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Next Meeting:

May 21, 2008
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

Conservation, Richard Dryer

The Arizona Game and Fish, Pinetop, asked some club members to assist with **Fin Clipping at Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery**. Richard Dryer, Conservation Chairman, Ken Wolf and Roy Skaggs Fin Clipped 16,000 Rainbow Trout on a two day adventure to Canyon Creek Fish Hatchery. Transportation, meals and lodging were provided by AZG&F. These club members had a wonderful time, a great dinner and an opportunity to see the hatchery up close and personal. They all had a great adventure and lots of memories of slippery trout and cold wet hands.

Project Healing Waters:

Ken Wolf is chairing this project to help our Veterans (disabled military personnel) with physical and emotional rehabilitation through fly fishing, fly tying, education and outings. Ken will need help with classes to be held in April and May. Please contact Ken and let him know you are available to assist with this very important program. To date the classes are very successful and several club members are assisting Ken with this program.

Hurricane Lake and Christmas Tree Lake:

The raffle and drawing is scheduled for the May 21st meeting. Contact Fran Stier to sign up for either outing.

The Hurricane Lake outing is a four day outing over the Memorial Day weekend, May 23 – 26 at Hurricane Lake. Permits will be available at the May club meeting.

June 6th & 7th, Christmas Tree Lake is normally \$30.00 a day, the club is splitting this cost with its club members, so your cost is \$15.00 a day, Friday or Saturday. We will hold a drawing for the 20 permits at the May club meeting. Get your checks in at the next club meeting or mail them to P.O. Box 2187 Pinetop AZ, 85935. Advance payment required.

See you on the water.

Bob Bowers
President

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May Monthly Meeting

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

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner
- Call to Order
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The Special Guests and Presentation for this month will be: *Pending ...*

Membership & Website ~~~ New Memberships:

CORY HUTH -- ADMIN

We now have a new membership program to take care of the 2008 active records. The current WMFFC active member-base is 57 family memberships that include over 100 members. Those that received this newsletter via USPS MAIL, and have an email address, need to send it to Dennis Jones ASAP! If you need to correct any information, please email Dennis Jones – dcjones1@frontiernet.net or 928-367-6124 **THANK YOU !!**

E-mail addresses: The club needs your e-mail address for our monthly newsletter. Mailing a newsletter is expensive for the club and time consuming for our Newsletter Chairman Sparky Snyder. If you don't have an email, remember ... many sites like YAHOO! And GMAIL offer free accounts with virtually unlimited space.

REMEMBER:

/ NOTE: The club's website holds valuable and up-to date information on meetings, outings, membership and local fishing !! www.wmflyfishing.com

• **FISH TALES ---**

WOW did we have Fun AND, FISH WERE CAUGHT AT HORSESHOE before stocking!

Our April outing was very successful: 15 club members weathered the wind, some fished and others came to see if fish were really in Horseshoe and who is crazy enough to fish in the wind! WELL, fish were caught, one per person: All rainbows except one baby Brown, 11 inches. Baby Brown by me!

It was very exciting: Kim Porter's pontoon sprang a leak and left him stranded across the lake where he fished from shore and hooked a fish. In the meanwhile, his wife Becky, a novice, hooked into a 'flying' trout. Dawn Hewitt was the first to arrive and was fishing before anyone arrived and caught the first rainbow of the day. We had our boat cruisers and Richard C&R a nice RB. Sparky got one on one casting lessons from Dennis: so Dennis, how do you cast with the wind swirling around you?



Bob Bowers brought his RV so we all had the comforts of home. Thanks Bob! Now, THE FOOD...THE BEST EVER! The potluck was homemade and wonderful: Brats and sauerkraut (Dawn), chicken wings done in a Dutch oven on site by Bob, Meatballs, Beans, hot dogs, homemade Potato Salad x 2 and HM Macaroni Salad. Appetizer: Elk& Jalapeño cheese sausage. Thank god, someone bought dessert...chocolate cookies. The Potluck Bar has been officially raised!

