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Next Meeting:

April 20th, 2011
Lakeside Firehouse
2922 W. White Mt Blvd
Lakeside, AZ
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5:30 PM – Social Hour
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

Word on the street is the Roosevelt outing was a huge success, but the fishing was tough. Hoping everyone had a good time.

The banquet committee got together and is planning a special time for this year’s annual banquet. It is going to be fun, fun, fun. So start planning for an outing at Becker Lake on Friday, June 10 with members from other clubs and then the banquet on Saturday, June 11th, 5 pm at the Pinetop County Club.

My term as president is quickly coming to an end. If you are interested in running for president or any other soon-to-be vacant office (Secretary) or member at-large board position, please contact Michael Smith at 602-316-0948. Michael is chairing the nominating committee.

I volunteered our club to help with the Pat Tillman run Saturday, May 28th at Fools Hollow Lake. This event is in partnership with the ASU Alumni Association, Pat’s Run Shadow Run. Details will be available at a later time. If you are able to help, let me know as soon as possible. It is for a good cause.

You **do not** want to miss the May monthly meeting. Not only is it guest month (bring a friend or someone you think would enjoy our club), but there is a special raffle for a \$50.00 gift certificate to Charlie Clark’s plus our speakers for May will be Jerry Myers/Richard Dreyer – Fishing in the Yukon.

The next few months are going to be exiting. This is YOUR chance to get INVOLVED with a GREAT CLUB. . .volunteer!!!

Ken Wolf
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BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm APRIL 18TH AT AZ GAME AND FISH OFFICE , PINETOP

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Welcome To Our New Members...Dennis Jones, Membership Chairman

We had two visitors at the last meeting, Emerson Craig and Virgil Manuel, both of who work at the Honda Ski and Sport Shop. New member Larry Pullen of Lakeside joined at the March meeting.

April Monthly Meeting at 6:30PM

GERRY MYERS
VP and Programs

Agenda:

- Social Hour -- (5:30PM)
- Call to Order -- (6:30PM)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Guests and New Members!
- Committee Reports
- Business
- Fish Tales
- Raffle
- Program – We have a special guest speaker for the April club meeting. John Rohmer is the former owner of Arizona Fly Fishing, co-author of "Arizona Trout Streams and Their Hatches" and developer of many new and unique materials for tying flies. Most everyone that fly fishers know of his Semi Seal material. John will tie streamer patterns while sharing how to fish them and his favorite locations for streamer fishing in the White Mountains. You have had the opportunity to hear from The Arizona Historian now come and hear from The Arizona Fly Fisherman.



Future Programs:

- May 18th 2011 Guest Speaker – Jerry Myers/Richard Dreyer – Fishing in the Yukon
- June 8th 2011 Guest Speaker – Jaquelyn Prince of Bass Pro Shop on Arizona Streams

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

MARCH OUTING - Our March outing at Roosevelt Lake turned out really good. I want to thank Mike Smith for sponsoring this outing and all the preparation he put into it. I also want to thank the Arizona Fly Casters for inviting us to join them on their outing.

The weather was great all three days. We did have a little wind on Friday afternoon, but it didn't keep very many off the lake. Saturday and Sunday we had very little wind; it was just a good time to be out on the lake.



The bass were starting to move into the shallow water and a few were caught. But for the most part, the fish hadn't really turned on yet. There were quite a few crappy fishermen out there too. But, again the crappy weren't hitting that well either. That always seems to be the story. We should have been there earlier, or we should have stayed longer when they turned on.

Friday afternoon "Happy Hour" was a good time for everyone to reconnect. There was a good variety of snacks and good fellowship. The elk meatballs were a big hit, along with the smoked salmon and smoked cod. Saturday's potluck dinner drew quite a crowd. There were some Dutch oven dishes and desserts. Several bean dishes and several different salads showed up along with many other great dishes. Not a good place for someone trying to diet.

Again, I'll say, it was a good time with good warm weather and fellowship.

