



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:

Greetings All!

Another month has passed in the White Mountains and I hope that it has been a healthy and productive one for all. Unfortunately, the winds are still blowing and we are in a Stage III fire restriction status. See attachment. Please be extra vigilant in your fishing expedition travels.

I want to thank Ted Lambert and the Board for their help and assistance during my absence from the May and June membership meetings. My grandson's graduation last month was very special as I am sure this month's trip to Normandy, France will be also.

June is an important month for our club membership because we are looking at elections for our club Board. We have elections for Vice President, Treasurer and one At Large Board member position. However, we did not ask for nominations from the floor at our May membership meeting but will do so on June 20. See information below.

Membership Meeting - June 20, 2018

Please note that the third Wednesday of June is on June 20th not June 13, 2018. Our guest speaker will be Veronica Corbin, AZGF speaking on conditions of White Mountain lakes.

Elections

Board office positions 2018 - Vice President, Treasurer, At Large member. If you are interested in nominating someone for any of these positions or would like to nominate yourself, please contact Ted Lambert, Nomination Committee, 928-358-2936. As of today, 3 members have been nominated for the three positions above. There will be an opening for Secretary as Dawn Hewitt will be resigning that position to run for one of the open positions.

After our June 20, membership meeting where other nominations will be taken from the floor we will post all nominees for voting that will take place on our web site. Voting will conclude no later June 29, 2018. New Board members will be announced at the July membership meeting. If you do not want to run for a Board position, please seriously consider volunteering for other committee positions. Thanks

Mentor Program

I am very pleased to announce that we have had 5 members step forward to volunteer for our Mentor Program. Thanks to Mike Styvaert, Don Gage, Gary Hall, Dave McDougall, and Mike Smith for stepping forward and wanting to help new members and old members learn more about the great sport of fly fishing. Becoming a "Mentor" is a new attempt to connect those with fly fishing experience with new and old members who need/want to learn more. We have a tremendous amount of talent and experienced fly fishermen in our club and a big thank you to the 5 members above for volunteering. We are still trying to work out how mentors and

members will be able to connect with each other. As of now, we have more mentors than people wanting to be mentored. Only 4 people have asked for a mentor. Mike Smith (602-316-0948) has volunteered to help coordinate the Mentor Program. So if you wish to volunteer to be a Mentor or if you are looking for a Mentors help, please contact Mike.

Thanks to all who are trying to make this important program work.

Rod Building Class Started

Great news! Thanks to Gary Miller and Bob Bowers, for their initiative and leadership in getting the Rod Building class started. There are 9 members enrolled! This has been a project that the club has wanted to begin for some time. The WMFFC is helping defray the costs of the rod building kits and instruction booklets.

The class has already begun so unfortunately you cannot enroll at this point. You will need to wait until the next opportunity to sign up in the future. We will make sure to announce when that will occur in our Newsletter, at our membership meeting and on our web site. Thanks again Gary and Bob

June Outing Location?

The June outing location should be determined after "fish tales" at our June membership meeting. However, a good alternative might be the X-Diamond Ranch trip that is being planned for June 22 & 23, 2018. See information below.

Unfortunately fishing conditions in general do not seem favorable in very many locations. Club members input will be very important in this decision.

X-Diamond - June 22 & 23

Mike Smith (602-316-0948) has offered to coordinate another Club trip to the X-Diamond Ranch on June 22 & 23, 2018. The cost will be \$20/day for members. This trip will not be subsidized by the Club. Please contact Mike if you are interested in participating in one or both days.

This trip may also be a last minute decision depending on the water flow at the X-Diamond Ranch. There is a possibility it could be cancelled.

Thanks Mike for coordination this trip.

Torreon Clinic July 5, 2018

The WMFFC will be hosting a Fly Fishing Clinic On July 5, 2018 at the Torreon Country Club. It will begin at 9 AM and usually runs about 3 hours long. This clinic is open to all WMFFC members new and old. This clinic has been helpful in recruiting new members to the club as well as receiving some amazing donations to our Banquet Raffle last year.

If you wish to participate or help with the clinic presentations please contact Mike Smith, 602-316-0948, or myself, Barry Curseaden at 623-398-5242.

On another note, the Board is currently looking into ways of conducting a Fly Fishing 101 clinic for members of the Club and the public. Members have expressed a desire to reach out in community in more ways than just doing our annual Torreon Clinic. Stay tuned for more information.

