
NEWSLETTER

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We Support Catch and Release

October 2011

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:

Its fall – So much going on and hopefully you have and take the time to enjoy fall and fishing in the White Mountains.

This year's second Casting for Recovery Retreat is scheduled for Oct 14-16. The WMFFC will again host the Sunday luncheon following their fly fishing experience with volunteer Pond Pals on Sunday morning at Sierra Springs Ranch. The luncheon at Whispering Pines Resort is being coordinated by Johnna Switzer and Dawn Hewitt and they will be contacting some folks for their help.

We are moving full speed ahead for the club outing at the San Juan River November 1-4. The San Juan is one of the premier tail-water fisheries in North America. I am encouraging all members to join us for the great fishing and camaraderie. We will be staying at Abe's and have reserved 10 rooms. Also joining us will be 3 wounded veterans from the "Troops First Foundation". The Foundation is flying (at their expense) one soldier from Tennessee and one from Texas. A third soldier is traveling from Phoenix. The cost of their fishing guides, lodging, and expenses has been underwritten with an extremely generous \$1,000 donation from one of our members. The balance of expenses for the soldiers will be covered by the club. Please contact me at 602-316-0948 or Bob Bowers at 928-232-9771 if you are interested in joining us.

Silver Creek is now Catch and Release only (Oct 1-Mar 31) and has received a substantial stocking of Apache Trout. We are again providing a Port-a-John at the upper end.

Remember the October outing will be at Hawley Lake on October 22nd. Think big Brown Trout cruising the shoreline. Steve Hofmann will be sponsoring the outing.

Thank you Ross Griswold for chairing the clubs fly tying and casting pond exhibit held this past Saturday at the Wildlife Festival conducted by the Nature Center on Woodland. I understand attendance was good and our contribution was a big hit.

Finally, thank you Dennis Jones, with some help from Bob Sorsen, for the wonderful interior renovations made to our new club trailer with shelves, racks for tables and carrying compartments. GREAT JOB!!!

Michael Smith, President
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October 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
- Raffle



Program – The October presentation will be by Steve Berry on the San Juan River. The San Juan River is one of the top rated fisheries in the western United States. Known for its consistently cold water and consistently big fish, anglers from around the county and world enjoy this great destination year around. Steve’s presentation will cover all aspects including: Getting there, lodging, flies, rigging and technique. And what would the presentation be without a few good stories and pictures to round things out. Don’t forget to bring your questions about all things San Juan.

Steve is an Arizona native and has been working part time in the local shops for over 8 years, currently with Orvis Scottsdale. For a guy with full and part-time jobs, we are trying to figure out how he fishes so much! He is an avid angler and there are not many weeks that go by where he does not sneak away somewhere to go fishing. Besides spending lots of time fishing and camping in the high country of Arizona, Steve has fished in Colorado, New Mexico and Montana just to name a few of his favorite western states. A few years ago, he had his first chance at saltwater fly fishing in Belize. He has been back every year since and left more than one sore

lip on a fish. By the way, Steve's full time job is Media Relations, Detective and Helicopter Pilot for the Mesa Police Department.

In November our presentation will be given by club member Ted Lambert on his trip to Saltry Lake Lodge in Alaska.

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

September Outing at Sunrise —Ted Lambert, Outing Sponsor

Our September outing at Sunrise Lake was very good. In fact all our outings this summer have been great. We've had 20+ turn out for each of them and best of all, everyone has always had a good time.

I must give a big "thank you" to Jim and Keith, for taking me with them in their boat. I had a little problem with my pontoon boat, and they came to the rescue. Thanks again guys.

The weather was great for fishing and for most everyone, the fish cooperated also. My survey on what flies were catching fish turned up quite a list: Bead head Peacock Lady with a red tail, Still Water Nymph, Montana Nymph – both green and brown with a red tail, Green Weenie, Brown Marabou Mytuka, Green No Name, Yeager Bugger, Ken's Purple Fly, Black Woolly Bugger and one called a Halfback. That's quite a line-up to choose from. Most people caught fish and some caught quite a few.

