



NEWSLETTER

wmflyfishingclub.com *New Web Site*

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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:

Happy St. Patrick's Day! May the luck of the Irish be with you wherever you may go fishing! We are not that far away from all our Club members being back on the mountain. Thank goodness!

I am hopeful that our crazy warm winter weather will not be too upsetting to our rainbow, brown or Apache trout friends during the upcoming summer.

Your Board will be planning a very active and different schedule this year. For example, one suggestion has been to rent a lake for only our club members. Another is to hold our first and hopefully annual Club family outing in May 12 at the Lakeside Nature Center, more information to follow soon. We are also looking at moving some of our monthly club fishing dates to other days other than on weekends. These are just a few of the ideas our Club members have suggested.

The "Tip of The Month" goes to Dawn Hewitt. Please view the video below on "Keep Them Wet". Very good and important information.

Also check out Ted Lane's web site if you might be interested in fishing.

I hope that you are as excited about the positive changes as I am moving forward.

We lost a fishing legend this week, Lefty Kreh. He fished with U.S. presidents, business executives and common folks, cast his line on every continent but Antarctica, and cranked out 32 books revered by anglers all over the globe. To the end, Bernard "Lefty" Kreh was recruiting new sportsmen, reeling them in as he did the 126 species of fish that he landed in his lifetime, from the Monocacy River in Maryland to the Amazon watershed.

Mr. Kreh died March 14 at his home in Cockeysville, Md. He was 93.

So let's see what is on the upcoming calendar:

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

March Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 21

It is important that you call Erich Schmidt 928-242-3691 if you plan on going to the March 21 monthly membership meeting at the fire station. Last month Eric and Gary Miller were there, but no one showed up. If Erich does not hear from anyone by Tuesday night, he will not be there. Gary will also not be there. Eric and Gary are volunteering their time to organize a program; however, if there is no response, they will not plan on being there.

Save this Date - May 12, 2018

Nature Center Club Outing

Please mark this date on your calendars. The Club has rented the Lakeside Nature Center and its "Bob Bowers Casting Pond" This is meant to be a season opening social for Club members and their family with food provided by the Club and casting contests. More specific information to follow.

Also, The Club Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held on a date to be announced in September this year.

Important Stocking Information

Ken McGowan, AZGF, Silver Creek, called me this week and needs help with stocking Apache and Rainbow trout. Help is needed especially because all other stocking for AZGF will be happening at the same time. Therefore Ken has fewer people able to help him. Most of the time commitment is for 2-3 hours, however, the Lee Valley and Big Lake may take more time. **You will find Ken's stocking schedule attached** with date, times, number and type of trout to be stocked and locations. Please contact Ken at 928-537-7513. Please give Ken a hand if you can help out.

Club Elections

Yes, it is that time of year to think about how you can give back to the Club and become an officer or volunteer as a committee chairman.

Nomination Committee: I need to have 2 - 3 member volunteers, who will help recruit and accept nominations for the following positions: Vice President, Treasurer, and one At Large Board position.

This process must be completed by June Newsletter time. Elections must be completed by June 30th. So please give some consideration to the above openings. Becoming a board member or committee chair will give you an opportunity to help with making our club better.

Web Site

Please continue to visit our new web site at flyfishingwm.com or wmflyfishingclub.com. This is important for a number of reasons.

- We need your input on how we can improve on it
- You will find out upcoming club information/dates much sooner
- Club members are submitting more articles
- The more people that visit the site, the more popular the site will become and possibly be visited by potential new members.

Christmas Tree Outing Update

This outing is scheduled for June 1st. Any member who still wishes to go should apply for a permit on the White Mountain Apache Tribe web site (wmatoutdoors.org) on March 19th or if the web site is not working, call Mylee at 928-338-4385.

FYI

Dues Schedule July 1 through June 30 of the following year.

You Are Invited to the 9th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference

April 12, 2018, 9 AM - 4:30 PM, AZGF Department Headquarters, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix.

See AZG&F website for detailed information and registration. If you wish to attend, I have a spare bedroom for someone to stay. First come, first served, just let me know. I have already made my reservation to attend.

Message from Dawn Hewitt:

Attached an announcement from NPS regarding felt soled waders and shoes being banned in Yellowstone. There is an effort underway to ban felt in all of Montana.

I also came across this video in a newsletter from the Madison River Foundation that is very helpful about keeping the fish wet. [https:// www.KeepemWet.org/blog/2018/1/31/if-youre-gonna-let-em-go-cr-trout](https://www.KeepemWet.org/blog/2018/1/31/if-youre-gonna-let-em-go-cr-trout)
Hover your pointer over the website and hit Ctrl & Click to take you there. Arrow down to the video

Message from Ted Lane I've been playing around with a fly fishing website for techy stuff. It is at <http://flyfishing.tarcoinc.com>.

Please make suggestions and comment whether it is even worth the effort (would they use it?). Send comments to me at wmffc@tarcoinc.com.

Phew! A lot of information to absorb!

Tight lines everyone,
Barry

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Next Meeting March 21st

6:00 PM Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside

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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