Monthly Raffle Donations

You can still help defray some of our monthly raffle costs if you have a fly fishing item that you may no longer be using. Richard Dryer, 928-368-3562, works hard to make the raffle interesting and the Board has allotted money for him to purchase some items monthly. Any donations you can make to the raffle would help offset Club costs. Please contact Richard if you would like to help with a donation or the raffle itself. Thanks Richard

2018 Banquet Donations

It is never too early to start to help Gary Miller, 602-478-0883 and Dawn Hewitt, 480-695-3965 with our September 15, 2018 annual Banquet Fund Raising Event. Dawn and Gary are already very busy organizing for the event. So if you wish to be a sponsor or know of potential sponsors please contact them ASAP. The ticket price is still being determined depending on the cost of the meal. Please note this important information - reservations will not be taken unless tickets have already been paid for.

-NO tickets will be sold at the door

-all tickets will be numbered and when they are sold out, there will be no more available

Thanks to hard work of Dawn, Gary and Doris and other volunteers, this event is truly one of the best bargains on the mountain. The many valuable donations offered and it is usually sold out every year. Please pay attention to future Newsletters, e-mails and the web site for when these tickets will go on sale! "If you snooze you lose!"

Kurt Kerr, Blue Ridge HS teacher - Outdoor Pursuits Class

Earlier this month, Gary Miller, Education Coordinator, Mike Smith and I met with Kurt Kerr. As noted above Kurt is a Blue Ridge HS teacher who will begin implementation of an Outdoor Pursuits Class next school year. One of the components of this curriculum will be fly fishing. We have asked Kurt to please send us his curriculum design for the fly fishing section so we might better understand how our WMFFC members might be able to help him out during this unit. We will keep you posted.

Board Meetings Open To All

The WMFFC Board meets on the second Friday of every month during the summer. We hold our meetings at the Lakeside Fire Station, 10 AM, in a conference room located on the back left side of the fire station as you face the front. There is an entrance door in the back.

These meetings are open to all members who wish to attend or have a certain subject they would like to address/bring to the Boards attention.

Fly Fishing International (FFI)

The WMFFC board would like to encourage our members who do not belong to the FFI to consider becoming a member. They are advocates for our fly fishing sport on a national level and have designed many helpful new educational programs. We have approximately 12 current members who belong to FFI. Each member that joins helps our club receive credits towards programs that they sponsor. FFI is also our clubs primary insurance coverage. Please go to their web site for membership information:

www.flyfishersinternational.org.

Membership Dues are 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!

Barry Curseaden, President

Stage III Fire notices attached.

WMFFC General Meeting Minutes May 16th, 2018 Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside, AZ

Meeting Called to Order at 6:20 by Gary Miller, Acting
Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes from monthly meetings are published in Club Newsletters

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Erich Schmidt
Gary welcomed everyone. Gary asked new members and visitors to introduce themselves.

Gary asked Dawn to give an update on the May 12th Social Outing/Welcome back to the mountains. Casting Competition was challenging. Food was provided by Grumpy Jakes and there were about 40 people attending, held at the Nature Center. Bob Bowers, Steve Hofmann, Gary Miller and Barry Curseaden helped out with the event.

Mike Smith talked about the April Fishing outing at X-Diamond Ranch near Eager. Outing was 3 days with 22 fishermen days. There were 300+ fish landed. There is another outing planned for June 23rd and 24th and the cost will be \$20 per member. Mike is taking sign-up limited to about 10 per day. Announcement was sent out by e-mail to members.

Committee Reports:

Secretary Newsletter – Newsletter went out earlier this week. We will have meeting times and location posted on the Website as people were finding it difficult to find. Banquet preparation will begin shortly. Tickets will be printed shortly and we will be delegating jobs to various members. Event will be September 15th at Torreon.

Gary Miller, Education chair talked about the Rod Building classes. The participants will pay \$20 and once the rods are completed participants will be able to get \$100 reimbursed from the club.

Treasury Report from Doris Miller we are in good standing. She filed the 2018 Corporation Commission Report and the IRS submission. 2018-19 Club dues are due now.

Gary spoke about a Mentoring program to help new fishermen/women and anyone needing help. A sheet was sent around for people to sign up as mentors or needing a mentor. That information was e-mailed to each one that signed up.

Raffle held

Guest speaker was Bryan Geordano, AZ Game & Fish Department, Pinetop Lakes Fisheries Specialist spoke about the streams and fishing in the White Mountains.

Business Meeting over at 7:00PM
Dawn Hewitt, Secretary, WMFFC

2017-18 WMFFC Board Members

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Next Meeting July 18th

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 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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