

November 2017 Newsletter White Mountain Fly Fishing Club

Dear Members,

The holidays are fast approaching and I know that everyone will be very busy making plans. I would like to share with you some sage advice I learned from a high school senior when I was his dean of students. The secret to life - just breath! Although things are about to become very hectic to many of us during these holiday seasons, we all need to take a step back on occasion and just take a breath and reflect on how fortunate we are to live in the community and nation that we live in.

The White Mountain Fly Fishing Club would like to help you decompress from your holiday stress with our annual Christmas Banquet! As I stated in an earlier e-mail it will be held at the Torreon Country Club, [December 9, 2017](#) time 5:30 social our and dinner at 6:30. There will be many Secret Santa gifts to be given out. Participants are encouraged to bring a secret gift (\$10 limit) and the club will also supply gifts to make sure that everyone will receive one. \$27 check made out to WMFFC.

PLEASE contact Dawn Hewitt at 480-695-3965 and make your reservation ASAP so that we will have an accurate dinner count to give the Torreon staff. Also be sure to let Dawn know what dinner you would like to order, prime rib or chicken piccata. [December 2, 2017](#) is the cutoff date to make your reservations.

Please remember that on [November 15, 2017](#), at 6 PM (not 5:30) this coming Wednesday will be our first winter membership meeting. Steve Hoffman will be our speaker and will talk about his and Ellen's - "Fishing Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado Small Streams and Rivers". This will be the last meeting of 2017 because our Christmas Banquet will be in lieu of a December membership meeting. We are hopeful that our year round members will continue to attend our monthly meeting over the winter and that this will encourage an active participation from our members who have asked to keep our club more active over the winter months. Future plans include fly tying, learning knots and possibly rod building during our winter schedule. So if you are a full time resident or just visiting over the winter please continue to participate in our winter membership meetings and let Gary Miller or Ted Lambert know what you would like to do during the winter meetings.

For those who plan ahead, another date you need to mark your calendars is [May 19, 2018](#). This will be our "Welcome Back to the Mountain Event". We will hold it at the White Mountain Nature Center and the event will be open to family with a catered cookout, and some fly casting skill contest. Time to be announced as we get closer to the event.

Our annual club fundraising event/dinner will be held at a later date in September. This will be helpful in two ways, it will give our Banquet committee more time to gather donations and it will/could also act as a concluding social event for our memberships activities over the summer. Cookout in the Spring and Banquet in the Fall and hopefully many successful fishing trips in between them both.

Don't forget to sign up for the Clubs annual opening Day at Christmas Tree Lake event. You need to do this online on [January 1, 2018](#).
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Tight Lines,
Barry Curseaden, Pres.