APRIL OUTING - Our next outing in April will be at Becker Lake on April 23rd and May 21st will be Greer Lakes – Reservoirs. The flows of the Little Colorado River are low this year and as a result the Greer Reservoirs will be in great shape for fishing in May. Both outings are open for sponsorship. See you there!

Future Outings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
APRIL 20TH	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIRE HOUSE	
April 23, 2011	Becker Lake, Springerville	NEED VOLUNTEER
MAY 18th	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIRE HOUSE	
May 21, 2011	Greer Lakes - Reservoirs	NEED VOLUNTEER
June 3-4, 2011	Christmas Tree Lake	Dawn Hewitt – 480-695-3965
JUNE 8th	MONTHLY MEETING – LAKESIDE FIREHOUSE	
June 11, 2011	Annual Banquet – Pinetop Country Club	Ken Wolf – (928)367-0936
July 23, 2011	Reservation Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
August 20, 2011	Big Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
September 24, 2011	Sunrise Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
October 22, 2011	Hawley Lake	NEED VOLUNTEER
November 12, 2011	Horseshoe Lake or Scott's Reservoir	NEED VOLUNTEER
December 11, 2011	Christmas Party at Licano's Restaurant in Show Low	NEED VOLUNTEER

Treasurers Report ... Submitted by Dawn Hewitt, Treasurer

The current bank balance is \$9,692.80. Our liability insurance bill of \$262 will be paid this month along with \$180 for updating and modifying our website. Many changes are being made to the website to clean it up and make it more user friendly. There is a new message board that is being set up and user ID's will be sent out shortly. Everyone will be able to access and read messages posted on the message board but only members will be able to post messages. We will also have administrators that will review material before posting, just in case.

We are beginning to receive some wonderful donations from vendors for raffle items at the annual banquet. If you have some special talents to create or make some special pieces or you have some items, used or new, that you would like to donate, contact Dawn Hewitt at 480-695-3965. We really want this banquet to be special and with your help it will be.

March Meeting Minutes... Submitted by Georganne Jannenga, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. Previous minutes were approved. Dennis Jones introduced guests and new members and Dawn Hewitt provided the Treasurer's report with a current bank balance of \$9,783.00 and an update to the status of efforts to be reclassified as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit. Gary Miller discussed the highway cleanup and mentioned that there were still patches of snow on the roadsides. He will schedule the spring cleanup for the 1st or 2nd week of April.

Newsletter is under revision along with the website. Dawn Hewitt is currently formatting the information gathered by Sparky Snyder from contributors into the newsletter format. Steve Hofmann has volunteered and will be assisting her.

Outings – Ted Lambert - Roosevelt trip in March was sponsored by Mike Smith. April will be Becker Lake. May is Greer Lakes. June 3rd & 4th is Christmas Tree Lake. We have lots of sponsor openings for the outings; duties include putting it together and promoting the trip.

Craig Harmon - Project Healing Waters for local vets: The next session is tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday May 26th from 5 to 7 at VFW Hall, 381 North Central Avenue, Show Low, AZ. The program should run for 5 weeks. Contact Craig at **928- 532-1372** for information and to volunteer.

Bob Bowers - The WMFFC will host a Youth Fishing Camp on Saturday, Date to be Determined, 2011. The Goal of this event is to introduce kids to the sport of fly fishing. The day is split into a morning and afternoon session. The number of participants will be limited to 40 Participants; 20 in the morning session and 20 in the afternoon session. A free lunch will be provided for all participants, parents and helpers from 12:00 until 1:00. Gail Allgood is our Librarian. We have many DVD's, tapes, and books on fly fishing, fly tying, etc. that are kept at Pinetop Sports. They are usually available at the meetings to check out as well.

Ken Wolf mentioned the Payson Fly Casters Banquet that is on April 23rd beginning at 5:15 at the Matazal Casino in Payson. The club members are tying flies to donate with boxes to their fund raiser.

Elections for new board members will be coming up in late June. New officers will take office in July. The 2011 FFF Conclave will be in Montana, August 30th through Sept. 3rd. Check their website for details. April 18th will be a Board meeting. The Board meetings are open to any members.

