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Next Meeting:

December 16, 2009
Licano's Mexican Food
573 Deuce of Clubs
Show Low, AZ 85901
(928) 537-8220

6:00 PM – Social Hour
7:00 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



In the month of November, we have had 16 different members take the fly-tying classes. Dennis Jones has done a great job teaching these classes (which are held at the Lakeside Fire Station). It is the hope of the WMFFC that ALL members will take the opportunity to take advantage of the classes being offered.

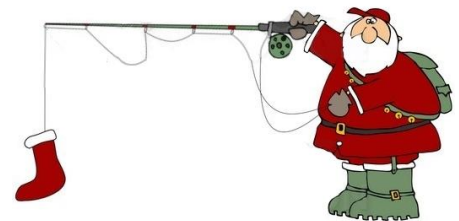
A big thank-you is given to Dave Beucler and Bob Bowers for doing the "Questions and Answers" portion of our monthly meetings.

Another big thank-you to Bill Landon for tying flies for November.

December's meeting is the WMFFC's annual Holiday Party, which is being held at Licano's in Show Low on December 16 at 5:30PM. Don't forget your "white elephant" for the gift exchange, which is always a lot of fun. This is a good opportunity to get better acquainted with one another and the spouses.

Wishing you "Happy Holiday" and a GREAT New Year!

See you on the water,



Ken Wolf
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December Monthly Meeting/Christmas Party @ 6:00PM **NOTE:** *Licano's Mexican Food*

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner -- (6:00PM)
- Call to Order -- (7:00PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The special presentation for this month will be:
 White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange!

MIKE STYVAERT -- VP



Christmas Party December 16th at 6 pm at Licano's Mexican Food & Steakhouse , located at 573 Deuce Of Clubs in Show Low. We will be doing a "White Elephant" style gift exchange.

Message Boards – Go to: <http://forum.wmflyfishing.com>, located on our club website and check often as more and more of our members are beginning to post articles and pictures there. Frequent updates on future events. Please contact Cory, Webmaster if you have trouble accessing the site.

Upcoming Three Month Calendar



December	16 th 19 th	2009 Christmas Party NO OUTING!
January	20 th 23 rd	2010
February	17 th 20 th	Monthly Meeting Outing TBA @ Meeting Monthly Meeting Outing TBA @ Meeting

Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

November Outing ...



The day turned out to be very interesting and puzzling. To start with, the weather forecast was for wind, and it was blowing pretty good when I

lefthome. Going through Show Low, the flags were standing straight out; and I figured we were probably going to be blown off Becker Lake. We all know how the wind can blow there. Well, surprise, surprise, when I got there it was very calm, and it stayed that way most of the day. Dennis, who seems to always be the last one to leave, said the wind did pick up pretty good later in the afternoon.

We had a good turnout, and everyone but me caught fish. Ross had success using a Muddler Minnow. Dennis, Craig, Mike and Fran had success with a still water Nymph that they had just tied in Dennis's fly tying class. Mike also caught some on something he called The Prince of Diamonds; and Bill was catching them on what he called a Platte river Special. This is all I remember. Sorry if I didn't mention you and the fly you used to catch fish.

The potluck was very good as usual. We had two different chili dishes, corn bread, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips, assorted cookies and cheese cake. Along with fellowship with fishing friends it all went well on a nice fall day. There is no outing planned for December. January outing is planned for Show Low Lake.

See you at the Christmas Party.
Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

Project Healing Waters ...

Again next year our club will be working with our local Veterans and the Eastern Arizona Young Marines by sharing our knowledge of fly fishing with those who have a desire to learn our sport. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help with these very worthwhile classes please call Craig Harmon at 928-532-1372. Classes will start in early to mid April, 2010.

Craig Harmon

Bugs or Burros ...

Lately we have been discussing insects and their importance to fly fishing. Insects, both aquatic and terrestrial, comprise a significant part of a trout's diet, especially during those long-cold winters. These insects, which are crucial to the survival of the trout, evolved over hundred of millions of years along with their associated ecosystem, that is a plant and animal community that relies on each other for its existence. This symbiotic relationship is the peak of this evolutionary pyramid and represents the climatic biotic community, that is a community of plants and animal that live in harmony with each other. Now, here comes along Man and introduces critters that are alien to this stable community, namely livestock including but not limited to cattle, horses, burros, and sheep. These livestock are grazed in large numbers over our forests ...

Please refer to the attached document to read the rest of this article. Thank You!

Classes: Sign-up lists are available from Craig Harmon. Classes will run throughout the winter and then repeat in the Spring. Topics include fly-tying, casting, equipment, knots, casting, and rod building. Classes will be held at the Lakeside Fire Station.

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

A BIG Thanks to Gail Allgood - Last month while I was out of town Gail Allgood took care of all the newsletters that had to be mailed out to members who do not have email addresses -- Thank you Gail for a job well done! -- Sparky

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 11-19-2009; LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Call to order by: Ken Wolf, President @ 7:00 PM - Pledge of the Allegiance by Mike Styvaert.

1. October minutes approved without corrections.
2. Guests: Mike & Linda Alexander and Allen Emerson.
3. Conservation Report by Diana Jeanne. Diana shared an article about the return of the Gila Trout and fishing on Mount Graham/Frye Creek. The article was authored by Rory Aikens. Diana Jeanne has also been involved in teaching fly-fishing to Apache children at the Whiteriver schools.
4. Ken discussed the club's conversion from 501-c7 to 501-c3. There will be a government software change in January and this would allow us to convert by computer and the expensive would be less.
5. Richard Dryer announced that the Az Game & Fish will be having a Hunting Workshop on Dec.9 from 6-9pm. They are looking for input from experienced hunters. A \$75 honorarium would be offered.
6. Ken reminder the club members about the Fly-tying classes that are currently being offered. Due to the holiday, the Nov.23 class will be moved to Dec.2, still at the Lakeside Fire station.
7. Christmas Party is December 16 at 6pm at Licano's. Space is limited so sign-up with Fran Stier: 369-6170. Bring a gift for a "White Elephant Gift Exchange".
8. Fishing Buddy List. Fran is compiling a list of members who would like to go fishing with another member. The list will be available at each meeting and copies provided for everyone.
9. Lake Rentals. The Board approved renting Christmas Tree for June 4 & 5 and Hawley Lake, group site, for July 24 & 25. The Hawley Lake will be a family and youth outing.
10. Bass Pro Shop has invited our club to demonstrate fly-tying at the shop in March. Volunteers are needed.
11. Club Brochures are being updated by Dawn Hewitt and will be available soon.
12. Mike Smith will be organizing School Presentations on fly-fishing. We hope to encourage more family involvement in the club.
13. **Mark Your Calendar: Our Annual Banquet is June 19th** at the Pinetop Country Club. Marshall Trimble will be the MC.
14. Ted Lambert announced our Saturday outing for Becker which has been fishing very well.
15. Fish Tales were shared: lots of great Fall fishing.
16. Bob Bowers reported on our recent trip to San Juan River. 11 members participated and all hooked into fish. We had a blast.
17. Dennis Jones was our program speaker and he offered a very comprehensive program on entomology. We learned a lot!!!!
18. The raffle followed the speaker. The amount netted was not ready at this printing.
19. Next meeting at Licano's: Merry Christmas.

Respectively submitted By: Fran Stier
Edited By: Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

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 * Sparky Snyder *** sparkysnyder@cableone.net**

"There is a little something in this newsletter for everyone, even those who look for mistakes."