

WMFFC Newsletter
May, 2018

Good Day Everyone,

Our Club is off and running or should I say “casting” as our summer season begins. We have already had two successful Club sponsored events. One our Club sponsored X-Diamond Ranch outing and also had our first and hopefully annual WMFFC Social at the Nature Center on May 12.

Needless to say, the drought has hit the mountain very hard this year and many water levels are down and our forest fire dangers are higher than they may have ever been. Hopefully our upcoming monsoon season will bring us some relief. Even towing a trailer or boat can set off a spark if you safety chains are hanging too low.

As we begin another fishing season, I would like to ask our club members to seriously think about becoming a “**mentor**” to other club members and especially new members. Mentoring is defined as a “wise and trusted counselor or teacher an influential experienced sponsor/supporter.

You can make a world of difference to a beginner/new member. I believe we have all been lucky enough to have someone mentor us at one time or another. That person who made a difference in helping us begin this great sport of fly fishing. You can also be that person for someone else. Sharing your knowledge and experience is a very powerful and rewarding experience not just for the learner, but also for the teacher. You will actually be helping to preserve and pass on the great sport of fly fishing possibly .for generations to come. Please do not think you have to have all the answers to become a successful fly fisherman to be a great mentor. Just share what you know and show someone you are their to help.

If anyone has a suggestion/idea of how we can coordinate a Mentor Program, please contact myself or any other Board member. Thanks

X-Diamond Ranch Outing April 25,26, 27, 2018

Mike Smith, coordinator for the X-Diamond event reported that “The outing was a tremendous success with 300+ fish caught. Over the 3 days we had 22 fishermen days. Two cabins were booked solid for the two nights. Good food, great fishing. I hope to see you all next year.” Thanks Mike, great job! Mike has tentatively booked Dates in June for Club members and will give details at the May meeting. The first X-Diamond event was paid for by the Club, however, this opportunity in June will be paid for by individual members attending. Again, great job Mike!

Tucson Charity Bridge Club Donation, May 7, 2018

On May 7, 2018 Club member Ted Lane and myself were invited to attend a meeting of the Tucson Charity Bridge Club. They have generously donated \$1,000 over the past three years to our San Juan River Wounded Veterans Event. They wanted to have someone in person to present their donation for this upcoming year. So a big thank you to Ted for designating the WMFFC’s Wounded Veteran event to the Charity Bridge Club for their wonderful donation. It was a long way to go in one day but needless to say well worth the effort. A great group of people. See picture below with myself and Ted Lane accepting the Tucson Charity Bridge Club check from two of their members. Thanks Ted!

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Nature Center Social, May 12, 2018

We had over 45 people attending! Great big thank you to Dawn Hewitt for her work organizing and advertising the event! Also a big thank you to Steve Hofmann who has organized our first casting contest events which we held at our Nature Center event. Great food from Grumpy Jakes and donated deserts. We had quiet a lot of food left over which I brought to the Lakeside Fire Station. I do not think they could have been any more appreciative and happy to receive this unexpected gift!

Winner of the “Most Accurate Casting Under the Most Extreme Wind Conditions” was Dave McDougal.

Winner by a fraction of the “Longest Distance Cast Under the Most Extreme Wind Conditions” was Erich Schmidt. Mike Smith, second place, Erich, Steve Hofmann and Gerry Wiemelt, 3rd place. Thanks guys!



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Great job guys and great job Steve Hofmann for organizing the event and also towing our Club trailer to the event!

Also a thank you to Bob Bowers and Gary Miller for setting up their rod building demonstration for our members to appreciate.

A final "Thank You" to all who participated. We hope to make this an annual event and would appreciate any feedback from those who were able to attend. On that note, Ted Lambert would like us to come up with a better title name other than "Nature Center Social" Any suggestions?

Club May Fishing Location TBD at meeting

We have intentionally not designated our Club monthly fishing location. Do to the extreme drought conditions, the Board thought it would be better to hear from our membership as to a suggested monthly location.

Dues Due

Our annual dues run from July 1, through June 30 the following year. So if you have not already paid your dues please try to do so at this month membership meeting. Thanks!

Nomination Committee + Elections

Yes, I am looking at you. Ted Lambert our outgoing Vice President is acting as our Nomination Committee Chairman for our 2018 June Board elections. We are accepting nominations for Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large.

FYI, Dawn Hewitt would rather be our treasurer and switch from her role as secretary if someone would rather help in the secretary's position. Don't be shy, please get involved to make our Club even better. Two meetings a month is all you need to attend and that is only for 6 months of the year. What a deal! Call Ted at 928-358-2936.

Monthly Club Raffle Help

The Board would like to ask you if you would please help us and Richard Dryer out with members helping to donate items to our monthly membership meeting raffle. Richard has worked hard making this a positive experience for our members and it would be nice for us to help him out.

We all have something that we are not using or may even want to get rid of in our equipment stash. Just bring it to the meeting and give it to Richard to use in that months raffle or an upcoming raffle. "One man's trash is another man's treasure".

Enjoy this months presentation by Bryan Giordano, AZGF, on AZ Rivers and Streams. Bryan may also ask members if there is any interest in a Club trip to Yellowstone. Ted Lambert will lead the meeting while I attend my grandson's graduation in CT. Thanks Ted!

Please be safe and always fish with a buddy and tight lines.

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Barry Curseaden, President