

NEWSLETTER



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Next Meeting:

January 20, 2010
Lakeside Fire Dept
2922 Highway 260
Lakeside, AZ 85929
(928) 368-6112

6:00 PM – Social Hour
7:00 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” to all White Mountain Fly Fishing Club members. I hope your holidays were most enjoyable.

What a great way to end the year with our Christmas party. . .was it fun or what? The food was good, the company was great, and the gift-exchange was a blast! It was also nice to meet some of the wives of our fishing club members. We should have more gatherings to involve our wives, husbands, or partners more often.

I am looking forward to 2010. It starts off January 6 with Bill Langdon, who will be teaching fly tying and lake fishing. On January 13 we will have Mike Smith teaching a class on stream fishing and Dennis Jones will be teaching us a new fly.

January, February, and March, the club is offering fly tying classes every Wednesday at 7:00PM at the Lakeside Fire Station. You do not want to miss it!

We will soon be working on our annual banquet. If you would like to be involved, please contact any board member and let them know you are available to help us out.

Even though I only worked with Fran Stir (as secretary of the club) a short time, it was a pleasure. We will all miss her knowledge of the club and her input to the decisions the club has been made. Good luck, Fran, on your new adventures. We look forward to your return.

Do not forget to sign up for Buddy List; and by all means, do not forget the “Question and Answer” table. Remember if you have any suggestions to improve our club, use the suggestion box. The board is always looking to improve the White Mountain Fly Fishing Club.

See you in class, and if not, hopefully on the water,



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2010 WMFFC Board Members



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January Monthly Meeting @ 6:00PM

NOTE: Lakeside Fire Department

Agenda:

- Social Hour and Dinner -- (6:00PM)
- Call to Order -- (7:00PM)
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Previous Outing Overview and Upcoming Outings!
- Fish Tails
- Raffle
- The special presentation for this month will be:

Gail Allgood, librarian, will show some of our new DVD's!

MIKE STYVAERT -- VP



FFF Dues: Our FFF dues were recently paid which were up considerably from last year since most of our members have not renewed their membership with FFF. For each WMFFC member that is a member with FFF we receive a reduction to our dues of \$2.00. Only 6 WMFFC members are paid members with FFF this year compared to 29 last year. I would like to encourage our members to consider joining FFF as they offer many great benefits. FFF also provided our club with 5 fly rods, reels, and lines for our use in teaching the youth as well as 500 Mustag fly hooks that are used in our fly tying classes. – **Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer**

Upcoming Three Month Calendar



January

20th

23rd

February

17th

20th

March

17th

20th

2010

Monthly Meeting

Show Low Lake

Monthly Meeting

Scott's Reservoir

Monthly Meeting

Crescent Lake or

Lee Valley.

Outings, Club Projects and Upcoming Events

2009 Outings Re-cap ...

Well here we are with a new year ahead of us. Last year was lots of fun with outings. We had good weather for some and wind, rain and storms for others. We cooked and ate crawdads at our crawdad tournament. We dodged electrical storms at Christmas Tree Lake and Big Lake, and endured wind and rain at Reservation Lake. We crowned a champion crawdader (Fran Stier) and our fishing tournament champion (Alan Hunt). All in all, we always had a good time and fellowship. And we could always count on having a good potluck lunch too. Last, but not least, let's not forget a great Christmas party at Licanos with good food and a fun gift exchange.

2010 Outings Future ...

For 2010 we plan to start the year with an outing at Show Low Lake, January 23rd. Also on the agenda is Scott's Reservoir for February and Becker Lake for March. We will be at Crescent Lake or Lee Valley in April and Hawley Lake in May. Our Christmas Tree Lake outing is scheduled for the first weekend in June. There is limited number of permits for Christmas Tree, so get yours early if you want to go.

Also, Arizona Fly Casters have again invited us to join them for their annual outing at Roosevelt Lake in March, a week after our own outing. So come out and join us at our outings, for good food, good fellowship and hopefully good fishing.

See you at the Christmas Party.
Ted Lambert, Outings Chairman

Tight Lines-WMLF ...

