

NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

January 2009



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Next Meeting:

January 21, 2009
JD's Black Bull
4481 S White Mountain Rd
Show Low, AZ
85901
(928) 537-5581

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

Happy New Year - It's January 2009 and again this year we are going to enjoy another year of excellent fishing in the White Mountains. The snow is piled high here in Pinetop and the Sunrise Sky area opened early this year, there are over 80 inches of snow on Sunrise Mountain. That means all the lakes will be full again this year. Normally, we don't get this much snow until February or March, so plan on getting out as soon as ice out arrives. Silver Creek is the place to go at this time of year and I hear it's fishing well.

December Club Meeting - The December club meeting was a Christmas gift exchange. Thirty members attended the meeting and everyone had a great time. There were some very unique gift items and there was a lot of exchanging of gifts after they were all opened up. JZ' Black Bull went all out with a Christmas dinner of Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing and Cranberries. It was certainly the best buffet ever, it really added to the fun. I'm looking forward to next year's Christmas dinner.

Silver Creek Outing - Ted Lambert is planning the Silver Creek outing and he will have an article regarding the January 24th outing in this newsletter. Ted is doing an outstanding job as outings chairman and he has planned some excellent outings for 2009.

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



See you on the water,
Bob Bowers
President

2009 WMFFC Board Members



- President:** Bob Bowers..... (928) 367-5579
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- Hats and Patches Chair:** Ken Wolf (928) 367-0936

January 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

BUD HUTH -- VP



- Bud Huth has suggested that instead of a speaker for our January 21st meeting that we have a question and answer session involving all things fly fishing, such as equipment and repair, techniques, fly tying, etc. Many of our members who attend during the winter months have the experience to answer these questions. Questions can either be emailed to Bud at bhuth@cableone.net or bring them to the meeting. --- **DO NOT MISS !!!**



Monthly Meeting Buffet ...

This month's buffet: BBQ Chicken, French fries, the Salad Bar and a soft drink and a tip all for \$8.00.

Upcoming Three Month Calendar

	January		2009
		21 st	Monthly Meeting
		24 th	Silver Creek
	February	18 th	Monthly Meeting
		21 st	Outing TBA @ Meeting
	March	18 th	Monthly Meeting
		21 st	Outing TBA @ Meeting

Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events ...

Silver Creek Outing ...

January 24th 2008

TED LAMBERT



Happy New Year everyone! 2009 looks like it is going to be a good year for us. We'll be kicking it off with our January outing at Silver Creek on the 24th. Rumor has it that we'll be having hot chili among other hot dishes at our potluck to help keep us warm. Also, hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Bring your favorite "hot" dish and come on out for a good time fishing and fellowship.

This year besides our monthly and weekend outings, we are looking at possibly a few outings during the week to places like Lee's Ferry, San Juan River, Roosevelt Lake and the Verde River.

The Arizona Fly Casters have invited us to join them in a couple of their outings; One on the Verde River at Dead Horse Campground near Cottonwood, February 6, 7, and 8 and another outing at Roosevelt Lake, March 20, 21 and 22. We will need to let them know beforehand how many we have going to each outing.

We also have the permits for Christmas Tree Lake on May 29 and 30th, Friday and Saturday. The board is still considering the price for the permits. Don't miss out on a good time.

WMFFC -- Membership Dues Renewal Notice:

BUD HUTH -- VP

WMFFC Membership Renewal for 2009 will be posted in the July/August Newsletter. All dues will need to be submitted prior to Sept. 1st 2009. For more information, contact Bud Huth:

bhuth@cablone.net / (928) - 205 - 5736

The Casting Pond -

BOB BOWERS -- PRES

This program is on hold until we can get some wood chips delivered to the casting pond. In the next few weeks I will be calling for some volunteers to help with the Casting Pond project. We will be laying the weed barrier and spreading the wood chips. At most it will only take a few hours to finish the project. The plan is to have a pancake breakfast on a Saturday next spring, with casting lessons and casting contest at Mountain Meadows Park in Pinetop.

Q&A Forum @ the January 2009 Meeting ...

BUD HUTH -- VP



Starting in January I would like to expand on a great idea that Ken Wolf started with Project Healing Waters. That was: to have a lot of people ask a lot of questions, then have our experts in the club give their opinions.

I'm guessing that we have about a hundred years of actual fly fishing expertise available and we need to ask those experts what they think.

So in January, I am asking that all members submit their questions to me, bhuth@cablone.net or bring them to the Jan meeting. We will dedicate one hour to a forum like question and answer session. I'll moderate and our expert panel, which will consist of 2 or 3 experts, will respond with their opinion(s).

There will be some different opinions. This should be fun. If you can't attend we will publish the questions and opinions in the next newsletter, but try to attend.

Ask anything fishy, like:

Q: Is fishing with an airplane spinner, using a fly rod, fly fishing?

Q. When is the next Tying Session? Etc.

National Boat Show and Fishing Expo ...

Lon Ellington will have a booth demonstrating fly tying in the lobby of the Phoenix Convention Center for the AZ National Boat Show and Fishing Expo, beginning January 21st through 25th. The location is 100 North Third Street, South & West Buildings, Phoenix.

Please plan to stop by and see Lon. He has free tickets to the event and you can contact him at 602-446-6225.

White Mountain Fly Fishing Club Banquet

Alaskan Fly Fishing Trip

Saltrey Lake Lodge donates a Two for one Fly Fishing Trip for the 2009 fishing season, **July 19 – 25, 2009**. This is a 6 day/6 nights guided fishing package for two fishermen/fisher-ladies. 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.

- July is the time of year for: Sockeye, Chums, Pinks, Rainbows & Dolly Vardens.
- Regular retail price for two fishermen is \$4740.00. Total trip costs \$2370.00. Cost for each fisherman is \$1185.00 each.
- Airfare to Kodiak City is not included.
- **Donated By: Saltery Lake Lodge, Kodiak City Alaska.**

Raffle Tickets are being sold for **\$10.00 each**. They are available from Board Members, at meetings, or (available soon) on the website:

www.wmflyfishing.com. **DRAWING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE APRIL 15TH MEETING. WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED IF NOT PRESENT.**

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 12-17-2008; BLACK BULL RESTRAUNT

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

WMFFC Christmas Meeting and Gift Exchange

Social Hour preceded meeting.

1. November minutes were reviewed and approved as written and published in the newsletter.
2. JD's were acknowledged for a great dinner buffet: roasted turkey and all the trimmings.
3. The club received two Hams donated by Farmer John's in Snowflake given to us from Cheri. These Hams will be served at one of our future outings.
4. We received an invite from Arizona Fly-Casters (AFC) to join their club at Roosevelt Lake on March 20th-March 22th. They have reserved a group campground which we can share. More information to follow.
5. The Boy Scouts Merit Badge in Fly-fishing was awarded at the VFW on December 19th. Seven scouts received badges. Ken Wolf, Bud Huth, Bud Mast, Bob Bowers and Dennis Jones were our club members to attend.
6. One of our members passed away: Jack Naperala on Nov.19, 2008. He was remembered at our meeting. Contributions to the Show Low Historical Society or to the Arizona Wildlife Federation have been suggested by his family.
7. **Next outing: Silver Creek on Jan.24th**. It is always a good one. Don't forget to get your 2009 AZGFD license.
8. A special gift was given to our waitress, Crystal, who always provides great service at our dinner meetings.
9. We held our gift exchange which was lots of fun again and wonderful gifts were exchanged.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectively submitted By: Fran Stier

Edited By: Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder

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 *** admin@wmflyfishing.com**

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