

NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

November 2008



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Next Meeting:

November 19, 2008
JD's Black Bull
4481 S White Mountain Rd
Show Low, AZ
85901
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5:30 PM – Dinner (optional)
6:30 PM - Meeting

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 and practice Catch and Release. We support the use of Barb-less Hooks and harmless netting and release practices. Fish should never be held out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

Tight Loops

Big Lake Outing

The Big Lake fishing was very productive until the wind came up and made it very difficult to fish with white caps all around. In the morning the fishing was good with many Rainbows and Cutthroats in the 14" to 15" range. The Pot luck was great with almost all the dishes home made. This outing was a lot of fun and the one hour casting class was also very productive.

White Mountain Lake Conditions

The lake temperatures have been steadily declining; several lakes are now in the 44 to 46 degree range. Fishing is good at most weed free lakes. Silver Creek is fishing well with many large fish being caught all along the creek. Silver Creek is the place to go fishing when the higher elevation lakes freeze over.

Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Classes

Ken Wolf continued his Fly Fishing Classes for interested WMFFC members and the White Mountain Veterans. The classes have been well attended and the information presented was very informative. The last class was November 10th. Ken's program graduated 6 veterans and 3 club members, everyone had a very exciting time. The Veterans and members caught lots of Rainbow Trout at the graduation outing held at the private waters in the Greer Lakes area.

Monthly Meeting Buffet

This month the Buffet will be Hamburgers with all the fixings, plus the salad bar. The buffet includes a soft drink and the tip for \$8.00.

New Permanent Name Badges -- Please wear your new name badge to all club events, club meetings, outings, club functions and banquets.



See you on the water,
Bob Bowers
President

2008 WMFFC Board Members



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November Monthly Meeting @ 6:30PM

NOTE: *JD's Black Bull Sports Bar & Restaurant*

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner -- (5PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The Special Guests and Presentation for this month will be: Lon Ellington. Lon has a long history of fishing in the White Mountains. He will share his experiences and his fish tales. He has also published many articles on fly tying and just about everything else on fly fishing in and around the area. Catch a piece of history. – **DO NOT MISS !!!**

BUD HUTH -- VP



Upcoming Three Month Calendar

	November		2008
		19 th	Monthly Meeting
		22 nd	Becker Lake
	December	17 th	Monthly Meeting
		20 th	Outing TBA @ Meeting
	January		2009
		21 st	Monthly Meeting
		24 th	Outing TBA @ Meeting



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OCTOBER OUTING AT BIG LAKE: We had a small gathering at Big Lake but once again we had fun and the food was great. The cheese and jam blintzes were wonderful: thanks, Paul. Some fish were caught and of course, the wind gave us a little challenge. Gail and Paul receive some casting tips from Bob Bowers. Ken Wolf caught a nice cutthroat and I was able to net several fish: the fish loved my brown & tan Montana nymph. After lunch, some of members moved to Crescent Lake. No report yet from them. Remember, the next outing, Nov.22 will be at Becker Lake. See on the water.

Fran Stier



WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 10-15-08 --- BLACK BULL RESTAURANT

Call to order by: Bob Bowers @ 6:30 PM.

Guests: N/A

New Members: N/A

1. Gary Hall shared with us the death of Mel Krieger, a "Casting Legend" and author of many books, videos/DVDs on casting. A moment of silence was held.

2. Bylaws were distributed to the members by email and snail mail for some.

Corrections: Membership will be July 1- June 30. At the Annual Meeting the fiscal report will be reviewed. **Bylaws were approved. 21 members were present to vote.**

3. Minutes were approved without corrections.

4. Projects:

Conservation Petitions initiated by John Rohmer of Phoenix were presented by Bob Bowers. One proposal was for Crescent Lake (aerators); the other for Sunrise and working with the Tribe to repair a drainage culvert. The petitions were circulated for individual signatures.

Bob Bowers presented a proposal to assist Pinetop-Lakeside Parks & Recreation to improve access around the pond at the Meadow Recreation on Woodland. Our club would provide \$500 for materials. This is a good area to teach casting.

Project Healing Waters: Classes continue on Mondays from 3-5pm at the Lakeside Fire department. These classes are open to all club members. Fly-tying will be continued on Oct. 20 & 27. Class will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 and an outing to the Greer Ponds is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 10. Call Ken Wolf for details.

5. Raffle was held and \$70 was added to the treasury. Thank you for your donation of items and your participation.
6. Camp Trout was held at Becker, Oct.4. Seven members volunteered to assist AZ Game & Fish in this event. It was successful and of course windy.
7. Outings. Ted Lambert gave his report on the Hawley Lake outing which was very successful. October outing was scheduled for Big Lake. Ted also reported on the possibility of Special Outings: San Juan, Roosevelt Lake, Lee's Ferry. Christmas Tree Lake Event was discussed. Ted will try to obtain 2 -3 days for the club with a campout at Hawley.
8. Fish Tales: Reports of excellent fishing on Big Lake, Earl park and Silver Creek.
9. Guest Speakers: Cinda Howard, an Orvis Store Fishing department manager and member of the Desert Flycatchers, along with Steve Berry also from the Desert flycatchers provided a comprehensive program on "Fishing the San Juan River". We learned about the flies to use, casting, lines, techniques and where to fish and where to sleep. It was great. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

FOR SALE: - Experienced Fly Fishing Equipment! – Contact: *Bud Huth (928 – 532-0777)*

- 1990 Astro Pro 16' Bass Boat – Contact: *Bob Bowers (928 – 367-5579)*

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO–
<http://www.wmflyfishing.com/wantads>

If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 1st of the Month! -- Cory Huth
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