

# NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

September 2009



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## Next Meeting:

**September 16, 2009**  
**Lakeside Fire Department**  
2922 Highway 260  
Lakeside, AZ 85929  
(928) 368-6112

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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*

Catch and Release at Becker Lake is now a possibility, Kelly Meyer, AZGF is working hard to make this happen, yea for Kelly.

I hope you have been practicing Catch and Release. Don't know how? Come to our September meeting and learn from an expert. Ken McGown, Acting Silver Creek Hatchery Manager will be presenting "how to". . There are some other nifty speakers scheduled then too.

As I sort through stuff to make things better for our club, I am finding Bob Bowers is a tough act to follow. How to improve or add? However, there maybe a couple things we might try! One, we will be tying flies during the social hour, a different fly each month, if you have a favorite one or a knot you would like to learn about, call Craig Harmon.

Meetings, for now, will continue to be at the Lakeside Fire Station @ 5:30 PM. (Wednesday, September 16. Pizza and drinks will be available.)

We still need a volunteer or two. Bill Langdon and Jim Williams have volunteered to run the Raffle, but we still need more volunteers.

Ted Lambert wants to catch crawdads and Mike Styvaert wants to cook them, see our Outing Schedule for September for more details or call Ted Lambert, he has all the information. Other projects pending are clean up-pick up at Show Low Lake and more might be coming. See Diana Jeanne for details.

Simms shirts are in, you can them pick up at the meeting, or call me or Mike Styvaert.

The next outing will be at Big Lake, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. Ted Lambert has a special outing planned, in addition to our regular fishing, and pot lunch, he is having a crawdad catch and eat tournament, special prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded based on number caught.

Last chance to renew, you will be a getting a phone call soon. The last day was Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. However, you can still get a copy of the membership form off of our web and send it in per the instructions. WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU RE-ENLIST –call 369-0092.



**Bud Huth**  
President

# 2009 WMFFC Board Members



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## September Monthly Meeting @ 6:30PM

**NOTE:** Lakeside Fire Department

### Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner -- (5:30PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle @ 7PM
- The special presentation for this month will be:  
     Ken McGown, AZ Game and Fish, review proper methods for catch and release  
     Bob Bowers, presentation on fishing the San Juan

**MIKE STYVAERT -- VP**



**NOTE:** The next club meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at **Lakeside Fire Department** located at 2922 W. White Mountain Blvd, Lakeside. -- Dinner at 5:30 and Meeting at 6:30 - Pizza by the slice for \$1.00 each and sodas 2 for \$1.00.

## Upcoming Three Month Calendar



**September**  
  
**October**  
  
**November**

16<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup>  
21<sup>st</sup>

**2009**  
Monthly Meeting  
Big Lake  
Monthly Meeting  
Outing TBA @ Meeting  
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Outing TBA @ Meeting

# Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

## September Outing ...

For our September outing, we will be trying something new for us. We have planned a crawdad or crayfish tournament, which ever you like to call it. Eligible participants are anyone on your family membership. There will be an entry fee of one dollar paid on or before sign-in that morning. All who want to participate must pay the entry fee and sign in. The contest will start at 8:00 AM and end at 11:00 AM. Crawdads must be caught in that time period. All crawdads must be at the counting station on or before 11:00 AM. Anyone bringing in crawdads after 11:00 AM will be penalized one for each minute late.

The board has promised to have prizes for the winners. Next, Mike Styvaert has promised to cook the critters and serve them at our potluck lunch. Bring the normal food you would for any potluck outing. This contest is not intended to replace our normal fly fishing. My suggestion is to use a crawdad trap and just check it from time to time. Oh yes, you must have an Arizona fishing license to catch crawdads and your trap, if you use one, you must have your name, address and fishing license number on it.

This should be a lot of fun; come out and join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Ted Lambert**

## August Outing ...

August Outing – Our August Outing at Reservation Lake turned out to be very interesting. First of all, only four people showed up, which raises some questions. And the fishing was pretty good; everyone caught fish. We only fished until 11:00 AM when we stopped to fix lunch. In that time, Bill caught more than 15 fish, Craig got over a dozen, Bob, who came up from Phoenix to join us, got 5 or 6 and yours truly picked up 6 or so. I used a Boatman I got from Craig and a Red Tailed Montana Nymph I got from Bill. Lord only know how many bumps I got that I couldn't hook. Other flies used were Woollyworms, Beadhead Black Woolly Bugger and Peacock Lady.

