

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting:

November 21, 2007
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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 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

Here is an opportunity to help the WMFFC grow and you can be a part of that growth. Volunteer for a position on the Board of Directors or a Committee Chair. In a separate newsletter, coming soon is a description of the responsibilities of each position. Please review each position and help the club by running for office. Working within the club enhances your fly fishing experience and it's very rewarding to see the club grow as a direct result of your work.

Fly Tying Classes will start on November 23rd, the Tuesday following the Club Meeting, at the Lakeside Fire Department. Classes will start at 6:00 PM and run for an hour and a half. The first class will be for any club member interested in tying flies. We plan to start with a basic fly and work up from there depending on the progress each student makes. Classes may be scheduled for Tuesdays following the first class.

We will all miss Lon Ellington, as he has moved back to the valley. Lon will remain a member and will visit us from time to time. Lon has contributed so much to the club and will really be missed at our meetings and when we sit down to tie flies. Lon has helped so many of us with rod building and fly tying. We wish him the very best in the valley of the sun.

See you on the water.

Bob Bowers
President

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November Monthly Meeting

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

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner
- Call to Order
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports---Update on the Boy Scouts Program as well as input for other programs!
- October Outing overview and November Outing preview!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The Special Guests and Presentation for this month will be: *Special Guests: Meet the Boy Scout Troop Leader; Troop 733~~~~~Video: "The Underwater World of Trout"*

Membership

We have no new members for the Month of November. This leaves our membership at a total of sixty-nine.

Special Article

Meetings with AZGFD: They are looking at stricter enforcement policies and other ways to combat the out of control poaching that is taking place, specially at Silver Creek. I heard things like stricter penalties, bigger warning signs and help for the local fishing community that cares (like our club). They suggested the ways we can help is to: *Call in all violations* immediately. The 800 no. is on your Fishing License. 1-800-352-0700. Provide as many details as you can. Description of the person(s), what are they doing and WHERE, WHAT AND HOW. Example...If using powerbait, during Flies only, what color is the powerbait, this even helps enforcement. A vehicle description and a license number really helps. **CALL IN ALL VIOLATORS BUT NEVER APPROACH THEM.**

October Fish Tales

Fall is upon us and area fishing is picking up. Several members have been fishing Earl Park with great success. Fran Stier caught a beautiful Rainbow, Dennis Jones hooked a large Brown and Ken Wolf reeled in bright Apache trout as did Frank Major. The lake temperatures have dropped and the fish have become very active. Arizona and the Apache Game and Fish have stocked most of the lakes, plus Silver Creek is well stocked with 12 to 14 inch Apaches. There are some incentive fish in Silver Creek, just ask Bill Harris. Bill caught one of those incentive fish in the upper pool.

At the Silver Creek Outing everyone caught lots of healthy Apaches. Mike Styvaert and Fran Stier had a hard time stopping for the potluck and Bill Harris stayed where he was because the fishing was so good. Bob Bowers found an area with many nice Apaches. It was windy but still the fishing was very good. I would suggest that you give Silver Creek a try, you won't be disappointed!.....**Bob Bowers**

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

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THE MERIT BADGE PROGRAM WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Scout Master is scheduled to review the program and the results at the Nov. Meeting. We have included pictures on the Website from the Tying sessions, the Outing at Greer and at Silver Creek. Many thanks to the following: Troop 733 and their leaders. And to our club members: Dennis Jones, Ken Wolf, Bob Bowers, Jim Zanger, Bill Harris, Bud Mast and Diana Jeanne. *Special thanks* to LON ELLINGTON for hosting the outing at No Name Lakes in Greer and KEN MCGOWN at Silver Creek Silver Hatchery.



Dec. Monthly Meeting will be a Christmas Social including a gift exchange, bring a gift wrapped without a name tag. Cost around \$5 to \$10.

Upcoming Three Month Calendar	November	21 st	Monthly Meeting
		24 th	Becker Lake Outing
	December	19 th	Monthly Meeting
		22 nd	NO OUTING~~TOO COLD
	January	16 th	Monthly Meeting
		19 th	Outing TBA

*Please contact Eddy Craig if you have any ideas for upcoming outings.
Thank you!*

**WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 10-17-07 AT BLACK BULL RESTAURANT**

Call to Order by Bob Bowers, President at 6:35pm.

Guests: Jerry Guhre

New Members: None for this Month

Upcoming Elections: President Bowers asked for a volunteer to head up the nominating committee for the December election. Fran Stier volunteered to head the committee, the committee also consists of Frank Major, Bill Landon and Sparky Snyder. All existing board members are appointees, not elected. Bob Bowers, Dennis Jones and Bud Huth volunteered to run for one more year. Eddie Craig will not. No input from Bud Mast, Richard Dreyer. Fran's team will be contacting you soon. *This was aside from the regular club meeting minutes. Diana Jeanne has resigned from the board but it is hoped she'll run in the upcoming election. Her expertise as a certified casting instructor and fishing guide is needed in the club.* All members are encouraged to run for their office of choice.

Boy Scouts: Bud Huth reported that the Merit Badge requirement for each scout to catch and kill one fish has been **waivered**. Each Boy Scout is now required to catch and release two fish. The final outing is pending some last minute scheduling conflicts.

Club Hats: Three were sold at the meeting by Dennis Jones, Membership Chair.

Fly Tying: Bob Bowers proposed a fly tying class starting in Nov. He wants to start the first class Tuesday following the monthly meeting. It will be held at the Lake Side Fire Station at 6pm. Bob Gurley made the motion to approve Bob's proposal, Fran seconded it, membership approved. Contact Bob for further information.

He also will conduct rod building classes starting in Jan.

Treasurer's Report and Audit Report: Not Available~~~~~Jon Meyer is out of town.

October Outing: The Reservation Lake was a success per Fran and Bob. Everybody caught a fish or more. If any body has some pictures please contact Bud Huth. Refer to Oct. News Letter for details.

Decembers Meeting: There will be a December Meeting. Fran suggested that we have a Christmas party get together. Details to follow. It is scheduled to be held at the Black Bull Restaurant on December 19th. Details to follow.

Fish Tales: Lotsa reports this time: Reports from Earl Park, Pacheta, Big Lake, Bear lake,(big and little,) Sunrise and Silver Creek. Gary Hall reported on the fishing in the gulf of Ca. San Carlos area.

Raffle: The raffle produced \$95.00 for the club treasury. Donations were received from the following. *Fly box and 4 flies-the Club.. Knot tool, Ken Wolf..Club Cup, the club.. Fishing Book, Frank Major..Misc. flies, Jim Zangger. Green Wire, Bruce Gehriss..Really Bright Hackle, Jerry Meyer..Creel, the club..plus two other items, donors unknown.*

Program: **Kelly Meyer, AZ Game and Fish**, presented an update on the delisting of the Apache Trout and some possible projects for the club to consider. The board will be reviewing these and reporting to the general membership for further possible action.

Respectfully submitted by: Bud Huth for Jon Meyer Edited by: Cory Huth

Minutes of the 10-17-07 general meeting were approved as written.

General Election information:

Board and Committee Job description were mailed out to you on Nov. 8th. Call Fran Stier and get your name on the Ballot. Fran's number is 537 4556.