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Next Meeting:
May 18th, 2011
Lakeside Firehouse
2922 W. White Mt Blvd
Lakeside, AZ
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5:30 PM – Social Hour
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

Great to see our summer membership returning to the mountain!

IMPORTANT – There is still time for our members to write letters concerning the Draft Environmental Assessment. Our club is in favor of Proposed Action. If Reduced Stocking or No Action is adopted, it will have ramifications for the future of both sport fishing and native fish. The DEADLINE to submit comments is May 11, 2011. The email addresses are fw2f@fws.gov or fishaz@azgfd.gov.

I just returned from the Gila Trout Chapter of Trout Unlimited/Payson Flycasters annual banquet. The club put on a very good banquet. I was fortunate to get a 4-weight bamboo rod made by one of their members!

Once again we have not been lucky with our outings (weather). I would like to suggest for future outings and just "goin' fishing" that we consider carpooling. At the price of gas, it would help cut down on the cost of fishing. Use your buddy list to find someone. Hope to see you in Greer at our May 21 outing!

The club's May 18th meeting is guest month. Bring a friend, relative, wife, neighbor or anyone you think needs a hobby or loves fishing. They will be welcomed.

If you have any ideas to benefit the club use the suggestion box.

Fishing is picking up, so I hope to see you on the water,

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Welcome To Our New Members...Dennis Jones, Membership Chairman

Cecil Miller, who is also a member of DFC, is a new member and George Butcher was a guest.

May Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM

Agenda:

- Social Hour -- (5:30PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business

Don Stier, our new webmaster will discuss our new website and some of the features.

- Fish Tales
- Raffle

- Program – The presentation will be given by Jerry Myers and Richard Dreyer. It will be about their 2010 trip to the Yukon and their stay at Dalton Trail Lodge. The trip offered an opportunity to catch a variety of species on a fly rod: Rainbow Trout, Grayling, Northern Pike, Lake Trout and the elusive Inconnu. Bring a friend to share this adventure and your love of fly fishing.

GERRY MYERS
VP and Programs



Future Programs:

- Remember the June meeting will be [June 8th](#), the Wednesday before the Banquet. We will have a return appearance of one of our popular presenters. Jaquelyn Prince of Bass Pro will give a presentation on Small Stream fishing in Arizona.

Project Healing Waters: For our vets will begin on Thursday May 26, 2011 at the VFW Post at 381 N. Central in Show Low. Classes will run from 5:00-7:00 pm for 4 weeks. Volunteers are needed. Please Call Craig Harmon @ 928-243-0672 if you can help.

2011 Outings and & Events...Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

April Outing – Was cancelled due to high winds at Becker Lake.

Future Outings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
MAY 18th	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIRE HOUSE	
May 21, 2011	Greer Lakes - Reservoirs	NEED VOLUNTEER
June 3-4, 2011	Christmas Tree Lake	Dawn Hewitt – 480-695-3965
JUNE 8th	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIREHOUSE	
June 11, 2011	Annual Banquet – Pinetop Country Club	Ken Wolf – (928)367-0936
July 23, 2011	Reservation Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
August 20, 2011	Big Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
September 24, 2011	Sunrise Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
October 22, 2011	Hawley Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
November 12, 2011	Horseshoe Lake or Scott's Reservoir	NEED VOLUNTEER
December 11, 2011	Christmas Party at Licano's Restaurant in Show Low	NEED VOLUNTEER

Treasurers Report ... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer

The current bank balance is \$9,408.98.

The new message board has been set up on our website. Everyone will be able to access and read messages posted on the message board but only members will be able to post messages. We will also have administrators that will review material before posting, just in case. When you select Message Board click Log In on the lower right side of the page. To log in use your first initial and last name (no spaces).

We are beginning to receive some wonderful donations from vendors for raffle items at the annual banquet. If you have some special talents to create or make some special pieces or you have some items, used or new, that you would like to donate, contact Dawn Hewitt at 480-695-3965. We really want this banquet to be special and with your help it will be.

April 20th Meeting Minutes... Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

Guests: Dennis stated that Cecil Miller, who is also a member of DFC, was a new member present, and also that George Butcher was a guest.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn stated that the bank balance was \$9092.98 and that we have made a lot of donations and purchases lately. \$2K was given for conservation to AZ Game & Fish for Becker Lake improvements. Our balance will increase again soon due to membership renewals due 7/1 and the Banquet tickets will help also.

Outings: Becker Lake this Sat. 12 people might attend. Ted not present due to surgery. We need someone to haul the trailer out to the Lake. Dennis & Lyle to help. There will be a noon lunch. Bring your own main dish and a dish to pass.

Newsletter: Dawn stated that some pages were added. We need articles the week after the outing, per Sparky.