Fish Tales, Raffle Conducted, Gerry Myers gave a talk about Colorado River Project, Wildlife License Plates are available from DMV. They can be purchased through the MVD online. They are \$25 in addition you the annual registration. They provide grants for wildlife and youth education.



Kelly Myer from AZG&F presented a program on the condition of the White Mountain Lakes following winter. He also discussed the campground host program at Becker Lake which will control access, distribute information, and witness any violations. They are working on installing a phone line, power, septic tanks, and water.

AZG&F is building a 2 acre pond in Eager, to replace fishing opportunities lost when Becker was converted to catch and release. Northern Pioneer College will be doing the construction. He also spoke about the criteria for opening various streams; they are trying to get wild fish back in the streams. AZG&F will be stocking Fool's Hollow and Show Low Lakes this summer. There will be large fish put into Fool's Hollow and Rainbow Lakes. Aspirators have been recommended for installation in some of the mountain lakes to help prevent fish kills and will require \$20K worth of solar systems to operate.

Mike Lopez, Fish Project Manager at AZG&F discussed the latest Environmental Assessment for stocking in all of Arizona and requested our club and members write comments in support of the proposed recommendation. For more information contact Mike at **928-367-4281**.

Christmas Tree Lake Outing – There are several openings for Friday June 3rd and Saturday June 4th. If you have not yet signed up for your permit contact Dawn Hewitt or Ken Wolf.

Raffle Tickets for Alaskan Fishing Trip- are still available for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. They are available from Bob Bowers 928-367-5579 or at meetings. Saltery Lake Lodge has donated a Two for one Fly Fishing Trip for the 2011 fishing season, **July 3 – 9, 2011**. This is a 6 day/6 night guided fishing package for two fishermen/women. 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. Perfect time for Sockeye, Chums, Pinks, Trout & Dolly Varden. Regular retail price for two fishermen is \$5,100.00. Total cost, \$2,550.00. Cost for each fisherman is \$1,275.00 each. "Airfare to Kodiak City is not included."

DRAWING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE May 18TH MEETING. WINNER WILL BE CONTACTED IF NOT PRESENT.

Programs and Activities...

Library: The club has an extensive Library with informative & entertaining books, DVDs and videos. Gail Allgood, our Librarian, would like you to know that the Library is available at each meeting and is at Pinetop Sports and free to club members.

Fly Tying Classes: Classes have completed in March. Stay tuned for announcements of future classes.

AZ Game and Fish will be having a work day at Fools Hollow Lake on Tuesday April 12th beginning at 8:00AM at the State Park Shop area. They need our help to secure cement blocks to trees that will be placed at the fishing docks to provide habitat for the fish. Please call Richard Dreyer at **928-367-4281** if you can help.

Club Volunteers Needed: Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting. The only way a club can continue to provide programs and activities is if we get volunteers to make them happen. Consider signing up at the next meeting and get involved. It really does not have to take a lot of time and you will find it very rewarding when you become vested in the future of your club. Classes and events that volunteers are need for are:

Project Healing Waters - Is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings. Contact Craig Harmon.

Annual Banquet-June 11, 2011 There are lots of different committees that you can sign up for. Contact Ken Wolf or Dawn Hewitt.

Youth Camp - The fishing camp will be broken into two age groups: 8-12 and 13-17. Participants will receive instruction on fishing and water safety, "Catch and Release" philosophy, fishing with a spinning rod, using a bubble and fly, and roll casting and fishing with a fly rod. Contact Bob Bowers

Wildlife Festival-1st Saturday in October 2011.

Casting for Recovery- May 15 and October 16, 2011 the club is planning on preparing the awards luncheons for participants and volunteers. Contact Dawn Hewitt or Bob Bowers.

AZ Game & Fish Projects-dates, locations and activities to be determined



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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 1st of the Month to Sparky Snyder at sparky2440@msn.com, 928-521-0929 or Dawn Hewitt at azsunrise47@yahoo.com, 480-695-3965. Advertising Rate: Business card size - \$100.00 or donations to the club of that value within a year, 3" x 4" size - \$200.00 or donations to the club of that value within a year. Please contact any board member if you have any questions.