone interested contact Gary directly. These will be basic rods.

Barry talked about the new website and asked everyone to check it out and let us know what they think. It is www.wmflyfishingclub.com. There are some really nice photos donated for our use. We mentioned that people can write articles and add pictures. It is the member's website and we would like to encourage everyone to contribute. Get the info to Dawn or Barry and we can add to it. We also now have a club e-mail address info@wmflyfishingclub.com.

Winter Meeting schedule will continue as the same but the meetings will be casual, no business meeting. It will be whatever the members want, educational programs, fly tying or speakers. Barry will leave the projector, speakers and other materials with Ted Lambert and Gary Miller for use in the winter months.

Becker Days sponsored by White Mountain Lakes Foundation will be moved to June next year due to the weather being more acceptable. The reason we checked with John Rohmer was because we are going to hold an event in May on the 19th to welcome our summer members back on the mountain and to kick off the season. It will be at the Nature Center and we will have access to the Bob Bowers Casting Pond. We believe there is an opening back from the Nature Center to the pond. We will have a catered lunch for our members and families and casting competition/games. The plan is for it to run from 10AM–3PM.

We moved the Banquet to September 8th to give us more time to get it organized with help from the membership.

Saturday's outing to Hawley will be changed to Sunday the 24th because Saturday's weather will be very windy.

New brochures/trifolds will be ready next week. Completely changed and we think the members will really like. It will be but on the website when we get them.

San Juan River Trip: There are close to 18 participants including 5 veterans. Four of the veterans will be coming from San Diego. Project Healing Waters is providing them with the transportation to the San Juan. Also one veteran is being provided by Soldiers Best Friend in the valley. Barry also has 3 guide boats provided. There has been about \$1,800 donated specifically for the SJR project.

Barry also wanted to apologize for some editorial errors that were in the White Mountain Independent's Outdoor Magazine article on the SJR trip. He was not permitted to proofread the article. It is Kevin Widner in the picture of the boat in the article.

Pine Needle embroidery is not closing. We will have our new logo soon with the better Apache Trout.

Silver Creek: October 1st is the big Veterans and First Responders (Show Low Police). Volunteers are needed (about 6 to 10) for the 30th to help set up the shade covers. Ted will be bringing up the trailer. On October 1st Ken will need about 4 volunteers to help with the Show Low Police Officers to honor Officer Reed who was killed in service. We contributed \$250 towards the food for the participants and we also sponsored the Port-a-Potties.

We had a membership packet that faded away. We want a package that would include a small patch, a decal, and a decal or sign that we can display on your boats, pontoons, float tube so we can identify other members while out fishing. It was also recommended that we include a few flies with a welcome letter providing club information. Need to include the website on the decal.

Outings: Len spoke about his experience after he joined the club several years ago and was very impressed with how he felt when everyone helped him. Len also mentioned going during the middle of the week so that we can avoid the crowds. We could have things like fishing contests or other things to create more fun. He will be looking for ideas from members to help encourage participation.

Board Meetings are open to all members. We will make sure to publish or e-mail everyone when they are so that anyone can attend.

Ted Lambert wanted to know about the Christmas Party which is planned for December 9th at Torreon at the Pavilion which is next to the Club House. Don Gage ran it last year and it was a big success. Dawn, Ted and Don will meet to coordinate. Don suggested that we ask to schedule next year now. Entertainment should be Donna McGee and we will see if she is available.

Fish Tales – Eric mentioned a great place for Brookies. Contact Eric Smith for more information.

Raffle

General Meeting over at 8:30

Following the meeting Kirk Webb, Community Risk Manager with the Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District presented a program on CPR to those that remained.

Next Regular Meeting October 18th Membership Meeting

5:30 Lakeside Fire Station

Guest Speaker will be Mike Lopez,

Raffle tickets can be purchased for drawings.

Club monthly Outing:

To Be Determined. Information will be provided when available.

Christmas Banquet:

It's not too early to plan for this event date: December 9, 2017

We do not have the Cabin this year; however, we will still have a space for our club members in the Pavilion Room which is next to the main Lodge. Don Gage, Ted Lambert and Dawn Hewitt will be chairing this event to make it a fun evening for all. Stay tuned for additional information.

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please contact Dawn Hewitt at azsunrise47@yahoo.com, 480-695-3965.



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