Miscellaneous: John Rohmer said things are running late at the Lake. He talked to Kelly. There have been poaching complaints. Dawn said to call Operation Game Thief. John Rohmer is the President of White Mtn. Lakes Foundation; they partnered with Anglers United for \$5K. A question was raised as to why no work has been done yet. Bob said the CPA is running the funneling of monies from us, Flagstaff and the DFC. Kelly has a list of things to be done. As projects

are completed Kelly sends invoices to WMLF. A lot of the labor is being done by G & F to save \$. Call the 1/800 # for Game Thief. John Rohmer said enforcement may be an issue. Bob stated that Kelly Myers is the person to “hound”. Richard said the signs are up. Mike said our signs are not up.

Library: Gail stated that lots of people are back on the mountain. Pudge Kleinkauf in Alaska is doing classes. Gail has the info. Also, please return overdue items.

Raffle: We raised \$175 tonight.

President’s Report: Ken said that June 3rd & 4th are the Christmas Tree Lake trip. Dawn has the permits. There is a waiting list.

Mike stated that the elections will be in 2 months. Michael Smith is chairing. Nominations are being taken for Secretary, an open Board position and President. Talk to Mike if you want to run for the Board by the May meeting. Elections will then be in June and officers will be installed in July. Dawn offered to send out a copy of the bylaws if you want to know what the various positions involve. Voting will be online. They are two year terms.

Mike said on 6/11 there will be a fly fishing tournament at X Diamond. Be there at 7 a.m. Fishing @ 8 a.m. There are 4 sections of 4 teams of 3. Flagstaff, Payson and Phoenix (mostly DFC) & WMFFC. \$50 to participate. We need one more fisherperson. There will be a BBQ at the Lodge. Wink will put on a great program. Bob Bowers & Gerry Myers are on the team so far. Water conditions are low.

Ken mentioned the environmental assessment that was discussed at the last meeting. Letters were sent out by Ken. Ken read his letter. The proposed action is for everything to stay as it is. Also, no action and reduced stocking. Mike Smith said there is a proposal to continue stocking 167 waters and 18 species. That is what we are supporting. The second proposal is reduced stocking to 101 waters and 17 species. He read off some of the lakes that are being affected and talked about the economic impact on the economy. The third option is no stocking period! April 11th was the cut-off date for comments, but it has been extended to May 11th to write more letters. This affects the Navajo economy. It will drop by 60% if there is no stocking. Bob stated that an email was sent out in regards to writing your own letter; you can’t copy the letter. It has to be unique. Everyone was encouraged to write a short letter in favor of. Dawn said she would resend the email. Mike stated that G & F is going to talk to the Chambers of Commerce, Show Low, Pinetop/Lakeside & Springerville. There will be a \$60 MIL loss of revenue. Let’s form a committee to meet with the Chambers. Gerry Myers stated that we just look at the stocking side; what the State has done. We traded off for endangered species. Organizations have other objectives. There were 167 responses. There is \$102 MIL in revenue in Apache and Navajo Counties for fishing related things, but the total impact is much greater than \$102 MIL. If we drop even one level there will be a much greater impact. Once done it is a 10 year program. Mike said HB2114 was voted down. It prohibits chemicals from being used to put Apaches and Gila trout back. It got to the State floor before being voted down. Letters written killed it. A question was asked from the floor: “How much are they going to save?” It goes to Fish and Wildlife in ABQ. The economics are second to the endangered species, per Gerry. Navajo County gets 1.3 MIL from Feds.& from G & F to stock.

Ken mentioned the AZ State steak fry and that the Pat Tillman run had 30K people. There is another tentative Pat Tillman run scheduled for 5/28 of 4.2 miles for \$40. Can we help? It’s a “shadow run”. Ken volunteered us. There was a sign-up sheet passed around. The run may be in jeopardy however.

Ken stated that the Banquet is June 11th. It will be promoted on three radio stations and Mike will be interviewed on a half hour talk show on 5/1 by Steve Arey. The first week in May we need more volunteers to be on the radio. We also need more donations. Dawn said that Ken, Dennis & Bob have volunteered personalized three hour fly-tying classes. Bob and Dennis volunteered a buddy fishing day on a lake and Mike volunteered a buddy day on a stream. Ninety to one hundred letters have been sent out by Dawn and so far we only have 8 – 10 donations. Anything is appreciated: baskets, cooking, etc. Ken stated that there will be different committees for the Banquet. Ken read off the Chairs. Steve is on every committee. ☺ There will be a registration table. Ken stated that the Banquet will be strictly fun this year so please try to go! It will be at the Pinetop Lakes Country Club and the bar tab supports them.

We need a Chairman for the outing on the 10th to Becker Lake. We are hosting other Clubs to expose them to Becker Lake and what AZG&F has accomplished. We are sponsoring a luncheon and will need a head count.