Our lunch as usual was just great. Some of the entrées were shrimp pasta, grilled brats, antelope steak smothered in onions and chili with cornbread. Sides included a relish dish with garlic olives, pickled mushrooms and artichokes, cold slaw and mixed fruit bowl. Then came desserts – Boston cream pie, brownies and spice cake. Boy what a feed we had. And as usual after getting our appetites satisfied, we all just hung around for a while fellowshiping and telling stories. Obviously everyone had a good time.

Steve Hoffman has volunteered to sponsor our next outing, October 22, at Hawley Lake. See you there.

Future Outings and Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
October 22, 2011	Hawley Lake	Steve Hofmann & Dawn Hewitt
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

The bank balance as of October 3rd is \$14,005.41. There are still a number of members who have not yet paid their 2011/2012 memberships that are now PAST DUE. To date we have raised \$860 from sales of Rifle Raffle tickets. Thanks to all that helped sell tickets at the Wildlife Festival on Oct 1st.

Your last chance to purchase tickets for the Nikko Remington Golden Eagle Model 7000 7mm Mag Rifle will be at the Oct. 19th meeting. The drawing will be at that meeting and you do not need to be present to win. If you cannot make it to the meeting but still want to purchase tickets contact me at 480-695-3965 and I will arrange to make tickets available.

September 21st Meeting Minutes... Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Members recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Dennis Jones introduced guests: Lynn Palmos and Mark Carter. Dennis Jones reminded members to pick up their name tags and also announced that WMFFC license plates were for sale for \$20 at the meeting, or you can pick them up yourself at the printer for \$16+; the Club profits \$4 if you purchase them at the meetings. Mike stated that the license plates are good to publicize the Club. It was mentioned that they can also go on our pontoon boats. If dues are not paid by the end of September the member will be taken off the mailing list. Dennis is putting together a list of the most recent members to solicit their help which will be made available to every leader. Our President will work hard to get more members involved. If you lose your name badge, call Dennis. A suggestion was made to put green stickers on the name badges to indicate that you are a new member. The new member can then take it off once they feel they no longer need any help.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dawn stated that she has not yet had time to reconcile the checking account yet since just getting home from their trip, but that the Treasury balance will be in the newsletter.

LIBRARY REPORT – There are all kinds of tapes and books in our Library which is housed at Pinetop Sporting Goods during the month and brought to meetings. Check them out at the meetings or at the store.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike Smith introduced himself as our new President! His goal as President this year will be to get more members involved and to be in constant contact. He also plans to have “hands-on” classes at all of our outings on how to use fly fishing equipment.

Mike mentioned that Game and Fish did a study on stocking in three stages. We got what we wanted with no change to the current stocking in Arizona. Ken Wolf, our Past President, stated that we basically didn't want any changes at all. Letters were written to all the Senators from any State along the Colorado River basically stating the impact on tourism in Pinetop, etc.

OUTINGS: There is a trip to Sunrise Lake this coming Saturday. Be there between 8 and 9 a.m. Some of our experienced fishermen will not be fishing but instead will work with any new fishermen/ladies that might want some help. John Rohmer said that Sunrise has been fishing well. There will be grills and stoves at the potluck; bring your own chairs. New members please ask if you have any equipment needs.

October's outing will be to Hawley Lake on Saturday the 22nd. Steve Hoffman will be the trip sponsor and Dawn Hewitt will be co-sponsor. The sponsors help promote the outing, have contests, help with the trailer, etc. It will be cold for camping in November, but the November trip will be to either Horseshoe Lake or Scott's Reservoir.

Saturday, 10/1, was the Wildlife Festival at the Nature Center on Woodland Rd near Mountain Meadows Park. It is primarily for kids (our exhibit is fly fishing), but also for their parents. Ross Griswold is the lead for the club. There will be a table for fly-tying and a casting pond.

