



NEWSLETTER

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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.

"Tight Lines"—President's Column:

On October 16th the club hosted an awards luncheon for 14 Casting for Recovery participants, their "pond pals", and staff members. This is the third time we have done this event and each time it is a delight to see these special ladies experience the joy of fly fishing and enjoy a delectable lunch. The CFR staff presents each one of the ladies with a special gift at the luncheon. A big thanks to all the club volunteers that made this a special day, Jon & Johnna Switzer, Ken & Karen Wolf, Bob Bowers, Dennis Jones, Craig Harmon, Kitty Wiemelt, Gale Allgood, Georganne Janninga, and Dawn Hewitt.



We are still looking for a few project leaders to lead the Project Healing Waters program with assistance from Craig Harmon next spring; a volunteer to run the Fishing Tournament at X-Diamond Ranch on June 9th, and several others to help with maintenance of the Casting Pond. We are in need of a member who would do a review of our financial files for the member ship year of July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. If you can lend a hand on any of these programs please give me a call at 602-316-0948.

Club members tentatively voted to move our monthly meetings to R.T's Black Bull beginning in July. They are expanding their dining room with a 2,000 sq. ft. high tech meeting room. There will be food and beverages available to order off the menu.

The club outing to the San Juan is set for Nov. 1st thru the 4th and will include 3 wounded veterans of the Afghan conflict and 15 club members. I will report on this at the November meeting and in the next Newsletter.

Michael Smith, President
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November 19st Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM

Agenda:

- Social Hour – (5:30PM) (*Buy your Raffle Tickets!!!*)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests and New Members
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Fish Tales

Program – Ted Lambert will show pictures and talk about his trip to Saltery Lake Lodge on Kodiak Island Alaska in July.

December – Holiday Party, contact Ted Lambert at 928-537-2115 to make your reservation. We will be ordering off the menu at Licano's with separate checks.

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

October Outing at Sunrise —Steve Hofmann, Outing Sponsor

Beautiful weather prevailed. Fish were biting and the eagles were soaring. The wind started blowing early in the morning, but subsided before 11:00. In addition the fall colors were spectacular. (It turns out this was probably the best weekend to observe the fall colors). All members enjoyed good fishing. Most members reported multiple fish catches. Most fish were in the 11-13 inch range, with reports of some fish in the 15 to

18 inch range. Flies used ranged from Woolley burgers to Simi-seal leaches. The catch of the day was taken by Georganne Jannenga. Just before noon off the cove on the other side of the boat ramp, Georganne cast a “bright” red Woolley burger just off shore and a large big fat rainbow struck her line. After a long struggle, she reported landing the fish in her float tube. The fish was at least 21 inches and estimated weight at least 4+ pounds. Many of the members of the club witnessed the catch. This was also the same weekend the Arizona Fly Casters Club were also at the lake, and friendships were made with both organizations. There was a good turnout for both clubs.



The usual 12:00 ‘clock barbeque meal was enjoyed by all, with guests from the Arizona Fly Casters. Highlights of the barbeque lunch were: Scrumptious Elk stew (provided by Mike Smith,) Italian bratwurst, Home style Baked beans, Cabbage salad, devilled eggs and pumpkin roll for desert.

All in all it was a great weekend.

Wildlife Festival at the Nature Center October 1st – Ross Griswold, Event Chairman

We were set up in the kid’s area, and had a real good turn-out. The club was well represented, as 20 members showed up to help in Fly Tying, Casting, and selling Raffle tickets. Over 50 young and older people tried tying Flies. I want to thank all the members for their help. Also the Lakeside Fire Dept. for supplying the water for the Casting Pond.

Future Outings and Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
November 19, 2011	Horseshoe Lake or Scott’s Reservoir	NEED VOLUNTEER
December 10, 2011	Christmas Party at Licano’s Restaurant	Ted Lambert

Treasurer’s Report ... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer

Current bank balance as of November 1st is \$12,038.44. See notes in minutes below for details.

October 19th Meeting Minutes ... Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary/Public Relations

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Mike Smith introduced Joseph Tucker, a Senior Executive of the Boy Scouts, who spoke about the May 5th Scout-a-rama and how the Scouts will work with us 5/11 and 5/12 to earn their merit badges. Joseph has about 2500 kids in his area and there are over 800 kids in the White Mtns.

Membership: Dennis will be turning membership chair over to Steve Hoffman. As of this meeting we have 79 paid members. Four ladies from Casting for Recovery signed up. We offered them one free year's membership. New members and guests were introduced. Gary Duvernell, Charlie Roesser and Gail Cain (new members) and David Woodhouse a guest.