Ken said last month he asked for volunteers to tie flies. He needs flies for the ASU steak fry. He got \$100 a box the first year; last year only got \$50 a box because the lady in charge didn’t know the value. We also need flies for Payson; they are due on Sat. And we need flies for X-Diamond Tournament winners. We have one box of 18 so far. Mike said we need 36 more; 18 in a box. Bob will tie some. Mike said we need “mixed” flies. We need anything, but dries are good. Several people volunteered to tie some.

Ken stated that the room was not available when he got here tonight. There was supposed to be a demonstration of how to take a hook out. It's a great way to learn. Ask after the meeting if you want a demo. Thanks to John Rohmer for materials donations for teaching purposes; dubbing, etc.

Ken reminded us that May is guest month. There will be a Charlie Clark's gift certificate given away. Gerry and Richard will give a presentation on the Yukon.

Miscellaneous: Gail brought up Casting for Recovery. Dawn stated we are hosting the luncheon again this year. Bob to chair. We have the use of the grill from Cellular One. We need two servers to help with prep. The luncheon is Sunday, 5/15 but we also need help at Greer Lodge on Friday and Saturday. Oct. 16th will be the second event this year. You can go online at the Casting for Recovery website if you want to sign up to be a "pond pal". Wendy Gunn runs it. We donate their luncheon for both final events.

Fran mentioned that Show Low Days are June 3rd and 4th. There are lots of outdoor activities. Gordon from the Chamber thinks we are involved?

Ken then turned the meeting over to John Rohmer to tie streamer flies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lake Outing – June 3rd & 4th – There are several people who would like to exchange their Saturday permits for Friday. If you have a Friday permit or are scheduled for Friday but cannot fish that day contact Dawn Hewitt at 480-695-3965. If you have not yet received your permit they will be available at the May 18th meeting.



Raffle Tickets for Alaskan Fishing Trip- are still available for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. They are available from Bob Bowers 928-367-5579 or at the meetings. Saltery Lake Lodge has donated a Two for one Fly Fishing Trip for the 2011 fishing season, **July 3 – 9, 2011**. This is a 6 day/6 night guided fishing package for two fishermen/women. The trip includes round trip transportation from Kodiak City to the Saltery Lake Lodge, food, lodging in a Standard cabin and 6 days of guided fishing. Perfect time for Sockeye, Chums, Pinks, Trout & Dolly Varden. Regular retail price for two fishermen is \$5,100.00. Total cost, \$2,550.00. Cost for each fisherman is \$1,275.00 each. "Airfare to Kodiak City is not included."

DRAWING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE May 18TH MEETING. WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED IF NOT PRESENT.

Programs and Activities...

Library: The club has an extensive Library with informative & entertaining books, DVDs and videos. Gail Allgood, our Librarian, would like you to know that the Library is available at each meeting and is at Pinetop Sports and free to club members.

Road Clean-up: Is rescheduled for Saturday April 7th. Meet at Hon Dah parking lot exit furthest from the casino at 10am. Crew will carpool to mile post 365. Contact Gary Miller at 602-439-3262 for questions.

Fly Tying Classes: Stay tuned for announcements of future classes.

AZ Game and Fish Please call Richard Dreyer at **928-367-4281** if you can help.

Club Volunteers Needed: Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. The only way a club can continue to provide programs and activities is if we get volunteers to make them happen. Consider signing up at the next meeting and get involved. It really does not have to take a lot of time and you will find it very rewarding when you become vested in the future of your club. Classes and events that volunteers are need for are:

Project Healing Waters - Is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. Contact Craig Harmon.

Annual Banquet-June 11, 2011 There are lots of different committees that you can sign up for. Contact Ken Wolf or Dawn Hewitt.

Youth Camp - The fishing camp will be broken into two age groups: 8-12 and 13-17. Participants will receive instruction on fishing and water safety, "Catch and Release" philosophy, fishing with a spinning rod, using a bubble and fly, and roll casting and fishing with a fly rod. Contact Bob Bowers

Wildlife Festival-1st Saturday in October 2011.

Casting for Recovery- May 15 and October 16, 2011 the club is planning on preparing the awards luncheons for participants and volunteers. Contact Dawn Hewitt or Bob Bowers.

AZ Game & Fish Projects-dates, locations and activities to be determined. Becker Lake update - Brian Crawford from AZGF is managing the work at Becker Lake on the set up for the lake host. He says that everything should be finished in the next seven days (as of April 25th). Going through the permitting process had taken longer than expected.

April 28, 2011 Latest stocking from the Canyon Creek Hatchery:

- Clear Creek Reservoir – 2,595 Rainbow Trout
- Woodland Lake- 2,900 Rainbow Trout
- Fool Hollow Lake - 1,730 Rainbow Trout
- Canyon Creek- 240 Rainbow Trout

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