Upcoming Three Month Calendar	May	21 st	2008
		23 rd thru 26 th	Monthly Meeting
	June	6 th thru 7 th	Hurricane Lake
		18 th	Christmas Tree Lake
		21 st	Monthly Meeting
	July	16 th	<i>WMFFC Annual Banquet</i>
	19 th	Monthly Meeting	
			Outing TBA

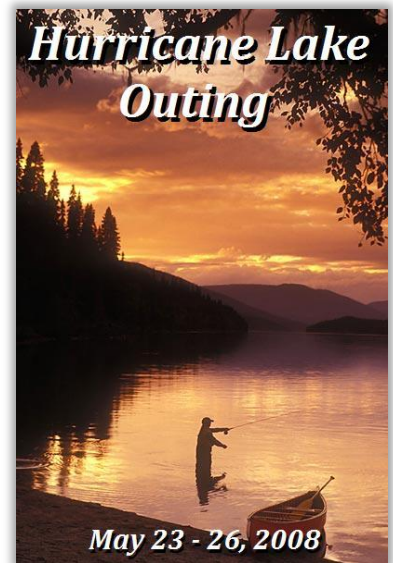
*Please contact Fran Stier if you have any ideas for upcoming outings.
Thank you!*

- **HURRICANE LAKE OUTING ---**

May 23 –May 26th ... 12:01 am to 12pm

We have 25 slots for hurricane and **it is full**. There is a waiting list. *The following are on the waiting list:* Jim Williams, and Jim & Joanne Feller. The following are reserved for Sunday and Monday: Dianne Jeanne, Rick & Sharon Tesinsky, Armon Talbot, Saturday-Monday.

You Must Purchase a "Rent-a-Lake Per/Person Permit: \$3/day. This permit will allow you access to the Hurricane and any other Reservation Lake even if you do not have a fishing permit. It is your fishing permit for May 23-26th. Good Deal. Obtain your permit at Hon-Dah Sport: Sun-Thurs 6am-6pm, Fri-Sat 6am-10pm. Please call me, Fran Stier, if you have a question regarding your reservation: 537-4556, 5-10pm or email: fran@heartnp.com.



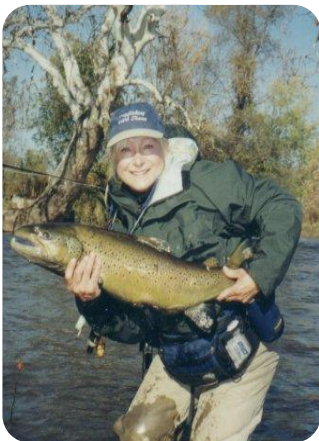
- **CHRISTMAS TREE LAKE OUTING ---**

June 06 – June 07th ...

Everyone got their choices that have paid. *You need to obtain your permit from Fran at the May meeting.* There are 6 slots left for Saturday. This is a member-only meeting. If you have a friend who wants to join you, they must pay \$30 membership and \$15 for the outing.

This is a Potluck Lunch outing: the club will provide Brats and rolls. You can not camp at this lake. Several club members are planning to camp at Hawley Lake.

BUD HUTH -- VP



Special Article ~~~ Another Success Story ...

On Saturday, April 28th Diana Jeanne conducted a casting clinic at the Scout –o-Rama. At the request of the Boy Scouts, we arranged for and Diana conducted this clinic. Our resident FFF certified casting instructor, Diana, helped about 100 kids and their parents cast into the clubs *new casting pond*. She overcame high winds and made casting look easy. One adult said "this looks easier than it is" but Diana had him casting in very short order. She can cast, teach and is great with the kids, she is a huge asset to our club.

The *casting pool* was invented by Bob Bowers and Bud Huth, assembled and disassembled by Bill Harris, Ken Wolf and Scott Huth. The Lakeside Fire Department filled it with water. Thanks to everyone. It can and will be used for future events by the club, Diana too.

Respectfully submitted by *Bud Huth*

Want to learn more about Fly-fishing and how to cast? Several of our club members offer tips at our outings. We also have Dianna Jeanne, a FFF-certified casting instructor, who offers professional lessons. WE HAVE THE RESOURCES...JUST ASK!

White Mountain Fly Fishing Club Annual Banquet –

The White Mountain Fly Fishing Club’s annual Banquet will be held Saturday, June 21 at the Chuck Wagon Steak House. Doors open at 5 p.m. with a no host bar, a prime rib or BBQ Chicken dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the club raffle. The raffle items are being provided by local merchants, fly fishing manufacturers, outfitters, suppliers, and club members.

This annual fundraiser supports local fishing opportunities and conservation projects in its many forms as it relates to fly fishing in the White Mountains. Tickets are \$30.00 per person in advance or \$35.00 at the door.

For tickets and raffle information call Dawn Hewitt, Banquet Chairperson at 480-695-3965 or Bob Bowers, President at 928-367-5579.