Treasurer's Report: Dawn stated that we have \$12,165.58 in the Treasury currently. Some of the recent expenses included supplies for shelving in the new trailer. Dennis and Bob Sorenson built shelves for the trailer. An aluminum folding table was purchased for the outing. Some of the other expenses were six months rent on the firehouse for our meetings, the port-a-potty at Silver Creek and Casting for Recovery luncheon expenses.

Outings: Ted stated that Steve is sponsoring the Hawley Lake trip this month. November trip will be Horseshoe Lake. December will be our Christmas party at Licano's on 12/10. Bring a \$5 to \$10 White Elephant gag gift. Three people are needed to plan for next year. Mike Smith, Bill Langdon and Steve Hofmann will help. Steve said that the AZ Flycasters will also be at Hawley Lake this coming weekend. The trailer for lunch will be down by the rental boats, down the hill across from the dam and on the peninsula knoll. There will be signs out. Watch for cattle on the road. There are no porta pottys. We are invited to the 3 p.m. AZ Flycasters potluck.

President's Report: The San Juan trip will be 11/1 thru 11/4. Travel on Tuesday. The 2nd and 3rd will be fishing all day and driving back on the 4th. Rooms are rented at Abe's. We have three wounded warriors from Troops First Foundation attending. We have guides and friends with drift boats. We now have donations to cover 100% of their expenses. This is a Club trip, so please come! 16 people are now signed up, which includes the troops. The breakfast buffet at Abe's is \$8.95; lunch is on your own. Dinners will be wherever. You can share two days of guide service. There will be a meeting at Mike's next Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the attendees. You can share gas. If shared rooms are \$30 a night at Abe's plus your license and food.

Mike stated that the Casting for Recovery event at Whispering Pines was incredible. We helped with the pond pals at Sierra Springs. The fishing was "adequate". We provided the lunch on Sunday and now will do same twice a year. The ladies had a ball. Lots of gifts were donated. We will need more pond pals for next year. Gail Cain spoke about her experience as an attendee and thanked the group on behalf of all the ladies.

Fly tying classes will be set up for the entire year. Thanks to Rick Tesinsky for arranging for the use of the VFW hall. Classes will be free the last Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning in January 2012.

Rick from RT's Black Bull has offered his 2500 sq. ft. facility for our future meetings. The room should be done by April and will include hi tech equipment, and meals and beverages would be available. We are paid through June at the Fire Department in case it's not ready in time so July would be our first potential meeting there. The meetings would be more informal at RT's and there would be no charge. We are reserved through the end of the year at the fire station just in case.

Mike stated that he needs a program chairman for Project Healing Waters. Craig has done it for 2 years.

Twenty some vets have participated in the past. Craig will co-chair for the first year.

Mike and Bob will take care of maintenance at our casting pond. We will need a chairman and judges for the fishing tournament next year at X-Diamond. We will have lunch at X-Diamond on 6/9.

Ken spoke about CASA, our chosen charity for this Christmas/Holiday. There are over 1000 kids in Navajo County in need of help. The Club will match up to \$400 in donations. You can make a donation tonight, at the November meeting and at our Christmas party. The donations will be only for kids in Navajo Cty. We will also support the Love Kitchen for Thanksgiving. Bob Bowers said you can pick up a certificate for a Turkey at Safeway on the last day or donate a WalMart gift card to the Love Kitchen.

It was announced that Georganne Jannenga will be the new Media Relations person.

Fish Tales were told. Jim White said there are tons of fish, big bows, in Silver Creek. Use AZ Peacock Ladies. He goes to Silver Creek four times a week and caught 26 big bows. Bob caught two over 20 inches and Dennis caught three over 20 inches on midges at Sunrise. Bill caught a four pounder in the moss using a fast strip at Sunrise. Ken caught 15 to 20 using a sinking line in two to three feet of water. There are big browns cruising the shoreline at Hawley. A 26" rainbow was caught on a black wooly bugger at Horseshoe. Mike Styvaert said his wife caught 18 fish between 14 and 16 inches at Hawley. There were suspended at 5 to 12 feet deep with a few in the coves. Use black and red semi seals, size 12 and get down 5 to 12 feet for Saturday.

Mike Smith then gave a demonstration of Quick Release strike indicators. You can get them at Water West online or from Mike. The club purchased several dozen and we are selling them for \$1.00 at meetings.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to approve the Secretary's minutes from the last general membership meeting. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Raffle: The regular raffle was held and the rifle (worth \$1500+) raffle was also held. Craig stated that we collected \$257 between the two raffles this evening. Wade Larson won the rifle raffle.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Presentation: Steve Berry, who is an Orvis Certified Flycaster, and a helicopter pilot for the City of Mesa, gave a presentation on the San Juan River.

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