There is a Club outing to the San Juan in November for members and wounded warriors through the “Troops First” program. The club will host 2 or 3 soldiers injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. The San Juan is considered

the premiere river fishing in the Southwest. The trip is 11/1 through 11/4 and should be perfect wading conditions weather wise with temperatures in the 40's to 60's. November 1st and 4th will be travel days, with fishing Wednesday, 11/2 and Thursday, 11/3. The rooms at Abe's are \$60 per room. The club received a contribution of \$1000 to be applied to the cost for the Soldiers. The club will cover costs in excess of that for the soldier's expenses. Pat North will be donating his services of a drift boat and Bruce Gehrls donated a one day guide trip for one day. We are working on getting another guide and boat donated. Bob Bowers and Gary Miller will be bringing their 5th wheel trailers. They have RV Hook-ups at Abe's for about \$15 per night, and it is even less expensive to camp in the Forest Service campgrounds. Two soldiers are being flown in by "Troops First" from Texas and Tennessee. E-mails will be sent out regarding the trip plans. Bring a wading stick. You can check the damn releases for the flows online. We may schedule another San Juan trip in the Spring. There is a big runoff at the end of May, so we may schedule it earlier. The cost for a guide and boat runs about \$350 to \$400. Members will carpool to Abe's to save money. Make sure your boots have 3/8" screws or studs for wading. So the expenses would be your gas, \$30 for the room if you share one, and your fishing license. There will be a potluck for breakfast and dinners.

In place of a fishing outing, in December we will have our Christmas party at Licano's on 12/10. Ted Lambert is coordinating this event. We have a special banquet room and it's a fun time with goofy White Elephant gifts. It will start at 5 to 5:30 on Sat. night. Sign up early. We anticipate 30 to 35 people but possibly have room for 40.

Some of our Club members regularly get together for breakfast on Mondays 7:30-8:00AM at RT's Black Bull in Show Low and Thursday at 6:30 to 7 at the Hon Dah Casino. Breakfast at the Casino is only \$2 with a Player's Club card.

A question was asked from a member as to whether or not it was alright to bring a guest on an outing. The answer was "yes". :)

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ken Wolf noted we would like to sponsor Friends of Navajo County C.A.S.A. again this year as our charity for Christmas/Holiday giving. C.A.S.A. is Court Appointed Special Advocates which cares for kids under the protection of the courts. Last year members donated \$200 & the club matched with another \$200. The money stays local in the County. There are a couple of thousand kids in Navajo County needing assistance. Last year the money went to purchase 130 coats and underwear. Ken read Friends of CASA, a non-profit organization's mission statement. We began accepting donations at this meeting and will continue thru Christmas party. A Board decision was made that the Club will match up to \$400. You can put your donations in a bucket at the meetings and put your name on a list for a tax deduction receipt. A member voiced a concern about the \$ staying locally. It was reiterated that all funds stay local and checks can be made out to Navajo County Friends of CASA.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jerry Myers led a discussion about the buddy list. The purpose of the buddy list is to share gas expenses to go fishing and for new members to obtain help from the more experienced fishermen on the list. The list will be posted as an attachment to the monthly newsletter. A member can call Dawn Hewitt for the most updated list. The Club has a regular group of guys that go fishing. Jerry Myers is trying to put together a trip to Lee's Ferry in late February. He is talking to Lee's Ferry Anglers and Cliff Dwellers. If shared, the guide and room would come to about \$300 per person for the tip. Meals would then be on your own. The guides cost about \$425 a day. You can get a room for \$50 to \$60 for two people. It's about a 4 to 5 hour drive. There will be a sign-up sheet. You can catch 12 to 19 inch fish on streamers and 40 fish days are not unusual.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting (August). The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

FISH TALES: In February there will be an Alaska trip presentation by Club members. Sunrise is fishing well using semi seal leeches. Becker Lake is also good as well as Hawley Lake.

RAFFLE: The monthly raffle was held.

MISCELLANEOUS: Kitty Wiemelt spoke about the Casting for Recovery program. There will 14 women attending retreats in May and another 14 in October. Due to a change in plans, the event will be held at Whispering Pines and Sierra Springs Ranch this October. The program could use some donated flies; please tie 14 of each.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 for our speaker's presentations, John Rohmer, spoke about White Mountain Lakes Foundation, and Mike Lopez from AZ Game and Fish spoke about the impact of the recent Wallow fire on our lakes and streams.

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