Call for Member Donations for Annual Banquet Raffle

As you all may know, the White Mountain Fly Fishing Annual Fishing Challenge and Banquet will be June 21st at the Chuck Wagon Steak House. We have received many nice items for our fund raising raffle from many of the industry vendors. Many of our members and friends have wonderful creative talents. Any donations of crafts and both fishing and non-fishing related items for the raffle that you would like to make would be greatly appreciated and would benefit your club. Remember, WMFF is a 501-C-3 non-profit and your donations are tax deductible.

If you wish to donate any items you can contact Dawn Hewitt at 480-695-3965, Michael Smith at 602-316-0948 or Bob Bowers at 928-367-5579 and we will arrange to have them picked up.



WMFFC

The Federation of Fly Fishers:
Joining The Federation of Fly Fishers at a much reduced rate of \$ 15.00 has been extended thru June 2008. The normal annual price for FFF membership is \$30.00 a year. The WMFFC currently has 24 members and we have already earned and received our first TFO Fly Rod. We are ready to order the second TFO fly rod, with 12 more memberships the club can earn a 3rd TFO Rod. This is an excellent organization to support. There are great benefits for fly fishing and its members. THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE TO JOIN AT THE \$15.00 RATE. JOIN AT OUR MARCH CLUB MEETING OR MAIL A CHECK to: P. O. Box 2187, Pinetop AZ 85935.

WMFFC Membership Record – Incorrect E-mail Addresses

The following E-Mail addresses are those from which I am unable to contact and am getting delivery failures. If this is YOU ... PLEASE contact Sparky Snyder (928-521-0929) with your updated contact information:

NAME	E-MAIL	PROBLEM RECEIVED FROM POP3 SERVER
1. Allen Zoellner	alz@cybertrails.com	Remote host said: 550 #5.1.0 Address rejected
2. Jon Meyer	jonshowlow@citlink.net	Remote host said: 550 #5.1.0 Address rejected
3. Craig Harmon	charmon@frontiernet.net	Remote host said: 550 #5.1.0 Address rejected

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 4-19-08 AT BLACK BULL RESTAURANT

Call to Order by: Bob Bowers, President @ 6:40 PM

Guests: NONE

New Members (3): Norman and Ellen Harai, Jim and Joanne Feller, Edward and Mildred Padgett

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The March Meeting Minutes were approved.
2. Upcoming events are: *Boy Scout O Rama*, April 26. Club Leader: Diana Jeanne.
Project Healing Waters. Starting in April. Club Leader: Ken Wolf.

BUSINESS:

1. Banquet Tickets are available from Dawn Hewitt and soon will be available from all the club chairs and board members. Look for our AD in the Independent News Paper.
2. Sparky Snyder started a sign in sheet at the meetings to get all member info correct and to update. She is also looking to get new name tags for our club.
3. Bud Mast needs Members to tie a lot of flies for the upcoming invitational, contact Bud.
4. Mike Smith volunteered to head up the Nominating Committee for the clubs upcoming election in July.

FFF:

1. The affiliate club members program for joining The Federation of Fly Fishers at a much reduced rate of \$15.00 has been extended thru June 2008.

FISH TALES:

1. Emerson reported on Becker Lake and his forecast for this year's prospects for the reservation lakes. Fish Camp at Christmas Tree Lake is coming soon. Contact Emerson for further details.
2. Dennis Jones fished Earl Park Lake.
3. Diana Jeanne reported that streams are "High and Outside". Still flooded.

RAFFLE:

\$80 was raised. Big thanks to those who donated and participated.

PRESENTATION:

1. Jim Hinkle presented his upcoming proposal for Operation Trout Watch. It's success will depend on our clubs participation. If successful, this will be a state wide program and our club be recognized as being the first Fly Fishing Club to assist in this program.

The program is designed to make all and any poachers be aware of the many watchful eyes watching them.

The pilot program will start at Becker Lake and Silver Creek. More information will be published once the program is approved by the AZ G&F Department. Mike Smith and Diana Jeanne volunteered to represent the club and to work with Jim. We need a logo for this and a contest to create one will be announced soon.

Bob Gurley motioned that the club support Operation Trout Watch, Bud Huth seconded the motion, Motion approved after some discussion about individual participation and the possible threat it could impose if not handled properly. Once the project defined and is approved all member can review the actual procedures.

Respectively Submitted by: Bud Huth (VP)

Edited by: Cory Huth (Newsletter / Website Admin)

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