



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:

Good day to all!

Your WMFFC Board met for our upcoming season planning session this past Friday at the Lakeside Fire Station. FYI, if you wish to attend any Board meetings in the future, we will be meeting at the Lakeside Fire Station, 10 AM on the second Tuesday of the month through October. These Board meetings are open to all paid members.

On a more serious topic, we need a lot of rain! I have never seen it as dry in the mountains as it appears to be this year. This severe drought has already impacted our club fishing schedule plans. Most immediately, a club sponsored fishing trip to X-Diamond Ranch that Mike Smith has been working hard on organizing is at risk. Unfortunately, we recently heard that it will most likely need to be cancelled for lack of water. Wink cannot even stock trout that she has ordered for the season! We are hoping for the best and planning for the worst. If the trip will occur we will know this upcoming week. If the stocking will take place an announcement will be sent out immediately and sign-ups will take place.

Len Croteau our events coordinator also looked into renting a lake for a club trip. However, because of the drought the Board decided to wait and see if conditions will improve and revisit the possibility later in the summer.

In regards to our monthly club fishing calendar, we will be scheduling our dates on weekends and weekdays. Many members expressed an interest in fishing during the week and not always on a Saturday. So we listened!

Also, because of the severe drought conditions we will only be listing a date and not a location. We are hopeful from our monthly meeting to get updated fishing reports from our membership which will allow us to make a better decision on where the club should fish. Our club fishing dates will occur after our monthly meeting.

Your Board is working very hard to make this season eventful for all our membership. So, it is very important that you, our membership, help us out and volunteer for some of our upcoming events. We are asking for just a few hours of your time especially with our annual club banquet that will be held in September this year. See date and details below.

Important Information and Dates:

Election Nominations

Club elections will be held in June and Ted Lambert has volunteered to head our Election Nominating Committee. We would like one more person to help Ted out. This committee will be taking nominations from our membership for the three opening Board positions, Vice President, Treasurer, and Member at Large. Do not be surprised if you receive a phone call asking if you would enter your name as a nominee or if you know someone you think would help the club move forward please contact Ted, 928-358-2936 atlambert@frontier.com. All nominees will be contacted for their approval before being put on the slate.

Stocking Help

Ken McGowan 928-358-9002, Silver Creek Hatchery, still needs help with stocking fish. An April schedule was sent to you in the March club newsletter for the rest of April and May dates. Please give Ken a call if you can help out for a few hours.

April 18, 2018 Membership Meeting

Ted Lambert, Gary Miller, Kevin Winer, and Erich Schmidt have worked hard to plan for and continue monthly meetings over the winter. Unfortunately, the 20 or so members who expressed a desire to meet over the winter have not been able to attend on a regular basis. No one showed up last month. We need to be more respectful of their efforts moving forward. There will be a meeting this coming Wednesday and the above members will plan for some fly tying, knots and need some input from members who would like to do a rod building class. The club will purchase rod building kits for participants and the participants would need to pay \$20 for registration to help offset the cost of the kits. This will be a limited class of 6 - 7 participants. If you are interested in building a rod please contact Gary Miller, 602-478-0883, flyfishingaz@cableone.net

May 12, 2018 WMFFC Opening Season Social

The club has reserved the Nature Center in Pinetop and will provide food, fun and some casting contests (wind providing). The time will be from 10 AM to 2 PM. There is no cost and lunch will be provided. However, you must contact Dawn Hewitt 480-695-3965 or azsunrise47@yahoo.com to **make your reservation before May 5th**. We will need an accurate count for food. If you would like to help Dawn with this event, please give her a call.

May 16, 2018 Monthly Membership Meeting

We have Bryan Giordano from AZGF as our guest speaker who will be giving us a very important update on the condition of White Mountains Rivers and streams. It will be very important to listen to his message regarding their most current conditions. Bryan spoke last year and did an excellent job. We have our speaker schedule 90% booked for the summer and fall. However, if you have heard other speakers you might feel the club would like to hear from, please contact me at 623-398-5242 or Ted Lambert.

June 1, 2018 Christmas Tree Lake Update

Registration for our 10 Club spaces has expired and if you still want to attend you need to contact Mylee, 928-338-4385 or go to the tribal web site: wmatoutdoor.org.

September 15, 2018 Annual Club Fundraising Banquet

The committee, Gary and Doris Miller along with Dawn Hewitt, are heading the committee for this event. PLEASE contact them to see what jobs they need your help with. If more people take on just a little job,

it will make the job much easier on everyone, especially our organizers. They have a job tailored for your time. More information will follow.

Again look forward to receiving from Len Croteau monthly fishing dates with the locations to be determined (TBD).

Please do not forget to think about running for one of the 3 Board positions or nominating someone else and at the least helping with our Annual Cub Banquet in September.

I hope that our membership appreciates the efforts of their Board in making all the above events happen. Please ask yourself what you have done to give back to the club? If you want the club to continue and survive, please note those people in this newsletter who have continued to want the Club to move forward. We need a few more volunteer names of members who really do want the club to move forward.

On a closing note, I wanted you all to know that your club President will not be able to attend the May and June membership meetings. My grandson graduates from college in Connecticut in May and I have the opportunity to visit Normandy, France in June. I'll be with you in spirit but sometimes life gets in the way. These two meetings will be led by a current Board member.

Be safe and always fish with a buddy. Please don't forget how dry our forests are and that even a spark from a trailer chain can cause a major fire.

Tight Lines,
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President
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2017-18 WMFFC Board Members

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Next Meeting April 18th

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.