



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!

Great to see the rains arrive! Hopefully more lakes will begin to open up for fishing and the fire danger levels will soon be dropping. Needless to say, keep your eyes on the clouds if you are out on a lake. When you feel that breeze pick up, it might be time to get off the lake. Early morning times seem better to be on the water with most of our storms arriving in the afternoon.

I am looking forward to this month's meeting "Fish Tales" to see how and where things are happening on the fishing scene. I am also looking forward to finally being home and being able to attend a club meeting! Thanks to all our Board members and Club members who helped keep the club running in my absence.

Thanks also to Bob Bowers and Gary Miller for a great job running the Rod Building Class. Nine members took advantage of this program and will hopefully bring their new rods to our upcoming membership meeting for others to be able to appreciate. Special thanks to Bob for opening up his garage workshop at the last minute do to scheduling conflicts with the Nature Center. Pictures of the class can be found on our web site: wmflyfishingclub.com.

Another special thanks to Ellen and Steve Hofmann who have been quietly allowing the Club to store our trailer on their home property. This very kind gesture has saved the Club hundreds of dollars in storage fee's! Thank you both.

Please note at the end of this Newsletter you will find an e-mail address for Fly Fishing International. Our club has a group membership with FFI as well as our insurance carrier. If you choose to join, not a requirement, not only will you belong to one of the strongest advocates/educators of our sport, but your personal membership will help save us money on the clubs group membership costs. FFI is highly informative regarding many fly fishing topics, they promote educational programs and hold a great FFI Conference in Boise, Idaho each year. Please give it some thought.

Your Board has again been very busy so let's get to the information below:

Membership Meeting - July18, 2018

This month's speaker will be Steve Hofmann who will talk about his and Ellen's many traveling fishing adventures. There are many beautiful places to fly fish and I know that Steve and Ellen are trying to get to them all! Maybe there might just be a place that would create enough interest for a possible Club trip?

Elections

Elections are official:

Mike Smith - Vice President

Dawn Hewitt - Treasurer

Erich Schmidt - Board Member at Large

Currently the Secretary position is vacant

Thanks to Mike, Dawn and Erich for stepping up to help the club!

Christmas Tree Refunds

For those of you who registered for the Christmas Tree Lake trip that was cancelled because of the fire danger, we have not given up getting your \$30 refund! We are getting closer after many phone calls to the WMATO. We will keep you posted!

Mentor Program

Mike Smith is the coordinator for our Mentor Program but will be on vacation this membership meeting. We will have one of our Board members who will be taking names of members who might wish to become a Mentor and members who might like to ask for a mentor. There will be a sign up table.

Monthly Fishing Date

Wednesday, July 25 is this month's club membership fishing date. We hopefully can choose a location at our meeting and hope that it will not rain. We will listen to "Fish Tales" reports to see where we might go. Members have requested to have club fishing dates on days other than weekends which is why this month's date is on a Wednesday.

Torreon Clinic

There were 26 people who attended the event on July 5th and about 6 people so far have signed up to become club members and 6 wish to be mentored. When Mike returns he will be asking for help with this mentoring. This was the third year/fourth fishing clinic held at Torreon and we are hoping to expand these clinics to other venues.

Banquet - September 15, 2018

Dawn Hewitt, Gary and Doris Miller have been working very hard on this year's event. Tickets were ordered from the printer last week and hopefully we can get them before our membership meeting on July 18.

Please speak to Dawn or Gary about how you can help recruit more donors. They have created a letter that you will be able to present to potential donors and also have the addresses of donors who have already been contacted so you will not approach the same donor more than once. They are very well organized!

Only 130 seats will be available and the cost is \$35/person. This has the makings of being one of the hottest selling tickets on the mountain! I cannot remember having so many people ask me what the date was and when can they purchase their tickets. Please remember that no reservations will be made without tickets being paid for up front.

City of Show Low

The WMFFC has approached the City of Show Low Parks and Recreation Department about the possibility of conducting a Fly Fishing 101 Clinic for city residents. We have had one meeting and will be meeting again for further discussions. This could be a win - win opportunity for the city and the WMFFC. We will keep you posted.

Breakfast?

I know that some of our members meet at the Hon Dah Casino for. A number of members living in the Show Low area also had been meeting at the Black Bull on Monday mornings until it closed.

So if you are interested, starting this Monday at 7:30 AM in the morning, we have a new restaurant we can try called the Show Low Donut and Deli where the old Sweetheart Cafe was located next to the Cattleman's Restaurant. However, you can only park behind the Chase Bank and enter the restaurant through their back door.

I am sure that Hon Dah offers a better breakfast price, but the donuts at the Show Low Donuts and Deli are really good! Decisions, decisions! Phew! Enough information already! We looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting July 18.

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

WMFFC General Meeting Minutes June20, 2018 **Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside, AZ**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:20 by Ted Lambert, Vice President

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from monthly meetings are published in Club Newsletters

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Committee Reports:

Outings: Mike Smith on the S-Diamond Ranch outing. Still a couple slots for Saturday and Friday is wide open. The river is still fishing very well. Cost is \$20 per person, normally \$50.

Education: Gary and Bob Bowers 7 people signed up for rod building. Next class will be rod finishing and they will be done. Pictures are posted on the website.

Secretary: Dawn requested that anyone not getting e-mails or newsletters to verify e-mail addresses. Requested anyone wishing to be nominated please let me know and we will add your name to the ballot. Requested anyone willing to take over the Secretary position would be appointed for one remaining year.

Elections: Nominations for VP, Treasurer, and one board member at large. Person has to agree to be nominated. Mike Smith has been nominated for VP, Dawn Hewitt has been nominated for Treasurer, Erich Schmidt has been nominated for Board Member at Large. Ted called for any other nominations. A space for write-ins will be added to the voting ballot. Voting will be on website.

Mentoring Program- Mike Smith will be the lead on the program. Mike has worked with two new members and there is a signup sheet for mentors and others wishing to be mentored. Mike Styvaert is also mentoring one of our members.

Torreon Clinic – July 5th – The 3rd year of this program for beginners. Display of all the equipment and attendees will be taught to cast. The clinic will be 9 to 12.

Banquet update: Dawn and Gary Miller and Doris Miller are heading the committee. It is September 15th at Torreon. We will have a limited # of tickets so we will not be selling at the door. We will try to sell all of them prior to the event. Entertainment is Donna McGee who we have had at our Christmas Parties. Tickets will be numbered and we are still looking for donations. We will be looking for volunteers to approach local businesses for donations. We are hoping for a few high dollar items to have a silent auction. We will have only one ticket price this year. Bring your friends and families.

Fish tales
Raffle

Business Meeting over at 6:58PM
Dawn Hewitt, Secretary, WMFFC

2017-18 WMFFC Board Members

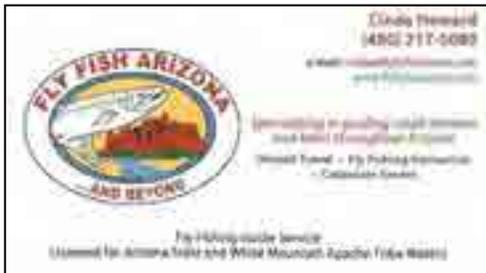
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Next Meeting August 15th

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:30 PM Timber Mesa Fire Station, Lakeside

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