The weather was good – partly cloudy, so we were in and out of the shade, with only a little breeze. As we were eating lunch we did get a little rain, but only enough to lay the dust on the road. As for lunch, we had Polish Sausage sandwiches, chips, potato salad and a large cake. Pretty good, for so few people. We all had something else to go to in the afternoon, so we all left after lunch. No one stayed to fish the afternoon.

Next month's outing will be at Big Lake, September 19. We will be adding a new activity to our fly fishing, with a crawdad tournament. Now don't miss this outing!

Respectfully submitted,  
**Ted Lambert**

### **Fly Tying Demonstration**

Starting at our September meeting and every meeting thereafter, come early during our social hour to watch one of our club members tie their favorite fly. A different member will be featured each month starting with Ken Wolf this month and Bill Langdon in October.

**Craig Harmon, Board Member**

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

**Welcome to our new members: Bob and Margo Lindsey, Joseph and Mary Louise Kush, David and Norma Phelps.**

## **WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 08-19-2009; LAKESIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Call to order by: Bud Huth @ 6:33 PM

1. Agenda reviewed.
2. Raffle of special net announced. You do not have to be present to win. (Raffle revenue was \$125 and one net ticket sold)
3. New Members and Guests: Ken McGown and Son, Richard, Larry Turner, Derek Richie, Mike Brown, Bob Sorsen, Sissy Candola, Bob and Margo Lindsey, Mike Taylor, Joe and Mary Louise Kush, David and Norma Phelps, Skip Culbert.
4. Finding another meeting location was discussed. A team will review options and make recommendations.
5. Diana Jeanne, Conservation Chairman, reported on our support of Pinetop's 25 year anniversary.
  - a. Reviewed fish habitat structures placed at Show Low Lake. Demonstrated why monofilament
  - b. Lines are a hazard to the environment, both fish and birds. Diana also called for support in a lake
  - c. cleanup project and assistance with a project with the "Big Brothers" and "Big Sisters". These
  - d. are yet to be scheduled.
6. The Save Our Park committee sent a thank you Letter to the club. The club donated \$300 to their fund raising efforts.
7. Other committee business: Gail Allgood asked the members to help locate missing library items.
  - a. Ted Lambert, Outing Chairman outlined the upcoming events. Review on line or contact Ted.
  - b. Sept. outing will be a crowdad contest at Big Lake along with the normal fishing outing. Call Ted Lambert for details.
8. Other business, The "Bob Bowers Casting Pond" plaque is now installed. Thanks to Dennis Jones and Bud Mast.
9. Since the meeting, the SIMMS shirts have arrived. Contact Mike Styvaert at 928-369-0092, or pick yours up at the meeting.
10. Mike Styvaert reviewed his weekend at Greer Lodge. It was a donation to our annual banquet. He won it and *he and Faye liked it.*
11. The Guest Speaker was Kelly Meyer, AZGF, he presented his vision of what he believes can be the future of Becker Lake. He presented statics and the rational that supports what could be our first catch and release lake. The AZGF commission has yet to approve this; our help is needed to support Kelly.
12. If you don't wear or at least take your PFD with you in your boat/pontoon -- call Jim Williams (concerning his experience recently). It is also is the LAW. AZGF Commissioner ruling was published in an earlier newsletter.
13. Fish Tales: Lucky Bill Landon fished for Wyoming Rainbows .
14. Bob Gurley discussed Concho Lake pollution. Please report all cases.
15. Fishing at Big Bear, Sunrise and Becker Lake were also reported.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

**Respectively submitted By:** Dick Murphy  
**Edited By:** Mike Styvaert & Sparky Snyder

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**If you have an Ad or Article that you would like featured in the next Newsletter, please submit them by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Month \*\*\* Cory Huth \*\*\* [admin@wmflyfishing.com](mailto:admin@wmflyfishing.com)**

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