I would like to introduce you to the WMLF. The foundation was founded by John Rohmer, owner of Arizona Fly Fishing. There are nine board members most of whom represent fly fishing clubs in Arizona. I represent our club as a WMLF board member. The WMFFC is a member and joined with annual dues of \$300.00.

Our mission is to improve trout fishing opportunities for today's fishermen and for future generations to enjoy. Funds will be raised from annual memberships, private and corporate donations. These will be used to develop and enhance quality trout fishing in the White Mountains of Arizona.

Becker and Crescent Lakes are the first lakes that the foundation will be working on with Arizona Game and Fish. The goal is to support G & F in their effort to change Becker and Crescent to catch and release only. The foundation can spend money to support the infrastructures needed to support catch and release. We will also lobby for these changes with elected officials and the Arizona G & F Commission.

If you would like to catch 20"+ fish in the White Mountains, I urge you to support WMLF by joining as an individual member. Membership applications are available through www.wmflyfishing.com or www.wmlf.org. First year membership is \$15.00. Second year annual dues are \$25.00. In the future I will be coming to you for assistance with projects that support the mission of the WMLF.

Bob Bowers, Past President

Classes: Sign-up lists are available from Craig Harmon. Classes will run throughout the winter and then repeat in the Spring. Topics include fly-tying, casting, equipment, knots, casting, and rod building. Classes will be held at the Lakeside Fire Station.

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

New Year To-Do List: Don't forget to get your 2010 fishing license --- Renew or join the Federation of Fly Fishers!

Message Boards – Go to: <http://forum.wmflyfishing.com>, located on our club website and check often as more and more of our members are beginning to post articles and pictures there. Frequent updates on future events. Please contact Cory, Webmaster if you have trouble accessing the site.

Project Healing Waters: Again this year our club will be working with our local Veterans and the Eastern Arizona Young Marines by sharing our knowledge of fly fishing with those who have a desire to learn our sport. If you would like to volunteer some of your time to help with these very worthwhile classes please call Craig Harmon at 928-532-1372. Classes will start in early to mid April, 2010. – **Craig Harmon**

WHITE MOUNTAIN FLY FISHING CLUB, INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, 12-16-2009; LICANO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Call to order by: Ken Wolf, President @ 7:00 PM - Pledge of the Allegiance by Mike Styvaert.

1. Great Fun: About 35 members gather at Licano's for our annual Christmas Party. A "white elephant" gift exchange and re-exchange was emceed by Ken Wolf. He and Karen organized the exchange and it was great. Several gifts were eagerly sought after, while others were glad to be gone.
2. A short business meeting was held before the fun.
3. Ken Wolf read a letter he sent to Senator Jon Kyle opposing the ROAM program. This program will return Burros to our Forests, pastures and water environments. The environmental impact is very negative. Ken discussed this at the November general and board meetings. His letter states the White Mountain Fly-fishing Club opposes this program because of its potential effect on our fisheries and other environmental impacts. Please contact Ken if you have any other questions.
4. Ken announced my resignation (Fran Stier) as Secretary. I will be working for the Army and traveling to Alaska for two months, home in April, then to Tacoma, Washington for the summer. If anyone is interested in helping with this position please let Ken know.
5. Conservation Chair position is also vacant. Dianna Jeanne has resigned. This is an appointed position and very important. Please let Ken know if you are interested.
6. Bob Bowers shared information about the newly formed **White Mountain Lakes Foundation**. This association was founded by John Rohmer of Arizona Fly-Fishing in Tempe, to improve the quality of trout fishing in the White Mountains. (see Bob Bower's "Tightlines") The Board approved a motion to present to the membership joining the White Mountain Lakes Foundation as an affiliated club for an annual fee of \$300. A motion was made at this meeting to join and support the Foundation: motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous (including Bill Harris!). Individuals may also join the Foundation for introductory fee of \$15.00.
7. The meeting and party ended when the gifts were distributed and we were comfortably full from the delicious food.
8. Next meeting: January 20th. Happy New Year.

Respectively submitted By: Fran Stier
Edited By: Cory Huth & Sparky Snyder

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

To Fran from all of us.....we will miss you Fran!

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 * Sparky Snyder *** sparkysnyder@cableone.net**

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